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Item 1 - A Bill to Designate Federal Land to Encourage Regenerative Agriculture

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Department of Agriculture will designate federal land for use by farmers and ranchers to pursue regenerative agriculture and/or grazing. Farmers and ranchers may apply for federal land usage only for the purposes of pursuing regenerative agricultural practices.

SECTION 2. Regenerative agriculture will be defined as holistic farming systems that mimic nature to improve water and air quality, enhance ecosystem biodiversity, produce nutrient-dense food, and store carbon to help mitigate the effects of climate change.

SECTION 3. The U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Bureau of Land Management shall be jointly responsible for enforcement and implementation of this legislation.

A. The EPA will provide guidance on the practices permitted within regenerative agriculture

B. The Department of Agriculture will process land applications and ensure applicants maintain the standard set by the EPA.

C. The Bureau of Land Management will designate federal land availability.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by W.B. Ray High School
Item 2 - A Bill to Provide Comprehensive Sexuality Education

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Congress finds that education directed to “the full development of the human personality” as outline in Article 26 § 2 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights must include comprehensive sexuality education, and thus requires all states receiving federal education funding to develop and implement comprehensive sexuality education for high school students.

SECTION 2. Comprehensive sexuality education shall follow the model outlined by the International Planned Parenthood Federation, and shall include, but not be limited to, the following concepts: gender, sexual and reproductive health and HIV, sexual rights and sexual citizenship, pleasure, violence, diversity, and relationships.

SECTION 3. The Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee the enforcement of this bill.

   A. Within one calendar year of the passage of the bill, the Secretary of Education shall establish guidelines to determine which states are in compliance with the bill.

   B. On January 1 of each year following the establishment of compliance guidelines, the Secretary of Education shall publish a list of which states are not in compliance with this bill.

   C. States determined not to be in compliance with this will shall lose 15% of all federal education funding for the following fiscal year.

SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Tascosa High School
Item 3 - The Firearm Safety Act of 2022

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All persons wishing to purchase a firearm shall be required to complete a federally approved gun safety course. Anyone who currently owns a firearm will be required to complete the same course within 90 days of this bill’s effective date. Current gun owners who fail to demonstrate proof of course completion will have their guns confiscated until they meet training requirements.

SECTION 2. Firearm means any weapon that will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive.

SECTION 3. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATFE) will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

A. The ATFE will establish minimal standards for gun safety programs and will issue approval of programs that meet federal requirements.

B. In addition to having their guns temporarily confiscated, non-complying gun owners will pay a storage fee of $25 per day, per gun until they meet training requirements.

C. Current and former military members will be exempt from this legislation.

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
Item 4 - A Bill to Ban Cluster Munitions

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States government will prohibit the production, use, transfer, and stockpiling of cluster munitions.

SECTION 2. The term “cluster munitions” refers to any weapons system which, as the name suggests, delivers clusters of smaller explosive submunitions onto a target.

SECTION 3. The Department of Defense, along with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, will oversee the implementation and enforcement of these provisions.

A. All production, sales, and transfers of cluster munitions will be prohibited by US manufacturers.

B. All branches of the US military will destroy their stockpiles of cluster munitions over a period of 12 months following the passage of this bill.

C. The United States will sign and ratify the UN Convention on Cluster Munitions.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2024.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by James E. Taylor High School
Item 5 - A Resolution to Raise the Military Enlistment Age to 21

WHEREAS, The current enlistment age is 17 with parental consent and 18 without parental consent; and

WHEREAS, Research shows that a person’s brain isn’t fully developed until the age of 26, and therefore most teenagers at the current recruitment age make reckless decisions; and

WHEREAS, Enlisted males under the age of 30 have a higher suicide rate than those over the age of 30 (ranging from 59.6% to 78.7%); and

WHEREAS, About 61% of all deaths during the Vietnam war were under the age of 21, meaning that only 39% of deaths were over the age of 21; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that the military enlistment age shall hereby be raised to 21 years of age.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Granbury High School
Item 6 - A Bill to Make Post-Secondary Education Affordable

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All universities that receive public funds and federal loan guarantees will cap all university tuition at $200 an hour. Applications to universities will be free and all other fees will be frozen. Costs will be revisited biannually by a post-secondary board appointed by the Department of Education.

SECTION 2. Universities will be defined as any post-secondary education institution. Tuition is the amount of money per hour a school can charge. Fees are costs incurred by students that are charged by institutions but aren’t related to tuition.

SECTION 3. The Department of Education will institute the policy including but not limiting pulling all federal funding for post-secondary institutions and freezing any Pell Grants, Scholarships or Federal Backed loans. The DOE will set up the board with individuals to make recommendations. Congress must vote to increase the costs and fees and can only raise them by 1%.

SECTION 4. This bill shall go into effect on beginning of 2023-2024 school year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by James Bowie High School
Item 7 – A Bill to Create an Arctic Fleet

1   BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2   SECTION 1. The United States Navy will be allocated $15 billion per year until FY 2055
to construct, maintain, and staff Arctic-capable warships and submarines
to combat Russian and Chinese hegemony in the region.

5   SECTION 2. A. “Arctic-capable warships” will be defined as icebreakers designed for
military purposes with nuclear powerplants and extreme-coldproof
equipment.

B. “Arctic-capable submarines” will be defined as military-grade
icebreaking submarines with the proper sails, hatches, and navigational
systems for arctic operations.

11  SECTION 3. The United States Navy will oversee implementation of this bill.

12   A. The Department of Defense will be responsible for allocation
of all associated funding.

14  SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on FY 2025.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Saint Mary’s Hall High School
Item 8 - A Bill to End the Disinformation Governance Board

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Department of Homeland Security will immediately disband the Disinformation Governance Board. No agency or portion of the Executive Branch of the U.S. Federal Government may create or operate a group with the same purpose that the Disinformation Governance Board has as a part of the Department of Homeland Security.

SECTION 2. The United States Federal Government (including any current Federal Government employees or members of Congress) shall not participate in the International Grand Committee on Disinformation.

A. Private citizens or former Federal Government employees or former members of Congress may participate on the IGCD but the US Federal Government will be under no obligation to enact any recommendations from the IGCD.

B. The Congress shall not appropriate or direct any taxpayer funds toward a domestic version of the Disinformation Governance Board. No taxpayer funds may be appropriated or directed toward the International Grand Committee on Disinformation under any circumstances.

SECTION 3. The United States Department of Justice will oversee this law with any violators being subject to fines and/or imprisonment the apply to felony charges.

SECTION 4. This law will be implemented within 30 days of passage by Congress.

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

Introducted for Congressional Debate by Bellaire High School
Item 9 - A Resolution to Establish a Center for Democratic Resilience within the NATO Alliance

WHEREAS, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is the world’s preeminent political and military alliance committed to democracy and the collective defense of its members; and

WHEREAS, the preamble of NATO’s founding North Atlantic Treaty, signed in Washington, DC, on April 4, 1949, declares the alliance is “founded on the principles of democracy, individual liberty, and the rule of law”; and

WHEREAS, democracies across the alliance face external threats from authoritarian regimes such as Russia and China and internal threats from proponents of illiberalism; and

WHEREAS, Russia launched a full-scale invasion of sovereign and democratic Ukraine on February 24, 2022, placing it on the frontlines in the contest between democratic values and autocracy; and

WHEREAS, in his address to Congress, President Zelensky remarked “Right now, the destiny of our country is being decided. The destiny of our people, whether Ukrainians will be free, whether they will be able to preserve their democracy.”; and

WHEREAS, Vladimir Putin’s unprovoked full-scale invasion of Ukraine has united the NATO alliance; and

WHEREAS, the NATO Parliamentary Assembly has endorsed and advanced a proposal to establish a NATO Center for Democratic Resilience within NATO headquarters for the purposes of monitoring and identifying challenges to democracy, human rights, and the rule of law and facilitating democracy and governance assistance to member, partner, and aspirant states, when requested: Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled calls on the President to use the voice and vote of the United States to adopt a new Strategic Concept for NATO that is clear about its support for shared democratic values and committed to enhancing NATO’s capacity to strengthen democratic institutions within NATO member, partner, and aspirant countries; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President to use the voice and vote of the United States to establish a Center for Democratic Resilience within NATO headquarters.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by R.C. Clark High School
Item 10 - A Resolution to Minimize Space Traffic

1. WHEREAS, Orbital zones are becoming increasingly more cluttered and obstructed;
2. and
3. WHEREAS, There are 2,000 active satellites, 3,000 dead satellites, and around 34,000 pieces of debris more than 10 centimeters in size in orbit; and
4. WHEREAS, Only 27,000 pieces of debris are able to be tracked by the Department of Defense’s global space surveillance network; and
5. WHEREAS, More debris too small to be tracked but large enough to threaten space flight and robotic missions exists; and
6. WHEREAS, Even a collision with space debris of a small magnitude could be detrimental, posing a major risk to spacecraft; and
7. WHEREAS, Space travel is becoming increasingly more accessible through Space tourism; now, therefore, be it
8. RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that Asteroid Debris Remediation efforts be prioritized by the US Space Force to reduce traffic in orbital zones.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Royse City High School
Item 11 - A Bill to Strengthen Support for Public Schools

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All public education funding shall be spent on public schools. The practice of redirecting public funds toward private schools through the use of school vouchers shall be banned.

SECTION 2. A public school is a school that is maintained at public expense for the education of the children of a community or district and that constitutes a part of a system of free public education commonly including primary and secondary schools. A private school is a school supported by a private organization or private individuals rather than by the government. A school voucher is a certificate of government funding for students at schools chosen by themselves or their parents.

SECTION 3. The U.S. Department of Education will be responsible for overseeing implementation. Anyone caught using public funds to pay for private schooling will be forced to repay the money with 30% interest.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dripping Springs High School
BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Congress will implement provisions of the National Blueprint for Biodefense to enhance US national security.

SECTION 2. The Department of Homeland Security will oversee the implementation and enforcement of the following provisions.

D. The office of Deputy National Security Advisor for Biodefense will be created to oversee US defense against biological threats.

1. This office will report to the Vice President of the United States.
2. The office will be supported through the National Security Council.

E. The mission of the BioWatch program will be redefined and expanded to include collaboration with the HHS Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA), the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), and NASA, along with industry and academia resources to incorporate the evolution of technology and the changing nature of biological threat into our national defense.

F. Congress will allocate a sustained 10-year investment of $10 billion per year in bioscience and technology research and development focused on defense against biological threats.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2024. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by James E. Taylor High School
Item 13 - A Bill to Reinstate the Keystone XL Pipeline to Reduce Dependence on International Oil

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall allow the Keystone XL pipeline project to resume construction.

SECTION 2. The Keystone XL pipeline project is part of a greater pipeline system running through the cities of Steele City, Nebraska to Hardisty, Alberta.

SECTION 3. This legislation shall be enforced by the Department of State and the Department of the Interior.

A. A license shall be granted to TC Energy to build the pipeline until 2026.

B. TC Energy shall also receive two billion dollars in order to secure union contracts for employment.

SECTION 4. The bill shall 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 Katy Jordan High School
BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Managers of oil drilling rigs will be subject to criminal penalties including but not limited to incarceration of not more than five years for pollution of a natural habitat in the event of oil spills involving rigs they manage.

SECTION 2. An oil spill occurs when oil is discharged accidentally or intentionally by a commercial rig that floats on the surface of water bodies as a discrete mass and is carried by the wind, currents and tides. Managers include all members of management assigned to an active oil drilling rig.

SECTION 3. The Department of Energy will work in conjunction with the Department of Justice and the United States Attorney General to implement and enforce this law.

A. The DOE and the DOJ will conduct independent investigations of any oil spills occurring on US waters.

B. Both agencies will report findings to the US Attorney General who will then make the final decision regarding criminal charges.

SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect immediately upon passage by Congress.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hereford High School
Item 15 - A Resolution to Increase Domestic Mining of Rare Earth Elements

WHEREAS, The Department of Energy reports the US currently imports 80 percent of its Rare Earth Elements (REEs) directly from China; and

WHEREAS, The US is currently dependent on imports for 14 of 35 identified critical minerals; and

WHEREAS, The US needs nearly ten times the amount of REEs needed to meet 2030 electric vehicle goals; and

WHEREAS, Independent access to REEs will reduce national security concerns about supply chain controls; and

WHEREAS, A domestic supply chain will reduce reliance on REE mines associated with human rights violations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that the United States subsidize the creation of Rare Earth Element mines located domestically.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Royse City High School
Item 16 – A Resolution to Support Ukraine Membership into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization

1 WHEREAS, The United States is already spending significant amounts of money for weapons and humanitarian aid for Ukraine; and

2 WHEREAS, The government of Ukraine supports democratic values; and

3 WHEREAS, Vladimir Putin has not been deterred from attacking Ukraine as a non-member of NATO; and

4 WHEREAS, The political security of Ukraine is in the national interest of the United States as well as other members of NATO; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that the United States Federal Government will fully support the membership of Ukraine into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bellaire High School
Item 17 - A Bill to Ban Bottom Trawl Fishing

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. Addressing the risk to fish habitats, as well as destruction of coral beds,
bottom trawl fishing will be banned in all federally controlled waters.

3 SECTION 2. Bottom trawl fishing will be defined as a method of fishing that uses a
towing net along the ocean floor to capture target species.

4 SECTION 3. The Department of Agriculture will oversee the funding and
implementation of a program specifically for aquatic farming and
cultivation while working with The National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration (NOAA) for additional research and guidance.

5 A. Guidelines will be set by the NOAA based on those created by the
Magnuson–Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act in
terms of marine fishery laws.

6 B. Any farmer caught not in compliance with these guidelines will be
subject to a $50,000 fine.

7 SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Trivium Academy
Item 18 - A Bill to Mitigate Climate Impacts from Cryptocurrency Mining

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Congress finds that cryptocurrency mining constitutes a significant and growing contribution to carbon pollution, and thus authorizes the creation of the National Carbon Offset Exchange (hereinafter NCOE) and mandates that all individuals or entities engaged in cryptocurrency mining register with the NCOE and purchase carbon offsets through the NCOE.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Interior shall develop guidelines:

A. For providers seeking to supply carbon offsets through the NCOE within one calendar year of the passage of this bill. Once guidelines have been established, providers may submit bids to provide carbon offsets through the NCOE. Initial providers for carbon offsets through the NCOE shall be established no later than two calendar years from the passage of this bill.

B. For carbon offset purchase requirements for individuals and entities engaged in cryptocurrency mining within one calendar year of the passage of this bill.

SECTION 3. The Department of the Interior shall oversee the enforcement of this bill.

G. Individuals and entities that engage in cryptocurrency mining and fail to register with the NCOE shall be fined $50,000.

H. Individuals and entities that engage in cryptocurrency mining and fail to purchase carbon offsets per the guidelines established by the Secretary of the Interior shall be fined an amount equal to 30 percent of the total value of the cryptocurrency mined as of the date of the reporting of the infraction.

SECTION 4. This legislation will 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 Tascosa High School
Item 19 - A Bill to Mandate the Extrapolation of Gender-Based Results in Drug Trials

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All drug trials must extrapolate their results based on the gender of participants in order to provide data on how the drug impacts each gender.

SECTION 2. Drug trials are any study conducted on animals or humans in which the effects or effectiveness of a drug is tested. For the purpose of this legislation, gender is defined as the sex assigned at birth of each participant, which must include biologically male and female at a minimum. Extrapolation of results must include a clearly defined section in which the effects of the drug on each gender alone are described.

SECTION 3. The enforcement thereof will be overseen by the National Institute of Health (NIH). A fine of $15,000 will be imposed upon any research institution that fails to comply.

SECTION 4. This bill 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 Hendrickson High School*
Item 20 - A Bill to Ban Single Family Zoning Restrictions to Prevent Urban Sprawl

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Single-Family zoning restrictions will be prohibited.

SECTION 2. Single-family zoning (also known as R1 zoning) shall be defined as a zoning ordinance that restricts the kind of housing that can be built on a property to require only detached single-family homes.

SECTION 3. The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development will work with localities to enforce this legislation and integrate higher density housing into previously R1 districts.

A. Municipalities will no longer zone areas as R1 only, and will no longer be able to prevent the establishment of housing developments on the grounds of single-family requirements.

B. All current areas zoned as single-family will be rezoned.

SECTION 4. This bill will take effect in Fiscal Year 2024.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lovejoy High School
Item 21 - A Bill to Increase Border Security Resources in Order to Provide More Humane Conditions for Those Being Processed Through Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Annual budgets for Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs & Border Patrol will be increased by 25% of their current budgets. Increased funds will be specifically earmarked for medical supplies, food, water, and other resources at facilities detaining immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers, and/or undocumented persons.

SECTION 2. Medical supplies include basic first aid as well as stocking at least one full clinic per border station/detention center. Food includes protein, perishable and non-perishable foods meeting FDA standards. Water should be provided at the rate of a minimum of 2 liters per person per day. Other resources will be determined by the needs of the station/center operations.

SECTION 3. Immigration & Customs Enforcement in conjunction with Customs & Border Patrol will oversee and enforce this legislation.

A. Border Patrol stations and detention centers will turn in supply requests by the specified deadline(s) to ensure supplies are available.

B. Border Patrol stations and detention centers will be eligible for additional supply grants if supply requests are turned in on time.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect at the beginning of fiscal year 2023.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hereford High School
WHEREAS, The United States’ dollar has lost value by an estimated 8.5%, and the price of the average house or apartment has risen remarkably within a time period of 20 months; and

WHEREAS, The real estate bubble continues to expand, with the average house, as of March 2022, costing $523,900; and

WHEREAS, Apartment tenants can no longer afford to move into houses, and many people cannot afford the increasing lease of their current residence; and

WHEREAS, The U. S. is facing a dire situation with homelessness exceeding 580,000 people; and

WHEREAS, Corrupt landlords are taking the desperate housing situation as an opportunity to exploit low-income clients; and

WHEREAS, Homelessness has negative impacts on the entire society, which may increase the number of people without housing even further; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development regulate the standard of living provided by housing managers and decrease the percentage of rent that can be taken out of a low-income tenant’s adjusted income from a maximum of 30% down to a maximum of 20%.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by McMillen High School
Item 23 - A Resolution to Ban Landmines

1 WHEREAS, The United States is one of few countries to not ratify the Ottawa Convention; and
2 WHEREAS, Landmines are still being produced in the United States as per Trump Administration action; and
3 WHEREAS, Landmines are an indiscriminate form of warfare that has adverse effects on civilians, and remain in the ground long after deployment; and
4 WHEREAS, Landmines are also an outdated form of warfare as detection technology far exceeds the technology of the mines, rendering them useless; and
5 WHEREAS, Banning landmines increases peace and security and can be a valuable peace-building tool between countries; now, therefore, be it
6 RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that the United States ratify the Ottawa Convention in order to prohibit use, stockpiling, production, and transfer of Anti-Personnel Landmines.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Trivium Academy
Item 24 - A Bill to Tax Rental Property to Make Home Ownership More Accessible

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A. All income generated from long term rental of houses will hereby be taxed at 40 percent.
B. All income generated from short term rentals of houses shall be taxed at a rate of 50 percent.
C. Income generated from the rental of a room or space in a house where the primary homeowner lives shall be exempt from federal taxes.

SECTION 2. A. Long term rental house is defined as a free-standing single-family property rented to a long-term tenant for any time longer than one month, or typically one year.
B. Short term rental house is defined as a free-standing single-family furnished living space rented for a period of time less than thirty days.

SECTION 3. The Internal Revenue Service will oversee the enforcement of these taxes and collect them.
A. Fines for failure to report taxes shall not exceed 300% of tax debt for the first offense
B. Landlords who repeatedly fail to report accurate income generated from rental properties will have said property subject to seizure.

SECTION 4. This law will take effect January 1, 2025.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rock Hill High School
Item 25 – The Student Loan Relief Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The total outstanding Federal student loan balance due of each borrower shall be repaid or cancelled up to an amount not to exceed $25,000.

SECTION 2. “Federal student loan” is defined as a loan made under Title IV, Part B, D or E of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and held by the Department of Education.

SECTION 3. The Department of Education shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

A. No amount cancelled or repaid shall be included in the taxable gross income of the borrower.

B. Cancellation and repayments shall be applied in order of outstanding balances with the highest interest rates followed by those with the highest principal balance.

SECTION 4. This legislation will be carried out with 90 days of its passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cypress Ranch High School
Item – 26 A Resolution to Sanction Mexico

WHEREAS, The United States government provides the United Mexican States $68.58 million in aid per year; and

WHEREAS, The Mexican government has taken a supposedly neutral state on the Ukrainian conflict but this neutrality has been proven to be questionable

WHEREAS, this has happen when the Mexican legislative and executive powers praise Russian diplomat Viktor Koroneli during his visit to Mexico, to convince the Mexican government to not give aid to Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador or AMLO has become more aggressive to the West by stating Mexico is not a colony of no country;

and

WHEREAS, Allegations have come up from the United State government that the Mexican government has been hiding Russian spies; and now, therefore,

be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that the United States impose economic sanctions on the Latin American country of Mexico.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Klein Collins High School
Item 27 - A Bill to Bolster the Nigerian Military

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A. The United States shall reinforce its commitment to peace in West Africa by conducting joint operations with the Nigerian Armed Forces.

B. $5 billion in aid shall be provided annually toward Nigerian bottom-up stabilization programs and conflict mitigation systems.

SECTION 2. A. Bottom-up stabilization programs are defined as programs that restore local governance, eliminate local security threats, or ensure the safe distribution of resources to communities susceptible to insurgency.

B. Conflict mitigation systems will be defined as military systems that pursue the demobilization, deradicalization, rehabilitation, and/or reintegration of individuals affiliated with Boko Haram.

SECTION 3. USAID will work with the Departments of Defense and State to coordinate proper implementation with the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

A. The U.S. Department of Defense will submit an annual report on the efficacy of these programs and joint operations to Congress.

B. Based on their findings from the report in Section 3A, Congress may choose to end some, or all support provided by this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2023. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Seven Lakes HS
Item 28 - A Bill to End the 1122 and 1033 Programs to Demilitarize the Police

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The 1122 and 1033 programs will be abolished.

SECTION 2. A. The “1122 Program” is defined as the Department of Defense program based on Section 1122 of the 1994 National Defense Authorization Act, which established the authority for state and units of local governments to purchase law enforcement equipment through federal procurement channels.

B. The “1033 Program” is defined as the Department of Defense program based on Section 1033 of the 1997 National Defense Authorization Act, which authorizes the Department of Defense to transfer excess military property to state and local law enforcement agencies.

SECTION 3. The Department of Defense will oversee the shutting down of these two programs. A Congressional Committee will review the progress 100 days after passage. If no progress has been made, there will be no prosecution.

SECTION 4. This bill will be implemented immediately after passage and completed by FY 2023.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by San Angelo Central High School
BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Any healthcare organization that offers lifesaving care must not charge more than 10% more than production costs.

SECTION 2. Healthcare organization will be defined as any public or private organization that researches, manufactures, distributes, or administers drugs or treatment needed to maintain a healthy life.

SECTION 3. The U.S Department of Health will be allocated 300 million dollars to oversee and audit organizations to ensure that the legislation is being enforced.

A. Organizations found to have violated this legislation will be fined 3 times the profit made from violating products and services.

B. In coordination with the Food and Drug Administration, repeat offenders face the possibility of losing certifications that allow them to create and sell these products and services.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2023. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Conroe High School*
Item 30 - A Resolution to Accede to the Rome Statute and Become a Full Member of the International Crime Court

WHEREAS, the crimes of genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes are uniquely heinous and of global concern; and

WHEREAS, the United States has been a global leader in the field of international criminal justice for atrocity crimes since the Nuremberg trials; and

WHEREAS, the United States has demonstrated its commitment to these values and interests by tangibly supporting numerous domestic, international, and hybrid courts for atrocity crimes, including the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, the Special Court for Sierra Leone, the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia, the Extraordinary African Chambers, and the Special Tribunal for Lebanon; and

WHEREAS, the United States signed the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court on December 31, 2000, but has yet to accede to the statute and join the Court as a full member; and

WHEREAS, the International Criminal Court is an important institution in the global fight against impunity for war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide; and

WHEREAS, only by becoming a member of the International Criminal Court can the United States credibly shape the Court’s activities and priorities; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of the United States’ oldest and closest allies are states parties to the International Criminal Court; and

WHEREAS, it is in line with American values, interests, and proud history as a global leader in the fight against impunity and for justice that the United States becomes a full member of the International Criminal Court; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that the United States should accede to the Rome Statute and become a full member of the International Criminal Court.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by R.C. Clark High School
A Bill to Legalize Equal Reproductive Healthcare Access

This bill will counteract the negative impacts of the overturning of Roe Vs. Wade in the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization on June 24th, 2022.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 Section 1. All states and territories under United States jurisdiction provides absolute access to abortions and all reproductive healthcare.

3 Section 2. Reproductive health care shall be defined as any treatment, procedure, or medicine relating to or concerning the reproductive system.

4 Section 3. The Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee the enforcement and implementation of this bill.

5 A. Individuals found in breach of this bill will be fined no more than 5% of their gross annual income, and organizations found in breach of this bill will be fined 7% of their gross annual profits. All monetary profits accumulated will be redistributed to the Department of Health and Human Services to ensure equal access and cover any additional costs.

6 SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect immediately upon its passing, companies with conflicting regulations will have a period of 3 months to adjust their policies.

7 people(s) and organizations to cease all conflicting actions.

8 Section 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. This bill will change agricultural subsidies in order to incentivise stake-holders to improve environmental quality, food quality, and increase profit.

SECTION 2. Food quality is measured by nutritional value and health components along with taste. Environmental quality is measured by air, water, and soil purity on the farmland.

SECTION 3. The Department of Agriculture oversees enforcement and implementation of the distribution and control of subsidies.

A. Federal subsidies will be provided to family and small business farms that will decrease the cost of environmentally friendly equipment and natural pesticides.

B. The Food and Drug Administration administers and enforces food/produce quality to ensure harmful chemicals in the produce are mitigated.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on August 1, 2023. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by ______.