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A Bill to Compensate Prisoners Fairly

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All federal and state inmates shall be paid at least the federal minimum wage for any work that they perform while incarcerated. Money earned through prison labor will be deposited into an account that can be accessed by inmates and their designated family members.

SECTION 2. The minimum wage is the lowest wage permitted by law. The current federal minimum wage is \$7.25 per hour.

SECTION 3. The Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

A. The BOP will ensure that money earned by inmates is secured properly in a bank contracted with the federal government. The contracted bank will be prohibited from charging exorbitant fees for accessing or transferring funds from accounts.

B. Jails or prisons that fail to implement this legislation will be fined \$1000 per inmate, per day until they are in full compliance.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2023.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dripping Springs High School



A Bill to Revitalize Space Exploration

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) shall reallocate all money designated for federal subsidies to private space companies towards public research and development programs for space exploration.

SECTION 2. A. "Private space companies" is defined as privately owned partnerships or corporations that participate in space exploration, such as Blue Origin or SpaceX.

B. "Space exploration" is defined as the physical exploration of outer space, both by human spaceflights and robotic spacecraft.

SECTION 3. NASA shall be responsible for implementation of this legislation.

A. Annual audits will be carried out to ensure that research and development is making significant progress.

B. If it is determined that significant progress has not been made within 10 years of this legislation's implementation, this legislation will be declared null and void.

SECTION 4. This bill will be implemented at the start of FY 2023.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Seven Lakes High School



A Bill to Subsidize Broadband and Fund Fiber Optic Cable Infrastructure

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The US Federal Government should subsidize broadband with internet service providers (ISPs) in rural areas and set up key "Internet Pipelines" to provide all Americans with adequate internet access.

SECTION 2. a. The subsidizing of the broadband industry shall be defined as the US Federal Government creating special contracts with Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to make the internet accessible for constituents living in areas without coverage.

b. The setting up of "Internet Pipelines" shall be defined as the US Federal Government funding Fiber Optic Cable Infrastructure to bring faster and more reliable Internet to more Americans.

SECTION 3. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Department of the Treasury will oversee the fulfilment of this legislation.

A. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will oversee the implementation by creating contracts with ISPs for Section 2A of this Bill.

B. The Department of the Treasury will oversee the implementation by providing funds for Section 2B of this Bill.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect on Fiscal Year 2023

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by R.C. Clark High School



A Bill to Establish a National Infrastructure Bank

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The National Infrastructure Bank is established as a Government corporation subject to chapter 91 of title 31, United States Code by adding at the end the following: “(Q) the National Infrastructure Bank.”. The purpose of National Infrastructure Bank shall be to facilitate efficient, long-term financing of infrastructure projects, business and economic growth, and new job creation in the United States.

SECTION 2. A. Bank—The term “Bank” means the National Infrastructure Bank established under section 4(a).

B. Infrastructure Project—The term “infrastructure project” means any transportation, energy, environmental, telecommunications, community development, or other infrastructure project for which a development plan is presented to the Bank for financing. It shall exclude military infrastructure.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of the Treasury shall take such action as may be necessary to assist in implementing the establishment of the National Infrastructure Bank, including obtaining a national bank charter.

A. An appropriation of \$50,000,000 shall be allotted for FY 2022 and 2023.

SECTION 4. This bill shall go into effect at the beginning of FY 2022.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Winston Churchill HS.



A Bill to Ban Private Military Companies (PMCs) from Conducting Independent Operations Without Federal Authorization

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall prohibit Private Military Companies (PMCs) from
3 conducting independent operations without authorization from both Congress and the
4 US Department of Defense (DoD).

5 **SECTION 2.** Private Military Companies shall be defined as any private organization
6 providing armed militaristic operations for monetary profit, such as Blackwater, Vinnell
7 Corp, and MAG Aerospace.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense and the US Congress shall be tasked with the
9 implementation and enforcement of this bill. The Department of Defense (DoD) shall be
10 tasked with the proper communication and collaboration of the PMCs.

11 A. Hereby, all PMCs shall be required to register with the Department of Defense.

12 B. The Department of Defense shall be tasked with the facilitation of communication
13 between the United States government and PMCs in joint operations.

14 C. The United States Congress shall be tasked with the authorization of all PMC
15 operations and interests.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall begin implementation January 1, 2023 and reach full
17 implementation by February 1, 2023.

18 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Leander High School.



A Resolution to Establish Diplomatic Relations with Afghanistan

- WHEREAS,** The United States maintains relationships with several nations with problematic human rights records; and
- WHEREAS,** Ceding diplomatic influence in Afghanistan to nations such as China or Pakistan can have long-term negative geopolitical consequences throughout central Asia; and
- WHEREAS,** Afghanistan is rich in rare-earth metals, which are essential elements of many modern electronics; and
- WHEREAS,** Refusal to establish diplomatic relations with the current government of Afghanistan will diminish U.S. influence in the region; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States reestablish its embassy in Kabul; and be it
- FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the United States seek to establish formal diplomatic relations with the current governing authority in Afghanistan.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Tascosa High School



A Bill to Place Women's Health Clinics on Federal Land to Reduce Undue Burden on Women

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Hyde Amendment is hereby repealed, and Women's Health Clinics
3 will be opened on Federal land in states that, in any way, restrict a
4 woman's right as guaranteed in Roe v. Wade.

5 **SECTION 2.** "Women's Health Clinics" shall be defined as a medical facility that
6 specializes in whole women's health.

7 A. Whole women's health shall include, but not be limited to: pre- and
8 post-natal services, mammograms, pap smears, contraception, and family
9 planning.

10 **SECTION 3.** The General Services Administration (GSA) and the Department of Health
11 and Human Services (HHS) shall work in tandem to enforce this
12 legislation.

13 A. The GSA will be in charge of finding the locations for these clinics on
14 existing federal land.

15 B. HHS will be in charge of staffing and operations of the clinic.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect on Jan 1, 2023.

17 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by A&M Consolidated High School



A Resolution to End Our Commitment to Israel

- WHEREAS,** The nation of Israel commits various human rights abuses against the Palestinian people; and
- WHEREAS,** These human rights abuses include the violent destruction of Palestinian homes, lives, and the detainment and abuse of Palestinian children; and
- WHEREAS,** The Israeli state has repeatedly refused to cooperate with the Palestinians and has evaded responsibility for its cruel actions despite being denounced by the UN and various human rights organizations; and
- WHEREAS,** The United States provides arms and funds to Israel under obligations like the Memorandum of Understanding which was renewed in 2016 to last until fiscal year 2028; and
- WHEREAS,** These weapons sales amount to \$3.8 billion a year towards Israel's Iron Dome and military; and
- WHEREAS,** \$25.25 in individual taxpayer money goes toward funding this suppression of a marginalized people; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States cease all funding and aid to Israel.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Amarillo High School



A Bill to Reduce Military Spending to Aid Americans

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall cap the annual defense budget at \$415 billion dollars and designate the additional \$300 billion dollars from the defense budget for annual budgetary reprioritization initiatives.
- SECTION 2.** Budgetary reprioritization initiatives are defined as initiatives that provide funding for a \$300/month universal child tax credit, the State Department, education programs, Medicare, and Medicaid.
- SECTION 3.** The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the parliamentarians of the Senate and House will oversee the implementation of the provisions of this bill and ensure appropriate spending levels in accordance with Section 1.
- A. The OMB may alter the amounts designated in Section 1 and Section 2 to conform with annual inflation rates in cooperation with the Department of the Treasury.
- B. Defense appropriations proposed by the President and by Congress shall be regulated according to the limits set in Section 1 by the OMB and congressional parliamentarians.
- SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect for the budgetary process of FY 2023.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Plano Senior High School



A Resolution to Require a Majority Vote to Raise the Debt Limit

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Currently, Senate rules require a 60 vote majority to raise the debt limit; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** The debt limit is a ceiling imposed by Congress on the amount of debt that
- 3 the U.S. Federal government can have outstanding; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** When the debt limit is reached, the U.S. Treasury exhausts its cash and
- 5 extraordinary measures, and the Federal government loses any means to pay its
- 6 bills and fund its operation; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** if the debt limit is reached without being raised, the US economy will suffer
- 8 sustained and completely avoidable damage; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Legislation to raise the debt limit has been used as a political weapon by
- 10 legislators in the minority; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** risking the full faith and credit of the United States is unconscionable; and
- 12 **WHEREAS,** a debt default would have severe consequences on not just the United States,
- 13 but the economy of the entire world; now, therefore, be it
- 14 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that raising the debt limit shall henceforth and
- 15 forevermore require only a majority vote of each House of Congress.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Chapin High School



A Bill to Limit the Number of Hours Teens are Permitted to Work

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. American workers aged 13 to 16 will be limited in the number of hours worked each day to no more than 5 clock hours and no more than 25 hours per week. Said workers will have a minimum of one day off per workweek. Moreover, employers are prohibited from scheduling 13 to 16 year old students during the school day.

SECTION 2. A workweek is defined as the 7 day period beginning on Monday at 12:00 AM and ending on Sunday at 11:59 PM local time. A school day is defined as the hours a student is legally required to be in attendance at their educational establishment.

SECTION 3. This bill will be enforced by the Department of Labor and Labor Wage and Hour Division.

- A. Companies found to be in violation will be fined \$1,000 per day, per infraction.
- B. Compensation in the amount of \$100 per hour worked in violation, will be awarded to the employee subjected to the violation.

SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect January 1st 2023.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pampa High School



The Douglass Commonwealth Admission Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. With the consent of the residents therein, the District of Columbia shall be proclaimed the Douglass Commonwealth.

SECTION 2. Douglass Commonwealth shall have the same status as the other fifty states, including representation, the number of which shall be determined by the Census and elected in the next national congressional election.

SECTION 3. The statehood process shall be guided by the District's current leadership.

A. Within thirty days of the passage of this legislation, the Mayor of the District of Columbia shall conduct a plebiscite to be certified by the District of Columbia Board of Elections.

B. If a plurality vote indicates support for statehood, the state constitution (as approved by the Council of the District of Columbia on October 18, 2016) shall be adopted.

SECTION 4. This piece of legislation shall be enacted immediately upon passage.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by James Bowie High School



A Resolution to Refocus the Prosper Africa Initiative to Solely Prioritize Sustainable Development

- WHEREAS,** The Prosper Africa initiative was launched in 2018 by the Trump Administration in an attempt to streamline US Aid to the continent; and
- WHEREAS,** Prosper Africa has pursued a variety of different avenues to promote economic growth across the region; and
- WHEREAS,** This lack of focus has diluted the economic impact of the program; and
- WHEREAS,** Developing nations suffer greater impacts from climate change, including increased food insecurity, extreme weather events, and resource depletion; and
- WHEREAS,** Sustainable development practices help countries grow in ways that adapt to the challenges posed by climate change; and
- WHEREAS,** The UN estimates that developing countries will need to spend \$3.3 to \$4.5 trillion per year to meet their Sustainable Development Goals; and
- WHEREAS,** The US has a direct interest in promoting stability across the world's fastest-growing region, as it will directly affect long-running bilateral relationships; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** By the Congress here, assembled that the US government should refocus resources in the Prosper Africa initiative to focus solely on promoting sustainable development.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jack C. Hays High School



A Bill to Federally Mandate Paid Maternity Leave to Close the Gender Wage Gap

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** The U.S. federal government shall hereby require businesses to offer their employees 12 weeks of paid maternity/paternity leave
- SECTION 2.** Maternity/paternity leave shall be defined as protected time that an employee can take off to care for their newborn or newly adopted child
- SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) and U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) will handle the implementation and enforcement of this bill
- A. The DOL and DOC will ensure that all businesses with 1,500 employees or more offer 12 weeks of paid maternity/paternity leave annually
- B. Any business found to violate this law by the either the DOL or DOC will be fined \$10,000 initially, with that number increasing annually by \$2,000 until the policy is implemented
- SECTION 4.** This bill we be implemented on January 1, 2023
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Spring Woods High School



A Bill to Fund Infrastructure for Reservations

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Secretary of Interior in conjunction with the director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs shall develop a plan to expedite construction and the development of infrastructure on federally recognized reservations.

SECTION 2. Infrastructure shall be defined as roads, bridges, water, power facilities, and medical facilities.

SECTION 3. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Department of the Interior (DOI) will oversee the enforcement and implementation of this legislation.

A. All infrastructure building projects and plans shall be expedited and supervised by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

B. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Division of Facilities Management and Construction shall be expanded to include the construction, management, and maintenance of reservation infrastructure.

C. Funds shall be distributed based on square mileage of reservation, current funding toward infrastructure projects, and general necessity as assessed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

D. \$7 billion shall be allotted for the implementation of this bill.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall go into effect October 1, 2023.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Frenship High School.



A Resolution to Protect America's LGBTQ+ Youth

- WHEREAS,** Minors are still developing their own sense of self and are vulnerable to manipulation and abuse based on their sexuality; and
- WHEREAS,** Conversion therapy, sometimes called “reparative therapy” is shown to be extremely damaging for mental health and has life-long effects on those who are subjected to it; and
- WHEREAS,** LGBTQ+ youth are at a significantly higher risk than the general population to commit suicide because of discrimination against their sexuality; and
- WHEREAS,** Only 20 states and no territories have banned conversion therapy for minors; and
- WHEREAS,** LGBTQ+ youth do not deserve to go through the incredibly traumatic process of conversion therapy and suffer from trauma for the rest of their lives; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that ban gay conversion therapy for minors be banned in the United States of; and be it
- FURTHER RESOLVED,** That Congress establish a fund to compensate victims that were subjected to conversion therapy as minors.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Tascosa High School



A Resolution to Impose Sanctions on Qatar

- WHEREAS,** In the past ten years, Qatar has embarked on an unprecedented building program, largely in preparation for the FIFA 2022 football tournament; and
- WHEREAS,** More than 6,500 migrant workers from India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka have died in Qatar since it won the right to host the World Cup ten years ago; and
- WHEREAS,** Qatari authorities have failed to investigate the deaths of thousands of migrant workers over the past decade, despite evidence of links between premature deaths and unsafe working conditions; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States impose sanctions on the Country of Qatar for its role in the abuse of migrant workers for the development of the infrastructure for the FIFA 2022 football tournament.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jordan High School in Fulshear, Texas



A Bill to Designate Election Day as a Federal Holiday to Promote Democracy

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Election Day will be designated and recognized as a United States federal holiday.

SECTION 2. Election Day shall be defined as the day the federal government sets for federal elections.

A federal holiday shall be defined as a calendar date recognized as a holiday by the United States government.

A. All non-essential federal government offices are closed.

B. Every federal government employee shall be paid for the day.

SECTION 3. This bill will be enacted by the United States Congress in joint cooperation with the Federal Election Commission.

A. Additionally, \$10 billion will be allocated to the Federal Election Commission in order to ensure the proper amount of voting stations throughout the country.

SECTION 4. This bill shall go into effect two months upon passage.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by W. B. Ray HS



A Bill to Enact a Deposit to Oil and Natural Gas Companies

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A. Companies will be required to place a deposit in the amount of \$150,000 per well prior to the start of drilling for oil or natural gas. This money will be designated for use to cap an oil well in case of bankruptcy.

B. For companies with functioning wells, 1 percent of revenue will be deposited annually for the repair of environmental damage caused in the drilling, extraction, or transportation of the gas or oil.

SECTION 2. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) will create a banking system for the purpose of keeping the deposits given by the companies.

A. If found in violation of this bill they will have their equipment and the oil well seized, sold, and the money will be used for the capping of the oil well. Their permit will also be terminated so that no new oil wells can be drilled by the same entity.

B. The FERC, in cooperation with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), will have control over the funds and distribution for the purposes of environmental repair and well capping.

C. If a company caps their well, they may withdraw the \$150,000 capping deposit, but are not entitled to the return of the environmental damage deposit.

SECTION 3. This legislation shall go into effect on January 1st, 2023

SECTION 4. All Laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rock Hill High School



A Resolution to Financially Assist Single Parents

- WHEREAS,** Single parents are often criticized in public for not having any beam of support;
and
- WHEREAS,** The financial challenges of raising children with only one source of income leads
to damaged credits scores which makes it even more difficult to secure future
loans; and
- WHEREAS,** Parents often prioritize their children's educational budget more than retirement
savings; and
- WHEREAS,** Childcare is notably expensive, yet it is even more expensive- comparatively for a
single-income household; and
- WHEREAS,** According to the United States Census, 25% of children in the US are living in a
single income household; and
- WHEREAS,** Although the US has established programs and subsidies, there are still
households who are above the poverty line that don't make a steady amount to
live comfortably; and
- WHEREAS,** Debt levels among single parents are up by 105% of 2014 when the poverty line
was already issued; and
- WHEREAS,** Current Jobs aren't providing many single parent families the security or income
needed and are under constant financial strain; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled, that government assistance programs ought to
double income maximums for single-parent households.

Submitted for Congressional Debate by Plano East Sr. High



A Bill to Enact a Ranked Choice Vote

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) shall hereby be used in all federal congressional district elections and presidential elections.
- SECTION 2.** The following definitions apply:
- A. "Ranked Choice Voting" shall be defined as a method of achieving proportional representation where voters rank their choices rather than just voting for one candidate. A minimum quota of votes needed to win a seat shall be set, based on the number of seats up for election.
- SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Commission shall be tasked with the enforcement of this legislation.
- A. \$2 billion shall be allocated to invest in the technology and infrastructure necessary to implement RCV in elections.
- B. \$500 million shall be allocated to voter education programs aimed at training voters to accommodate the RCV system.
- SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect for the 2024 election period.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by The Village High School



A Bill to Create Special Visas for At-Risk Afghans

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A new Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) for at-risk populations in Afghanistan, including women, transgendered or gender non-conforming individuals, journalists, and social justice advocates, shall be created.

SECTION 2. Immigrant visas are issued to foreign nationals who intend to live permanently in the United States. The “Special Immigrant” category includes people who qualify for a green card, or permanent resident status, under the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) special immigrant program.

SECTION 3. The U.S. Citizenship and Immigrations Services (USCIS) will oversee the implementation of the new visa. The USCIS will establish more specific criteria for awarding the new special visas, but the intent is to be as inclusive as possible. The process will also be expedited, and new personnel and resources will be provided to avoid delays or backlogs.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage, and the USCIS will have two months to begin processing applications.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dripping Springs High School



A Bill to Raise Taxes on the Rich

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The top tax rate shall be increased for individuals with an income of \$523,600 or more and \$628,300 or more for married couples filing jointly from 37% to 45%.

SECTION 2. Federal Income Taxes shall be defined as the tax levied by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on the annual earnings of individuals and married couples.

SECTION 3. This legislation shall be overseen by the Internal Revenue Service.

a. Any action taken to evade an assessment of tax will earn an individual to five years in prison against not paying taxes.

SECTION 4. This shall be the effective tax rate for this income brackets starting in the 2022 tax year.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by R.C. Clark High School



A Bill To Initiate Universal Background Checks For Privatized Gun Sellers To Decrease Gun Violence In America

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Privatized gun sellers and businesses must conduct background checks for all buyers and report all background to the state government for review before selling any firearms.

SECTION 2. Privatized Gun Sellers are US citizens who are selling their own weapons and do not hold a license to sell firearms, issued by the State governments. This is legal under federal law and only becomes illegal when a privatized seller knowingly sells a firearm to a prohibited individual. Guns can be sold from individual to individual, at gun shows, online, ect.

SECTION 3. The background checks will be reported to each state's Department of Public Safety.

A. This information will be transferred into a central database, and it will be reviewed for validation of the information.

a. The specific department monitoring this process is the
Department of Handgun Licensing in each state.

B. Local law enforcement can access this information at their disposal.

SECTION 4. Implemented at the start of Fiscal Year 2023.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Plano East Sr. High



A Bill to Repeal Section 230 to Promote the Accountability of Big Tech Companies

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

SECTION 1. Section 230 of Title 47 of United States Code shall be eliminated.

SECTION 2. Section 230 shall be defined as Section 230 of Title 47 of US code (47 U.S.C. § 230), enacted as part of the United States Communications Decency Act (CDA) of 1996. Section 230 states, “No provider or user of an interactive computer service shall be treated as the publisher or speaker of any information provided by another information content provider.”

SECTION 3. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) will oversee the enforcement of this bill. The Department of Justice (DOJ) will be responsible for the prosecution of corporations found to have broken federal law by hosting illegal content on their website(s).

A. The DOJ will not prosecute until 2023, allowing companies to reform their terms and conditions, oversight, and moderation rules

SECTION 4. This bill would go into effect January 1, 2023

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jack C. Hays High School



A Resolution to Fund Lab Grown Coral to Help Reverse Coral Extinction

- WHEREAS,** Many factors such as disease, overfishing, pollution, and climate change have contributed to the extinction of coral reefs; and
- WHEREAS,** Coral reefs are essential to marine ecosystems as they provide a direct source of food, shelter, and protection for marine life,
- WHEREAS,** Due to the economic and social benefits that coral reefs provide like seafood, tourism, and even medicine, coral reefs are an outlet worth more than 30 billion dollars per year; and
- WHEREAS,** Coral reefs also help prevent coastal erosion and offer protection from storm surge; and
- WHEREAS,** As climate change has put coral reefs under stress, it causes bleaching, which has wiped out more than half of the entire coral population since 1980; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that government funding be provided for coral preservation and lab grown coral to ensure a decline in the rate at which coral reefs are dying .

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Brandeis High School



Mars: 2030 Resolution

- WHEREAS,** The US initiative to explore space beyond Earth's atmosphere and send humans to the Moon spurred technological innovations that changed the trajectory of mankind's development; and
- WHEREAS,** Investment in the International Space Station led to breakthroughs in our understanding of human physiology, and provided opportunities for the advancement of international relations; and
- WHEREAS,** Every phase of our expansion of space exploration has been marked by the development of technology converted into commercial use; and
- WHEREAS,** Current plans to establish a human mission to Mars require the development of infrastructure on the Moon; and
- WHEREAS,** This infrastructure would allow for the commercial development of lunar resources and well as the refinement of technology for future space missions; and
- WHEREAS,** The obstacles to sending a manned mission to Mars are primarily financial, rather than technical; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the US government should guarantee full funding of NASA's mission to send humans to Mars by 2030.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Katy Taylor High School



A Bill to Regulate Vaccine Mandates

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** No vaccine that has not been publicly available in the United States with full Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval for 3 years may be mandated by any public or private entity in the United States.
- SECTION 2.** A mandate is defined as a requirement to get any type of vaccine in order to be allowed into public spaces, for travel, or employment.
- SECTION 3.** Those denied full access under the law due to a vaccine mandate that violates Section 1, shall have the right to sue for injunctive relief and, in cases where courts find the order to be in violation of the law, the harmed individual shall be entitled to damages of no less than \$10,000 in addition to legal fees.
- SECTION 4.** A. This legislation will Take effect immediately and apply retroactively to all governmental vaccine mandates.
- B. Companies have 60 days to amend corporate policies to comply with the law without the risk of damages.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rock Hill HS



A Bill to Link Federal Taxes to Net Worth to Simplify the US Tax Code

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** All individual taxpayers will pay a tax equal to 2.5% of their positive net worth annually. Individual taxpayers with a negative net worth will pay no taxes. The current income based federal tax system for individual taxpayers will be abolished.
- SECTION 2.** Net worth is the value of all the non-financial and financial assets owned by an individual or institution minus the value of all its outstanding liabilities.
- SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will oversee the enforcement of the bill.
- A. Individuals who violate will be subject to a penalty equal to 150% of the initial tax.
- B. Subsequent violations will be subjected to a 300% penalty and be placed in federal prison for no less than 6 months and no more than 5 years.
- SECTION 4.** This bill will be enforced on January 1st, 2025.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
- Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pampa High School*



A Bill to Ban Prescribed Fires

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** The United States Forest Service shall no longer conduct proceedings and measures related to prescribed burning and adopt alternative fire suppression and mitigation mechanisms instead.
- SECTION 2.** The following definitions apply:
- A. “prescribed burning” will be defined as the process of executing a controlled burn under favorable weather conditions to reduce the probability of a larger fire occurring.
 - B. “alternative fire suppression and mitigation mechanisms” will be defined as any process that is intended to limit the probability of a fire occurring or its magnitude, including but not limited to: thinning, fire retardant, and water.
- SECTION 3.** The United States Forest Service shall be tasked with the enforcement of this legislation.
- SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by The Village High School

A Bill to Establish Online Learning as the Exclusive Source of K-12 Education During the COVID-19 Pandemic

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2. **SECTION 1.** The US Department of Education shall work in conjunction with local and state
3. education authorities to oversee the implementation of online education for
4. children grades K-12.

5. **SECTION 2.** “Online Learning” shall be defined as any form of learning through a virtual
6. platform.

7. **SECTION 3.** The US Department of Education shall receive \$70 Billion annually from the
8. Department of Defense budget for a span of 3 years.

9. A. Budget spending shall be allocated into resources seen fit by state and district
10. education boards

11. B. State and local education boards shall see to the transition and distribution of
12. technology and resources for students each school year. Administrators and
13. teachers alike shall see to the recording and development of online educational
14. curriculums.

15. C. The Department of Education will work in coherence with state and local
16. school boards to distribute health guideline knowledge and access to vaccination
17. locations.

18. D. Physical Lessons and Essential exams such as those provided by College Board
19. ® can be administered under CDC approved conditions. All Staff and Student
20. Body violating CDC guidelines for COVID-19 during in-person events shall be
21. quarantined and kept under supervision.

22. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect by August 1st, 2021.

23. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation shall are hereby declared null and void.

**HUDL Specific legislation Introduced for Congressional Debate by Spring Woods*

A Bill to Create Housing Vouchers to Reduce the Effects of Gentrification.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **Section 1.** The United State Federal Government will establish a program to
3 provide vouchers for low income families so they can continue living in their
4 residences during gentrification.

5 **Section 2.** Gentrification shall be defined as the influx of wealthy individuals into
6 a poor urban area as determined by the U.S Department of Housing and Urban
7 Development.

8 **Section 3.** The U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will
9 be given full authority to oversee and carry out this bill and will receive \$60 billion
10 from the Department of Homeland Security.

11 A. Those with incomes fitting within HUD's parameters for low income will be
12 given the opportunity to join the program.

13 B. HUD will be given full authority to determine which areas are being gentrified
14 and which individuals fall under low income.

15 C. Americans who apply to housing vouchers fraudulently will be subject to
16 criminal penalties.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2022.

18 **Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
19 void.

**HUDL Specific legislation*

A Bill to Ban Discriminating Against Trans People in Sports

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **Section 1.** Bill to ban discriminatory practices against transgendered individuals whom
3 have or are presently transitioning in relation to participation of professional, extracurricular and
or
4. competitive sports activities.

5 **Section 2.** Have it hereby known that [discriminatory practices] is to be characterized as
6 any extraneous procedures not required by cis individuals participating in the same event.

Transgendered

7 individuals are to be defined as those who have gender identity or gender expression that differs
from the sex they were assigned with at birth.

8 **Section 3.** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the enforcement
9 and implementation of this legislation.

10 **A.** Coaches or organizations suspected of refusing to comply with or going against said
12 legislation will be required to pay a fine equal to that of 34% of their paycheck, and or be suspended for two
13 full seasons of their sport.

14 **B.** Coaches adjudicated of refusing to comply on multiple offenses face a minimum of 18 months
in prison

15 and the loss of their position

16 **C.** Each sports personal and specific regulatory body will be charged with the task of imposing
sanctions.

17 **Section 4.** This legislation shall go into effect in January 2022.

18 **Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

**HUDL Specific legislation introduced for Congressional Debate by Westfield HS*

The Presidential Emoluments Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **Section 1** The United States should provide enforcement for the Constitutional prohibition on
3 foreign emoluments to the President of the United States.

4 **Section 2** The term emolument is defined as any improper benefit or interest, including, but not
5 limited to, those mentioned in the U.S. Constitution, article I, section 9, clause 8.

6 **Section 3** Any sitting United States Senator or Representative may bring an action in federal
7 court to halt the current President from receiving any emolument, office, title, or
8 improper benefit from any foreign state. The court may enter an injunction against
9 both the giver and the receiver of the emolument or improper benefit in order to
10 prevent the transaction or subsequent transaction of substantially similar nature.

11 **Section 4** This legislation shall go into effect January 1, 2022.

12 **Section 5** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Eliminate Private Property

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Private property has led to the commodification of land in the last three
2 hundred years in the United States, and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** As Karl Marx has said, under capitalism, “private property has already
4 been abolished for nine-tenths of the population,” and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The abolition of the ownership of property by individuals and
6 corporations will effectively eliminate poverty and homelessness in the
7 United States, and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** The elimination of private property will even the playing field and make
9 the United States the most truly equitable nation on Earth, and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** The use of all private property for public use will create an increased
11 sense of community among Americans overall, and, therefore, let it be
- 12 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article
13 is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States,
14 which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution
15 when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states
16 within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

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- 18 **SECTION 1:** All private property shall become public property,
19 maintained and controlled by the state. This property will
20 not be owned by any individual, and the government may
21 use any means to seize such land for public use.
- 22 **SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
23 appropriate legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Energy Institute High School.

A Resolution to impose restrictions on public figures social media to reduce the spread of misinformation

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Public figures are a major source of information. However, in recent years
2 some have begun to spread misinformation on important topics such as
3 public health, foreign and domestic affairs. Misinformation will be defined
4 as “false or inaccurate information, especially that which is deliberately
5 intended to deceive” (Oxford.) Public figures will be defined as “A person,
6 such as a politician, celebrity, social media personality, or business leader,
7 who has a certain social position within a certain scope and a significant
8 influence” (Oxford). Social Media will be defined as “websites and
9 applications that enable users to create and share content or to participate
10 in social networking.” (Oxford); and,
- 11 **WHEREAS,** The increase of social media presents is a major cause. After the 2016
12 election, 64% of adults believe fake news stories cause a great deal of
13 confusion and 23% said they had shared fabricated political stories
14 unintentionally themselves (Pew Research); and,
- 15 **WHEREAS,** Public figures seen as a trusted resource have posted misinformation to
16 their own benefit leading to an increase in spread of information. A third
17 party non-government fact checking authority must research and check all
18 information before being posted. This check will allow for any information
19 that is not backed with research and science to not be posted. If Politicians
20 do not want to have their post checked, they must include resources backed
21 by credible research and science so as to allow citizens to have information;
22 and
- 23 **WHEREAS,** misinformation causes confusion, leads to an increase in wrong
24 information being spread, which leads to harm in our society; now,
25 therefore, be it
- 26 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled that all posts on social media by public
27 figures must have factual accuracy backed by sources or approved by a
28 third party.

A Bill to Allow Mail in Voting for All Citizens to Increase Voter Turnout

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Article 15 of the constitution prohibits the federal government and each
2 state from denying or abridging a citizen's right to vote "on account of race,
3 color, or previous condition of servitude." Meaning if some citizens have a
4 right to mail in vote all citizens should. States that require mail in voting
5 have a higher voter turnout, this means that when everyone has access to
6 mail in voting it is easier to vote.

7 **SECTION 2.** Currently only specific groups have access to mail in voting in some states
8 when enacted everyone would have access to mail in voting but it would
9 not be mandatory and in-person voting would still be available. Mail in
10 voting shall be defined as a ballot filled out at home and sent to the
11 counting center by mail. Voter turnout shall be defined as the percentage
12 of eligible voters who participated in an election. In-person voting shall be
13 defined as a ballot filled out at an official polling location.

14 **SECTION 3.** The National Archives and Records Administration in coordination with
15 state and local governments as well as the federal election committee will
16 be responsible for the administration and implementation of mail in voting
17 being accessible for all citizens. Applicants would still need to apply for mail
18 in voting before it is sent to them but would have access after applying. 5
19 million dollars would be allocated to the implementation of this bill.

20 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2022. All laws in conflict with this
21 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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