

## An Amendment to the Constitution to Outlaw Eminent Domain

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

7 **ARTICLE --**

8 **SECTION 1.** The Fifth Amendment to the constitution shall be  
9 amended by striking “nor shall private property be taken  
10 for public use, without just compensation” and replaced  
11 with “nor shall well kept private property be taken for  
12 public use involuntarily.”

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Chanhassen High School*

**The Venezuela Sanctions Act of 2018**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The United States will place economic sanctions on the nation of Venezuela.

**SECTION 2.** Economic sanctions shall be defined as a cease of the trade of goods including, but not limited to, petroleum, and manufacturing.

**SECTION 3.** If by January 1, 2019, the Venezuelan people do not have adequate political representation as will be determined by the Embassy of the United States in Caracas, Sanchez Arvelaiz, the head of the Venezuelan embassy in the United States shall be deported.

**SECTION 5.** The Office of Foreign Assets Control, the Bureau of Industry and Security, and USAID shall oversee implementation of this legislation.

**SECTION 6.** If economic Sanctions are found to negatively impact the people of Venezuela, USAID will send a one-time installment of \$60 million in food, and health assistance to the people of Venezuela.

**SECTION 7.** This legislation will be implemented effective January 1, 2019.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dougherty Valley High School.*

## **A Bill to Lift Tax Exemptions from Religious Institutions**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** All religious institutions that make any profit will hereby be lifted of tax exemptions.

**SECTION 2.** “Religious Institution” shall be defined as the visible and organized manifestation of practices and beliefs in particular social and historical contexts. “Profit” shall be defined as making any money that is a net benefit after expenses.

**SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will be responsible for making this change and ensuring institutions comply.

**SECTION 4.** Will be put into action beginning in the 2020 Fiscal Year.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Raunak Pandey of Eagan High School*

## Alien Minors' Citizenship Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The following policies shall hereby be enacted to grant qualifying alien  
3 minors a path to legal citizenship:

4 A. Current DACA beneficiaries shall be granted permanent resident  
5 status on a conditional basis.

6 B. Minor TPS beneficiaries, and minors without lawful immigration status  
7 shall be granted the opportunity to apply for Conditional permanent  
8 residence (CPR) status.

9 C. Minors with Conditional Permanent Residence (CPR) status shall be  
10 permitted to apply for Legal Permanent Residence (LPR) status and US  
11 citizenship upon meeting requirements set by the U.S. Department of  
12 Homeland Security

13 **SECTION 2.** U.S. Department of Homeland Security shall be responsible for funding,  
14 implementing, and conducting activities pursuant to this act.

15 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect immediately.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Anuska Thorat, Edina High School.*

**A Bill to Tax Added Sugar**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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**SECTION 1.** A tax on any food or drink product with added sugar would be subject to a 1% sales tax.

**SECTION 2.** Added sugar shall be defined as refined or unrefined sugar, corn syrup or any other sugar substitutes

**SECTION 3.** United States Department of Agriculture in conjunction with the IRS will be in charge of the implementation of this bill.

**SECTION 4.** At least 25% of the revenue generated must be spent on general health initiatives

**SECTION 5.** This legislation shall be implemented by the beginning of 2019.

**SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ana Glassman of Evanston Township*

**A BILL TO PROTECT THE EPA’S FUNDING AND TO  
LOWER GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will hereby be  
3 protected from having its funding cut for the next three years. The EPA  
4 will be allocated three billion dollars in its yearly budget beginning next  
5 fiscal year. The EPA will be in charge of incorporating a cap-and-trade  
6 policy with emissions beginning at current levels in 2019, and decreased  
7 by 5% for the three years following.

8 **SECTION 2.** Greenhouse gases shall be defined as Carbon Dioxide, Methane, Nitrous  
9 Oxide, and Fluorinated Gases.

10 Cap-and-trade shall be defined as the policy where companies receive an  
11 emissions cap through either auction, purchase, etc., and are allowed to  
12 trade, purchase, and sell caps to other companies.

13 **SECTION 3.** The EPA shall oversee the implementation of cap-and-trade, and the  
14 United States Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works will  
15 oversee the EPA receiving its new funding and being protected from  
16 funding cuts.

17 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect immediately, with the cap-and-trade being  
18 implemented on January 1, 2019.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hawken School, Cleveland District*

## A Bill to Jumpstart Apprentices

BE IT ENACTED BY THE ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** All businesses contracted by the government must be required to offer an apprenticeship program to high school graduates.

**SECTION 2.** A) Apprenticeships shall be defined as a career pathway that includes a paid-work component and an educational or instructional component, where an individual can obtain workplace-relevant knowledge and skills. Any further stipulations shall be made by the US Department of Education.

B) A business will have their offered program inspected twice a year that they fulfill the requirements as proper apprenticeship programs by inspectors from the US Department of Labor.

**SECTION 3.** Any businesses that fail to meet this mandate will be fined proportionally to 50% of their annual reported revenue to the Internal Revenue Service.

**SECTION 4.** This bill will go into enforcement by 2020 and will be jointly overseen by the US Department of Labor, US Department of Education, and the Internal Revenue Service.

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

*Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Economics*

Patrick Kilcullen

## **A Resolution to Call on the United Nations Security Council to Place Sanctions on Saudi Arabia**

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Saudi Arabia has been a known violator of human rights abuses; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** Saudi Arabia has unlawfully blockaded the flow of essential goods into
- 3 Yemen; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Saudi Arabia’s actions have clearly gone against previously established
- 5 UN Security Council policy; now, therefore, be it
- 6 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled the United Nations Security Council
- 7 should place sanctions upon Saudi Arabia until they have proven to halt
- 8 human rights violations and blockades of essential goods to Yemen.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Christopher Raymond*



## **A Bill to Require More Thorough Vetting for Candidates of the Supreme Court Justice**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**1 Section 1.** Vetting will be required for all candidates that are nominated for  
**2** Supreme Court Justice.

**3 Section 2.** Vetting is defined as a thorough investigation where the past of the candidate is  
**4** studied and observed by FBI officials and things that others have accused the candidate of are  
**5** taken into consideration.

**6 Section 3.** The United States government will take any necessary actions to thoroughly  
**7** investigate candidates of the Supreme Court Justice

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln East High School*

## A Resolution to Remove Tariff on China

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**WHEREAS,** China has lowered pricing on textiles and steel made in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** The new Chinese price reductions have been instituted in response to the current and threat of US tariffs introduced on China; and

**WHEREAS,** China has shown that they no longer have the political and economic will to withstand the US tariffs; therefore, to be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled that the United States should immediately seek to remove tariffs aimed at China to ease political and economic tensions between the two countries.

*Introduced for Congressional debate by McNeil HS.*

## A Resolution to Place Sanctions on the United Arab Emirates

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Under the Foreign Assistance Act, the United States will place an  
2 embargo on any nation that has been shown to violate multiple  
3 international human rights laws; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Migrants workers who go to the United Arab Emirates are often violated  
5 and denied rights; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Residents of the United Arab Emirates who speak out about human rights  
7 abuses are either silenced, jailed, fined, or deported; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Prisoners of the United Arab Emirates can be subjects to torture; and
- 9 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States economically  
10 sanction the UAE.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Northland Christian School.*

**A Bill to Train Medical Professionals to Understand the Signs of Human Trafficking**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Public/non-profit hospitals will be required to train all medical personnel at any facility to look for signs of human trafficking in patients.

A. 300 million dollars will be allocated to hospitals who cannot afford training for all employees of those hospitals.

B. Any hospitals that don't adhere with these policies will be fined.

SECTION 2. "Signs of human trafficking" shall be defined as a quality whose presence or occurrence indicates the probable presence or occurrence of illegally transporting of people, typically for the purposes of forced labor or commercial sexual exploitation.

SECTION 3. The US Department of Health and Human Services will implement this legislation by allocating funds to hospitals for this training.

SECTION 4. This piece of legislation will be enacted in Fiscal Year 2020.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Theodore Roosevelt High School*

**A Bill To Cease Congressional Hush Fund Payments**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** No taxpayer money shall be used to fund any settlement between a member of Congress accused of sexual misconduct and their accuser.

- A. Any non-disclosure agreement which accompanied a previous settlement shall be considered null and void.
- B. All settlements between a member of Congress accused of sexual misconduct and an accuser shall be considered public record and thus will be listed by the necessary Committee on Ethics on an annual basis.
- C. Any individual who received an award or settlement prior to the date of the enactment of this bill, may make public any information relating to the award or settlement.

**SECTION 2.** The House Committee on Ethics and the Senate Select Committee on Ethics will oversee enforcement of this legislation.

**SECTION 3.** This shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dougherty Valley High School.*

*This may be sponsored by any semifinalist.*

## 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 education in the continent of Africa.
- SECTION 2.** African education includes aid towards educational infrastructure, hiring qualified teachers, educational technology, and other educational necessities.
- SECTION 3.** The Department of State and the Department of Education will be responsible for providing funding and working with DoE approved Non-Governmental Organizations (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 Grant Davis of Eagan High School*  
This may be sponsored by any semifinalist.

**A Bill to Ban Prison Privatization**

**SECTION 1.** The government will no longer be able to hire companies to run for-profit places of confinement.

**SECTION 2.** Private prisons will be defined as a place where for-profit companies imprison individuals.

**SECTION 3.** This bill will be enforced by the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP).

**SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented January 1, 2018

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

A Bill submitted by Suzie Cho of Lincoln East High School

This may be sponsored by any semifinalist.

## The American Addiction Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Opioid and Opiate prescription and usage shall be halted.

3 **A.** Physician who prescribes or makes use of opiates/opioids will lose their  
4 medical license.

5 **B.** Alternatives to Opiates/Opioids that could be practiced for pain relief  
6 include acetaminophen, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs),  
7 corticosteroids, serotonin and Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitors,  
8 neurostimulators, anticonvulsants, physical therapy, acupuncture,  
9 chiropractic care and exercise.

10 **SECTION 2.** An Opiate/Opioid is any drug containing opium or its derivatives.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Food and Drug Administration, Drug Enforcement Agency, and  
12 Federation of State Medical Boards shall oversee the implementation of  
13 this act.

14 **SECTION 4.** This act shall go into full effect on January 1st, 2019.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Yash Mangalick, Edina High School.*

*May be sponsored by any finalist.*



## **A Bill to Amend Refugee Policy to Admit More Refugees Escaping Persecution**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** A. The United States will resettle 65,000 refugees facing persecution from countries including but not limited to Myanmar, Syria, Lebanon, and Venezuela.
- B. \$15 million will be allocated to the Office of Refugee Resettlement to create resettlement programs to ease the transition to the United States.
- SECTION 2.** A. Refugee shall be henceforth defined as “a person who has been forced to leave their country in order to escape hostility and ill-treatment, especially because of race or political or religious beliefs and/or natural disasters.”
- B. Resettlement programs consist of, but are not limited to, education grants, career counseling, and housing.
- SECTION 3.** The Department of State and the Office of Refugee Resettlement shall be in charge of the implementation of this legislation.
- SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented by Fiscal Year 2019.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hawken School.*

*May be sponsored by any finalist.*

## A Bill to Establish Congressional Term Limits

1 BE IN ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Members of Congress including the House of Representatives and Senate  
3 may serve a maximum of four terms in office . These terms can be either  
4 served consecutively or apart just as long as one’s congressional service  
5 does not exceed four terms.

6 **Section 2.** Terms limits in the House will not conflict with terms in the Senate. Term  
7 limits in the Senate will not conflict with the House. Thus, one could serve  
8 four terms in the House and four terms in the Senate.

9 **Section 3.** The Federal Election Commission will oversee the regulation of  
10 Congressional term limits in accordance with this Bill.

11 **Section 4.** All members of Congress who have already exceeded their term limits  
12 will not be eligible for reelection the next time their seat is available for  
13 reelection.

14 **Section 5.** This legislation will go into effect on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Northland Christian School*

*May be sponsored by any finalist.*