

Bruin Novice Congress Docket
October 19th, 2024
Round 1, Item 1

**A Bill to Require a Stronger Checks on National Emergencies
to Protect Our Checks and Balances**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** To declare a National Emergency, 60% of both houses of Congress
3 must vote to approve the declaration of a National Emergency before the
4 President may exercise emergency powers.

5 **SECTION 2.** If Congress is in recess, the President may declare an Emergency for up
6 to 30 days pending renewal by Congress. The declaration may not be renewed
7 without Congressional approval. The President may not spend funds in excess of \$10
8 million or enact permanent policy until Congress approves the emergency.

9 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will take effect immediately. All laws in conflict with this
10 legislation shall hereby be declared null and void.

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Round 1, Item 2

A Resolution to Mandate the Use of Public Defenders

1 **WHEREAS**, The 6th Amendment of the Constitution upholds the right to an attorney;

2 and

3 **WHEREAS**, In many cases, affluent criminal defendants can expect favorable

4 outcomes compared to impoverished criminal defendants who depend upon public

5 defenders; and

6 **WHEREAS**, It is more just that cases are determined on the basis of guilt or

7 innocence rather than quality of legal representation; now, therefore, be it

8 **RESOLVED**, That all criminal defendants should only be allowed to receive

representation in the form of a public defender.

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Round 1, Item 3

A Bill to Mandate the Use of E-Textbooks

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

2 SECTION 1. The U.S. shall enact a law to mandate the usage of e-textbooks

3 in all U.S. schools instead of printed textbooks.

4 SECTION 2. The U.S. Department of Education will oversee the implementation of

5 this bill. The U.S. Department of Education will provide 50% of the funding to

6 schools to phase out printed textbooks and transition schools to the new e-textbook

7 format over a 5 year period.

8 SECTION 3. \$500 million dollars will be allocated from the U.S. Department of

9 Education's budget over a 5 year period to pay for the e-textbooks.

10 SECTION 4. This bill will take effect from the start of the 2025-2026 school year, All

11 laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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Round 2, Item 1

A Resolution to Establish a Department of Cybersecurity

1 **WHEREAS**, Cyberattacks are becoming increasingly easy to carry out; and
2 **WHEREAS**, Life supporting systems including hospitals and water filtration systems
3 are at risk of cyber attacks; and
4 **WHEREAS**, Russia has been able to compromise U.S. national security and
5 elections; and
6 **WHEREAS**, The economic costs due to cyberattacks ranges in the tens of billions;
7 now, therefore, be it
8 **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled shall establish a new cabinet-level
9 department, titled the Department of Cybersecurity, responsible for preventing and
10 protecting the United States from cyberthreats and cyber attacks.

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Round 2, Item 2

A Bill to Implement Robotics in Understaffed Hospitals

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Department of Health and Human Services shall
3 make \$10 billion in grants available to understaffed public and nonprofit hospitals.

4 These grants will be used for the implementation of robotics at no cost to the facilities.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Robotics” is defined as systems that are able to operate autonomously
6 without direct human supervision.

7 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Health and Human Services shall
8 oversee the implementation of this legislation.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws in conflict
10 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Ban Red Light Cameras to Make American Roads Safer

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The installation and use of red light cameras in the United States will be
3 prohibited.

4 **SECTION 2.** Red light cameras are defined as a traffic enforcement camera which is
5 capable of producing recorded images of motor vehicles entering an
6 intersection while the traffic light indicates a red signal.

7 **SECTION 3.** The United States Federal Highway Administration (FHA) in conjunction
8 with state agencies will oversee the implementation of this bill. The use of red light
9 cameras shall be fully phased out by five years after the date of passage.
10 Photographs and videos captured using red light cameras can no longer
11 be brought up as evidence before a jury.

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

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Round 3, Item 1

A Bill for Federal Bail Reform

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

2 **SECTION 1.** No judge in any court created by or under Article III of the Constitution of
3 the United States may use payment of money as a condition of pretrial release in any
4 criminal case for a “qualifying offense.”

5 **SECTION 2.** A person charged with a qualifying offense who is released to await trial
6 in the community can be subject to bail or pretrial detention at a later point if he or she
7 persistently and willfully fails to appear in court, violates an order
8 of protection, is accused of witness tampering or intimidation, or is charged
9 with another felony while awaiting trial for a felony.

10 **SECTION 3.** “Qualifying offenses” is defined as misdemeanors and non-violent
11 felonies.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented upon passage. All laws in conflict
13 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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Round 3, Item 2

A Bill to Eliminate Stock Trading by Members of Congress

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate
3 are prohibited from trading stock while in office.

4 **SECTION 2.** If a member of Congress violates this legislation, said
5 member will lose any leadership positions in Congress. Upon the second
6 violation, said member will lose any and all committee assignments. On the
7 third violation, said member will be expelled from Congress.

8 **SECTION 3.** Enforcement will be through the House and Senate Ethics committees.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately. All laws in conflict with this
10 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Provide Student Loan Debt Relief to Teachers

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Upon completion of a college degree, State Certified teachers, who work
3 in Public Schools, will be eligible for a Loan Forgiveness Program for their student
4 loan debt upon completion of a 4-year teaching contract.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Loan Forgiveness Program” will be defined as “a debt being completely
6 forgiven.”

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education and the IRS will oversee the enforcement
8 of this bill. Any certified teacher who does not finish their 4-year teaching
9 contract will have to personally pay back their student loans.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be enacted upon the day of passage.

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

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