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THE FCA (The Farm Conservation Act)

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. The amount of land we have now is very limited; therefore, adding
3 stability to these farms is entitled to protection from large developers, so
4 the country doesn't face food insecurity. This bill will provide the safety
5 of working farm lands through each State's Farm Bureau, ensuring that
6 natural grounds stay natural. Any farm entity that makes \$30,000 or more
7 in gross annual sales will be eligible for a new mandatory federal
8 Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) designed to provide significant
9 financial and resource benefits. This program provides protection to
10 farmers who do not wish to sell their land to developers or other potential
11 threats. Anyone seeking to purchase the land must first obtain approval
12 from the ACP.

13 SECTION 2. Let these definitions be used:

- 14 a. Governmental Preservation: Significant financial and resource
15 benefits: enhanced crop insurance subsidies, reduced agricultural
16 tax rates, priority access to USDA grants, and more, as needed.
- 17 b. Natural Lands: Farm Land that is used for agricultural purposes,
18 such as Grassland pasture and range, Vineyards, Ranches, and
19 Crop Production lands.

20 SECTION 3. 500 million dollars will be dispersed to each state Bureau for this
21 enactment. The State Farm Bureau, under the American Farm Bureau
22 Federation, would be the entity that holds and enforces the permanent
23 ACP on enrolled farms. This ensures local control, as they define the
24 specific "protected land" parameters, permitted agricultural practices, and
25 enforcement methods that align with their state's agricultural needs and
26 laws, within the federal guidelines.

27 SECTION 4. This bill will take effect starting in fiscal year 2027.

28 SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Clark Advanced Learning Center

A Bill to Rehabilitate the Public Criminal Defense System

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Public defenders shall no longer be allowed to work contemporaneously
3 on more than 30 felony cases, or no more than 65 misdemeanor cases.

4 **SECTION 2.** In the event that a public defender is taking a hybrid of felony and
5 misdemeanor cases contemporaneously, the public defender shall be
6 limited to 45 cases in total, while taking on less than 20 felony cases.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice (DOJ) shall oversee the implementation and
8 enforcement of this bill.

9 A. The DOJ shall create a committee that will oversee the allocation of
10 funds to states to aid with the hiring of more public defenders, and
11 retention of public defenders.

12 a. 2 billion dollars shall be allotted to this committee for the sake
13 of hiring more public defenders.

14 b. 1 billion dollars shall be allocated to this committee for the
15 sake of retaining public defenders, through increased wages.

16 c. Further funds may be allocated at the next Congressional
17 budgetary meeting.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY27. All laws in conflict with this
19 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Olympic Heights High School

A Resolution to Establish a Safe Zone in Syria

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Ongoing fighting among factions in the Syrian Civil War has resulted in
2 massive loss of life and created an unprecedented refugee crisis; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Military actions by the Islamic State, the Assad regime, Kurdish forces, and
4 various Syrian rebel groups have turned Syria into a dangerous conflict
5 zone, leaving civilians without adequate protection and in urgent need of
6 intervention; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Existing policies of the United States government are insufficient and
8 require revision to address this humanitarian emergency; now, therefore,
9 be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled, that the United States Department of
11 State, in coordination with the United States Agency for International
12 Development (USAID), shall commit and distribute \$200 million annually
13 over a five-year period to provide humanitarian assistance, including
14 medical supplies, water sanitation resources, and shelter, to a designated
15 safe zone; and be it
- 16 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the United States shall deploy 10,000 military personnel and
17 formally request the deployment of an additional 10,000 troops from the
18 North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) to secure and enforce the safe
19 zone and accompanying no-fly zone.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Oxbridge Academy.

A Bill to Require Transparent Hospital Pricing for Common Procedures

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All hospitals in the United States shall publicly disclose clear,
3 itemized prices for common medical procedures and services in a
4 format that is easily accessible to patients.

5 **SECTION 2.**

6 A) "Hospital" shall be defined as any medical facility licensed as a
7 hospital by a state or federal authority and receiving payments from public
8 or private health insurance.

9 B) "Common medical procedures and services" shall be defined as the top
10 100 most frequently billed inpatient and outpatient services, as
11 determined annually by the Department of Health and Human Services.^{[[SEP]]}

12 C) "Publicly disclose" shall be defined as posting prices on a free, publicly
13 accessible website and making printed copies available upon patient
14 request prior to non-emergency treatment.^{[[SEP]]}

15 D) "Itemized prices" shall be defined as the total expected cost to the
16 patient before insurance, including facility fees, professional fees, and
17 standard supplies.

18 **SECTION 3.**

19 A) The Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee
20 enforcement of this bill.^{[[SEP]]}

21 B) Hospitals must update their listed prices at least once every six
22 months.

23 C) HHS shall create a centralized online database where patients can
24 compare hospital prices for common procedures by region.^{[[SEP]]}

25 D) Hospitals that fail to comply shall be subject to civil fines not to exceed
26 \$300 per day of noncompliance, with repeated violations potentially
27 resulting in additional penalties determined by HHS.

28 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect one year after its passage.

29 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
30 and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by South Fork High School

A Bill to Sanction Qatar

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall sanction Qatar by
3 limiting all forms of trade conducted with Qatar until improvements are
4 made regarding human rights in Qatar.

5 **SECTION 2.** Improvements include but are not limited to providing safe working
6 conditions, eliminating gender segregation, and terminating persecution of
7 the LGBTQ+ community. Sanctions are defined as economic and trade
8 restrictions placed on a country. Human rights are rights inherent to all
9 human beings, regardless of race, sex, nationality, ethnicity, language,
10 religion, or any other protected status ensuring the protection of these
11 rights.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State (DoS) and the Department of Commerce (DoC)
13 will oversee enforcement of this legislation.

14 A. The Department of State will provide spot checks to monitor if
15 requirements are met in order to lift sanctions.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect upon passage.

17 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
18 and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Suncoast Community High School.

A Bill to Address Aging and Hazardous School Infrastructure

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States recognizes that aging public K–12 school facilities may
2 pose safety risks to students and staff, including structural failures,
3 environmental hazards, and system malfunctions. To address these risks,
4 the Public School Infrastructure Modernization Fund (PSIMF) shall be
5 established.

6 **SECTION 2.** The PSIMF shall:

7 A. Allocate grants to districts with schools at risk of unsafe conditions,
8 including failing HVAC systems, plumbing, electrical systems, roofs, and
9 structural hazards.

10 B. Permit funds to be used for environmental remediation.

11 **SECTION 3.** For the purposes of this bill:

12 A. “Aging infrastructure” refers to school facilities with major systems past
13 their recommended service life

14 B. “Environmental health risks” include hazardous materials, unsafe air
15 quality, inadequate ventilation, and water contamination.

16 **SECTION 4.** Funding for the PSIMF shall total \$6 billion annually for ten years,
17 appropriated to the Department of Education.

18 **SECTION 5.** This bill shall take effect on July 1, 2028.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by The Benjamin School.

A Bill to Abolish the Pink Tax to Ensure Gender Pricing Parity

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The Pink Tax is hereby abolished, prohibiting any form of gender-based
2 pricing discrimination for products and services.

3 **SECTION 2.** "Pink Tax" is defined as the practice of charging different
4 prices for products or services that are essentially the same
5 but are marketed towards different genders. "Gender Based
6 Pricing Discrimination" is defined as The act of pricing goods or
7 services differently based solely on the targeted gender of the
8 consumer.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Consumer Affairs will conduct regular audits and
10 inspections of retailers and service providers.

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12 A. Consumers can file complaints regarding violations, which the Department will
13 investigate.

14 B. Persistent violators may face additional sanctions, including suspension of
15 business licenses.

16 **SECTION 4.** This Bill will be implemented January 1st 2026

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18 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
19 void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by The Greene School.

The ADHD Fair Treatment Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Public educational institutions receiving federal funding shall be prohibited from
3 discriminating against students on the basis of Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity
4 Disorder (ADHD) in instruction, assessment, discipline, classroom participation,
5 or access to extracurricular activities.

6 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this Act:

7 a. "ADHD" refers to a neurodevelopmental condition that may substantially limit
8 one or more major life activities, including learning, concentrating, or executive
9 functioning.

10 b. "Public educational institution" refers to any elementary or secondary school
11 that receives federal education funding.

12 c. "Discrimination" includes the denial of reasonable accommodations, unequal
13 disciplinary treatment, or exclusion from educational opportunities based on a
14 student's ADHD.

15 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Education shall oversee enforcement of this Act
16 through existing civil rights compliance mechanisms, including investigation of
17 complaints, issuance of corrective guidance, and, when necessary, withholding of
18 federal education funds from institutions found to be in violation.

19 **SECTION 4.** This Act shall take effect at the beginning of the academic year following its
20 passage.

21 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by William T. Dwyer High School

A Bill to Demand Accountability from the UN

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Until the United Nations (UN) has appropriately investigated and remediated recent acts of
3 disrespect, inadvertent or not, against the United States and our leaders, Congress shall
4 halt all funding of this organization.

5 **SECTION 2.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Justice, which shall be tasked with
6 determining when its terms have been satisfied so that funding may be resumed.

7 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

8 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Make Federal Jury Service Voluntary

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** Henceforth, federal juries shall be filled by volunteers only.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** District courts may still contact citizens to entreat them to serve as jurors, but those who
- 4 do not want to serve may simply ignore these solicitations. The federal judiciary is
- 5 encouraged to increase incentives for jury service if they find it necessary to do so.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** States and territories are encouraged to enact similar legislation as soon as is practicable.
- 7 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.
- 8 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Repeal the Second Amendment

1 **RESOLVED,** That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United
2 States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
3 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from
4 the date of its submission by the Congress:

5 **ARTICLE —**

6 **SECTION 1.** The second article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States is hereby
7 repealed.

8 **SECTION 2.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.