

A Bill to Ban the Commercial Manufacture and Sale of Gunpowder

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The manufacture and sale of gunpowder for commercial purposes
2 shall be phased out and eventually banned.

3 **SECTION 2.** Commercial purposes include production for personal/commercial
4 use, and sale to private entities. The production of gunpowder for
5 use by the state shall not be restricted. Entities who intend to use
6 gunpowder nonviolently may be licensed for its purchase.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives shall
8 oversee the implementation of this ban.

9 **SECTION 4.** Production and sale shall be ceased by January 1, 2021, with
10 incremental decreases in order to gradually phase it out.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln High School

A Bill to Abolish Prison Labor

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All prisons, private included, cannot practice involuntary prison labor.
- 2 **SECTION 2.** Prison will be defined as a facility in which inmates are forcibly confined
3 and denied a variety of freedoms under the authority of the state.
4 Private Prison will be defined as a private prison or for-profit prison is a
5 place in which individuals are physically confined or incarcerated by a third
6 party that is contracted by a government agency.
7 Prison Labor will be defined as a generic term for various kinds of unfree
8 labour which prisoners are required to perform, typically manual labour.
- 9 **SECTION 3.** The federal bureau of Prisons will oversee the implication of this bill.
- 10 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into place initially upon passing.
- 11 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Create a National Holiday for Voting

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States government will turn Election day into a national
2 holiday. Giving people a day off of work, and closing schools. The holiday
3 will fall onto the Tuesday after the first Monday of November of every
4 even-numbered year.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** Election day will be defined as a day legally established for the election of
6 public office.
7 National Holiday will be defined as legal holiday and is a non-working day.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Labor will oversee the implications of this
9 bill.
- 10 **SECTION 4.** The Election day holiday shall first be held on November 6, 2018.
- 11 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Increase the Federal Funds for Planned Parenthood

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government will increase funds for Planned
2 Parenthood to \$1,000,000,000 per year, free of restrictions.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Planned Parenthood Federation of America Inc is a nonprofit organization
4 that provides reproductive health care in the United States and globally.
5 Restrictions implies that Planned Parenthood may use the funds towards
6 abortion.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** The federal Department of the Treasury shall oversee the implementation of
8 this bill by increasing federal funding for Planned Parenthood.
- 9 **SECTION 4.** This Bill will go into effect starting January 1st 2019.
- 10 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln High School.

A Bill to Increase CDC Funding for New Diseases Abroad

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shall be given \$500 million
2 towards researching and controlling new diseases abroad within third world
3 countries.

4 **SECTION 2.** Researching shall be defined as investigating possible diseases that originate
5 from animals.

6 Controlling shall be defined as actively preventing any discovered diseases.

7 New diseases abroad shall be defined as foreign diseases outside of the
8 United States.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shall oversee the
10 implementation of this bill.

11 **SECTION 4.** This Bill shall be enforced by January 1, 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln High School.

A Bill for Justice Reinvestment

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1:** The United States Federal Government will allocate 1 billion dollars from
2 the Department of defense to a study in the Department of Justice to
3 lower recidivism rates
- 4 **SECTION 2:** Recidivism Rates shall be defined as: A measurement of the rate at which
5 offenders commit other crimes, either by arrest or conviction baselines,
6 after being released from incarceration.
- 7 **SECTION 3:** This bill will be overseen by Office of Management--the budget will be
8 overseen by the Department of defense and the Department of Justice
- 9 **SECTION 4:** This bill will go into effect no later than the date of January 1st, 2019.
- 10 **SECTION 5:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Ethan Eisner

Wilson High School

A Bill to Deregulate the Collection of Water

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** All states currently experiencing water shortages with severe to exceptional Drought levels in over 10% of their land area will be required to remove restrictions around the collection of rainwater on private property.
- SECTION 2.** Let “Severe to Exceptional Drought Levels” be defined in the criteria set by the United States Drought Monitor.
- SECTION 3.** There will be a two year pilot program after the adoption of the bill in the states with the aforementioned criteria.
- SECTION 4.** This bill shall be enforced by the department each state has towards the regulation of water.
- SECTION 5.** Penalties for non-compliance include an allocation of \$10,000 towards state natural disaster recovery programs in addition to all funds already allocated by the state, for every two months said state does not comply.
- SECTION 6.** The two year trial period will commence with the adoption of this bill exactly three months after its passage.
- SECTION 7.** All laws in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Tasha Robinson, Glencoe High School

A Bill to Fund the Columbia River Crossing

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall appropriate \$1.5 billion toward the building of a
2 new bridge over the Columbia River between the cities of Portland,
3 Oregon, and Vancouver, Washington, to replace the current Interstate
4 Bridge. This project must be completed within 10 years.

5 **SECTION 2.** This bridge must meet seismic codes at time of building and include
6 infrastructure for a public transportation link.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit
8 Administration, states of Oregon and Washington, cities of Vancouver and
9 Portland, the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council,
10 Metro, and transit agencies C-Tran and TriMet shall partner to develop a
11 plan to use these funds and complete the project within 10 years. All funds
12 not used will be used for other infrastructure projects at the discretion of
13 the Federal Highway Administration.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect on October 1, 2018.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln High School.

A Bill to Increase the Federal Tax on Gasoline to Reduce Carbon Emissions

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The federal tax on gasoline will increase by 10 cents per gallon.

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3 **SECTION 2.** The federal tax is defined as the 18.40 cent per gallon tax on retail gasoline by
4 federal government.

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6 **SECTION 3.** The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will oversee the
7 implementation of this bill.

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A. The revenue generated by the federal increase will go to the United States
9 Department of Energy to fund additional efforts to decrease the nation's
10 emissions of greenhouse gasses.

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12 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect at the state of fiscal year 2020.

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

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WRITTEN BY BELLEVUE HIGH SCHOOL.

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INTRODUCED FOR CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE BY WILSON HIGH SCHOOL.

A Bill To Protect Underage Persons From Coercion

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** This bill prohibits the use of i) confidential informants (CIs) under the age
2 of 16 and ii) underage informants to be offered a deal without a
3 parent/guardian or lawyer present and without full understanding of the
4 risks involved in the operation.

5 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be enforced by the judicial branch.

6 i) Police departments are hereby liable for any harms committed to an
7 underage individual operating as a CI during the operation.

8 **SECTION 4.** This law will come into action immediately

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

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A Bill to Provide Access to Contraceptives to Public High School Students

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** All public high schools shall be required to have contraceptives available to the student body.
- SECTION 2.** The distribution of the contraceptives shall be at the discretion of the high school, as long as the following, conditions are met:
- A) “Contraceptives” shall be defined as any accepted and medically approved form of prevention against pregnancy and/or sexually transmitted infections and diseases that can be obtained without a prescription (e.g. condoms).
 - B) “Available” will be defined as being easily accessible to students in a manner that is free from financial or bureaucratic obstacles, and maintains privacy.
- SECTION 3.** Schools will be required to implement this act upon the start of the academic year following its passage.
- SECTION 4.** Funding for contraceptives shall be allocated by the individual school districts in their respective health-office budgets, if necessary.
- SECTION 5.** The Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Education shall oversee the enforcement of this bill. Any high school that fails to meet the specified conditions of this bill shall face potential loss of federal education funding.
- SECTION 6.** All other laws in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Tasha Robinson, Glencoe High School

1. **A Bill to reform Copyright Policy**
2. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
3. SECTION 1. The USFG shall shorten the length of a copyright to ten years with two
4. possible renewals for a total of thirty years or shorter. However, if a copyright is wanted
5. one must opt in with a five dollar fee and if copyright is approved there will be a one
6. percent tax on profits. However, upon renewal the tax increases to five percent and on
7. the final renewal it increases to ten percent. If the author does not apply, does not
8. renew, dies or thirty years has past said object is released into the public domain.
9. SECTION 2. A copyright is a legal right to given to the author of an object to authorize
10. the use of others. Public domain is being available to the public as a whole.
11. SECTION 3. US Copyright office will oversee the change of policies.
12. SECTION 4. This bill will take effect by January first, 2020.
13. SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Ari Lohr

Wilson High School

A Bill to Reform the School Year

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The USFG shall give 10 million more dollars more funding to states in
2. which schools are on a year round schedule.
3. **SECTION 2.** A school shall be defined as any public school funded by the US
4. Department of Education. The year Round School Year would be a cycle
5. of forty five days of school with 3 weeks off.
6. **SECTION 3.** Funding will come from some of the 25 billion dollars in the military budget
7. that went unspent in 2017.
8. **SECTION 4.** US Department of Education will oversee the change of, and
9. implementation of this policy.
10. **SECTION 5.** This bill will take effect by August 3, 2020.
11. **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Emma Koontz

Wilson High School

A Bill To Remember Victims

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** This bill would federally prohibit implementation of a statute of limitations
2 for violent crimes including crimes like murder, assault, and sexual assault
3 in any state.

4 **SECTION 2.** "Statute of Limitations" refers to a length of time after which a suspect can
5 not be persecuted of a crime.

6 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be enforced by the judicial branch.

7 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be enacted immediately.

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

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A Bill to Replace Pill Bottles With Blister Packages to Reduce Overdoses

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Pharmaceuticals will be packaged using blister packages instead of pill
2 bottles.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Blister packages refer to a sheet of plastic or aluminum in which individual
4 capsules are contained within cavities and are removed by pushing them
5 through the surface of the packaging.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be enforced by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
- 7 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be enacted upon November 1st, 2018.
- 8 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Require Employers to Provide Paid Vacation Leave

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. All employers in the United States of America will provide a minimum of 15 days of paid vacation time every year to all eligible employees.

Section 2. A. Eligible employees shall be defined as any individual who has provided a minimum of 1,500 hours to their employer in the last year.

B. Paid vacation time shall be defined as leave during which an employee will be paid the amount the employee would otherwise be paid if not in absence from employment. Paid vacation time is separate from sick leave, family leave, or any other leave required or guaranteed by law.

Section 3. The Department of Labor shall oversee the implementation and enforcement of this legislation.

Section 4. This legislation will take effect at the beginning of the 2019 fiscal year.

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

Introduced by Wilson High School

A Bill to Retroactively Commute Sentences for Legalized Drug Chargers

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 SECTION 1. Any felon sentenced for a legalized drug shall be cleared of their drug
2 related charges, and released from prison or parole.
- 3 SECTION 2. Legalized drug implies a drug that at the time of convicted was illegal, but
4 now it legal recreationally.
5 Drug-related charges implies felons who are sentenced for usage, simple
6 possession, or with possession with intent to distribute.
- 7 SECTION 3. The Federal Bureau of Prison shall be entrusted with releasing inmates, by
8 duly releasing inmates.
- 9 SECTION 4. This Bill shall go into effect immediately upon passage.
- 10 SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sadie Nelson from Lincoln High School.

A Bill to Shut Down Nationalized Lotteries

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1.

Federal, State, County, and City run gambling and lottery systems will be made federally illegal.

SECTION 2.

Gambling and lottery systems are defined as chance-based activities in which money is exchange in return for the improbable or probable ability to create a profit.

A. This includes Powerball, scratch tickets, and all other government managed gambling systems.

B. This does not include the national or international stock exchange.

C. This does not include casino style gambling on Native American Reservations.

D. This does not include privately run gambling operations.

SECTION 3.

Discretion regulation will be managed by a new Federal Lottery Enforcement Commission which will be formulated out of the past Federal Lottery Commission, which shall be funded by taxes currently in place on remaining legal gambling systems.

A. Any possible corruption will be investigated by The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

SECTION 4.

The provisions of this bill shall take effect on the first day of the year following the passage of this bill.

SECTION 5.

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

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Revoke the President's Ability to Pardon

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is
2 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which
3 shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
4 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within
5 seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress.

6 **ARTICLE -- SECTION 1:** The phrase in Article 2 Section 2 of the Constitution that reads “,
7 and he shall have Power to grant Reprieves and Pardons for Offences
8 against the United States, except in Cases of Impeachment” is hereby
9 revoked. The paragraph shall now end “...upon any Subject relating to the
10 Duties of their respective Offices.”

11 **SECTION 2:** The ability for the President to Pardon shall henceforth be declared null and
12 void.

13 **SECTION 3:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
14 legislation.

15 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** THAT THIS ASSEMBLY SHALL ENCOURAGE THE STATE LEGISLATURES TO AMEND THEIR STATE
16 CONSTITUTIONS TO REVOKE THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNORS' ABILITY TO PARDON.

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WRITTEN BY KINGSTON HIGH SCHOOL.

INTRODUCED FOR CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE BY WILSON HIGH SCHOOL.

A Resolution to Reform the United States' National Education System

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States' education system is continuously failing millions of
2 young adolescents and children;
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The United States is falling further behind in standardized test scores;
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Students are struggling to succeed in school and thus the national average
5 graduation rate is catastrophically low;
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Other countries, such as Finland, have vastly different education systems
7 and are flourishing in their graduation rates and standardized test scores;
8 therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled begin the effort to reform U.S.
10 education and better foster the growth of young children and adolescents.

Respectfully submitted,

Ari Lohr

Wilson High School

A Resolution to Stop the Coddling

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- WHEREAS,** The First Amendment guarantees the right to free speech; and
- WHEREAS,** Higher education ensures a free, and open society for all schools of thought; and
- WHEREAS,** Multiple teaching careers are threatened by individuals who speak pertaining to unpopular political and social positions; and
- WHEREAS,** Student free assembly and free association has been threatened by campus majorities in disagreement with minority student ideological opinion; and
- WHEREAS,** Colleges should not regulate the constitutionally harmless speech of professors who are speaking in an unbiased manner on controversial topics, or students who wish to demonstrate and discuss in a way that does not break campus policy; now, therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** By the Student Congress here assembled that free speech shall be valued over special interest groups and feelings on College Campuses.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Tasha Robinson, Glencoe High School

A Bill to Auto-File Federal Taxes

1. **Section 1:** A return-free filing tax system should be implemented at a federal
2. Level and should be available to all American taxpayers.
3. **Section 2:** Return-free is defined as a tax system using the information that th
4. federal government has access to to fill in information about taxpayers on their
5. paper work. Taxpayer is defined as someone living in America that pays their
6. taxes each year.
7. **Section 3:** This law will be under the surveillance of the IRS. Each tax-paying
8. American citizen will have the option to “opt out” of this tax system with a small
9. fee of \$500.
10. **Section 4:** This legislation will take effect at the beginning of the next tax year
11. after its passage, and will be gradually implemented over the course of 3 years,
12. starting with the highest tax bracket and moving down after 1 tax year at the
- latest.
13. **Section 5:** The funding of this bill will be taken from the taxes of American
14. citizens collected using this system.

Submitted by Kapil Varma of Westview High School

A Resolution to Engage with China through Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank Membership

- 1 **WHEREAS,** the United States is not a current member of the Asian Infrastructure
2 Investment Bank; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** American hegemony in Asia is declining due to protectionist measures;
4 and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** A decline of American hegemony increases the likelihood of international
6 threats; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank allows international
8 cooperation on mutually beneficial projects such as environmental
9 friendly infrastructure; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank needs additional funding and
11 investments; now, therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled recommend to the President that the
13 United States should request and commit to Asian Infrastructure
14 Investment Bank membership

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sim Low

A BILL TO RAISE THE NATIONAL MINIMUM WAGE

- 1) **BE IT ENACTED BY THIS ASSEMBLED CONGRESSIONAL BODY THAT:**
- 2) **Section 1.:** The United States National minimum wage will be set to \$11.00 an hour for
- 3) companies with 50 or more employees and \$10.00 an hour for companies with less than 50
- 4) employees
- 5) **Section 2:** Nonprofit and tax-exempt organizations will be included but only for salaried
- 6) employees, and if proper documentation is filed may be exempt from this Bill
- 7) **Section 3:** The US Department of Labor will be placed with the task of enforcing this policy
- 8) due to the fact they already control the minimum wage
- 9) **Section 4:** If a company had 50 or more employees in its past but currently has less than 50,
- 10) it must comply to the \$10.00 an hour mark. If a company had less than 50 employees in its
- 11) past but currently has 50 or more, it must comply to the \$11.00 an hour mark
- 12) **Section 5:** Any company found in violation of these rules will be forced to pay triple the
- 13) full compensation for wages not given to the employee(s) affected, and this money is
- 14) without tax
- 15) **Section 6:** The wages listed in Section 1 shall at the end of each calendar year be raised by
- 16) the same percentage the US Dollar inflation rose that same year
- 17) **Section 7:** Any laws or legislation passed before this Bill shall be removed or nullified
- 18) **Section 8:** This Bill will take effect in exactly 1 month from today's date to allow time for
- 19) companies to change their minimum wage policies

Submitted by Matthew Friar

A Bill to Fund the Research, Development, and Construction of the RF Resonant Cavity Thruster

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will designate \$1.6 billion to the research,
3 development, and construction of the RF Resonant Cavity Thruster.

4 **SECTION 2.** The RF resonant cavity thruster, or the EmDrive, is a paradigm shifting
5 innovation. Essentially, through facilitation of a magnetron, radio waves
6 are bounced around inside a conical conducting cavity. This cavity is
7 generates thrust for deep space travel without the need for heavy,
8 inefficient, limited fuel.

9 **SECTION 3.** The National Aeronautics and Space Administration should fund and
10 oversee research and development.

11 A. Part of this administration may include the contraction of
12 commercial space agencies.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation should take effect upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Sim Low