



A Bill to Strengthen Background Checks of Firearm Purchasers to Improve Gun Control

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The following 3 reforms will go into effect with the passage of this bill:

3 A. The minimum age to buy rifles will be increased to 21.

4 B. A waiting period of one month will be implemented for the purchase
5 of all firearms.

6 C. A personal referral will be required to authorize consumers to
7 purchase a firearm.

8 **SECTION 2.** A waiting period is the period between when an item is purchased and
9 when it is received by the buyer. A personal referral is a document that
10 verifies that the trust of the buyer from a close acquaintance.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives will oversee the
12 implementation of this legislation.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be enacted on January 1st, 2020.

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

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A Bill to Abolish the Death Penalty on the Federal Level

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall hereby make it illegal for the
3 Death Penalty to be a sentencing option in federal courts.

4 **SECTION 2.** Death Penalty is defined as the punishment of execution, administered to
5 someone legally convicted of a capital crime.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will oversee the implementation and
7 enforcement of this bill.

8 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

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A Bill to Allow Convicted Felons to Vote to Promote Equality in America

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall hereby allow convicted
3 felons to vote after their sentence is completed and thereby diversify the
4 voting sector and advocate for equality within America.

5 **SECTION 2.** Convicted felons will be excluded to those who have not been convicted
6 for murder or a sexual felony. The completion of sentences includes but
7 not limited to prison, parole, and probation.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) will oversee the enforcement of this
9 bill along with Amendment 4 , the Voting Rights Restoration for Felons
10 Initiative, in the Florida Constitution.

11 A. The BOP will oversee the organization and management of felon
12 identification files.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented by January of 2023.

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

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A Bill to Standardize Daylight Saving Time in U.S. Territories

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Biannually rotating time zones in the United States which are labeled as
3 “Daylight Saving Time” shall cease to rotate and be fixated at the
4 “Daylight” setting.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Daylight Time” shall be defined as the portion of the calendar year
6 during which clocks are advanced to prolong evening daylight.

7 **SECTION 3.** A. Current time zones advanced to “Daylight” shall be renamed to
8 “Standard”, and official clocks will remain advanced throughout all future
9 calendar seasons; no official clocks will be adjusted at the time of
10 enforcement of this legislation.

11 B. The Department of Transportation shall oversee the enforcement of
12 this legislation.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will enter effect at 02:00 on 3 November 2019.

14 **SECTION 5.** The Uniform Time Act of 1966 and all other laws in conflict with this
15 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Plano East Senior High School



A Resolution to Prohibit Political Adherence Tests to Government Contracts

- 1 **WHEREAS,** the United States is founded on the ideals of collective democracy and
2 individual freedom; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** the adherence to certain political ideologies in order to obtain and/or
4 maintain contract services with the government violates the concept of
5 individual expression; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** an increasing number of Americans do not support long-held foreign
7 policy objectives in Israel and the Middle East; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** individual states should not take it upon themselves to enforce
9 agreement with federal foreign policy; now, therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the several States should be
11 prohibited from establishing political tests such as anti-BDS legislation to
12 potential contract vendors.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Flower Mound High School



A Bill to Support Cattle Waste Removal Systems to Prevent Environmental Damage

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will commit to providing existing cattle farms with more
3 efficient systems of removing waste as well as promoting new farms to be built
4 with more efficient systems of removing waste.

5 **SECTION 2.** The most efficient form of reducing waste in cattle farms is to use natural
6 compounds to decrease the amount of methane and nitrogen a cow produces.
7 A cattle farm is defined as any corporation that keeps any species on cattle for
8 the purpose of profit, whether it be in the form of dairy or meat production.

9 **SECTION 3.** In addition to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the United Nations Food and
10 Agriculture Organization will help oversight with this bill.

11 A. The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization will be allocated \$250
12 million for the research, development, and distribution of natural compounds
13 that can be used to reduce protozoa.

14 B. The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization will be allocated \$200
15 million to reward ranchers who use these new systems.

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

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Shepton HS.



A Bill to Increase The Biodiversity of Bananas to Protect the Viability of the Common Banana

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The U.S. Will allocate 30 million dollars to give grants to agricultural
3 institutions that support the development of marketable disease
4 resistant bananas, or those that grow them.

5 **SECTION 2.** Marketable Disease Resistant Bananas: Bananas that have been
6 considered "Ideal" through polls and studies that shows the resistance to
7 pests, common fungal, bacterial, and viral infections.

8 Institutions: Breeding Organizations such as FHIA, or Plantations that
9 produce 50% of their bananas as "Marketable Disease Resistant Bananas"

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Agriculture will oversee the implementation of this
11 bill selecting institutions as defined, to grant a proportionate amount of
12 funds to institutions that meet the criteria.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect Fiscal Year 2020

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Keller High School

A Bill to Decriminalize Minor Illegal Drug Use to Curb Incarceration and Conviction of Illegal Drug Users

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall decriminalize minor offenses of illegal drug use in order to curb incarceration and conviction of illegal drug users.

SECTION 2. “Minor illegal drug use” is defined as the possession or purchase of up to a ten-day supply of illegal drugs. “Illegal drugs” are defined as a controlled substance unlawful under the Controlled Substances Act. “Decriminalize” is defined as when a drug user is found guilty of minor illegal drug use, they will be sent to a commission of a psychiatrist, an attorney, and a public health worker, to be given an administrative, not criminal, punishment, along with the drugs in question being confiscated by local authorities.

A. There will be allocated 10 Commission on Substance Abuse (CSA) per congressional district in the United States.

SECTION 3. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and Department of Justice (DOJ) will be tasked with implementation of this policy.

A. The DHHS and the DOJ will work in accordance to oversee the implementation of CSA’s and locate necessary persons for the commission.

B. The DOJ will be allocated \$100 million per year in funding for a 7-year period after passing, after which only \$50 million will be allocated annually.

C. The DOJ will oversee law enforcement compliance with new drug policy.

SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect on January 1st, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jasper High School



A Bill to Legalize Euthanasia to Provide Equitable Access to Death with Dignity

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Practicing, certified physicians shall be legally authorized to practice
3 Euthanasia for consenting, terminally ill patients.

4 **SECTION 2.** Being “terminally ill” shall be defined as having a disease that cannot be
5 cured and will imminently cause death. “Euthanasia” shall be defined as
6 the act or practice of bringing about the death of a person who is
7 terminally ill and, usually, suffering. “Practicing, certified physicians” shall
8 be defined as a person that meets all the requirements by the American
9 Board of Physician Specialties and American Board of Medical Specialties
10 to become a doctor and is currently practicing in the medical field.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee the
12 enforcement of this bill.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2022.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Clark High School



A Resolution to Allow American Samoans to Attain Citizenship

- 1 **WHEREAS**, 55,600 American Samoans do not possess the right to attain citizenship
2 unless one of their parents is a citizen; and
- 3 **WHEREAS**, citizens of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana
4 Islands hold the right to attain such citizenship; and
- 5 **WHEREAS**, many American Samoans have neither the funds nor the means to make a
6 citizenship appeal in court; and
- 7 **WHEREAS**, the American Samoa military recruiting base is nationally and globally
8 ranked; and
- 9 **WHEREAS**, American Samoans relocate to the mainland like their Puerto Rican
10 counterparts to attain citizenship; and
- 11 **WHEREAS**, the American Samoans do not retain the right to vote in the upcoming 2020
12 Presidential Elections; now, therefore, be it
- 13 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that Americans Samoans be granted
14 citizenship equal to their territorial counterparts.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Coram Deo Academy



A Bill to Revive the Public Domain

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United State federal government will reduce the copyright duration
3 of published works to 28 years.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. Copyright duration will hereby be defined as; the duration of time that
5 a published work will be granted existing copyright protections.

6 B. Published works will hereby be defined as; an author's original work
7 fixed to a tangible medium of expression, distributed to the public via a
8 publisher.

9 **SECTION 3.** The United State Enforcement Office will only offer copyright protection
10 for 28 years after a work has been registered. After the copyright
11 duration expires, the work will belong to the public domain.

12 A. This legislation would retroactively apply to works with previously
13 registered copyright.

14 B. If it has been 28 years or more since a previously registered work has
15 had its copyright registered, that work will no longer receive
16 copyright protections the next fiscal year.

17 **SECTION 4.** The legislation would be enacted in FY 2021.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Plano East



A Resolution to Ratify CEDAW

- 1 **WHEREAS,** the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against
2 Women (CEDAW) is the international standard which establishes a “Bill of
3 Rights for Women” instituted in 1981 and ratified by 189 states; and
4 **WHEREAS,** the United States is one of only six UN member states to not ratify or
5 accede the Convention, joining Iran, Palau, Somalia, Sudan, and Tonga;
6 and
7 **WHEREAS,** CEDAW allows for acceding nations to place reservations on their
8 participation in the agreement, thereby eliminating the need for the US
9 to uphold to the entirety of the agreement; and
10 **WHEREAS,** int the era of #metoo and advancing female interests within the United
11 States combined with the nation’s focus on human rights’ abuses—
12 specifically against women—around the world, accession is a codification
13 of the social stance that Americans currently hold; now, therefore, be it
14 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States immediately
15 accede to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of
16 Discrimination Against Women.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Flower Mound High School



A Resolution to Relieve Steel and Aluminum Tariffs to Promote U.S. Involvement in TTIP

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The Trump administration has prioritized efforts to pursue its “America First”
2 doctrines, investing in short-term American jobs while shunning viable long-term
3 jobs stemming from investment in foreign industries; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Tariffs have been imposed on Europe, impacting Germany’s prominent
5 automobile industry, creating economic tensions, while halting the Transatlantic
6 Trade and Investment Partnership; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The U.S. currently trades an estimated \$1 trillion with E.U., its largest trading
8 partner; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Economic growth in China has continued to boom, predicted to surpass that of
10 the U.S.; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** U.S. relief of steel and aluminum tariffs on the E.U. may spur joint involvement
12 in the TTIP so as to relieve major industries, promote economic relations,
13 potentially surpass Chinese economic growth, and make the TTIP the world’s
14 largest trade agreement; now, therefore be it
- 15 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States should cease all
16 tariffs on steel and aluminum against the E.U.

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Resolution to Aid Venezuela's Government with Their Ongoing Economic Crisis

1 **WHEREAS,** The United States has only mandated humanitarian aid to the people and
2 not the government; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Other institutions in the international community have mandated funds
4 in order to solve the ongoing crisis like the European Commission which
5 has given \$47 million to the Venezuelan government; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Venezuelans are now fleeing the country to other bordering nations in
7 Latin America causing a potential refugee crisis; and

8 **WHEREAS,** This is straining the economies of other Latin American countries; and

9 **WHEREAS,** The U.S. has mandated aid to governments of the developing world in the
10 past and it is now Venezuela's turn; now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States should give
12 economic aid to the Venezuelan government in order to help their
13 ongoing economic crisis.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Clark High School



A Resolution to Enforce a Modern Monroe Doctrine

- 1 **WHEREAS,** the United States declared itself the regional hegemon for the Western
2 Hemisphere in 1823; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Presidential administrations have increasingly ignored Central and South
4 American affairs in order to focus on Western Europe, the Arab States,
5 Russia, and China; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** turning a blind eye to our continental neighbors has led to widespread
7 corruption, foreign influence, the spread of communism and socialism,
8 the allowance of militaristic dictators and despots, and the oppression of
9 human rights in our own hemisphere; therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the Executive Branch renew the
11 values of the Monroe Doctrine by promoting diplomatic and military
12 involvement in the regional affairs of the nations of the Americas.

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A Resolution to Require Universal Background Checks on All Gun Sales and Transfers of Ownership

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Every day, 30 Americans are killed with guns and hundreds more are shot
2 and injured; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Firearms are the second leading cause of death for American children and
4 teens and the first leading cause of death for Black children and teens;
5 and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Approximately three million American children witness gun violence
7 every year; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Forty percent of firearm transfers of ownership are conducted without a
9 background check; now, therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the U.S. should require universal
11 background checks for all gun sales and transfers of ownership.

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