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## **A BILL TO REQUIRE UNIVERSAL BACKGROUND CHECKS ON ALL SALES OF FIREARMS**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** All sellers of firearms, including unlicensed sellers, must conduct background checks of potential buyers through a central law enforcement agency that has access to federal and state databases of prohibited purchasers; all sellers must maintain records of all firearm transfers for at least 10 years and report all transfers of firearms to state and local law enforcement.

**SECTION 2.** “All sellers of firearms” includes any licensed, unlicensed, private, online, and gun show transferor of firearms. An unlicensed seller is defined as a person who makes occasional sales, exchanges, or purchases of firearms for the enhancement of a personal collection or for a hobby, regardless if these exchanges are made in person or online.

**SECTION 3.** This legislation will be implemented and enforced by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives in conjunction with state and local law enforcement agencies.

A. \$1 billion will be taken from the United States military and used to provide adequate resources for the full enforcement of this legislation.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation would go into effect upon passing.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Rep. Saumya Mangalick  
Edina High School*

**A BILL TO IMPLEMENT A TAX ON CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS TO  
REDUCE THE UNITED STATES' OUTPUT OF GREENHOUSE GASES**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** A \$25 tax will be collected on every metric ton of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions resulting from the burning of various fuels, including gasoline, diesel, natural gas, and coal;

**SECTION 2.** The tax will be taken into account in prices paid by public consumers as well as commercial and government consumers of the aforementioned fuels and substances which result in carbon dioxide emissions;

**SECTION 3.** This legislation will be overseen by the Environmental Protection Agency.

A. The tax proceeds will go towards research into finding new and improving current sustainable energy sources, building infrastructure nationwide to increase usage of sustainable energy,

B. Failure to comply will result in a series of mounting fines determined by the EPA ending in governmental seizure of property.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect by June 1st, 2018.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Rep. Saumya Mangalick  
Edina High School, Minnesota*

## **A Bill to Ban NDA and Forced Arbitration Clauses**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.**           A. No contract may contain any provision waiving the substantive or procedural application of the 1st or 7th Amendment rights of a party to the contract.

                          B. Any provision in any existing contract waiving the substantive or procedural application of a party's 1st or 7th Amendment rights, including a non-disclosure agreement or forced arbitration clause, is no longer valid and may be stricken from the contract.

**SECTION 2.**           “Contract” shall be defined as any legally binding agreement.

                          “Party to the contract” shall be defined as a person or group who agreed to, created, or is governed by the contract.

                          “Substantive or procedural application” shall be defined as any exercise of the rights guaranteed by the 1st and 7th Amendments, including but not limited to the right to free speech and the right to a jury trial in civil cases.

**SECTION 3.** This law shall be enforced by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

**SECTION 4.** This law shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

*Introduced by Forest Lake Senior High School*

## **A Bill to Create a Pathway for DREAMers**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** This act will allow those who meet the following requirements:

- a. First came to the United States before their 18th birthday;
- b. Have lived continuously in the United States for four years until the present;
- c. Were physically present in the United States at the time they apply;
- d. Came to the United States without documents or their lawful status expired
- e. Have not been convicted of a felony to receive legal status to pursue higher education, service in the armed forces or authorization to work. After three years they will be able to apply for permanent citizenship.

**SECTION 2.** Legal status shall be defined as a green card.

**SECTION 3.** This bill will come into effect on January 1st, 2018.

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

*Introduced by Forest Lake Senior High School*

# A Bill to Tax Religious Institutions

**Section 1:** The “religious institutions” tax breaks in the tax code are now abolished.

**Section 2:**

- A. All religious institutions can apply to be labeled as nonprofits, but there will no longer be a religious institution clause in the tax code.
- B. All religious properties will be subject to property tax.
- C. All religious institutions in the tax code are now subject to corporate tax based on their level of income.

**Section 3:**

- A. The Internal Revenue Service will oversee the implementation of this legislation.
- B. The additional tax profits will be put toward funding social welfare programs.

**Section 4:** This legislation will come into effect during the next tax year.

**Section 5:** All laws in conflict are hereby declared null and void.

*This legislation is presented for debate by East Ridge High School.*

# The Opt-In Drug Legalization Act

**SECTION 1:** All synthetic drugs will be considered illegal until they are studied and found to be safe for use.

**SECTION 2:** To provide clarifications, the following details will be provided;

- A. Any untested or illegal synthetic drug will be classified as a title one drug.
- B. "Synthetic drugs" will be defined as any drug that has been chemically altered from its natural state at the molecular level to create a new substance.

**Section 3:** This legislation will be implemented by the FDA, working with the CDC and accredited universities to study new synthetic drugs.

**Section 4:** This legislation will go into effect 2 years after passage.

**Section 5:** All laws in conflict are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted for debate by East Ridge High School.*

# A Bill to Make the Pharmaceutical Gag Clause Illegal

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The gag clause rule that applies to pharmacists in their job contracts will be  
2 repealed and made illegal.

3 **SECTION 2.** The gag clause is a contractual rule disallowing pharmacists to inform their  
4 customers of a possibly more efficient pricing option on a drug that they  
5 are purchasing.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will be responsible for the  
7 enforcement of this bill.

8 A. Any company that does not comply with this legislation will be fined  
9 \$100,000 for each month that they uphold the gag clause.

10 B. Any worker fired from a company for not complying with said  
11 company's gag clause will be able to defend themselves in court via  
12 lawsuit against their former company.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect beginning on January 1st, 2018.

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

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*Introduced for Congressional Debate by \_\_\_\_\_.*



# A Bill to Create and Join a Hemispheric Common Market to Advance the Economic Interests of the Americas

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States Hereby will make the appropriate efforts to form and join  
2 a hemispheric common market, because free trade is shown to be  
3 beneficial to the economy of the americas .

4 **SECTION 2.** **Defining** Hemispheric as relating to the entirety of the Western  
5 hemisphere, including, but not limited to, the Americas, the United  
6 Kingdom, and Morocco.  
7 **Defining** common market as a single trade entity free from internal barriers  
8 such as tariffs.  
9 **Defining** economic interests as interests relating to the maximum  
10 expansion of wealth in the country

11 **SECTION 3.** At first, the plan will be put into place by the Department of Commerce,  
12 the Internal Revenue Service, and the Executive Office of the President.  
13 However, the management of the common market will then be put into the  
14 hands of a democratic body, tentatively named the WHFTA “Western  
15 Hemisphere Free Trade Association”

16 **SECTION 4.** The plan will be put into place as soon as this bill is passed, but passing  
17 time will be allowed, for 5 years, for the states of the WHFTA to align their  
18 trade policies.

19 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.  
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**A RESOLUTION THAT THE UNITED STATES INTRODUCES A STRONGER  
PRESENCE IN SOUTH KOREA.**

1. **WHEREAS,** North Korea is potentially the most dangerous threat to America,
2. **WHEREAS,** The United States and its Asian allies regard North Korea as a grave
3. security threat because it has one of the world's largest conventional
4. military forces , escalating missile and nuclear tests and aggressive
5. rhetoric.
6. **WHEREAS,** New North Korean missiles have a potential range of 6,500 miles
7. which introduces the possibility of a nuclear strike on U.S. soil,
8. **WHEREAS,** The United States should create a stronger presence in the form of boots
9. on the ground, aircraft (manned and unmanned), and increase offshore
10. naval presenc.,
11. **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation:
12. The United States Introduces a Stronger Presence in South Korea.

*Introduced to MSHSL Congressional Debate Sections by Dilworth Glyndon Felton High School*

**A RESOLUTION TO LOWER THE FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE TO FIVE DOLLARS  
AN HOUR**

1. **WHEREAS,** Minimum wage is a training wage, never intended for a person to make a
2. living.
3. **WHEREAS,** Businesses can no longer afford to hire new employees at minimum
4. wage. According to the Employment Policies Institute, “The
5. unemployment rate for young jobseekers has remained over 20 percent
6. for a staggering 45 months,”
7. **WHEREAS,** The cost of hiring a minimum wage employee was raised by 40 percent
8. between the years of 2007 and 2009 and because of that 114,000 teens
9. were not employed as a direct result of this minimum wage raise.
10. **WHEREAS** Being employed is important to teens.. According to the EPI, “A senior
11. in high school holding down a part-time job earns higher wages and
12. better benefits six to nine years later than their jobless counterpart.”
13. **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation,
13. Lower the Federal Minimum to Five Dollars an Hour.

*Introduced to MSHSL Congressional Debate Sections by Dilworth Glyndon Felton High School*

# **A Bill to Invest in Africa's Education System**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The United States will allocate 50 billion dollars to the improvement and advancement of African education.

**SECTION 2.** African education includes aid towards infrastructure, hiring qualified teachers, educational technology, and other necessities.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of State and the Department of Education will be responsible for providing funding and working with NGO's in Africa.

**SECTION 4.** Will be put into action January 1, 2020

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Eagan High School*

# **A Bill to Require all Police Departments to have a Human Trafficking unit**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** Every Police Department in The United States of America shall be required to have a Unit where its lone role is to work to find and shut down human trafficking incidents.

**SECTION 2.** Human trafficking is defined by the United Nations as the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring, or receipt of persons by improper means (such as force, abduction, fraud, or coercion) for an improper purpose including forced labor or sexual exploitation.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will be responsible for making this change and ensuring all Police Departments make this change.

A. A minimum of one officer in each police department needs to be assigned the role of finding and shutting down human trafficking incidents.

B. Any police department that refuses to have this unit shall be held negligent for any incident that could have been stopped or prevented had said police department had the appropriate officer(s) in place.

**SECTION 4.** Will be put into action by January 1st of 2019.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Eagan High School*

**A Resolution Urging the State Department to Impose Sanctions under the Magnitsky Act on the Military of Myanmar (Burma)**

**Whereas** a massive ethnic cleansing campaign against the Rohingya of northern Myanmar (Burma) perpetrated by the Myanmar military continues unabated in spite of international outcry, and

**Whereas** at least 3000 Rohingya have been killed by military forces since late August and more than 500,000 have fled their homes and taken refuge in Bangladesh while their villages have been burned to the ground, and

**Whereas** the government of Myanmar (Burma) is unable or unwilling to stop these actions by their military, and

**Whereas** the tentative actions the U.S. has tried to date have had no effect,

**BE IT RESOLVED** by a majority vote of this Chamber of Congress that the U.S. State Department, under the authority of the Magnitsky Act, freeze the assets of and impose a visa ban on all members of the Myanmar (Burma) military until this ethnic cleansing was certified by our State Department as having ceased.

Submitted by the South St Paul Congressional Debate team.

## **A Bill to Ban Hydraulic Fracking**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1.** Hydraulic fracking will be banned as a method of collecting natural resources or for any other future purpose in the United States in an effort to protect our environment. Hydraulic fracking is indisputably known to lead to a high risk of water contamination and air pollution, and as a cause of earthquakes.

**Section 2.** Hydraulic fracking is here defined as the injecting of high pressure fluids into the earth to release pockets of natural gas.

**Section 3.** The implementation and enforcement of this ban will be jointly overseen by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Energy.

**Section 4.** This ban shall become effective on January 1, 2018.

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

Submitted by the South St Paul Congressional Debate team



# **A Bill to Implement Ranked Choice Voting In Federal Elections**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** Ranked choice voting will be established for all elections for all federal offices.

**SECTION 2.** a) "Ranked choice voting" shall be defined as a method of casting and tabulating votes in which voters rank candidates in order of preference, tabulation proceeds in sequential rounds in which last-place candidates are defeated and the candidate with the most votes in the final round is elected.

b) "Federal Offices" shall include the office of President, United States Representative, and United States Senator.

**SECTION 3.** a) The transition to ranked choice voting shall be overseen by the Federal Election Committee in conjunction with state and local election administrations.

b) The funding for this legislation will be determined within the annual appropriations act for the fiscal year 2019.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will come into effect on october 1st 2018

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

*Respectfully Submitted by Andover High School*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All U.S. citizens must register with the selective service between their 18 and 25 birthdays. Failing to register in this timeframe will result in felony charges.

SECTION 2. The Selective Service is defined as an independent agency of the United States government that maintains information on those potentially subject to military conscription. A felony is defined as a crime regarded as more serious than a misdemeanor, and usually punishable by imprisonment for more than one year.

SECTION 3. The Selective Service will oversee the enforcement and regulation of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation will be enforced starting January 1, 2018.

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

Introduced by Moorhead Senior High School

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All GMOS are prohibited in the use of agricultural productions.

SECTION 2. "GMOs" are defined as organisms, with the exception of human beings, in which the genetic material has been altered in a way that does not occur naturally in mating and/or natural recombination.

"Agricultural productions" are defined as the cultivation and distribution of products and produce for human and animal consumption.

SECTION 3. The FDA will oversee the enforcement and regulation of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect March 1, 2018.

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

Introduced by Moorhead Senior High School