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## H.B. 1 Trading Summit Act

WHEREAS THERE IS A NEED TO STRENGTHEN TRADE AND ECONOMIC TIES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA

*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 “Trading Summit Act” or the “TSA.”

### SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

- (a) The India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership shall host an annual US–India Strategic Trade Summit:
- (i) This will be held with representation from the India Trade Promotion Organisation, business leaders from both countries, and the House Foreign Affairs India subcommittee;
  - (ii) The inaugural summit shall take place in Washington, D.C., although for future editions, the India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership will review applications from city governments and consider the following criteria:
    - (1) Diversity of industry in the region, with a particular emphasis on digital technology and artificial intelligence;
    - (2) Infrastructure and ease of access; and,
    - (3) Access to high-impact government institutions
  - (iii) Summits shall focus on strategies to:
    - (1) Develop mutually favorable trade practices for emerging technologies;
    - (2) Optimize bilateral export control regulations;
    - (3) Limit friction between government regulations and private enterprise; and,
    - (4) Improve labor management practices to improve productivity
  - (iv) This summit shall also host workshops in a way that is accessible to non-experts on the technologies including, but not limited to, semiconductors, artificial intelligence, large language models, generative models, neural networks, and technology ethics:
    - (1) These workshops shall be hosted by:
      - a) Academics with subject expertise in a given field;
      - b) Industry leaders; and,
      - c) Members of Indian and US governments with backgrounds in a given field

### **DEFINITIONS:**

*Artificial intelligence (AI)* - technology or computer systems that are capable of performing tasks that normally require human intelligence including speech recognition and decision-making



**ENFORCEMENT:** This bill shall be enforced by the United States Foreign Affairs Committee in partnership with the India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership.

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

**FUNDING:** This bill will be funded by the India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership.

**AUTHORS:** CA-40, FL-06, FL-21, MI-10, NJ-21, OH-8

**COSPONSORS:** OH-10, AL-3, SC-1, TX-13, TX-32, CO-1, FL-10, HI-2, TX-1, IN-9, IN-04, KY-06, CA-56, NY-09, NY-08



## H.B. 2 Saudi Arabian Humanitarian Support Act

WHEREAS THERE IS A NEED TO PROVIDE A STRONGER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA TO PROMOTE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES

*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 “Saudi Arabian Humanitarian Support Act” or “SAHS Act.”

### SEC. 2. PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN AID.

- (a) Contingent on the fulfillment of various humanitarian criteria, the Department of State and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) shall contract U.S.-based energy suppliers that operate in the Middle East to support Saudi Arabian civilian access to electricity, with support taking the form of:
  - (i) Cooperation with Saudi energy companies to construct reliable power grids;
  - (ii) Ensuring quality control at points of entry, including ports, airports, and land borders through which energy is transported;
  - (iii) Studying appropriate plans for pipelines and advancing the consideration of environmental concerns;
  - (iv) Establishing strategic refueling points along the Red Sea and Persian Gulf; and,
  - (v) Developing strategies to ensure a constant supply of energy for rural communities
- (b) The United States Department of State shall reestablish refueling operations previously discontinued by the Trump administration;
- (c) USAID shall develop partnerships with medical facilities and hospital infrastructure in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, employing existing USAID resources, staff, and funding

### SEC. 3. INTELLIGENCE.

- (a) The Department of State shall establish a board of 15 members to determine whether the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has ceased violent treatment for innocent civilians:
  - (i) Membership will be nonpartisan and will include international intelligence experts and international human rights lawyers
- (b) The Central Intelligence Agency and the United States Intelligence Community shall use administrative policies to follow and track the sale and use of military weapons sold to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia:
  - (i) They shall use all available technology to do so; and,
  - (ii) If the United Nations International Criminal Court determines there had been an abrogation of human rights, the United States will decrease their arms sales as seen fit by the President of the United States or the Department of Defense



#### **SEC. 4. HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.**

- (a) The incentives outlined in Section 1 shall only come into effect should the Department of State deem that any human rights abuses committed by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia have decreased to a sufficient amount:
- (i) This amount shall be determined by the Department of State in collaboration with the board established in Section 3

#### **SEC. 5. NEGOTIATIONS.**

- (a) The Department of State and Department of Energy shall negotiate with the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to lower oil prices through the encouragement of increased production

#### **DEFINITIONS:**

*Human Rights Violations* - any such acts that violate all inherent rights outlined by the United Nations, including: the right to life and liberty, freedom from slavery and torture, freedom of opinion and expression, and the right to work and education

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

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

**FUNDING:** This bill will be funded by the House Appropriations Committee.

**AUTHORS:** MA-05, AZ-08, PA-01, PA-06

**COSPONSORS:** VI-AL, IL-16, CA-15, GA-08, AR-02, CA-11, AZ-1, CA-34, CA-09(R), CA-07, CA-01, CA-10, CA-05, NJ-05, AL-05



## H.B. 3 Homeschooled Children Protection Act

WHEREAS THERE IS A NEED TO PROTECT THE PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH OF CHILDREN IN A HOME EDUCATION SYSTEM BY INSTITUTING PROTECTIONS AND POLICIES

*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 “Homeschooled Children Protection Act.”

### SEC. 2. INCREASED INFORMATION ON STUDENTS.

- (a) All students enrolled in an at-home education program shall be registered annually with the federal Department of Education and their respective state Boards of Education
- (b) At-home educators shall provide:
  - (i) The full legal name of the child;
  - (ii) The birth date of the child; and,
  - (iii) A brief description of the planned curriculum

### SEC. 2. INCREASED INFORMATION ON AT-HOME EDUCATORS.

- (a) At-home educators shall adhere to the following guidelines that shall be enforced by the federal Board of Education, local Boards of Education, and Child Protective Services:
  - (i) Attend quarterly check-ins at the students’ home to ensure the child’s safety;
  - (ii) Provide sufficient evidence that abuse and neglect is not occurring in the home; and,
  - (iii) Maintain a criminal record that is free of any and all felonies:
    - (1) Should a change in their criminal record occur, the at-home educator must report this change to the federal Department of Education and county Department of Education within 30 days
- (b) Each state’s Department of Criminal Justice Information Services shall conduct a thorough background check on all at-home educators prior to the start of homeschooling students

### SEC. 3. RESOURCES FOR HOMESCHOOL STUDENTS.

- (a) Homeschooled students shall be granted access to their school district’s educational resources, including, but not limited to, sports, student organizations, courses offered by the district schools, and access to emotional support services

#### **DEFINITIONS:**

*At-home Educator* - any adult who is providing homeschooling services to a youth in their care



**ENFORCEMENT:** The Department of Education, in coordination with Child Protective Services, shall enforce this act. Violations of this act may result in penalties, including but not limited to, revocation of homeschooling privileges.

**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:** PA-17, TX-8, NC-01

**COSPONSORS:** KS-04, NJ-01, HI-02, NM-03, MI-10, MO-04, WI-03, FL-24, RI-01, NC-06, PA-06, NY-16, SC-01, VA-04, NJ-03