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## **A BILL TO IMPLEMENT A NATIONAL SALES TAX**

**1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

**2 SECTION 1.** The following sections of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 are  
**3** repealed:

**4 A.** Subtitle A (relating to income taxes and self-employment taxes)

**5 B.** Subtitle C (relating to payroll taxes and withholding of income taxes)

**6 C.** Subtitle B (relating to estate and gift taxes)

**7 D.** Subtitle H (relating to financing of Presidential campaign elections).

**8 SECTION 2.** A sales tax of 23 percent shall be placed on all gross payments for  
**9** taxable property or service, but shall not be placed on previously taxable  
**10** wages.

**11 A.** All taxes shall be collected by the vendor and transmitted to the taxable  
**12** authority within each individual state, which shall then transmit the sales  
**13** tax to the Department of the Treasury.

**14 B.** A family unit may apply for a yearly refund of their sales tax if their annual  
**15** income is less than the annual poverty level as determined by the  
**16** Department of Health and Human Services.

**17 SECTION 3.** The Department of the Treasury will oversee the collection and  
**18** enforcement of this sales tax.

**19 SECTION 4.** This shall take effect in fiscal year 2021.

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

**A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING FREE TRADE BETWEEN  
THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED KINGDOM**

1 **WHEREAS**, since the end of World War II, the United States and the United Kingdom  
2           have been beacons of freedom to the world, standing together in the fight  
3           against tyranny; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Special Relationship between the United States and the United  
5           Kingdom has enabled economic prosperity and security cooperation for  
6           both countries for more than 70 years; and

7 **WHEREAS**, on June 23, 2016, the people of the United Kingdom voted in support of a  
8           referendum to leave the European Union; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the United Kingdom is an important trading partner with the United  
10          States, with \$232,000,000,000 in goods traded between the two countries  
11          in 2017; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the constitutional power of making treaties with foreign nations includes  
13          both the legislative and executive branches; now, therefore, be it

14 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that the United States should pursue  
15          a free trade agreement with the United Kingdom.

## A BILL TO RESEARCH GUN VIOLENCE AS A SOCIAL HEALTH PROBLEM

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

2 **SECTION 1.** The Dickey Amendment is hereby repealed. The Centers for Disease  
3 Control and Prevention shall spend \$50 million of its 2020 budget  
4 researching gun violence.

5 **SECTION 2.** The Dickey Amendment is defined as part of H.R. 3610 that mandates  
6 that no Centers for Disease Control and Prevention funding be used to  
7 research gun violence.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shall enforce this  
9 legislation. The amount of funding for fiscal years 2021 and beyond shall  
10 be determined by the CDC.

11 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be enforced immediately upon passage.

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

## A RESOLUTION TO REFOCUS MIDDLE EAST FOREIGN POLICY

1 **WHEREAS**, Current Middle East military policy is failing to achieve its stated goals;

2                   and

3 **WHEREAS**, the conduct and enactment of said policy has proven to be more counter

4                   productive than helpful; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the size and strength of terrorist groups has not waned or substantially

6                   decreased since the implementation of these policies; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the current authorized use of military force effectively provides a blank

8                   check to the executive branch; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the foreign policy of the United States ought to reflect both our moral

10                  values and geopolitical realities; now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that the Authorized Use

12                  of Military Force, or AUMF, passed on September 14th 2001 should be

13                  repealed; and, be it

14 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that in the wake of the AUMF's repeal, a priority should be

15                                 placed on finding peaceful policy solutions in the Middle

16                                 East.

## **A RESOLUTION TO REMOVE PHILOSOPHICAL VACCINATION EXEMPTIONS**

1 **WHEREAS**, 17 states currently allow vaccination exemptions based on personal  
2 philosophical beliefs; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Recent outbreaks of preventable diseases, such as measles, hurt the  
4 lives of American children and families; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Scientific research directly contradicts anti-vaccination bias; and

6 **WHEREAS**, The federal government needs to interfere with local state-level affairs  
7 and ensure that all children have a right to appropriate health care and a  
8 society free of preventable illness; and now, therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that the United States Federal  
10 Government should ban state-level vaccination exemptions.

## A BILL TO IMPLEMENT PREFERENTIAL BALLOTING

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

2 **SECTION 1.** Voters will rank their top three choices of candidates in order of  
3 preference for all federal elections.

4 **SECTION 2. A.** Ranked Choice voting (RCV) is a preferential system of voting.

5 **B.** If a candidate wins a majority of first-preference votes, he or she will  
6 be declared the winner of the election.

7 **C.** If no candidate wins a majority of first-preference votes, the  
8 candidate with the fewest first-preference votes will be eliminated,  
9 lifting the second-preference choices indicated on those ballots.

10 **D.** A new tally will be conducted to determine if any candidate has won  
11 a majority of the adjusted votes.

12 **E.** The process will be repeated until a candidate has an outright  
13 majority.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Committee will oversee implementation.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented before the 2024 presidential election.

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

## A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE A RIGHT TO BE FORGOTTEN

1 **WHEREAS**, ongoing changes to technology, society, and legal precedent have  
2 eroded expectations and protections of privacy; and  
3 **WHEREAS**, the collection and commodification of people's personal information and  
4 data, often without consent, has increased exponentially; and  
5 **WHEREAS**, data safety by private firms has been compromised multiple times; and  
6 **WHEREAS**, people's lives are being permanently affected by petty crimes, social  
7 media mishaps, and deliberate attempts to slander a person online; and  
8 **WHEREAS**, individuals should have the right to view and remove the data that a  
9 company has on them; and  
10 **WHEREAS**, companies should not discriminate against individuals who refuse to  
11 give their personal information; and  
12 **WHEREAS**, companies should not require personal data to be collected and be  
13 transparent about personal data that is collected; and  
14 **WHEREAS**, other governments have already begun to codify, and support laws and  
15 policies aimed at correcting these practices; now, therefore, be it  
16 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that the Right to be Forgotten should  
17 be recognized by the United State Federal Government.

## A BILL TO REPEAL THE HAGUE INVASION ACT

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

2 **SECTION 1.** The American Servicemembers' Protection Act of 2002, also known as  
3 the Hague Invasion Act, is hereby repealed.

4 **SECTION 2.** The American Servicemembers' Protection Act is defined as Title II of  
5 Public Law 107-206, which provides for the withdrawal of U.S. military  
6 assistance from countries ratifying the Rome Statute, restricts U.S.  
7 participation in United Nations peacekeeping operations that do not  
8 grant United States persons immunity from prosecution, and authorizes  
9 the U.S. military to use any means necessary to bring about the release  
10 of any personnel being detained or imprisoned by, on behalf of, or at the  
11 request of the International Criminal Court.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense, the State Department, and the U.S.  
13 Ambassador to the United Nations shall oversee the implementation of  
14 this legislation.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect on January 1st, 2021.

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

## A BILL TO STRATEGICALLY INCREASE AID TO AFRICAN COUNTRIES

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall match China's government investment dollar for  
3 dollar in Africa with a cap of 100 Billion USD per year. The aid shall go  
4 towards improving infrastructure in Africa. Shall the aid be determined to  
5 be ineffective, the US government shall allocate funds to approved  
6 non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

7 **SECTION 2.** Infrastructure shall be defined as basic public services, including but not  
8 limited to: renewable energy, roads, bridges, dams, sewage, railroads,  
9 and phone lines.

10 **SECTION 3.** The United States Agency for International Development (USAID),  
11 Department of Education (DoE), Department of State, Department of  
12 Defense, Department of Health and Human Services, and the  
13 Department of Treasury shall be responsible for approving appropriate  
14 NGO's. The appropriations for the aid shall come from the approved  
15 2020 Department of Defense budget as well as additional funds. The  
16 Congressional Budget Office as well as the US Government  
17 Accountability Office shall determine the effectiveness of the aid.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

**A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION  
TO OUTLAW THE USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN**

1 **WHEREAS**, Eminent Domain is defined as the right of the government to seize  
2 private property for public use, given compensation is given, regardless  
3 of owner's consent; now, therefore be it

4 **RESOLVED** by two-thirds of the congress here assembled that the following article is  
5 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States,  
6 which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution  
7 when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states  
8 within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

10 **ARTICLE ---**

11 **SECTION 1:** The use of eminent domain by local, state, or federal governments  
12 shall be considered an illegal and unconstitutional action. For  
13 private property to be used for public use it must be sold to the  
14 government planning on using it by the owner of the property.

15 **SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by  
16 appropriate legislation

## A BILL TO DECRIMINALIZE DRUG USE AND POSSESSION

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

2 **SECTION 1:** Use of all narcotics and illicit substances shall be decriminalized.

3           **A.** Possession of up to a 10-day supply of narcotics or illicit substances  
4           shall be decriminalized.

5           **B.** Those who are found using narcotics or illicit substances or possessing  
6           up to a 10-day supply are to be offered but not mandated to accept  
7           support services by the state in which the offense occurred.

8           **C.** States that fail to comply with the above provision shall have all  
9           federal drug control funding cut.

10 **SECTION 2:** Narcotics and illicit substances shall be defined as a drug or other  
11           substance affecting mood or behavior and sold or used for nonmedical  
12           purposes.

13           **A.** Decriminalization shall be defined as the removal of criminal penalties.

14           **B.** Support services shall be defined as methadone programs, needle  
15           exchange programs, and rehabilitation services.

16 **SECTION 3:** This legislation shall take effect January 1, 2021.

17 **SECTION 4:** The Drug Enforcement Agency shall oversee the enactment of this  
18           legislation.

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

## A BILL TO LIFT THE CUBAN TRADE EMBARGO

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

2 **SECTION 1:** 22 U.S. Code § 2370 (a) is hereby repealed.

3 **SECTION 2:** Sections 6003 and 6005 of the Cuban Democracy Act are hereby  
4 repealed. The President is no longer bound to encourage foreign  
5 countries to restrict trade and in a manner consistent with the embargo.

6 The President may, on and after the date of the enactment of this Act -

7 **A.** Impose export controls with respect to Cuba under section 1753 or  
8 1754(c) of the Export Control Reform Act of 2018; and

9 **B.** Exercise the authorities the President has under the International  
10 Emergency Economic Powers Act with respect to Cuba pursuant to a  
11 declaration of national emergency required by that Act that is made on  
12 account of an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security,  
13 foreign policy, or economy of the United States, that did not exist  
14 before the enactment of this Act.

15 **SECTION 3:** This legislation will go into effect immediately upon passage.

16 **SECTION 4:** The State Department, Department of the Treasury, Department of  
17 Commerce, Office of Foreign Assets Control, and the Office of the U.S.  
18 Trade Representative will oversee implementation of this legislation.

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

**A BILL TO INVEST IN AI TECHNOLOGY TO FURTHER ADVANCE  
THE MEDICAL AND WELFARE PUBLIC SECTORS**

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

2 **SECTION 1:** One billion dollars will be invested annually for AI technological  
3 innovation for both the medical public sector and welfare public sector.

4 **SECTION 2:** *AI* will be defined as the simulation of human intelligence processes by  
5 machines, especially computer systems through expert systems, speech  
6 recognition and machine vision; *technological innovation* will be defined  
7 as the experimentation as well as the creation of new forms of  
8 technology; *medical sector* will be defined as relating to the science of  
9 medicine, or to the treatment of illness and injuries under the Department  
10 of Health and Human Services; *welfare sector* will be defined as the  
11 statutory procedure designed to promote the basic physical and material  
12 well-being of people under the Department of Health and Human  
13 Services.

14 **SECTION 3:** This piece of legislation will be implemented January 1st, 2021.

14 **SECTION 4:** The Department of State's Office of Science and Technology  
15 Cooperation will be in charge of enforcing this piece of legislation.

16 **A.** The budget will be reallocated from the Department of Defense annual  
17 budget.

18 **B.** If the technology is ready to be tested it will be tried under the  
19 Department of Health and Human Services.

20 **SECTION 5:** All other laws in conflict with this new policy shall hereby declared null  
21 and void.

## A BILL TO ABOLISH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

2 **SECTION 1:** The United States Postal Service shall be eliminated, and the Postal  
3 Reorganization Act that created the agency will be repealed.

4 **SECTION 2:** The United States Postal Service is defined as the independent  
5 government agency that receives, delivers, and processes mail inside of  
6 the United States.

7 **SECTION 3:** This bill shall go into effect on October 1, 2021.

8 **SECTION 4:** Congress will oversee the enforcement and funding of this legislation.

9 **A.** Upon the declaration of the removal of the United States Postal  
10 Service all operations including: receiving, delivering, and processing  
11 will stop; the use of the United States Postal Service as an independent  
12 agency, and as an agency in general, is eliminated.

13 **B.** Private entities and Corporations will become the primary carriers of  
14 mail services.

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

## A BILL TO BAN SINGLE-USE PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

2 **SECTION 1:** A complete ban shall be placed on the production, distribution, and sale  
3 of single-use disposable plastic water bottles in the United States.

4 **SECTION 2:** A single-use disposable plastic water bottle shall be defined as any pre  
5 filled water bottle that is produced with the intention of being used once  
6 and then disposed of.

7 **SECTION 3:** The implementation of this legislation shall begin exactly six (6) months  
8 after its passage.

9 **SECTION 4:** The joint effort between the United States Food & Drug Administration  
10 (FDA) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shall oversee the  
11 implementation of this legislation:

12 **A.** The FDA and EPA shall file a joint petition for an injunction in U.S.  
13 District Court to stop any company that does not comply with this  
14 legislation.

15 **B.** Should excessive damages occur due to violation of this legislation,  
16 the Department of Justice can pursue further action against the  
17 company in the form of restitution payments.

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