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Legislation Packet

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Lyons Township High School

A Bill to Help Every American Lessen Their Hardship (H.E.A.L.T.H.)

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. The US Government will create a universal healthcare plan;

3 B. An additional 15% corporate income tax shall be placed on
4 pharmaceutical companies to fund Section 1A;

5 C. An additional 20% sales tax shall be placed on nicotine products to fund
6 Section 1A;

7 D. Any additional revenue from these taxes shall go towards funding grants
8 for rural hospitals;

9 **SECTION 2.** A. Universal Healthcare shall be defined as a system that covers all of an
10 individual's necessary healthcare related costs including but not limited to
11 prescription drugs, vaccinations, and treatments;

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services and the IRS will be
13 responsible for enforcing this legislation;

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2025;

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

Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Economics by,

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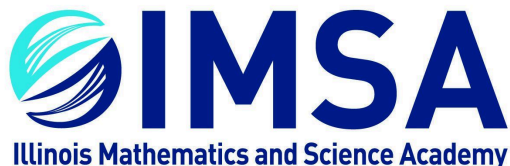
A Bill to Combat Housing Inflation

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** A. The federal government will provide a direct subsidy of \$20,000 per
 2 newly constructed single family houses, townhouses, and apartments to
 3 builders when the house is sold.
- 4 B. The federal government will levy a tax of 10% of home price, to be paid
 5 by homebuyers for any purchase of an investment or secondary (aka
 6 second) residential properties. This tax will be levied with federal income
 7 taxes, and will give buyers a grace period of one year to sell their first
 8 house if they buy a house before selling existing when moving houses.
- 9 C. Institutional investors and financial services firms will be prohibited from
 10 purchasing residential properties.
- 11 D. Any remaining amount needed to fund the subsidy will come from
 12 government sponsored agencies issuing housing bonds.
- 13 **SECTION 2.** A. Single family houses, townhouses, and apartments will be defined per
 14 the current HUD definitions.
- 15 B. Investment and second homes will be identified per IRS definition.
- 16 **SECTION 3.** A. HUD and IRS shall oversee the implementation and enforcement of this
 17 legislation. HUD and IRS will assess the continued need for this legislation
 18 every six months and will submit a report to Congress.
- 19 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be in effect from July 1st, 2025 through June 30th, 2028.
- 20 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted to the committee on Economics for Congressional debate by

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A Resolution to Save Social Security

BE IT ENACTED BY THE HOUSE IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1.

- A. The normal retirement age (NRA) for Social Security shall be increased 3 months per year for those age 62 starting in 2025 and ending in 2036.
- B. Thereafter, the NRA shall be indexed to maintain a constant ratio of expected retirement years (life expectancy at NRA) to potential work years (NRA minus 20).
- C. The earliest eligibility age (EEA) shall be increased from 62 to 64 at the same time the NRA is increased from 67 to 69 for those attaining age 62 in 2025 through 2032, after which the EEA shall be set at 64.

SECTION 2.

- A. The normal retirement age (NRA) is the age at which retirement benefits (before rounding) are equal to the primary insurance amount.
- B. The early eligibility age (EEA) is the earliest age for retired worker and spousal benefits.

SECTION 3. The Social Security Administration shall be responsible for the implementation of this bill.

SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect on January 1, 2025

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

Respectfully Introduced to the Committee on Economic Policy

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A Resolution to Bolster Revitalization through Aquatic Technology (BRAT)

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The Democratic Republic of the Congo suffers from severe water stress
2 despite possessing the majority of Africa’s water reserves; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** An underinvestment in water infrastructure prevents its inhabitants from
4 accessing water for drinking, sanitation, and agricultural purposes; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Disorganized land use planning and management have contributed to
6 pollution, further contaminating natural water sources; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Limited access to drinking water and poor sanitation conditions pose a
8 major risk to public health; now, therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled provide \$500 million in aid to NGOs to
10 be used in support of water infrastructure which include but are not
11 limited to water pumps, water pipes, treatment facilities; and, be it
- 12 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That an additional \$500 million be provided directly to the
13 Congolese federal government, contingent on the establishment of water
14 protection zones for all major water sources and the development of a
15 national water policy to centralize water quality monitoring.

Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Foreign Affairs by

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A Bill to Free Children from Labor

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** All U.S. based companies shall be prohibited from interacting with any country found to exploit child labor in Lithium, Cobalt, and Zinc mining and production.
- SECTION 2.**
- A. A U.S. based company shall be defined as any company with that is U.S. registered or has a subsidiary that is U.S. registered.
- B. Interacting shall be defined as engaging in transactions for economic benefit in any country found to exploit child labor.
- C. Child labor shall be defined as any form of labor with children under the age of 12.
- SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Commerce, the U.S. Department of State, and the U.S. Department of Justice shall be responsible for enforcement.
- A. The U.S. Department of Commerce shall be responsible for auditing any U.S. based company found in violation of this law.
- B. The U.S. Department of State shall be responsible for reporting child labor statistics in Lithium, Cobalt, or Zinc mines.
- C. The Department of Justice shall be responsible for assessing a fine that is 35% worth of Lithium, Zinc, and Cobalt imported by companies that continue to interact with countries exploiting child labor in Lithium, Cobalt, and Zinc mines biyearly.
- D. Should any company fail to halt interactions with these prohibited countries one year past implementation of the bill, that company's fine shall grow by 5% every 6 months.
- SECTION 4.** This law shall go into effect on January 1st, 2026
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Foreign Affairs,

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A Bill to Reinstate Elections in Venezuela Over Time Effectively (R.E.V.O.T.E)

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. The United States shall remove all sanctions on Venezuela so long as:

3 I. Venezuela allows for the United States to oversee the

4 implementation of democratic elections for all elected officials until

5 2040,

6 II. The implementation of democratic elections shall be conducted by

7 the United States Military,

8 B. After 2040, the United States shall no longer oversee the elections, but

9 shall conduct audits on Venezuela,

10 I. If Venezuela is found to not continue democratic elections, the

11 sanctions shall be reinstated immediately;

12 **SECTION 2.** A. Democratic elections shall be defined as a vote held to elect

13 government officials based on the will of the majority of the population,

14 B. Elected officials shall be defined as any government official that is voted

15 into office by the Venezuelan population,

16 C. Sanctions shall be defined as any financial penalty or restriction placed

17 on Venezuela;

18 **SECTION 3.** A. The State department, Department of Defense and USAID will oversee

19 the implementation of this legislation,

20 I. The period of time between each election will be determined by

21 the Department of State;

SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2025;

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

Introduced to the committee on Foreign Affairs

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Joaquin Fabara

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A Bill to Enforce Our Law Enforcement

BE IT ENACTED BY THE ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** a) All law enforcement officers in the state of Illinois shall be required to participate in an initial minimum of 10 hours of de-escalation training. An additional 5 hours of de-escalation training will be required annually to maintain certification.
b) This training will be the individual financial responsibility of Illinois police departments. However, an additional 10% sales tax will be placed on firearm sales in Illinois to supplement training programs as deemed necessary by the Illinois State Police agency.
- SECTION 2.** a) Law enforcement officers shall be defined as any individual tasked with the prevention, detection, or enforcement of the law. This includes, but is not limited to, police officers, sheriffs, and correctional officers.
- SECTION 3.** a) The Illinois State Police agency, Department of Justice, and Illinois Department of Revenue shall be responsible for the implementation and enforcement of this legislation.
b) Police departments found in violation of this legislation shall face a 10% funding cut until they comply.
- SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect on January 1st, 2026.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by,

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A Bill to Mitigate Microplastics by Reducing Recycling

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The recycling of all plastic materials shall be prohibited. Recycling centers
3 shall hereby be responsible for separating plastics from other recyclables
4 and redirecting them to landfills.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. Plastics may include, but are not limited to: PET, LDPE, PP, Styrofoam,
6 PVC, and HDPE materials and compounds.

7 B. Recycling centers shall be defined as central locations designed to
8 accept and process recyclable materials such as paper, cardboard, glass,
9 metal, and textiles.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shall be responsible for the
11 implementation and enforcement of this legislation.

12 A. \$5 billion shall be redirected from the Department of Defense Budget
13 annually toward the EPA for the implementation of this legislation.

14 B. The Department of Health and Human Services shall fund research
15 into health effects of microplastics, with a total grant of \$100 million,
16 coming out of the Department of Defense Budget as a one-time expense.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on April 22, 2025.

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

Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Civil Policy by

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A Resolution to Punch Puerto Rico Out of the Union

- WHEREAS,** the current political status of Puerto Rico as an unincorporated territory of the United States has led to its limited representation in federal decision-making processes; and
- WHEREAS,** Puerto Rico has been represented with some degrees of sovereignty in international events (for example, the Olympics); and
- WHEREAS,** the United States has a historical responsibility to support the transition of Puerto Rico to full sovereignty and independence; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** that the Congress here assembled recommends the initiation of the process to grant full independence to Puerto Rico, with a target date for full sovereignty by January 1, 2030; and be it
- FURTHER RESOLVED,** that \$50 billion from the Department of the Treasury be allocated to an Economic Transition Fund, which will be used to support Puerto Rico in developing its infrastructure, education system, and economic base during the transition period; and be it
- FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a Joint U.S.-Puerto Rican Commission be established to oversee the transition process, including the development of a new constitution for Puerto Rico, the establishment of international trade agreements, and the creation of a sovereign defense force; and be it
- FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the United States will continue to provide economic and humanitarian aid to Puerto Rico for a period of 10 years following independence, ensuring a smooth and prosperous transition to full nationhood.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by

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