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S.4 SAFE Social Security Act

WHEREAS THERE IS A NEED TO SAFEGUARD AND REALLOCATE FUNDS TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM, THEREFORE,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “SAFE Social Security Act.”

SEC. 2. ALTERING THE FEDERAL INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS ACT (FICA) CAP.

- (a) The Social Security Administration shall implement a 1% Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) tax on all income in excess of the current \$250,000 cap:
 - (i) A 6.2% FICA tax will continue to be paid on all income less than \$250,000;
 - (ii) An individual may opt out of the 1% FICA tax for all income above the \$250,000 threshold if they agree to a 5% decrease in the Social Security benefits they are entitled to receive after retirement.

SEC. 3. COMMITTEE ON THE REALLOCATION OF FUNDS.

- (a) The Senate Appropriations Committee (SAC) shall establish a bipartisan subcommittee, the SAFE Subcommittee. The subcommittee shall:
 - (i) Consist of an equal number of Democratic and Republican Senators;
 - (ii) Review the reallocation from other budget programs into the Social Security program; and,
 - (iii) Approval through both chambers of Congress shall be required for any budget adjustment to be made.
- (b) The SAC shall fund the new subcommittee from the existing federal budget through the decrease in funding of other departments and agencies:
 - i. The Senate Appropriations Committee shall decide which committees will receive reduced budgets at a later date.

SEC. 4. RETIREMENT AGE.

- a. The Senate Finance Committee shall reassess the retirement age required to be entitled to full Social Security benefits every 20 years:
 - i. The main criteria used shall be the average life expectancy of a citizen of the United States;
 - ii. The committee shall consider the current financial health of the Social Security Administration when setting the retirement age.

DEFINITIONS:



FICA - Federal Insurance Contributions Act

ENFORCEMENT: This bill will be enforced by the Social Security Administration, the Internal Revenue Service, and the Department of the Treasury.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This bill will take effect 91 days after passage.

FUNDING: This bill will be funded by the current Senate Appropriations Committee.

AUTHORS: OH-Sr., NH-Jr., AR-Sr., KY-Sr.

COSPONSORS: WA-Jr., CO-Sr., MD-Sr., PA-Sr., MI-Sr., NJ-Sr., OR-Sr., SC-Jr., NH-Jr.



S.5 Small Business Education Act

WHEREAS THERE IS A NEED TO EDUCATE SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS ABOUT THE INCORPORATION OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN THEIR BUSINESS MODELS, THEREFORE,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Small Business Education (S.B.E.) Act.”

SEC. 2. EDUCATION.

- (a) Congress shall allocate \$2 billion to create a bipartisan subcommittee composed of five Republican members and five Democratic members of the Small Business Administration and 20 select professionals in the fields of artificial intelligence and education chosen by the Chair of the Senate Committee on Small Business & Entrepreneurship:
 - (i) Let professionals be defined as individuals with at least a master’s degree in their field and previous experience in lawmaking;
 - (ii) The subcommittee shall create a free hybrid (online and in person) training module curriculum that teaches small business owners about A.I. and how to properly incorporate it into their business models;
 - (iii) Congress shall allocate \$1 billion of the \$2 billion to hire professionals trained in the hybrid training module; and the subcommittee shall assign professionals to states proportionate to the total population and number of small businesses in each state;
 - (iv) The in-person training module shall be held in local public high schools, community colleges, and universities; and,
 - (v) Let the subcommittee allocate a certain budget to advertising the in-person and online training modules with emphasis on advertisement in public schools.

SEC. 3. GRANTS FOR SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS.

- (a) The subcommittee shall allocate \$1 billion annually to offer grants to small businesses owners to invest in A.I. technology for their business:
 - (i) The members of the subcommittee shall review grant applications and equitably decide who receives the grant and how much money they receive;
- (b) The subcommittee shall allocate 20% of the advertisement budget from the previous sections for the purpose of increasing awareness of this grant opportunity.

DEFINITIONS:

Small business - a business with less than 500 employees

Extensive education - at least a masters degree in said field



ENFORCEMENT: This bill will be enforced by the Small Business Administration.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This bill will take effect 91 days after passage.

FUNDING: This bill will be funded by the Small Business Administration.

AUTHORS: NH-Sr., MD-Sr., NJ-Jr.

COSPONSORS: IN- Sr., AL-Jr., DE-Jr., KY-Jr.



S. 6 Reallocated Farm Act

WHEREAS THERE IS A NEED TO REALLOCATE THE IMMENSE BUDGET GIVEN IN THE FARM BILL TOWARDS ANAEROBIC DIGESTERS AND CLEAN ENERGY, THEREFORE,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “The Reallocated Farm Act.”

SEC. 2. ESTABLISHING BUDGETS.

- (a) The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) shall allocate the following funds for agriculture every five years:
- (i) \$376 million shall be earmarked for environmental stewardship; and,
 - (ii) \$541 million shall be earmarked for marketing:
 - (1) Half of this funding shall be earmarked for research on anaerobic digester efficiency, solving pollutant runoff, and developing electric farming infrastructure; and,
 - (2) Half of this funding shall be earmarked by the following guidelines:
 - a) \$100 million shall be set aside to pay for possible damages from the anaerobic digesters; and,
 - b) \$131 million shall be set aside for small-scale farmers who cannot afford upkeep.
- (b) The USDA shall amend the current Farm Bill to achieve the aforementioned goals.

SEC. 3. RESEARCH TEAMS.

- (a) The USDA shall direct newly appropriated funds towards research on existing anaerobic digesters and for the creation of new anaerobic digesters. Research shall be conducted by teams:
- (i) Consisting of 100 scientists each who shall collaborate closely with farmers to ensure research benefits those farmers; and,
 - (ii) Receiving \$40 million in funding every 5 years.

SEC. 4. CARBON CREDITS.

- (a) The EPA shall, upon a farm installing an anaerobic digester, award one carbon credit to the farm for each head of cattle present on said farm, with the following parameters:
- (i) Additional credits will be awarded for any heads of cattle added after the installation of the digester; and,



- (ii) Carbon credits will be worth \$52.5 per cow (or 150%) until the value of the digester is met, which will then subsequently become \$43.75 per cow (or 125%) after the cost of the digester has been met but before the farm has recouped twice the cost of the digester, and finally back to \$35 per cow (or 100%) if the cost of the digester has been doubled.

DEFINITIONS:

Anaerobic digesters – microorganisms that degrade material in the absence of oxygen, also serving as a source of renewable energy

ENFORCEMENT: This bill will be enforced by the Department of Agriculture.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This bill will take effect 91 days after passage.

FUNDING: This bill will be funded by the reallocated budget from the Farm Bill.

AUTHORS: MN-Sr.

COSPONSORS: NJ-Jr., VT-Jr., CA-Jr., KT-Jr., CA-Sr., IN-Jr.



S.7 Security and Prosperity in El Salvador Act

WHEREAS CIVIL LIBERTIES WHILE MAINTAINING NATIONAL SECURITY AND ECONOMIC PROSPERITY IN EL SALVADOR ARE VITAL, THEREFORE,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Security and Prosperity in El Salvador Act.”

SEC. 2. NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS.

- (a) The Department of Defense shall provide military aid from the Foreign Military Finance Program to the government of El Salvador:
 - (i) Funds shall be allocated to enhancing the police force and the shared intelligence program to combat cartels and gang formation;
 - (ii) Funding will be contingent upon a continued presence of fair judicial systems and due process within the country.
- (b) The United States Mission to the United Nations shall propose a resolution to the United Nations Human Rights Council to ensure fair judicial systems and due process remain within all fellow member states, including El Salvador.

SEC. 3. ECONOMIC PROSPERITY.

- (a) The Internal Revenue Service shall grant a 10% tax credit for all companies that previously or currently invest in El Salvador.
- (b) Congress shall reduce tariffs on Salvadoran exports by 5%.
- (c) Congress shall consider broader steps to aid the nation of El Salvador on the condition that future human rights benchmarks are reached:
 - (i) These benchmarks shall be assessed by the Senate at a later date.

DEFINITIONS:

Cartel - an association of manufacturers or suppliers with the purpose of maintaining prices at a high level and restricting competition

ENFORCEMENT: This bill will be enforced by the Department of Defense and Department of State.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This bill will take effect 91 days after passage.

FUNDING: This bill will be funded by the Foreign Military Financing Program under the Department of Defense.

AUTHORS: TN- Jr., UT-Jr., MD-Jr., ID-Jr.

COSPONSORS: FL-Sr., IA-Sr., VA-Jr., KY-Sr., CT-Jr., MN-Sr., CA-Sr., WY-Sr., ND-Sr., SC-Jr.