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2018 Docket

Bills #1 - #12

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A Bill to Establish a National Date for Presidential Primaries

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Each State shall be directed to hold its primary election for presidential
3 nominees on the first Tuesday of March in a Presidential election year.
4 For states that hold run-off elections, the first round of balloting will take
5 place on the first Tuesday of March and the run-off election will take
6 place on the last Tuesday of March.

7 **SECTION 2.** States who fail to comply with this legislation will lose one-half of their
8 electoral college votes in that presidential election year, rounded down.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Commission and the United States Election
10 Assistance Commission will be charged with the implementation and
11 enforcement of this legislation.

12 **SECTION 4.** This law will go into effect on January 1, 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the National Speech & Debate Association.

A Bill to Save Net Neutrality

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Amend the Communications Act of 1934 to add a section covering Internet
2 Service Providers as a "Vital Service" and not a "Utility".
- 3 **SECTION 2.** The following definitions apply to this legislation:
 - 4 A. Internet Service Provider (ISP) - a person or legal entity engaged in the
5 provision of broadband Internet access.
 - 6 B. Vital Service - A essential service that the loss would compromise the
7 safety, security and/or public order of the United States.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** The FCC shall enforce the following provisions on ISPs:
 - 9 A. May not block lawful content, applications, or services; and
 - 10 B. May not throttle lawful traffic by selectively slowing or speeding,
11 Internet traffic based on source, destination, or content; and
 - 12 C. May not engage in paid prioritization.
- 13 **SECTION 4.** The FCC has 90 days to begin enforcement once this legislation becomes
14 law.
- 15 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Loveland High School.

A Bill to Incentivize Voting in Federal Elections

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Citizens who vote in federal elections for members of the House of
3 Representatives, Senate, and the President of the United States shall be
4 entitled to a \$50 tax credit for that fiscal year.

5 **SECTION 2.** "Vote" refers to the casting of a ballot by any available means recognized
6 by a given State including, but not limited to, early voting, absentee
7 ballots, and voting on election day proper. Citizens may cast a ballot for
8 "none of the above" or its equivalent as well as "write-in" candidates and
9 will still be eligible for the aforementioned tax credit.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service and the Federal Election Commission shall
11 be charged with the implementation of this legislation.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect on January 1, 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by The National Speech and Debate Association.

A Resolution to Eliminate Free Speech Zones From Public Universities

- 1 **WHEREAS,** free speech zones, as defined by Middle Tennessee State University as
2 areas on college campuses and at certain public events such as political
3 conventions, specifically designated for protesters and demonstrators to
4 exercise their right to freedom of speech, are an increasing trend in
5 public universities; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Six states, Colorado, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, Missouri, and Arizona,
7 have laws against free speech zones, 44 states permitting them, and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Over the past two decades, the number of free speech zones on public
9 university campuses has been increasing; and,
- 10 **WHEREAS,** Lawsuits are too slow and are inconsistent in guaranteeing first
11 amendment rights for college students at public universities; and
- 12 **WHEREAS,** saying people can only have rights in certain places minimizes the scope
13 of people's right, suffocating the free exchange of ideas that colleges
14 should have; and
- 15 **WHEREAS,** By saying where a person can protest, that is a blatant abridgment of that
16 person's first amendment right; now, therefore, be it
- 17 **RESOLVED,** The Congress here assembled make the following recommendation:
18 Eliminate free speech zones from public universities.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Fossil Ridge High School.

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Limit the Pardoning Power of the President

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 several states
6 within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

7 **ARTICLE --**

8 **SECTION 1,** The President shall not have the power to grant pardons to himself or
9 herself, to the President's immediate and extended family (spouse,
10 children, parents, siblings, grandchildren, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews,
11 first cousins, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law),
12 or to any current or former member of the President's administration, or
13 to anyone who worked on the President's presidential campaign in a
14 named staff position.

15 **SECTION 2,** The Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate
16 legislation.

Introduced by Loveland HS

A Bill to Adopt an Educational Voucher System

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The US will adopt a voucher system for private schools.

3 **SECTION 2.** Vouchers will be given out to students to determine which schools they
4 would like to attend.

5 **SECTION 3.** Voucher system is defined as a certificate of funding issued by the
6 government, which the parents of a schoolchild have control of and are
7 able to direct towards the public or private school of their own choosing
8 to fully or partially pay for the tuition of their child at that school for that
9 year.

10 **SECTION 4.** Vouchers will be accepted in a first come first serve basis.

11 **SECTION 5.** This bill will be implemented immediately.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the New York State District

A Bill to Reform Mental Health Care

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Community Mental Health Care Act of 1963 is repealed.

3 **SECTION 2.** The United States Federal Government shall increase spending on Mental
4 Health-Care by 8% over the next four years upon passage of this legislation. The
5 difference in the increase of spending will support the cost of development of
6 new Mental Health Centers in the United States.

7 **SECTION 3.** Mental Health-Care costs will be included in Medicaid benefits

8 **SECTION 4.** Mental Health-Care diagnosis and treatment provisions will be made by a panel
9 of Psychiatrists, Psychologists, and Doctors appointed by the United States
10 Commission on Mental Health, effective upon passage of this legislation.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Valley Forge District.

A Bill to Combat Opioid Addition in Prisons

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons hereby is authorized to make
2 grants to and enter into cooperative agreements to develop and
3 implement a program to provide medication-assisted treatment to
4 individuals incarcerated who are addicted to opioids.

5 **SECTION 2.** The term "medication-assisted treatment" means the use of drugs or
6 combinations of drugs that have by FDA, been approved for use to provide
7 an effective treatment of substance abuse.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Bureau of Prisons shall enforce the following provisions on all
9 federal prisons under their jurisdiction:

10 A. Ensure the implementation, reporting and enforcing that all federal
11 prisons administer medication-assisted treatment for diagnosed opioid
12 and related substance abuse addicts that are incarcerated; and

13 B. Assurance that federal prisons have, or have access to, a sufficient
14 number of clinicians licensed to administer medication-assisted
15 treatment to program participants; and

16 C. Provide program participants continuity of care once released from
17 incarceration including assistance to eligible participants in registering
18 for Medicaid; and

19 D. Generate an annual report to Congress on the number of participants,
20 treatment, after incarceration care and program recidivism rates.

21 **SECTION 4.** The Federal Bureau of Prisons has 90 days to begin enforcement once this
22 legislation becomes law.

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

Introduced by Loveland High School.

A Resolution on Solar Roadways

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Continual issues with global climate change has prompted research and
2 inventions into alternative energy; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Many alternatives have been widely rejected for reasons like higher cost
4 comparisons, effectiveness, efficiency, etc.; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Solar Roadways is a business that has successfully created solar panels that can
6 be placed and become sidewalks, parking lots, and actual roads; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** These plates can provide renewable energy to be used in homes and businesses;
8 and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** The plates have also shown uses beyond that of just solar energy; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** The Federal government funded Phase I of the project and a portion of Phase II;
11 now, therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the Federal government should fully fund
13 the rest of the Solar Roadways project.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Nebraska South District

A Bill to Make Vaccines Required for Children Entering Public Schools to Keep the Risk of Infectious Disease Down

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Children shall be required to get certain mandatory vaccinations recommended
3 by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) before
4 entering public schooling as to keep the risk of certain Infectious diseases down.

5 **SECTION 2.** "Public schooling" is a free tax-supported school controlled by a local
6 governmental authority. "Infectious diseases" being disorders caused by
7 organisms — such as bacteria, viruses, fungi or parasites.

8 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the
9 implementation of this bill.

10 A. Children will need to get the following vaccinations: Tetanus, Diphtheria,
11 Pertussis (Tdap) Vaccine, Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine,
12 Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine (MCV4), Influenza, Pneumococcal Vaccine,
13 Hepatitis A (HepA) Vaccine Series, Hepatitis B (HepB) Vaccine Series,
14 Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV) Series, Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)
15 Vaccine Series, and the Varicella Vaccine Series.

16 **SECTION 4.** The plan will be in effect six months after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Eastern Missouri District.

A Bill to Ban Direct-to-Consumer Advertising of Prescription Drugs

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Direct-to-Consumer advertising of prescription drugs is hereby banned on
3 television and radio.

4 **SECTION 2.** Direct-to-Consumer advertising is defined as a form of marketing
5 promotion that is aimed toward the patient or consumer rather than
6 health care professionals.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Food and Drug Administration will oversee the implementation of
8 this bill.

9 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect on January 1, 201⁹.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Tennessee District

