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Clarification on *preliminary* chamber dockets:

The **Priority Agenda** items must be debated in the top half of the agenda. The **Secondary Agenda** and **Additional Items** can be in any order in the bottom half of the agenda (i.e., Additional Item legislation *could* be debated before Secondary Agenda items).



Reforming American Immigration for a Strong Economy (RAISE) Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Diversity Visa Program is herewith abolished.

3 **SECTION 2.** Refugee admissions are: (1) limited to 50,000 per year; (2) the President
4 is prohibited from invoking an “emergency designation” power to exceed
5 the refugee cap for “emergency refugee situations;” and (3) the President
6 must annually report to Congress number of aliens granted asylum.

7 **SECTION 3.** Family-based green card eligibility shall be limited to spouses and minor
8 children of U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents.

9 **SECTION 4.** Employment-based immigration categories shall be replaced with a
10 points system, ranking applicants on the following factors, and admitting
11 the top 140,000 applicants:

- 12 **A.** English language proficiency as determined by International English
13 Language Testing System (IELTS);
14 **B.** Educational degree attained;
15 **C.** Job offer as determined on salary level median;
16 **D.** Investment and active management of funds;
17 **E.** Age ranges for which the applicant would be a productive citizen; and
18 **F.** Extraordinary achievement (Nobel Prize, Olympic Medal).

19 **SECTION 5.** This act shall take effect upon passage.

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Protecting Our Border Communities Act of 2018

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Executive Order 13767 (82 Fed. Reg. 8793; entitled “Border Security and
3 Immigration Enforcement Improvements”), is null and void, shall have no
4 force or effect, and may not be implemented, administered, enforced, or
5 carried out.

6 **SECTION 2.** No Federal funds (including fees) made available for any fiscal year, may
7 be used to implement, administer, enforce, or carry out (including
8 through the issuance of any regulations) any of the policy changes set
9 forth in Executive Order 13767 (82 Fed. Reg. 8793; entitled
10 “Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvements”).

11 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect upon passage.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate at the Barkley Forum for High Schools; inspired by H.R.920 -
Protecting Our Border Communities Act of 2017; 115th Congress (2017-2018) by Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-CA).*



A Resolution Celebrating U.S.-Mexico Relations

1 **WHEREAS**, The United States and Mexico have long enjoyed a robust relationship to the benefit
2 of both nations’ economies, as well as combatting of drug trafficking and illegal
3 immigration; now, therefore, be it

4 **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled: (1) values the bilateral relationship between the
5 United States and Mexico and the many benefits derived from cooperation on
6 security, combating transnational crime, energy, economic engagement, and
7 cultural engagement; (2) recognizes that implementation of the North American
8 Free Trade Agreement in 1994, and the resulting increase in trade, has provided a
9 platform on which cooperation with Mexico on so many levels has been possible; (3)
10 recognizes that Mexico is an essential partner for the United States in regional
11 security and encourages the President to continue to strengthen ties between the
12 United States and Mexico to help advance United States regional interests; (4)
13 understands that the relationship between the United States and Mexico is
14 strengthened by interaction between people from the United States and Mexico
15 and economic interaction; (5) encourages United States drug enforcement agencies
16 to continue developing strong cooperative measures with Mexico since efforts to
17 stem the drug trade into the United States depend on Mexico’s cooperation
18 because, among other matters, more than 90 percent of heroin in the United States
19 comes from Mexico; (6) stresses the importance of the North American Free Trade
20 Agreement to the United States economy and to the bilateral relationship between
21 the United States and Mexico; and (7) encourages the President to work toward
22 modernization of the North American Free Trade Agreement in a way that
23 strengthens the Agreement so that it can continue to provide benefits to the
24 peoples of the United States and Mexico and the important bilateral relationship
25 between the United States and Mexico.

Introduced for Congressional Debate at the Barkley Forum for High Schools; inspired by S.Res.371 - A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the value of the bilateral relationship between the United States and Mexico; 115th Congress (2017-2018) by Sen. Jeff Flake (R-AZ).



Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2018

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 44 of title 18, U.S.C., is amended by inserting after section
3 926C the following: A person not prohibited by Federal law from
4 possessing, transporting, shipping, or receiving a firearm, who is carrying
5 valid photo identification, and who is carrying a valid license or permit
6 issued pursuant to law of a State and which permits the person to carry a
7 concealed firearm or is entitled to carry a concealed firearm in the State
8 in which the person resides, may possess or carry a concealed handgun
9 (other than a machinegun or destructive device) that has been shipped or
10 transported in interstate or foreign commerce, in any State that— (1) has
11 a statute under which residents of the State may apply for a license or
12 permit to carry a concealed firearm; or (2) does not prohibit carrying of
13 concealed firearms by residents of the State for lawful purposes.

14 **SECTION 2.** This shall not supersede State laws that (1) permit private persons or
15 entities to prohibit or restrict possession of concealed firearms on their
16 property; or (2) prohibit or restrict possession of firearms on any State or
17 local government property, installation, building, base, or park.

18 **SECTION 3.** A person possessing or carrying a concealed handgun in a State under §1
19 may do so in any Federal lands open to the public, managed by the
20 following agencies: (A) National Park System; (B) National Wildlife Refuge
21 System; (C) Bureau of Land Management; (D) Army Corps of Engineers;
22 (E) Bureau of Reclamation; (F) Forest Service.

23 **SECTION 4.** The Attorney General, Secretary of Commerce, and Secretary of the
24 Interior shall enforce this legislation.

25 **SECTION 5.** This act shall take effect upon passage. All Federal laws in conflict with
26 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate at the Barkley Forum for High Schools; inspired by H.R.38 -
Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act; 115th Congress (2017-2018) by Sen. Richard Hudson (R-NC).*



National Right-to-Work Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The National Labor Relations Act and Railway Labor Act shall be amended
3 to repeal provisions permitting employers or labor organizations,
4 pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement that is a union security
5 agreement, to require employees to join a union as a condition of
6 employment (including provisions permitting railroad carriers to require,
7 pursuant to such an agreement, payroll deduction of union dues or fees
8 as a condition of employment).

9 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect January 1, 2019. All laws in conflict with this
10 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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Choices in Education Act of 2018

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965/Every Student
3 Succeeds Act is herewith repealed.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Education (ED) is authorized only to award block
5 grants to State local educational agencies (LEAs) based on number of
6 eligible children within each LEA's geographical area. From these
7 amounts, each LEA shall: (1) distribute a portion of funds to parents who
8 elect to enroll their child in a private school or to homeschool their child,
9 and (2) do so in a manner that ensures that such payments will be used
10 for appropriate educational expenses.

11 **SECTION 3.** All funds currently appropriated to ED shall be directed to these block
12 grants, and administration thereof.

13 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect June 1, 2019. All laws in conflict with this
14 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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