

~~NATIONAL FORENSIC DEBATE CONGRESS FROM DOCKET~~

A Bill to Prohibit the Development and Deployment of Lethal Autonomous Weapons

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Armed Forces and all federal law enforcement agencies are hereby
3 prohibited from the research, development, procurement, and deployment of Lethal
4 Autonomous Weapons Systems (LAWS).

5 **SECTION 2.** Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems (LAWS) shall be defined as any weapon system that,
6 once activated, can select and engage targets without further intervention by a human
7 operator. This includes systems that use artificial intelligence (AI) to make independent
8 "kill" decisions.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of War shall be responsible for the enforcement of this legislation.

- 10 A. Any existing funding or programs currently dedicated to the development of LAWS
11 shall be immediately reallocated to the development of defensive AI and cybersecurity.
12 B. The Department of Defense shall submit an annual report to the House Committee on
13 Armed Services certifying that no offensive autonomous targeting systems are in
14 development.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2027. All laws in conflict with this legislation
16 are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Ban Deep Sea Mining

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The practice of deep-sea mining is hereby prohibited within the United States (U.S.)

3 Territorial Waters and within the United States Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

4 **SECTION 2.** A. "Mining" shall be defined as any activity aimed at recovering mineral

5 resources at a substantial rate for the purpose of commercially utilizing such resources

6 to earn a profit, whether such profit is ultimately realized.

7 B. "Deep Sea" shall be defined as the seabed and subsoil at a depth of ten meters or

8 greater, within the U.S. Territorial Waters or the EEZ.

9 **SECTION 3.** The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the U.S. Coast Guard, and

10 the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) shall be responsible for the enforcement
11 of this Act.

12 A. Upon the first violation of this bill by an organization engaged in deep sea mining, a fine
13 of ten million dollars shall be imposed, in addition to any costs required for
14 environmental recovery.

15 B. Upon the second violation of this bill by the same organization, their license to operate
16 within the United States shall be suspended, and their assets shall be seized for the
17 purpose of funding environmental recovery efforts.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect 30 days after passage. All laws in conflict with this legislation
19 are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill for Rural Healthcare Student Loan Forgiveness

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States government shall pay all medical school and dental school student loans
3 for doctors, dentists, and orthodontists who work at rural medical centers immediately
4 upon graduation for five years.

5 **SECTION 2.** "Rural medical centers" are defined as any medical practice listed on the Department of
6 Human Service's Rural Health Information Hub's maps of Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs),
7 Federally Qualified Health Center Sites in Rural Areas, Rural Emergency Hospitals (REHs),
8 and Rural Health Clinics (RHCs).

9 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Education (DOE) shall implement this legislation.

10 A. \$50 million will be allocated to them for enforcement.

11 B. The money for student loan relief will come directly from the Department of Defense's
12 (DOD) budget.

13 C. Doctors are not expected to pay any student loans over the five years. The
14 government will pay the loans in full after five years.

15 D. If doctors stop working at rural hospitals at any point during the five years, they will
16 have to pay their student loan debt individually.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect January 1, 2027. All laws in conflict with this legislation are
18 hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Prohibit Sports Betting on Collegiate Athletics

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All sports betting operators shall be prohibited from offering or accepting wagers on
3 collegiate athletic events within the United States.

4 **SECTION 2.** Collegiate athletics refers to any sporting event involving athletes enrolled in an accredited
5 postsecondary institution, including NCAA, NAIA, and junior college competitions. Sports
6 betting operator refers to any entity licensed to provide sports wagering services within the
7 United States.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice (DOJ) shall oversee enforcement of this Act in coordination with
9 state gaming authorities.

10 A. Operators violating this Act shall be subject to fines, license revocation, and
11 disqualification from federal sports wagering authorization.

12 B. The DOJ shall issue guidance to states to ensure uniform compliance.

13 **SECTION 4.** This Act shall take effect 180 days after enactment to allow states and operators to modify
14 existing betting frameworks.

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

A Bill to Eliminate Mandatory Sentencing Limits to Ensure Fair and Individualized Criminal Sentencing

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Mandatory sentencing limits, including mandatory minimum sentences, are hereby
3 abolished in federal criminal cases. Federal judges shall retain full discretion to determine
4 sentences based on the specific facts of each case, the defendant's background, and the
5 interests of justice.

6 **SECTION 2.** Mandatory sentencing limits refers to any statutory requirement that imposes a fixed
7 minimum or maximum sentence without allowing judicial discretion. Federal judge refers
8 to any judge presiding over a federal criminal trial or sentencing hearing.

9 **SECTION 3.** Enforcement of this legislation shall be overseen by the United States Department of
10 Justice.

11 A. The Department of Justice shall revise federal sentencing guidelines to reflect the
12 elimination of mandatory sentencing limits.

13 B. Federal courts shall review sentences imposed under prior mandatory sentencing laws
14 when appropriate, in accordance with existing appeals and resentencing procedures.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on December 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with this legislation
16 are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Amend the Fair Labor Standards Act to Reduce the Work Week to Thirty-Two Hours

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Fair Labor Standards Act is amended by altering its standard work week of forty hours,
3 as determined in 29 U.S. Code § 207, to instead be thirty-two hours. No part of this
4 legislation shall be taken to alter any other portion of the Fair Labor Standards Act. All
5 other references or provisions in law referring to the standard forty-hour workweek shall
6 be duly altered and considered to refer to a thirty-two-hour work week.

7 **SECTION 2.** This legislation shall be implemented by the Department of Labor.

8 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2027. All laws in conflict with this legislation
9 are hereby declared null and void.