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NATIONAL CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE 2026 LEGISLATION DOCKET

A Bill to Condition United States Foreign Aid on Democratic Governance and Human Rights Compliance to Strengthen Global Accountability

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All non-humanitarian United States foreign aid shall be conditioned upon a recipient
3 nation's compliance with minimum democratic governance and human rights standards as
4 determined by the United States government.

5 **SECTION 2.** "Non-humanitarian foreign aid" shall be defined as military assistance, economic
6 development funding, and security cooperation funding, excluding emergency disaster
7 relief and food assistance.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State, in coordination with the United States Agency for International
9 Development (USAID), shall oversee the implementation and enforcement of this
10 legislation.

11 A. The Department of State shall publish an annual Foreign Aid Compliance Report
12 evaluating recipient nations' adherence to the standards outlined in Section 2.

13 B. Nations found to be noncompliant for two consecutive reporting periods shall have
14 non-humanitarian foreign aid suspended until compliance is restored.

15 C. Suspended funds may be reallocated to democratic pattern nations or international
16 organizations promoting governance reform and human rights protections.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1st, 2026. All laws in conflict with this legislation are
18 hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Eliminate Judicial Elections for State Courts

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** To ensure an impartial judiciary, states are encouraged to replace judicial elections with an
3 appointment-and-retention system.

4 **SECTION 2.** In an appointment-and-retention system, a judge is first chosen by the governor. After
5 serving for a period of time, a judge must pass a review or vote to remain in their position.
6 Each state will decide how the details of their appointment-and-retention system work.

7 **SECTION 3.** States that maintain contested partisan or non-partisan judicial elections shall face a 5%
8 reduction in federal Department of Justice grants.

9 **SECTION 4.** Federal oversight will be managed by the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

10 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2028. All laws in conflict with this legislation
11 are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Ban Algorithmic Pricing

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Businesses engaged in consumer sales shall be prohibited from using algorithmic pricing
3 practices that result in price discrimination, market manipulation, or consumer
4 exploitation.

5 **SECTION 2.** "Algorithmic Pricing" shall be defined as the use of automated algorithms or machine
6 learning models to dynamically determine or adjust prices based on data such as consumer
7 demand, competitor prices, purchasing history, market trends, or personal data.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

9 A. Businesses found in violation of this legislation will be fined 2% of their revenue, which
10 will increase by 2% per month of noncompliance.

11 B. After five months of continued noncompliance, the FTC may impose a temporary
12 suspension of the business's sales license.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect upon passage. All laws in conflict with this legislation are
14 hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Incentivize Onshoring of Semiconductor Manufacturing to Strengthen Domestic Supply Chains

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States (U.S.) shall provide incentives to encourage domestic production of
3 semiconductor chips. Companies that build or expand semiconductor manufacturing
4 facilities in the U.S. shall be eligible for a 20% federal tax credit and grants administered by
5 the Department of Commerce.

6 **SECTION 2.** Semiconductor chips shall include microprocessors, memory chips, and other integrated
7 circuits.

8 Onshoring shall be defined as establishing or expanding facilities physically located in the
9 United States.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Commerce shall report annually to Congress on the number of
11 domestic facilities, jobs created, and funds distributed.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on fiscal year 2027. All laws in conflict with this legislation
13 are hereby declared null and void.

The Genome Testing Act (GTA) of 2026

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall prohibit any use of genome editing on any human embryo.

3 **SECTION 2.** A. "Genome editing" shall be defined as the biotechnology or practice that
4 involves specifically inserting, deleting, replacing, or altering the DNA of any given
5 organism.

6 B. "Human embryos" shall be defined as the stage of fertilization until all major body parts
7 appear and a new developing human from the first two to eight weeks of pregnancy.

8 **SECTION 3.** A. The National Institute of Health (NIH) will work alongside the Food and Drug
9 Administration (FDA) and will oversee the enforcement of this bill along with the specific
10 enforcement mechanism.

11 B. Violators of this legislation will receive a fine for illegal medical practices of up to
12 \$1,000,000 and/or shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of up to five years.

13 C. Any professionally licensed doctor or geneticist violating this legislation shall
14 additionally have their license revoked and/or shall be applicable to the penalties under
15 subsection (B).

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

A Bill to Prohibit the Manufacture and Possession of Ghost Guns

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The manufacture, possession, transfer, or sale of un-serialized firearms, commonly known
3 as ghost guns, is hereby prohibited within the United States and its territories.

4 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this legislation:

5 A. A "ghost gun" shall be defined as any firearm or firearm component that lacks a serial
6 number required under federal law, including firearms assembled from kits or
7 produced using 3D printing or similar manufacturing methods.

8 B. "Firearm component" shall include frames, receivers, or any part designated by federal
9 law as a critical firearm component.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) shall oversee enforcement
11 of this legislation.

12 A. The ATF shall be authorized to regulate and seize illegal ghost guns and related
13 components.

14 B. Manufacturers and sellers of firearm kits or components shall be required to serialize
15 regulated parts and comply with existing background check requirements.

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

A Resolution for a Second Constitutional Convention

1 **WHEREAS,** the current Constitution of the United States of America went into effect nearly 237 years
2 ago on the fourth of March in the year of 1789; and

3 **WHEREAS,** the population residing within our nation has since grown from slightly under four million
4 in 1790 to over 330 million in 2020, an increase of nearly eighty-five times, with our
5 nation's area increasing in that same time frame from around 820,000 square miles to
6 nearly 4 million, an increase of around four and a half times; and

7 **WHEREAS,** the changes both in the composition and the culture of our nation since its founding,
8 alongside the fast progression of technology, have made our nation an incredibly different
9 place than it was at its founding; and

10 **WHEREAS,** the Constitution, while an incredible piece for its time that set an important precedent
11 globally for democracy, has now had many flaws revealed with its design and has sparked
12 much controversy, conflict, and political instability due to vagueness in its writing; and

13 **WHEREAS,** the people of the United States now lack trust in their government and oppose many of its
14 actions, showing failure of the government to uphold the democratic ideals it was founded
15 upon; now, therefore, be it

16 **RESOLVED,** that the Congress here assembled calls together a Second Constitutional Convention,
17 assembled of representatives from every state and territory of the United States in such
18 manner as to represent all those within her territory, for the purpose of recommending
19 either amendments to or a replacement for the Constitution to improve our government's
20 functioning and bring it in line with modern society; and, be it

21 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** that upon the passage of this resolution by two-thirds of this Congress and
22 ratification by three-quarters of the several states, the Convention shall thereby be given
23 the constitutional authority to enact any and all changes that they see fit, so long as any
24 such changes pass with a five-ninths majority national in a popular vote on said changes.

A Bill to Stop the Sale of Arms to the United Arab Emirates

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall hereby suspend and prohibit all military and commercial sales, and
3 transfers of arms and defense services to the United Arab Emirates.

4 **SECTION 2.** Arms and defense services shall be defined as any item or service listed on the United
5 States Munitions List, pursuant to 22 USC § 2778 and 2794 (7).

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State and Department of Defense shall oversee the enforcement of this
7 legislation.

8 A. The Department of State and the Department of Defense shall halt pending exports
9 and terminate licensing for arms and defense services to the United Arab Emirates.

10 B. US companies found to be knowingly engaging in prohibited sales or transfers shall be
11 subject to a \$10,000,000 fine, civil and criminal penalties, including imprisonment of up
12 to 15-20 years, and shall be sanctioned in regard to violating the Arms Export Control
13 Act.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon enactment. All laws in conflict with this
15 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Avert Federal Government Shutdowns

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** If Congress fails to enact appropriations legislation for any fiscal year by the statutory
3 deadline, funding for all federal agencies and programs shall automatically continue at the
4 prior fiscal year's enacted levels until new appropriations legislation is passed.

5 **SECTION 2.** For purposes of this legislation:

6 A. "Statutory deadline" shall mean September 30 of each year, or any alternative deadline
7 established by concurrent resolution.

8 B. "Prior fiscal year's enacted levels" shall mean the funding levels established in the most
9 recently enacted regular or omnibus appropriations legislation, excluding supplemental
10 appropriations.

11 C. "Automatic continuing appropriations" shall apply to all discretionary and mandatory
12 spending programs requiring annual appropriations.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) shall oversee implementation of this
14 legislation.

15 A. OMB shall, within 48 hours of any lapse in appropriations, issue guidance to all federal
16 agencies regarding continuation of operations under the prior year's funding levels.

17 B. OMB shall apply prior year funding levels proportionally across all agencies and
18 programs, with exceptions only for constitutionally mandated expenditures.

19 C. OMB shall report monthly to Congress on the duration and fiscal implications of
20 reliance on automatic appropriations.

21 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on October 1, 2020. All laws in conflict with this legislation
22 are hereby declared null and void.