

# Grizzly Invitational

Congressional Debate  
Legislation

Friday, December 14, 2018

## **A Bill to Enact a Federal Carbon Tax**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** CO2 emissions shall be taxed at \$25 dollars per ton, and increase by two percent above inflation annually. Emissions from personal vehicles, public transportation and agriculture equipment shall be exempt through Fiscal Year 2035.

**SECTION 2.** A carbon tax shall be defined as a tax proportional to the consumption of fossil fuels. Sequestered CO2 shall be exempt from the tax.

**SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency shall oversee implementation of this bill.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect October 1, 2018

**SECTION 5.** Any sections of laws that would prevent implementation of this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted for debate by Ashland High School

A Bill to Require All public disposal facilities in the state of Oregon to host a free recycling day once every quarter

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** All public disposal facilities shall be required to hold a free recycling day once every quarter.

**SECTION 2.** Public disposal facilities shall be defined as any publically funded disposal facility that is open to the public . Every quarter shall be defined as once every three months . Free shall be defined as no charge.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Environmental Quality will oversee the implementation of this bill, as well as enforce it.

1. Public facilities will still be able to charge their fee. Private companies are not required to host a free day.
2. If they do not follow the law they shall be required to host a free day every month for one year.
3. The funding will come from a one cent gas tax, put in place by the state of Oregon.

**SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect on the 1st of January, 2020.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by \_\_\_\_\_ North Bend High School*

A Bill to add an sales tax on all ammunition in the State of Oregon

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** All ammunition in Oregon shall have a 10 cent sales tax.

**SECTION 2.** Sales tax shall be defined as tax imposed by the government on the sale of goods and services. Ammunition shall be defined as any ammunition that can be loaded into a gun.

**SECTION 3.** The International Revenue Service will oversee this new tax.

1. All businesses that sell any ammunition will be required to charge this tax.
2. This bill does not apply to archery ammunition.
3. Business are required to charge the tax at the time of purchase.
4. The funds from this tax will go to funding mental health research.

**SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect on the 1st of January, 2020.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by \_\_\_\_\_ North Bend High School*

# Puppies Assisting Wounded Servicemembers (PAWS) Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall provide service dogs to veterans  
3 with mental illnesses who do not have mobility impairments, as well as  
4 provide hardware clinically determined to be required by the dog to  
5 perform tasks necessary to assist with veterans' diagnosed disorders.

6 **SECTION 2.** Service dogs are defined by Titles II and III of the Americans with  
7 Disabilities Act; and for purposes of this act, they must be certified by  
8 Assistance Dogs International, have wellness verification from a licensed  
9 veterinarian, and pass the American Kennel Club Community Canine test  
10 and the ADI Public Access Test prior to permanent placement with a  
11 recipient.

12 **SECTION 3.** Veterans shall be eligible for this benefit if they are enrolled with the  
13 Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) under 38 U.S.C. §1705, and has been  
14 treated and has completed an established evidence-based treatment for  
15 post-traumatic stress disorder yet remains diagnosed with post-traumatic  
16 stress disorder by a qualified health care provider as rated on the post-  
17 traumatic stress disorder checklist (PCL-5).

18 **SECTION 4.** Once in receipt of the service dog, each veteran must care for the dog  
19 including providing food and veterinary care. If at any point, the veteran  
20 is no longer able or willing to care for the service dog, the organization  
21 that provided the service dog and the veteran shall determine the  
22 appropriate recourse to ensure the safety of both the veteran and the  
23 service dog.

24 **SECTION 5.** This bill shall take effect upon passage. All laws in conflict with this  
25 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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# Voting Opportunities Throughout Elections (VOTE) Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** For all elections for Members of Congress, and the President, the following standards shall apply:

- A. Same-day voter registration must be allowed.
- B. States shall require photo identification only for same-day voter registrants.
- C. Early voting shall be allowed for at least 30 days, with time allotted on at least one weekday evening per week until 9 p.m., and for at least six hours on one weekend day (Saturday or Sunday) each week.
- D. Non-incarcerated individuals who have completed their sentence, including supervised release – but not parole, probation, nor any registration registry requirement – must be allowed to vote.
- E. States may not restrict voter registration drives, efforts, or campaigns.
- F. States may not purge registered voters within a ten-year period of voting.
- G. No restrictions shall be placed on college or university students.

**SECTION 2.** The Federal Elections Commission shall establish administrative policies related to enforcement of this act. The Department of Justice shall ensure compliance by states.

**SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect for the first federal election following passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by the National Speech & Debate Association (November 2018 docket).*

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

7                    **SECTION 1:**     The first sentence of Article 1 of the 14th Amendment  
8     shall be reworded as: “All persons born to citizens or legal  
9     residents of the United States, or naturalized in the United  
10    States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens  
11    of the United States and of the state wherein they reside.”

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by the National Speech & Debate Association (November 2018 docket).*

# A Bill to Enforce Responsible Gun Ownership

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Localities that are not covered by a law declaring “It is unlawful for an  
3 adult to leave an unsecured firearm owned or controlled by the adult in a  
4 manner that the adult knows or reasonably should know is accessible to a  
5 child” is not eligible for federal grants” will not be eligible to receive any  
6 federal grants for education or law enforcement.

7 **SECTION 2.** (A) “Adult” is person who has attained 18 years of age  
8 (B) “Child” is person who has not attained 18 years of age  
9 (C) “Firearm” utilizes the definition in 18 U.S.C. §921.  
10 (D) “Secured” means in a locked safe or rendered inoperable by means  
11 of a lock or other secure gun storage or safety device and where no one  
12 other than the owner has access to the code, combination, or key.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will monitor the compliance of states and  
14 localities and alert the relevant people in the appropriations process at  
15 the Department of State and Department of Education to prevent the  
16 dispersal of funds to ineligible localities. Localities may be covered by  
17 state, county, or local laws as long as:  
18 (A) The law is substantively similar to Section 1  
19 (B) Laws convey criminal liability for crimes committed by children given  
20 unlawful access to firearms with said firearms upon the responsible  
21 adult.

22 **SECTION 4.** States have 18 months from the date of enactment to comply with this  
23 law.

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

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# Space Policy Advancing Commerce & Economy (“SPACE”) Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The government will consolidate and reduce regulatory burdens to create a favorable economic environment for commercial space activities.

**SECTION 2.** 51 U.S.C. §50701 shall be amended to change the name of the Office of Space Commerce to the Bureau of Space Commerce.

**SECTION 3.** 51 U.S.C. §50702 shall be amended:

A. Establish Bureau of Space Commerce within the Dept. of Commerce, with an Asst. Secretary for Space Commerce, to be appointed by the President and to report directly to the Secretary of Commerce. The Bureau shall promote, coordinate, and regulate space commerce activities including to: foster conditions for economic growth in space industry; coordinating negotiations to promotes U.S. space commerce abroad; promoting geospatial technologies; and providing support to Federal organizations working on space-based positioning navigation.

B. The U.S. Government shall not compete with commercial providers.

**SECTION 4.** 51 U.S.C. §60121 shall be amended by striking paragraph (a)(2), removing a limitation on the Secretary of Commerce’s licensing authority related to private space systems; and strike §60124 and delegates authority to regulate remote sensing activities to the Bureau of Space Commerce.

**SECTION 5.** The Secretary of Commerce shall consult with commercial space industry representatives to seek input on policy and regulatory updates. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to interactions described herein.

**SECTION 6.** Appropriations of \$10 million shall be made for each of the fiscal years 2020 through 2024.

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# Saudi Crown Prince Sanction Act of 2018

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud (MBS) of  
3 Saudi Arabia shall be placed on the Treasury Department, Office of  
4 Foreign Asset Control's (OFAC) Specially Designated Nationals and  
5 Blocked Persons List (SDN).

6 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect upon passage, and remain in place through FY  
7 2020, at which point, status of Crown Prince MBS shall be reevaluated.

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# A Resolution to Amend Senate Rules for Presidential Nominations

- 1   **WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the United States vests in the Senate a sacred duty to  
2                   ensure scrutiny of Presidential nominees for top-level Executive and  
3                   Judicial Branch officials are the best candidates fit for their positions, and  
4                   not obligations of favor to the President; and
- 5   **WHEREAS,** To be impartial adjudicators of the law, all judges and Justices must  
6                   affirmatively demonstrate their ability to be unencumbered with political  
7                   bias and must exhibit a temperament fitting of that impartiality; and
- 8   **WHEREAS,** Presidentially-appointed Executive Branch officials exert high authority and  
9                   crucial administrative rulemaking for laws passed by this Congress; and
- 10   **WHEREAS,** In a highly partisan contemporary climate, the American people deserve a  
11                  process for advice and consent not marked by political tribalism or self-  
12                  interest motivated by impending elections; now, therefore, be it
- 13   **RESOLVED,** That the Senate here assembled amend Rule XXXI: Executive Session -  
14                  Proceedings on Nominations included in *Standing Rules of the Senate*,  
15                  to add a new Rule 3, and renumber subsequent rules as 4-8:  
16                  “Proceedings on a nomination shall be suspended indefinitely in the event  
17                  of credible allegations of criminal, immoral, or unethical behavior, until  
18                  such allegations are resolved satisfactorily upon the concurrence of the  
19                  committee chair and ranking minority member, and this rule may not be  
20                  suspended without two-thirds of a committee concurring.”

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# Postal Operation for Security and Tampering (POST) Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Office of Postal and Shipping Security (OPSS) is herewith established  
3 in the Department of Homeland Security, with establishment of a  
4 Presidentially-appointed Director, who shall report directly to the  
5 Secretary.

6 **SECTION 2.** The OPSS shall be tasked with recommending to Congress no later than  
7 180 days following appointment of a Director protocols and budgetary  
8 appropriations necessary for scanning and vetting every single mail piece  
9 and package shipped by the United States Postal Service (USPS), as well  
10 as private industry security requirements for scanning packages sent by  
11 non-USPS carriers.

12 **SECTION 3.** The OPSS shall work closely with the USPS Postal Inspection Service, the  
13 Postmaster General, and representatives of the three largest private  
14 shipping companies in the United States.

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

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# Korematsu-Takai Civil Liberties Protection Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Section 4001 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

3 (1) by redesignating subsection (b) as subsection (c); and

4 (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the following:

5 “(b) Prohibition On Detention Based On Protected Characteristics.

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—No individual may be imprisoned or otherwise  
7 detained based solely on an actual or perceived protected  
8 characteristic of the individual.

9 “(2) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term ‘protected  
10 characteristic’ includes— (A) race; (B) ethnicity; (C) national  
11 origin; (D) religion; (E) gender; (F) gender identity; and (G) sexual  
12 orientation.”

13 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect upon passage.

14 **SECTION 3.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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## A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Ensure Succession Stability and Executive Accountability Regarding Treaties

**WHEREAS,** Each new President inherits stewardship of treaties previously ratified to  
by the United States of America in good faith in the international  
community; and

**WHEREAS,** The President must obtain advice and consent of the Senate before ratifying a treaty, so it logically follows the Senate should offer advice and consent in withdrawal from a treaty; now, therefore, be it

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

**ARTICLE --**

**SECTION 1:** The President must obtain Advice and Consent of the Senate to withdraw from any treaty previously ratified by the United States of America.

**SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

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