Crestian Tradition
Elimination Round Legislation

Enclosed, you'll find two pieces of legislation to be debated during the semifinal round of the Crestian Tradition tournament. Both items were adapted from legislation recently introduced in the United States Congress.

Final Round Information

Competitors advancing to the final round should be prepared to discuss recent proposals of U.S. tax policies and their alternatives. No further information will be released about the content of the final round until Sunday, October 8th.

A Resolution to Authorize the Use of United States Armed Forces Against al-Qaeda, the Taliban, and the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, and Associated Persons or Forces That Are Engaged in Hostilities Against the United States, the Armed Forces, Or Its Other Personnel.

1 **WHEREAS,**   over the course of more than 15 years, the Authorization for Use of Military
2 Force has been used by the Executive Branch in at least 37 instances to justify sending the
3 Armed Forces to 14 nations across the world to take action against terrorist organizations and
4 for other purposes; and

5 **WHEREAS**,   the purpose of the Authorization for Use of Military Force, to authorize military
6 action against the perpetrators responsible for the attacks launched against the United States
7 on September 11, 2001, remains valid and critical to our national security; and

8 **WHEREAS**,   the scope and purpose of the Authorization for Use of Military Force is in need of
9 review and refinement in light of the lessons learned since its passage; and

10 **WHEREAS**,   the United States should take action against non-state, transnational actors in a
11 disciplined way that meets the current threat environment and is consistent with the
12 authorities provided under Articles I and II of the Constitution of the United States, the War
13 Powers Resolution, and international law; now, therefore, be it

14 **RESOLVED,**   That the Congress here assembled hereby:

15   **A)** Repeals the Authorization for Use of Military Force and the Authorization for Use of
16   Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002; and

17   **B)** Authorizes the President to use all necessary and appropriate force against al-
18   Qaeda, the Taliban, the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, successor organizations, and
19   associated persons and forces; and

20   **C)** Defines, for purposes of section B, the term "associated persons or forces" to mean
21   any person or force, other than a sovereign nation, that 1) is part of or substantially
22   supports the organizations listed in section B, or 2) is engaged in hostilities against
23   the United States or its Armed Forces; and

24   **D)** Requires the President to submit to the Congress a report within 30 days of the
25   enactment of this Resolution including:
26   a. Vital and important United States national security interests threatened by
27   the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria.
28   b. Strategic and operational objectives.
29   c. Milestones for assessing progress toward political, diplomatic, development,
30   informational, and military goals.
31   d. Risks for the strategy.

32   **E)** Requires the President to submit to Congress a report on matters relevant to this
33   Resolution, including actions taken pursuant to the exercise of authority granted by
34   this joint resolution.

Introduced by Tim Kaine (D-VA)

A Bill to Establish a Medicare-For-All National Health Insurance Program

1   BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2   **SECTION 1**.   **A)** Every individual who is a citizen of the United States is entitled to benefits for
3   health care services through the United States Medicare Program.
4   **B)** The Secretary of Health and Human Services (the "Secretary") shall provide a
5   mechanism for the enrollment of individuals eligible for benefits under this
6   program. The mechanism shall include a process for the automatic enrollment of
7   individuals at the time of birth in the United States or other acquisition of
8   citizenship status in the United States.
9   **C)** Individuals enrolled for benefits under this program are entitled to have
10   payment made by the Secretary to an eligible provider for services if medically
11   necessary or appropriate for the maintenance of health or for the diagnosis,
12   treatment, or rehabilitation of a health condition.
13   **D)** The Secretary shall develop policies, procedures, guidelines, and
14   requirements to carry out this program, including related to eligibility for
15   benefits, benefits provided, levels of funding, planning for health professional
16   education funding, and any other regulations necessary.
17   **E)** The program shall be funded through additional revenue collected from every
18   taxpayer based on the following brackets:

Household income expressed as a percent of poverty line	Percentage of income collected for the Medicare Fund
0% - 138%	1%
139% - 150%	4.8%
151% - 250%	5.2%
251%+	6.5%

19   **F)** Private entities shall no longer be permitted to collect payments from
20   American citizens for the purposes of providing insurance for health care.

21   **SECTION 2**.   **A)** Any individual entitled to benefits under this program may obtain health
22   services from any institution or individual qualified to offer health services.
23   **B)** The Secretary shall ensure that no cost-sharing, including deductibles,
24   coinsurance, copayments, or similar charges, be imposed on an individual for any
25   benefits provided under this program.
26   **C)** The Secretary, by their sole discretion, may determine which services, if any,
27   are considered experimental and, therefore, ineligible for funding through this
28   program.

29	**SECTION 3.**	The Department of Health and Human Services shall be responsible for the
30		implementation of this legislation. The Department of the Treasury shall be
31		responsible for the collection of taxes, as specified in Section 1(E).
32	**SECTION 4.**	United States citizens shall be eligible for coverage benefits beginning on
33		October 1, 2018.
34	**SECTION 5.**	All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Bernard Sanders (I-VT)