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H.B. 7 Conservation and Regenerative Optimization Practices (CROP)

WHEREAS THERE IS A NEED TO ADDRESS THE GROWING CONCERN OF CROP FRAGILITY DUE TO CARBON EMISSIONS; 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 “Conservation and Regenerative Optimization Practices Act” or “CROP Act.”

SEC. 2. CARBON CAPTURE TECHNOLOGY.

- (a) Congress shall redirect funding towards research on carbon capture technologies to improve their accessibility and usefulness through strengthening crop yields:
 - (i) The amount of funding shall be at the discretion of the United States Department of Agriculture’s Office of Budget and Program Analysis and shall be decided within 30 days of this bill’s enactment; and,
 - (ii) The funding shall be used to support research performed by private institutions .

SEC. 3. FUNDING LIMITS

- (a) Congress shall set a cap of \$20 million for the budget of the United States Department of Agriculture to avoid abuse of funds in the USDA:
 - (i) Congress shall re-evaluate this limit each 8 months.

DEFINITIONS:

Carbon capture - the repurposing of carbon emissions to store in soil and plants

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

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

FUNDING: This bill will be funded by a grant from the Environmental Quality Incentives Program

AUTHORS: NY-17, OK-03, NJ-21

COSPONSORS: MO-04, FL-08, OR-05, CA-48, SC-01, TX-14, PA-12



H.B. 8 Shark Tank Act

WHEREAS THERE IS A NEED TO INCREASE COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION FOR SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS; 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 “Shark Tank Act.”

SECTION 2. THE BILL’S CONTENT.

- (a) The House Small Business Committee shall establish an oversight sub-committee:
 - (i) The subcommittee shall contain eight members of the majority and seven members of the minority as appointed by the committee chair;
 - (ii) The subcommittee shall create, oversee, and regulate an online “affirmation platform” connecting registered venture capitalists with registered small businesses; and,
 - (iii) The subcommittee shall approve and register small businesses and venture capitalists for this service.
- (b) The affirmation platform shall contain a section dedicated to educating small business owners on best practices, government-sponsored funding opportunities, and small business regulations:
 - (i) The educational section shall include information on market trends, national interest rates, inflation rates, etc; and,
 - (ii) This aforementioned section shall also include professional volunteers who specialize in e-commerce, market trends, economists:
 - (1) Volunteers shall be trained by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

DEFINITIONS:

Small Business - A corporation which has an annual profit exceeding no more than \$75,000.

Venture Capitalist - Companies or organizations who provide capital in exchange for equity in an external entity.

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

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

FUNDING: This bill will be funded by the House Ways and Means Committee.

AUTHORS: NY-19, MI-11, WA-03, VT-AL

COSPONSORS: HI-02, MN-05, VA-03, OH-10, MO-03, KS-03, RI-01, NH-01, WA-09, LA-04, FL-27, SC-01



H.B. 9 Preventing Drug Trafficking in America Act

WHEREAS THERE IS A NEED TO PREVENT DRUG TRAFFICKING; 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 “Preventing Drug Trafficking in America Act” or “PDT Act.”

SEC. 2. INCREASED FUNDING.

- (a) The House Judiciary Committee shall increase funding towards the purposes specified in the following sections.

SEC. 3. BORDER SECURITY.

- (a) The House Judiciary Committee shall allocate \$250 million for the following purposes:
 - (i) Equipping border security with non-lethal weaponry including tasers, pellet guns, and batons:
 - (1) Each border security office shall carry these weapons on their person when on duty.
 - (ii) Utilizing drones with thermal technology to further inspect vehicles at the border.

SEC. 4. RESEARCH INTO SYNTHETIC DRUGS.

- (a) The House Judiciary Committee shall increase funding through grants to accredited research institutions and federal/state research agencies for research into the production of synthetic drugs.
- (b) The House Judiciary Committee shall allow the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) to ban reactants found by accredited researchers that are used in the production of synthetic drugs.

SEC. 5. CUSTOMS SCREENING.

- (a) The House Judiciary Committee shall establish a mandatory secondary customs screening by Customs and Border Protection (CBP) for all passengers, including United States citizens, in the proximity of tertiary, largely drug-producing countries, through aerial, maritime, and terrestrial ports of entry.

SEC. 6. INTELLIGENCE.

- (a) The House Judiciary Committee shall prioritize collaboration through alliance with foreign governments for intelligence on financial, physical, and corporate activities of known drug traffickers.

SEC. 7. INCREASED SENTENCING.



- (a) The House Judiciary Committee shall raise the current five year mandatory minimum sentence for narcotics trafficking to ten years.
- (b) Additional fines shall be imposed on those who commit drug-related crimes to raise funds for this bill.

SEC. 7. TARGETING DRUG ADDICTION CONCERNS.

- (a) The House Judiciary Committee shall allocate funds for rehabilitation programs for individuals who struggle with addiction:
 - (i) Rehabilitation programs shall be directed by individual states based on their specific needs;
 - (ii) Rehabilitation programs shall provide multi-pronged recovery programs for addicts including therapy, pharmaceutical treatments, and rehab programs; and,
 - (iii) Rehabilitation programs shall seek the reintegration of people struggling with drug into society.
- (b) The House Judiciary Committee shall additionally allocate funding directed towards educational campaigns that target topics related to addiction.

ENFORCEMENT: This bill will be enforced by the Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security.

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

FUNDING: This bill will be funded by the House Committee on ways and means.

AUTHORS: ND-AL, TX-23, NJ-02, MI-10

COSPONSORS: CO-04, LA-04, SC-07, SC-02, CA-05, PA-17, NC-08, CA-48



H.B. 10 Fishing Rod, Aids, and Bases Act of 2024

WHEREAS RUSSIA’S OFFER OF MILITARY AID, CHINA’S EXPANSION OF INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS, AND UNPRECEDENTED ATTACKS ON INTERNATIONAL CARGO SHIPS IN THE RED SEA CONDUCTED BY TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS TO PROTECT AMERICAN AND GLOBAL INTERESTS IN SOMALIA; WHEREAS THE LONG TERM INVESTMENT IS THE BEST WAY TO UPLIFT THE SOMALIAN PEOPLE; WHEREAS THE SEVERAL HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN SOMALIA IN RECENT YEARS HAS LED TO A REGIONAL INABILITY TO SELF-SUSTAIN AGRICULTURAL OUTPUT; 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 “Fishing Rod, Aids, and Bases Act of 2024” or the “FAB Act.”

SEC. 2. MILITARY PRESENCE.

- (a) The Department of Defense shall establish US military bases under joint control of the United States Africa Command (AFRICOM) and the Federal Government of Somalia along the northern coast in close proximity to the Gulf of Aden:
- (i) The number of bases shall be determined by an agreement between AFRICOM and the Federal Government of Somalia;
 - (ii) The locations of the bases shall be chosen primarily based on joint AFRICOM and Somali government military strategy and secondarily on Somali agricultural advantage as determined by the Federal Government of Somalia;
 - (iii) The purpose of the bases shall be to provide two-fold support against terrorism:
 - (1) The bases shall combat terrorism around the northern coast of Somalia and shall observe the action of extremist groups in the Gulf of Aden; and,
 - (2) The bases shall provide training for Somali troops in counterterrorism tactics and civilian safety.
 - (iv) Military spending on base maintenance shall be capped at \$300 million annually for operations and an initial \$700 million for construction; and,
 - (v) The total number of United States troops sent to the bases shall be capped at 15,000 and shall be determined by joint AFRICOM and Somali government discretion.

SEC. 3. AGRICULTURAL AID.

- (a) The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) shall provide a sustenance farming training program to Somali citizens:
- (i) The sustenance farming training program shall occur in three-month periods with 50 person cohorts over two years, providing materials to farm for a year upon completion;



- (ii) USAID shall hire 1,000 agricultural experts in order to train local farmers and establish sustainable regional farming practices;
 - (iii) USAID shall allocate \$4 million for farming supplies and technology and \$5 million in compensation to US agricultural experts annually; and,
 - (iv) The training program shall be re-evaluated after initial completion:
 - (1) The training program shall be extended for two more years if the yield success rate on test farms is determined by agricultural experts to be at least 70%.
- (b) USAID shall provide \$50 million in grants over five years toward the development and implementation of agricultural infrastructure in the northern coast of Somalia:
- (i) The funds shall be used to provide fish, livestock, crops, paper, and iron resources to local communities; and,
 - (ii) The implementation of this bill on the ground shall be accompanied and secured by a military escort formed of US troops stationed in Somalia, contingent on the scale of the project.
- (c) USAID, with the approval of the Somali government, shall create a Somali Investment Ethics Board:
- (i) The ethics board shall contain four members of the majority and four members of the minority as appointed of the House Armed Services Committee, as appointed by the House Armed Services Committee chair;
 - (ii) The ethics board shall meet once a month to oversee military services and the training program; and,
 - (iii) Aid funding shall be re-evaluated yearly and reallocated and relocated as necessary according to criteria determined by the board.

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: This bill will take effect 90 days after passage.

FUNDING: This bill will be funded by the United States Agency for International Development and the Department of Defense.

AUTHORS: WI-03, MI-07, NY-21, MA-01, AL-03

COSPONSORS: OR-05, TX-30, CA-51, MN-06, UT-02, NY-18, NC-14, NE-02, LA-04, ME-02, MA-06, AL-05, NJ-03, TX-33, WA-09, PA-17, VA-04, NY-01, NV-04, PA-17, PA-06, MI-01