

## A Resolution to Break Diplomatic Ties with Saudi Arabia

1 **WHEREAS,** The US currently ignores Saudi Arabia's human rights abuses in favor of  
2 oil gains; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Saudi Arabia offers the US little else besides oil, which the US is slowly  
4 starting to turn away from; and

5 **WHEREAS,** The United States' relationship with Saudi Arabia has too much impact on  
6 other Middle Eastern policy; and

7 **WHEREAS,** The US has a plethora of other important issues to deal with at home that  
8 deserve more attention; now, therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled vote to sever diplomatic ties with  
10 Saudi Arabia, until they agree to comply with the UN Universal  
11 Declaration of Human Rights.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Brookfield East High School.*

# A Bill to Cap Annual Defense Spending to Reduce Government Waste

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States' annual defense spending will be capped at 300 billion  
3 dollars for a five year period.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Defense (DoD) will carry out this action.

5 A. To ensure compliance the DoD will be subject to an audit by the  
6 Senate Intelligence Committee at the end of each fiscal year.

7 B. Failure to stay within the permitted range will result in the bill being  
8 extended for another year.

9 **SECTION 4.** The bill will go into effect upon the beginning of the next fiscal year.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Brookfield East High School.*

# A Bill to Implement a Carbon Tax

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The U.S. Government will implement a tax of \$20 per ton of carbon dioxide  
3 content against any taxable carbon substance sold by the manufacturer, producer, or importer  
4 of the substances coal, petroleum, natural gas, methane, nitrous oxide, sulfur hexafluoride,  
5 perfluorocarbons, hydrofluorocarbons and other substances determined by the EPA to  
6 contribute to global warming.

7 **SECTION 2.** In subsequent years, the tax is a product of 1.056 multiplied by the previous year  
8 (rounded to the nearest dollar).

9 **SECTION 3.** 50% of the revenue will be used to facilitate economic and clean energy  
10 production through the establishment of a Climate Protection and Economic Security Trust  
11 Fund. 50% of the revenue will be used for deficit reduction.

12 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by West Bend West High School.*

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1 **A Bill to Implement Plain Packaging Regulations for the Tobacco Industry**

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Federal Government shall ban the use of corporate branding on tobacco  
3 product packaging, replacing it with a universal plain packaging, similar to that  
4 of Australia.

5 **SECTION 2.** A: Corporate Branding is defined as colors, imagery, corporate logos, or any  
6 trademarks.

7 B: Plain Packaging shall contain the name of the Cigarette Company, as well as  
8 warnings as to the health risks of smoking in both words and images. The exact  
9 designs will be determined by the Food and Drug Administration by no later  
10 than December 1, 2016, with \$50,000 funding for the design.

11 **SECTION 3.** It is at the discretion of each tobacco company to fund the packaging changes.  
12 Any company found in violation of these regulations will be fined at least \$5  
13 Million as well as have their license to sell tobacco products in the United States  
14 revoked for no less than 1 year.

15 **SECTION 4.** The bill will go into effect on January 1, 2017, and will be regulated by the U.S.  
16 Food and Drug Administration.

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

19 *Introduced by Marquette University High School.*

## **A Resolution to End US Involvement in the Syrian Civil War to Avoid Opening a Power Vacuum**

- 1 **WHEREAS,** the US has been unnecessarily involved in yet another quagmire in Syria;  
2 and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** the US doesn't have a clear side in the conflict; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** similar quagmires from the past have either solved nothing, or led to  
5 worse events; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** the US could save time, money, supplies, and possibly even lives by  
7 leaving the region; now, therefore, be it
- 8 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the decision to cease funding of  
9 any and all unilateral operations in the Syrian conflict that are not part of  
10 compliance with an international coalition.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Brookfield East High School.*

# A Bill to Stop YEC Education to Solidify Separation of Church and State

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Public schools, and private schools that accept taxpayer-funded vouchers  
3 are prohibited from teaching Young Earth Creationism as mandatory  
4 curriculum.

5 **SECTION 2.** Young Earth Creationism refers to the literal interpretation of Genesis in  
6 which the Earth was created 6,000 years ago in a few short days.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee this legislation.

8 **A.** Should a school be found in violation of this policy, they shall have all public funding revoked.

9 **B.** Public funding will be returned upon adherence to the law.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be enacted in July of 2016.

11 **SECTION 5.** All state and federal laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby  
12 declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Golda Meir High School.*

**A Bill to make Puerto Rico the 51<sup>st</sup> state**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** This Act may be cited as the “Puerto Rico Statehood Admission Process Act”.

**SECTION 2.** State hood- being given equal rights responsibilities and duties as of the other fifty states of our union. In 1898 Puerto Rico became a United States territory and persons born in Puerto Rico have been granted United States citizenship since 1917.

**SECTION 3.** The State Elections Commission of Puerto Rico is authorized to provide for a vote on the admission of Puerto Rico into the Union as a State within one year of the date of enactment of this Act, in accordance with rules and regulations determined by the Commission, including qualifications for voter eligibility.

**SECTION 4.** This bill shall be passed as soon as it is voted by their congress

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Senator Seja Scott Bradley Tech.*

# A Bill to Make Debate Class a Graduation Requirement in High Schools

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** That the US Gov.t Should Debate Class a Graduation Requirement

3 **SECTION 2.** Define any ambiguous terms inherent in the first section.

4 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee the implementation of this bill.

5 A. The classes will focus on Policy, Lincoln/Douglas, & Public Forum  
6 Debate

7 B. The classes will focus on real life and national Topics.

8 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented immediately upon approval This Congress

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Boyd, D Brenton Bradley Tech.*

1. **A BILL TO BAN CAPS ON PUNITIVE DAMAGES**
2. **Be it enacted by this Student Congress that:**
3. **Section 1:** All caps on punitive damages are hereby banned.
4. **Section 2:** Let "Punitive Damages" be defined as damages exceeding simple compensation and
5. awarded to punish the defendant.
6. **Section 3:** The department of justice will oversee the implementation of this legislation
7. **Section 4:** This legislation will go into effect immediately after passage.
8. **Section 5:** All state and federal laws in conflict with the legislation are hereby null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Berlin High School

The following legislation may not be debated until all other legislation has been debated.

## **A Bill to End State Mandated Standardized Tests**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS THAT:

- I. Section 1: The United States federal government shall end the use of state mandated standardized tests. Standardized tests such as the ACT and SAT will be allowed but not encouraged.
- II. Section 2: DEFINITIONS
  - A. Standardized tests shall be defined as any form of a test that (1) requires all test takers to answer the same questions and (2) is scored in a "standard" or consistent manner.
  - B. State mandated tests shall be defined as standardized tests that play a role in the state assessment system (EX: Wisconsin uses the WKCE)
  - C. The ACT test shall be defined as a test that measures what a student already knows.
  - D. The SAT test shall be defined as a test that "predicts" what a student is capable of learning.
- III. Section 3: The following agencies shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation:
  - A. The Department of Education shall be responsible for enforcing this piece of legislation. The Department would also be responsible for evaluating schools through standardized test alternatives.
  - B. Individual State Education Agencies shall also be responsible for enforcing this bill.
- IV. Section 4: This legislation shall go into effect upon passage.
- V. Section 5: All laws in conflict with this passage are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ronald Reagan High School*

## **A Bill to Prohibit Animal Testing**

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS THAT:

- I. Section 1: The United States government shall outlaw the act and usage of animal testing.
- II. Section 2: DEFINITIONS
  - A. Scientific animal testing shall be defined as the use of animals in experiments and development projects usually to determine toxicity, dosing, and effectiveness of test drugs before proceeding to human clinical trials. This excludes research about animals that involve natural behavior or pure observation.
  - B. Commercial testing shall be defined as the testing of commercial products on animals to ensure product safety for consumers. Such products include but are not limited to drugs, cosmetics, pesticides, and food additives.
- III. This legislation shall be overseen by the following agencies:
  - A. The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare will be responsible for enforcing this piece of legislation.
  - B. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (Animal & Veterinary) shall be responsible for making sure that commercial products will no longer be tested on animals.
  - C. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (Animal Welfare) shall be responsible for overseeing the fair treatment of animals and management of animal welfare.
- IV. Section 4: This legislation shall go into effect upon passage.
- V. Section 5: All laws in conflict with this passage are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ronald Reagan High School*

## **A Bill to Abolish the Use of Antibiotics on Livestock**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The use and sale of antibiotics for livestock in the United States is hereby prohibited.

**SECTION 2.** Livestock shall be defined as farm animals regarded as an asset. Antibiotics shall be defined as a medicine (such as penicillin or its derivatives) that inhibits the growth of or destroys microorganisms.

**SECTION 3.** The following agencies shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation;

- A. The Drug Enforcement Agency shall oversee the enforcement of the ban on sale, import, and export of antibiotics for the intended use on livestock.
- B. The Department of Agriculture shall enforce the ban on the use of antibiotics and shall be given regulating powers to set standards, sanctions, and penalties in accordance with the enforcement of this legislation.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect on January 1, 2017.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Whitefish Bay High School.*

## A Bill to Raise the Minimum Wage

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Federal Minimum Wage shall be raised from \$7.25 to \$10.10 per  
3 hour.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Federal Minimum wage is defined as the lowest wage any employer  
5 in the nation may pay an employee, excluding tipped workers, whose  
6 minimum wage will also be raised to \$2.97.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Wage and Hour Division (WHD) of the Department of Labor shall be  
8 responsible for the enforcement of the new minimum wage.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect by September 30, 2015 and will be  
10 indexed to inflation every 3 years thereafter.

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