

**Bruin Novice Congress Docket**  
**October 14th, 2023**  
**Round 1, Item 1**

**A Bill to Establish a 4-Day Workweek**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All federal employers that currently utilize a traditional 5-day workweek in any  
3 capacity shall adopt a 4-day workweek in those same contexts, shifting Friday to a  
4 non-working “weekend” day where possible. Employers shall maintain an 8-hour maximum  
5 for each workday, with no reduction in salaries.

6 **SECTION 2.** Federal employees who volunteer to work additional shifts beyond four days  
7 will be paid overtime (minimum pay rate of time and a half).

8 **SECTION 3.** State, territorial, and local governments are encouraged to adopt similar  
9 policies, as are private businesses.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Labor.

11 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

12 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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**Round 1, Item 2**

**A Resolution to Encourage Ukraine to Join NATO**

1 **WHEREAS** The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) has, since its inception nearly

2 75 years ago, played a crucial role in maintaining world peace; and

3 **WHEREAS** Ukraine has for decades now supported and embodied the values that are

4 central to NATO; and

5 **WHEREAS** Russia's ongoing war with Ukraine is an affront to democratic values across the

6 North Atlantic region and around the world; and

7 **WHEREAS** Ukraine deserves the full support of NATO and all of its member nations

8 in their struggle to withstand the violations of Putin's regime; now, therefore be it

9 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that Ukraine is strongly encouraged to begin

10 the process of joining NATO; and be it

11 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that all NATO member states are strongly encouraged to support

12 Ukraine in this process; and be it

13 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Russia is warned to end its hostilities in Ukraine totally and to

14 withdraw immediately (including from Crimea), for failure to do so will lead to war with

15 NATO and all its member states should these recommendations come to pass.

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**Round 1, Item 3**

**A Bill to Mandate Universal Charging Ports**

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

**2 SECTION 1.** Every mobile phone, tablet, digital camera, smart watch, laptop, headphone or  
**3 headset unit, handheld video game console, portable speaker unit, e-reader, keyboard,**  
**4 mouse, and portable navigation system that is rechargeable via a wired cable and operates**  
**5 with a power delivery of up to 100 watts sold new in the United States and its territories**  
**6 must be outfitted with a USB-C charging port.**

**7 SECTION 2.** Any retailer found to be in violation of this legislation shall refund triple the cost  
**8 of any improperly outfitted item(s) to the relevant customer(s).**

**9 SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Federal Trade Commission.

**10 SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

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**Round 2, Item 1**

**A Bill to Eradicate Chemical and Nuclear Capabilities**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will dispose of all chemical and nuclear weapons currently  
3 in our possession.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Nuclear weapons” are defined as munitions or devices specifically designed  
5 to inflict harm or cause death through the energy harnessed by the splitting of atomic nuclei.

6 **SECTION 3.** “Chemical weapons” are defined as munitions or devices specifically designed  
7 to inflict harm or cause death through the release of toxic or otherwise hazardous chemicals.

8 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Defense shall oversee the disposal of all chemical  
9 weapons within two years of the legislation’s implementation and the disposal of all nuclear  
10 weapons within five years of the legislation’s implementation.

11 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will go into effect at the start of the fiscal year 2023. All laws in  
12 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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**Round 2, Item 2**

**A Bill to Support the Bridging of the Darien Gap**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Over the next five years, Congress shall remit \$750 million dollars to the  
3 Republic of Panama to be used to create a road traversing the Darién Gap and thus to  
4 complete the Pan-American Highway.

5 **SECTION 2.** Congress shall allocate an additional \$100 million to support temporary  
6 relocation of US workers to Panama to assist with all aspects of this project. Congress shall 7  
establish a committee to oversee the disbursement of these funds.

8 **SECTION 3.** Congress requests that the Department of State work with the Panamanian  
9 government to ensure that this project comes to fruition. Should the Department of State fail  
10 to negotiate such a deal within one year of the passage of this legislation, all funding shall  
11 be retained and the committee absolved.

12 **SECTION 4.** These funds shall be sourced from a corresponding reduction in the  
13 Department of Defense budget.

14 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of State.

15 **SECTION 6.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2024.

16 **SECTION 7.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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**A Bill to Protect the Patient's Right to Interstate Telehealth**

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

**2 SECTION 1.** No state, district, or territory shall make or enforce any law prohibiting a  
**3** patient's right to seek medical or pharmaceutical care across state lines via telehealth  
**4** technologies so long as the relevant medical professional(s) deem(s) such services safe to  
**5** provide without in- person examination, nor shall any insurance provider refuse coverage of  
**6** such services on these grounds.

**7 SECTION 2.** No state, district, or territory shall criminalize the shipment or receipt of  
**8** pharmaceuticals prescribed under the conditions described in Section 1.

**9 SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Health and Human  
**10** Services.

**11 SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

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**Round 3, Item 1**

**A Bill to Require DNA Evidence for Death Penalty Sentencing**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** No convicted criminal shall be sentenced to death unless DNA evidence  
3 linking the criminal to the crime comprises a central element of that conviction, as  
4 determined by the judge overseeing the case.

5 **SECTION 2.** Any inmate currently sentenced to death and awaiting the completion of  
6 that sentence whose conviction was not significantly predicated on DNA evidence  
7 shall have their sentence commuted to life in prison. District attorneys with  
8 jurisdiction in the court where the crime was originally tried shall be responsible for  
9 making these determinations and shall have one year from the passage of this  
10 legislation to do so.

11 **SECTION 3.** If a judge is found to have violated this legislation, this shall serve as  
12 compelling grounds for that judge's impeachment.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Justice.

14 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2024.

15 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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**Round 3, Item 2**

**A Resolution to Promote Global Internet Freedom**

1 **WHEREAS** The internet has become a crucial forum for free speech and the open  
2 exchange of ideas; and  
3 **WHEREAS** Many countries globally, including our own country to a certain extent, have  
4 sought to curtail these freedoms; and  
5 **WHEREAS** Tyrannies often begin by limiting their citizens' freedoms of speech and  
6 expression, whether online or not; now, therefore be it  
7 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that internet freedoms are declared  
8 fundamental human rights and deserve vigilant protection accordingly; and be it  
9 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that any nation that seeks to limit the rights of its citizens to access  
10 the internet and to engage in internet services freely is declared to be an enemy of human  
11 rights; and be it  
12 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress shall consider deploying sanctions and other  
13 diplomatic consequences against any such nation in an attempt to promote restoration of  
14 internet freedoms for citizens of that nation.

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**A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Remove Presidential Veto Power**

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

5 **ARTICLE —**

6 **SECTION 1.** The President shall no longer have the right to veto bills sent to them by  
7 Congress.

8 **SECTION 2.** As the Constitution stipulates, a bill that the President does not sign within ten  
9 days (Sundays excepted) will become law anyway.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate  
11 legislation.

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