

WSFA Spring Congress Legislative Packet 2019

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A Bill to Reduce Tuition at all Public Colleges and Universities for Students

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. This legislation will eliminate tuition and fees at four-year public colleges and universities for families making up to \$200,000 before tax and reducing tuition by 50% for families making over \$200,000. While making community college tuition-free for all. This bill will only enable a tuition-free education environment in public colleges and universities until the completion of (1) Certificate, or an Associate or Bachelor's Degree.

SECTION 2. Public colleges and universities are defined as higher education institutions established by either state constitutions or by statute, which receive funding from state and federal appropriations as well as tuition and endowments.

SECTION 3. The US Department of Education and the US Department of the Treasury will work concurrently with state level governments to implement this legislation.

A. This bill shall be funded under addendums to the current block grant spending bills and shall be given an initial amount of 80 Billion USD per fiscal year to be spent on necessary tuition.

B. This budget shall be reassigned from the Department of Defense's procurement and military personnel budget.

SECTION 4. If passed, this legislation will take effect in January 1st, 2020

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Interlake High School

B

A Bill to Repeal the Controlled Substance Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** The Controlled Substances Act (CSA) passed by the 91st United States Congress and signed into law by President Nixon shall be repealed.
- SECTION 2.** The CSA has instigated a failed War on Drugs that has caused mass incarceration within the country.
- SECTION 3.** The impacts of mass incarceration have resulted in many individuals unable to obtain federal financial aid for college tuition, find jobs that pay above poverty level, and other unforeseen circumstances that have created undue repercussions of felony convictions for mere possession of a controlled substance.
- SECTION 3.** Drug regulations shall be left to the states.
- SECTION 4.** The Department of Justice shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.
- SECTION 5.** This legislation will come in effect on January 1st, 2020.
- SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Interlake High School

C

A Bill to Abolish Censorship of Free Speech to Support the 1st Amendment

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Censorship will only be used in the case of slander/libel

SECTION 2. Censorship will be defined as the suppression of speech, public communication, or other information, on the basis that such material is considered objectionable, harmful, sensitive, or inconvenient. Slander will be defined as making false statements about someone. Libel will be defined as a published false statement that damages one's reputation.

SECTION 3. The United States Department of Justice will oversee the enforcement of this bill.

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

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by CDA High School

D

A Resolution to Reduce the Border Search Exception Zone

WHEREAS, Under current federal law there exists a so-called “border search exception” within 100 miles from any international border which allows searches and seizures without probable cause or a warrant, regardless of the 4th amendment; and

WHEREAS, This 100-mile exception zone affects almost two-thirds of the population (197.4 million people) who live within 100 miles of the US border, and

WHEREAS, New York, Washington, Boston, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Miami, Seattle, and dozens of other metropolitan areas fall under the so-called “exemption” zone; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for solution that all laws, regulations, and executive orders should limit the border search exception to an area within five miles of the United States boarder, and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for solution that all laws, regulations, and executive orders should require agents to make their searches prudent and reasonable.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Snohomish High School

E

A Resolution to Eliminate Solitary Confinement in Prisons

- Whereas,** Solitary confinement in prisons has been used as punishment for misdeeds while within custody or protection for at risk inmates and separates inmates from contact to other individuals and communication this has been shown to lead to mental health issues; and
- Whereas,** Solitary confinement has failed to help inmates reform their actions and hinders inmates' ability to socialize, and eventually re-integrate into society; and
- Whereas,** Solitary confinement has been doled out for minor infractions such as possession of cigarettes rather than serious infractions such as assaulting a guard or inmate; and
- Whereas,** It is estimated that 80,000 inmates around the us are currently in solitary confinement where they are exposed to sensory deprivation, permanent bright-lighting, and forced insomnia; and
- Whereas,** Solitary confinement has led to inmates missing opportunities for educational enlightenment opportunities along with therapeutic opportunities; now, therefore, be it
- Resolved,** That the congress here assembled make the following recommendation to eliminate the solitary confinement punishment system in prisons.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Joel E. Ferris High School.

F

A Bill to Allocate Funding to the Public School System To Create Computer Coding Programs

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Since computer coding is becoming increasingly relevant in our social and economic sectors, children should be taught basic coding skills at an early age. Therefore, allocating funds to the public school system to incentivize these programs would give students additional skills that will be useful when finding a career.

SECTION 2. “Computer Coding” is defined as “the process of designing and building an executable computer program that carries out a given computing task.”

SECTION 3. The Department of Education will oversee the implementation of given funds in order to create computer coding programs.

A. 200 million dollars will be allocated to the department of Education to carry out this legislation.

SECTION 4. This bill, upon passing, will be implemented by January 1st, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ferris High School.

G

A Bill Requiring All Federal Elections Use Mail-In Ballots

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All federal elections will be conducted through mail-in ballots exclusively.

SECTION 2. A federal election will be defined as; any election, primary or general, which includes any candidate to be elected to any national entity.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of State from each individual state, shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

a) Each state will pay for the mail-in ballot system with the current state level election budgets.

b) A state will receive a \$2,000,000 fine for each election which does not comply will this bill.

SECTION 4. This bill should be implemented in the 2020 Federal Elections, Primary and General.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Gig Harbor High School.

H

A Bill to Allow Workers to Unionize Freely

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. No employee or contractor of any organization consisting of more than ten employees and contractors shall be terminated from their job, have their pay or benefits decreased, or otherwise incur any penalty from their employer for creating or joining a union. Any organization which does so shall be fined \$50,000 per employee or contractor penalized and be required to restore the previous position, pay, salary, or other reverse any other penalty imposed for creating or joining a union to any penalized employees or contractors.

SECTION 2. Any penalty refers to any form of retaliation that the employer takes that negatively harms the employee.

SECTION 3. The Department of Labor shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

- A. The Department of Labor shall be allocated an additional \$10 million this fiscal year, with an additional \$5 million allocated each fiscal year following.
- B. Any fines levied under this legislation shall be received by the Internal Revenue Service.

SECTION 4. This law will take effect one month after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Redmond High School.

I

A Bill to Preserve the Arctic Wilderness

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Title II of the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act will be defined as Public Law No. 115-97 as filed by the United States Congress.

SECTION 3. The United States Department of Interior will oversee the enactment of this piece of legislation and will end all negotiations for any oil lease sales.

SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect immediately after its passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Kamiak High School

J

A Resolution to Aid Yemen

WHEREAS, The Saudi Arabian coalition's intervention in the ongoing Yemeni civil war has resulted in a humanitarian crisis; and

WHEREAS, As of 2018 an estimated 17 million Yemeni are threatened by famine and over 50,000 civilians are dead or wounded: and

WHEREAS, Current interventions by the Saudi Coalition have also factored in the displacing over 2.5 million Yemeni since 2015,

WHEREAS, The United States continues to provide air warfare support, weaponry, and intelligence to the Saudi Coalition; and

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation to send humanitarian aid in response to the human rights crisis in Yemen; and, be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the United States cease any and all forms of support to the Saudi Coalition.

K
A Bill to expand Medicare to cover all citizens
Medicare for all

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The current Medicare system will be expanded to cover all US citizens, instead of just those over the age of 65. This could save the US economy 2 trillion dollars over the next 10 years

SECTION 2. Covered will defined as included in the existing Medicare program as one is today if they are covered by Medicare

SECTION 3. The United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will oversee the implementation of this bill

A. If passed the HHS will be allocated a 1.38 trillion-dollar budget increase.

SECTION 4. If passed this bill will take into effect January 1, 2020

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bellevue High School.

L

A Resolution to Increase School Security

- WHEREAS,** There is an unsettling precedent to increase safety and security within the US public school system; and
- WHEREAS,** There are a large number of Veterans seeking permanent employment after returning to the US; and
- WHEREAS,** The US budget has more than adequate funds to reallocate some of its focus to increasing safety within our public school system; and
- WHEREAS,** This is additional expenditure for homeland security 4 billion dollars will be allocated from the federal budget to homeland security budget; and
- WHEREAS,** Homeland security will be responsible for the administration of this project; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that we will reallocate 4 Billion USD from the homeland security to the public school system to train and arm retired veterans to increase school security.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Eisenhower High School

M

A Bill to Provide Military Assistance to Ukraine

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States military shall provide military assistance to Ukraine.

SECTION 2. Necessary funding is hereby guaranteed for the building of a US airbase or bases (as determined necessary by the Joint Chiefs of Staff) on Ukrainian soil, if a formal request is made for such airbases by the Ukrainian government.

SECTION 2. The size, staffing, building, and weaponization of said airbases will be as determined necessary by the Joint Chiefs of Staff to maintain peace in the Ukraine and to assure the freedom of the Ukrainian people.

SECTION 3. The Department of Defense will oversee the implementation of this bill.

A. Funding for this bill shall be guaranteed and provided for through the normal congressional budget process.

B. Funding for necessary bases shall be guaranteed for such time as determined necessary by the Joint Chiefs of Staff to secure the purposes of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation will be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by University High School.

N

A Resolution to Regulate Artificial Intelligence

WHEREAS, Artificial intelligence impacts a wide range of technologies, from image recognition to chatbots; and

WHEREAS, Few regulations have been placed on the artificial intelligence technology; and

WHEREAS, Artificial intelligence is able to make decisions that affect various aspects of our constituents' lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled direct the National Science Foundation to make a clear definition for artificial intelligence; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That artificial intelligence will not be permitted to make any decisions that directly affect the finances or health of a human being and will only be used to aid in advising on those matters.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Federal Way High School.

O

A Bill to Increase Equality in the Draft System

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** The Selective Service System will require the registration of all persons in the United States of ages 18-25.
- SECTION 2.** Persons in the United States are defined as those who have resided inside the United States for at least one year, currently live in the United States, and have a mailing address.
- SECTION 3.** The Selective Service System will manage registration, and the Department of Justice will enforce this legislation.
- A. All persons of age 18-25 are required to register with the Selective Service System by their 26th birthday with two exceptions:
 - B. If a person is placed in a hospital, nursing home, long-term care facility, or mental institution on or before their 18th birthday, has no breaks of institutionalization of 30 days or longer, and remains institutionalized until their 26th birthday, they are not required to register.
 - C. If a person is confined to home, whether their own or someone else's, including group homes, on or before their 18th birthday and cannot leave the home without medical assistance, and remains homebound until their 26th birthday, they are not required to register.
- SECTION 4.** This legislation shall 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 Puyallup High School

P

A Bill to Establish a Space Force

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The United States will hereby establish a Space Force as part of the U.S.
3. Armed Forces.
4. **SECTION 2.** A Space Force is defined as military branch to govern all U.S military
5. operations in low-earth orbit and above.
6. **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Defense will fund and establish the
7. space military branch.
8. A. The Space Force will be allocated a budget \$17,000,000,000 from the current
9. U.S. Air Force budget in the first fiscal year of operation. This is subject
10. to change with new budget allocations.
11. **SECTION 4.** These laws will be effective as of 1/1/2020
12. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Puyallup High School

Q

A Resolution to Urge the Justice Department to Enforce Federal Drug Laws

WHEREAS , Multiple States have disregarded current drug legislation by decriminalizing recreational cannabis.

WHEREAS , The Justice Department has done nothing to curtail this blatant breach of federal law.

WHEREAS , This deligitamizes federal authority.

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled urges the justice department to enforce federal drug laws in these States.

R

A Bill to Give Incentive for Major Fuel Companies to Create Cleaner Ways of Obtaining Energy

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States has been buying fuel such as oil and natural gas from other countries that we have established trade with; causing our debt to increase at an exponential rate. If we cut back on foreign spending we can then focus on a greener way to obtain energy. The government will push major oil companies to find clean, reliable, home created energy.

SECTION 2. The companies affected would be any major fuel company that obtain natural gas or oil from drilling, fracking, or other methods of non-renewable energy source extraction.

SECTION 3. The project will be led by the department of energy. They will grant the first organization who finds a clean, sustainable energy source that can be produced in the United States, the rights to their findings for the following 10 years.

SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect in June of 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lewis and Clark High School

S

A Resolution to Negotiate the One Belt One Road Initiative

- WHEREAS,** The Chinese government has invested in developing countries and emerging economic zones as a way to secure investment in their country; and
- WHEREAS,** Roughly 70 countries have joined in the One Belt One Road Initiative, indicating that the project is likely to reshape global trade; and
- WHEREAS,** The investments in these areas are overall beneficial to the US Economy and US interests; and
- WHEREAS,** American support of the initiative would lead to more say over worker's rights and environmental impacts; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled supports the Chinese One Belt One Road Initiative and will strategically negotiate its implementation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Raisbeck Aviation High School

AA

**A Bill to fund the construction and maintaining of
refugee camps on the Mexican border with Mexican
government cooperation.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States, in cooperation with Mexico shall send \$50 million dollars from the USAID to fund the construction and maintaining of refugee camps around the Mexican-American border.

SECTION 2. We will define refugee camps as “a temporary settlement used to accommodate refugees and displaced peoples.”

SECTION 3. The implementation of this bill will be enforced by the USAID oversight in conjunction with the US Department of State and the Mexican government.

A. Specifically, the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration will act under the Department of State to enforce the bill.

SECTION 4. This bill will be implemented January 1st, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by WSFA

BB

A Bill to Increase Foreign Investment

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States will invest 20 billion dollars annually for a 5-year period into foreign governments for projects that improve infrastructure, transportation, and energy production.

SECTION 2. The funding in this legislation will only be disbursed to Kenya, Ethiopia, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Laos.

SECTION 3. The US Department of State will oversee the disbursement of these funds.

A. If the State Department finds that funds are used for purposes other than those outlined in this legislation, all investment to the country guilty of misusing said funds shall be frozen until the misuse of funds has resolved and the State Department decides that appropriate corrective actions have been taken to prevent future misuse.

B. Funding for this legislation will be reallocated from the Department of Defense budget.

SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect at the beginning of fiscal year 2020 and continue thereafter.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by WSFA.

CC

A Resolution to Support Ukraine's Entry into NATO

Whereas, Ukraine's Verkhovna Rada, on June 8th, 2017, passed a law making NATO integration a foreign policy priority; and

Whereas, The Kremlin has organized, led, funded, armed, and otherwise supported violent separatism in Eastern Ukraine of a kind that Russia itself would never tolerate on the soil of one of its allies; and

Whereas, A sovereign, independent, and stable Ukraine, firmly committed to democracy and the rule of law, is key to Euro-Atlantic security; and

Whereas, A poll by the Democratic Initiatives Foundation in June 2017 found that about 70% of Ukrainians favor joining the alliance; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation to advocate for Ukraine's admittance into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by WSFA

DD

A Resolution to Repeal the “Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance” Policy

WHEREAS, the “Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance” Policy (PLGHA)—an expansion of the former “Mexico City Policy,” currently heavily restricts “global health assistance to, or implemented by, Foreign Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)”; and

WHEREAS, this policy forces NGOs connected to family planning, reproductive health, maternal health, child health, nutrition, HIV/AIDS, water, sanitation, hygiene, tuberculosis, malaria, infectious diseases, and tropical diseases to follow specified restrictions placed and outlined by the US; and

WHEREAS, this often leads to NGOs refusing funding from the US in order to provide sufficient aid and assistance to those in need; and

WHEREAS, this further results in unhealthy and unsustainable environments in areas where NGOs are not able to comply with the policy’s restrictions or in areas where NGOs have no desire to abide with the restrictions because of their unattainable nature; now, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that the PLGHA Policy shall be repealed, along with any previous or future policies that have similar intents or follow similar restrictions.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by WSFA

EE

A Bill Abolishing Federal Mandatory Minimum Sentencing for Drug Offenses

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1 .The mandatory minimum sentencing times for federal drug offenses as outlined in the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1986 are hereby declared null and void.

SECTION 2 . “Mandatory minimums” are defined as requirements that judges sentence offenders to a specified minimum prison term for a specific crime.

SECTION 3 . The Justice Department will oversee the implementation of this bill.

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

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by WSFA.

FF
A Bill to Remove the Section 3(m) of the Fair Labor Standards Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Section 3(m) of the Fair Labor Standards Act will be abolished in all states.

- A.** Waiters, waitresses, service bartenders, bussers, counter personnel, and bellhops can be paid as low as \$2.13 from their employer if they receive more than \$30 in tips within a month.
- B.** Employers should be factoring in the cost of service staff into their product prices rather than passing that cost onto the consumer in addition to the listed price.
- C.** Tips can be used to reward exceptional service, but not to compensate for hourly pay deficits.

SECTION 2. The United States Department of Labor will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 3. This legislation will into effect on April 1st, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by WSFA.