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**Item 1 - A Resolution to Lower the Voting Age
for All Federal, State, and Local Elections**

1 **WHEREAS,** The principles of our democracy are founded on the fundamental right of citizens to
2 participate in the electoral process and have a say in the governance of our nation; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Civic and political engagement play a crucial role in shaping the future of a democratic
4 society; and

5 **WHEREAS,** 16 and 17-year-olds have a great interest in the policies and decisions made by their
6 governments, as these decisions directly impact their lives, education, employment, and
7 well-being; and

8 **WHEREAS,** The current failure to lower the voting age to 16 has resulted in underrepresentation
9 and diminished civic engagement among younger individuals, leading to their exclusion
10 from critical decisions affecting their lives; and

11 **WHEREAS,** Denying 16 and 17-year-olds the right to vote has perpetuated taxation without
12 representation, as they are already subject to various taxes, including sales tax and
13 payroll tax, without the right to influence the allocation of these tax revenues; and

14 **WHEREAS,** The lack of political involvement among younger citizens is resulting in policies and
15 decisions that do not adequately address their unique concerns, needs, and aspirations;
16 now, therefore, be it

17 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled acknowledges the unintended repercussions of the
18 current voting age, including underrepresentation and diminished civic engagement
19 among younger individuals; and be it

20 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled introduces and passes a legislation that will
21 lower the voting age to 16 for all federal, state, and local elections following the
22 principles of democracy and equal representation.

Item 2 - 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 in
3 our possession.

4 **SECTION 2.** The following definitions are provided:

5 A. "Nuclear weapons" are defined as munitions or devices specifically designed
6 to inflict harm or cause death through the energy harnessed by the splitting of
7 atomic nuclei.

8 B. "Chemical weapons" are defined as munitions or devices specifically designed
9 to inflict harm or cause death through the release of toxic or otherwise
10 hazardous chemicals.

11. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense shall oversee the disposal of all chemical weapons
12 within two years of the legislation's implementation and the disposal of all
13 nuclear weapons within five years of the legislation's implementation.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect at the start of the fiscal year 2024.

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

**Item 3 - The Defending from Existential Threats to Eastern
Republics (D.E.T.E.R.) Act of 2024**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Recognizing the growing threat to Taiwan’s security,

3 A. The United States shall hereby establish military bases in Taiwan.

4 B. The United States shall deploy 10,000 troops to Taiwan.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. “Military Bases” are hereby defined as permanent facilities built to house US troops and
6 military equipment for sustained operations of at least one year.

7 B. This can include airfields, barracks, garrisons, navy bases, radar stations, and other
8 infrastructure.

9 C. “Taiwan” for the purposes of this bill encompasses the island of Taiwan and 167 outlying
10 islands under the control of the Republic of China (ROC).

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense will oversee the implementation of this bill.

12 A. The US Department of State shall draft a Status of Forces Agreement for ratification by the
13 US Senate and the Taiwanese Legislative Yuan. If the agreement is not mutually ratified
14 within six (6) months, no action will be taken under this bill.

15 B. The US Army Corps of Engineers will estimate the costs of constructing and operating new
16 bases and shall report these costs to Congress by the beginning of FY 2026. These costs will
17 be met through future National Defense Authorization Acts.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage.

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

**Item 4 - A Resolution to Eliminate the 'Wolf Amendment' to Increase
Space Cooperation with the People's Republic of China**

1 **WHEREAS,** The 'Wolf Amendment' is a section added to federal appropriations bills that prohibits the
2 National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the Office of Science and Technology
3 Policy (OSTP), and/or the National Space Council (NSC) from cooperating with the People's
4 Republic of China and/or Chinese-owned companies; and

5 **WHEREAS,** While the amendment provides provisions for allowing some cooperation with China after
6 obtaining approval from the FBI and Congress, the yearly addition of this amendment has had a
7 substantial chilling-effect on United States cooperation with China in outer space; and

8 **WHEREAS,** The amendment has not prevented China from becoming a space power nor has it had a
9 productive effect on changing Chinese behavior in outer space and/or on Earth; and

10 **WHEREAS,** The policy of isolating China has resulted in an alienated China forming alternate coalitions for
11 outer space exploration and development that have undermined the United States' leadership
12 and interests; and,

13 **WHEREAS,** Many other United States allies, such as the European Union, already cooperate with China
14 outside of working with the United States further weakening our space leadership; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled repeal Section 526, colloquially known as the 'Wolf
17 Amendment,' of the 2022 Consolidated Appropriations Act; and, be it

18 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this Congress refuse to include the Wolf Amendment or other similar amendments
19 that prohibit bilateral cooperation with China over outer space in future legislation.

Item 5 - A Bill to Counter Teen Substance Abuse

1 **SECTION 1.** Congress finds underage consumption of intoxicants has a severe deleterious effect on this nation’s minors,
2 and thus mandates that any state receiving federal funds used in law enforcement activities develop and
3 enforce criminal penalties for the parents/guardians of any minor in possession of a drug, controlled
4 substance, or intoxicant.

5 **SECTION 2.** A minor is any person under the age of 18 years.
6 The following definitions are adopted from the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 33, Chapter I, Subchapter
7 F, Part 95, §95.010.

- 8 A. Drug means any substance (other than alcohol) that has known mind or function-altering effects on a
9 person, specifically including any psychoactive substance, and including, but not limited to, controlled
10 substances.
- 11 B. Controlled Substance has the same meaning assigned by 21 U.S.C. 802 and includes all substances
12 listed on Schedules I through V as they may be revised from time to time (21 CFR Part 1308).
- 13 C. Intoxicant means any form of alcohol, drug or combination thereof.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall enforce this bill.

- 15 A. By January 1 of each year, the Attorney General shall publish a list of states found to be out of
16 compliance with Sections 1 and 2 of this bill.
- 17 B. Federal funds used in law enforcement activities for any state listed by the Attorney General to be out
18 of compliance with Sections 1 and 2 of this bill shall be reduced by 15% for the following fiscal year.

19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on the 1st day of July, 2024.

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

**Item 6 - The Making American Neighborhoods Accessible and
Sustainable (MANAS) Act**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. The United States shall make reforms to major cities to increase walkability by allocating \$5
3 Billion every year for 20 years to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

4 B. Reforms shall include investment in commuter and public transportation, bicycle
5 infrastructure, pedestrian infrastructure, subways, and other means of transportation intended
6 to reduce reliance on cars.

7 C. The \$5 billion will be taken out of the U.S. Federal Highway Administration each year.

8 **SECTION 2.** A. Walkability shall be defined as the ability to safely walk to services and amenities within a
9 maximum 40-minute walk.

10 B. Major cities shall be defined as any city with a population over 500,000.

11 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will work in collaboration with local
12 city authorities to implement the necessary changes to improve walkability.

13 A. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will oversee the disbursement of the
14 cumulative \$100 Billion. Money will be allocated to local municipalities in the form of block
15 grants.

16 B. The United States Treasury and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will
17 oversee the audits that will take place.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2025. All laws in conflict with this legislation are
19 hereby declared null and void.

Item 7 - A Bill to Invest in Kenya to Extract Rare Earth Elements

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. The United States shall build ten solar panel manufacturing plants in Kenya to
3 produce solar panels for the country, in exchange for benefits for US companies and
4 partnerships with local Kenyan miners.

5 B. This will reinforce the US national security mission to diversify its rare earth elements
6 supply chains while developing the Kenyan economy and building US-Kenya relations.

7 **SECTION 2.** A. The solar panel manufacturing plants shall be American owned and employ local
8 Kenyan workers. \$1 billion of US aid will be directed toward infrastructure improvement
9 and construction of facilities, and \$500 million will fund a program to install solar panels
10 in local Kenyan homes.

11 B. In return, US companies shall receive priority access to partnership opportunities with
12 local miners in the rare earth elements industry, in that US-offered contracts shall take
13 precedence over business opportunities from other foreign countries.

14 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Agency for International Development will work to implement this legislation.
15 The agency will submit an annual report for additional funding.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2025.

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

**Item 8 - A Resolution to End Economic Sanctions on the
Taliban to Remedy Afghanistan's Humanitarian Crisis**

1 **WHEREAS,** Economic sanctions imposed by the United States since its withdrawal from
2 Afghanistan have created a desperate humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan; and
3 **WHEREAS,** The incapacity of the Taliban to access its currency reserves since its takeover
4 has left half of its population food insecure; and
5 **WHEREAS,** The United States seized \$7 billion from Afghanistan's central bank reserves; and
6 **WHEREAS,** The desperation of Afghan people has permitted a rise in recruitment for
7 terrorist organizations such as the Islamic State in Khorasan; and
8 **WHEREAS,** A humanitarian crisis which empowers terrorist groups will endanger the
9 stability of Afghanistan and the Middle East; now, therefore, be it
10 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled urge the President to use his executive
11 authority to end all economic sanctions on Afghanistan.