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## **A Bill to Increase CDC Funding for New Diseases Abroad**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shall be given \$1,000,000,000  
2 towards researching and controlling new diseases abroad within third world  
3 countries.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Researching shall be defined as investigating possible diseases that originate  
5 from animals.  
6 Controlling shall be defined as actively preventing any discovered diseases.  
7 New diseases abroad shall be defined as foreign diseases outside of the  
8 United States.
- 9 **SECTION 3.** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shall oversee the  
10 implementation of this bill.
- 11 **SECTION 4.** This Bill shall be enforced by January 1, 2020.
- 12 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln High School.*

## **Bill To Establish Grant Programs for Low-Income Schools**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The Secretary of Education must establish a competitive grant program to  
2 award grants to local and state educational agencies to address implicit bias  
3 in low-income elementary and secondary schools.

4 A. The Secretary of Education shall conduct research in the effects of  
5 implicit bias and implicit bias training.

6 B. A competitive grant program will be established for local educational  
7 agencies to implement implicit bias training.

8 **SECTION 2.** A. “Implicit bias” is defined as attitudes or stereotypes that affect our  
9 understanding, actions, and decisions in an unconscious manner.

10 B. “Grant program” is defined as a financial award given by the state  
11 government to an eligible grantee of lower socioeconomic standing, in  
12 which the states can decide how often and how much money is given with a  
13 minimum of \$20,000. Grants will be based off schools with students from  
14 low-income neighborhoods, and will be used to fund implicit bias training.

15 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee the enforcement of this bill by  
16 conducting research, working with state governments, allocating funding,  
17 and determining which schools will receive grants.

18 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented upon the next fiscal year.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Kyler Wang from Lincoln High School.*

## **A Bill to Limit and Provide Transparency in Data Collection**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The right to request a business to disclose the categories and information  
3 that it collects about the consumer and purpose for collecting and selling  
4 the information and to which 3<sup>rd</sup> parties the information is shared with  
5 shall be granted. The bill would grant a consumer the right to opt out of  
6 the sale of personal information by a business and would prohibit the  
7 business from discriminating against the consumer for exercising this  
8 right.

9 **SECTION 2.** Business is defined as a sole proprietorship, partnership, LLC,  
10 corporation, association, or any other legal entity that operates for profit  
11 and collects consumer data

12 Collecting is defined as buying, gathering, or accessing personal  
13 Information.

14 **SECTION 3.** The National Security Agency will oversee the implementation of this bill  
15 by working with the Attorney General to solicit public participation for  
16 the purpose of adopting regulations.

17 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln High School*



## A Bill to Limit the Occurrence of Government Shutdowns to Protect American Citizens

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Appropriations bills that are not passed two weeks after their deadline,  
3 either by not being passed, or by being passed and then vetoed by the  
4 president (with that veto not being overridden), and would result in a  
5 government shutdown, shall result in an automatic continuing resolution  
6 instead, for a maximum of four weeks. After this four week period, the  
7 CRs will be terminated, the government will enter a shutdown, and an  
8 emergency Congressional re-election vote will be triggered, encouraging  
9 lawmakers to make a deal, or face the ire of their constituencies.

10 **SECTION 2.** Appropriations bills are bills that provide discretionary funding for one of  
11 the 12 divisions of the yearly budget. A continuing resolution (CR) is an  
12 extension of previous funding levels for discretionary funding. The  
13 'emergency Congressional re-election' will function like a midterm  
14 election, but all 535 members of Congress are up for re-election. This will  
15 not affect term limits for re-elected Congresspeople.

16 **SECTION 3.** 1. CRs will be automated, and do not need an overseeing body, just  
17 like CRs that are enacted. The emergency election process shall be overseen by the  
18 same state voting authorities that would oversee a regular congressional election.

19 2. If the appropriations bills are passed during the election period,  
20 the election immediately ends. All fully tallied votes take effect, all else cease.

21 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect Jan 1st, 2020.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln High School*

## **A Bill to Abolish Prison Labor**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All prisons, private included, cannot practice involuntary prison labor.
- 2 **SECTION 2.** Prison will be defined as a facility in which inmates are forcibly confined  
3 and denied a variety of freedoms under the authority of the state.  
4 Private Prison will be defined as a private prison or for-profit prison is a  
5 place in which individuals are physically confined or incarcerated by a third  
6 party that is contracted by a government agency.  
7 Prison Labor will be defined as a generic term for various kinds of unfree  
8 labour which prisoners are required to perform, typically manual labour.
- 9 **SECTION 3.** The federal bureau of Prisons will oversee the implementation of this bill.
- 10 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into place initially upon passing.
- 11 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln High School.*

## **A Bill to Create Independent Citizen Commission for Redistricting**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1           **SECTION 1.** Each state shall create commissioners, consisting of 14  
2           members each: 5 Democrats, 5 Republicans, and 4 from neither major party.  
3           They shall be tasked with redirecting lines for congressional elections,  
4           provided the newest data from the Census.

5           **SECTION 2.** Commissioners will be selected by State.  
6           Commissioners are subject to the following requirements: must have voted  
7           in at least two of the last three statewide elections, cannot have switched  
8           party affiliation for at least five years, cannot be "staff, consultants or  
9           contractors for state or federal government" while serving as commissioners.  
10          The same prohibition applies to the family of commission members.  
11          Neither commissioners nor immediate family may have been, within 10  
12          years of appointment, a candidate for federal or state office or member of a  
13          party central committee; an officer, employee, or paid consultant to a federal  
14          or state candidate or party; a registered lobbyist or paid legislative staff; or a  
15          donor of more than \$2,000 to an elected candidate,

16          **SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Committee will implement this  
17          legislation, though States may take additional action if necessary.

18          **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect by January 1<sup>st</sup> of 2024.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln High School.*

# Food System Safety Reform Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Food and Drug  
3 Administration (FDA) is herewith directed to report findings to Congress  
4 on various national food system standards in other countries, and how  
5 the United States compares.

6 **SECTION 2.** The FDA is further charged with bringing recommendations to Congress  
7 for phasing in stronger regulations, related, but not limited to: genetically  
8 modified foods, manufacturing practices, chemicals in processed foods,  
9 antibiotics, hormones, neonicotinoids and other pesticides, and gestation  
10 crates.

11 **SECTION 3.** The HHS is directed to further report on health conditions and concerns  
12 related to lack of regulation in food systems.

13 **SECTION 4.** These reports shall be presented to Congress within one year of passage  
14 of this act.

15 **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 (February 2019 docket).*



## A Bill to End the Cuban Embargo

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. SECTION 1 . 22 U.S. Code § 2370(a), which establishes the trade embargo between the
2. Republic of Cuba and the United States, is hereby repealed.
3. SECTION 2 . The President can no longer encourage foreign countries to restrict trade and
4. economic relationships with Cuba, in reference to the Embargo.
5. SECTION 3 . The Department of State, Department of Commerce, and the Office of the U.S
6. Trade Representative will oversee the enforcement of this legislation.
7. SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect immediately upon passage.
8. SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Submitted for Congressional Debate by the NSDA March 2019 Docket*

A Bill to Grant Statehood to the District of Columbia

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. SECTION 1 . This bill will legally declare Washington, Douglass Commonwealth, as the 51st
2. state in the United States of America.
3. SECTION 2 . A. The District of Columbia will be granted all rights given to every state in the
4. United States.
5. B. This bill keeps the District of Columbia as the capital of the country.
6. SECTION 3 . The Department of State will oversee the enforcement of this legislation.
7. SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect immediately upon passage.
8. SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Submitted for Congressional Debate by the NSDA March 2019 Docket

A Bill to Ban Artificial Intelligence Crime-Predicting Softwares.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. SECTION 1 . All courts and police departments can no longer use crime-predicting artificial
2. intelligence to justify and influence court rulings.
3. SECTION 2 . A. Police departments are defined as all federal and state police departments,
4. including county and district sheriffs.
5. B. Crime-predicting softwares are programs developed using algorithms and
6. artificial intelligence to determine if an individual has an increased likelihood of
7. committing a crime or the probable geographic location of certain crimes
8. C. Courts include federal, state, trial, circuit, district, appeals, and supreme
9. courts.
10. SECTION 3 . The Department of Justice will oversee the implementation of this legislation.
11. A. Any police or court systems found to be guilty of not complying with this
12. legislation will be fined \$10,000 per infraction.
13. SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect immediately upon passage.
14. SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Submitted for Congressional Debate by the NSDA March 2019 Docket*

A Bill to Create a National System for Bottle Deposits and Return

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1.     **SECTION 1:** To facilitate the return of empty beverage containers and to serve dealers
2.                     of beverages, every state must establish one redemption center for every
3.                     100,000 people, at which any person may return empty beverage
4.                     containers and receive payment of the refund value of such beverage
5.                     containers. Every beverage container sold or offered for sale in this
6.                     state shall have a refund value of not less than 10 cents.

7.     **SECTION 2:** “Beverage” means a fluid described as

8.                     **(a)**Water and flavored water;
9.                     **(b)**Beer or other malt beverages; **and**
10.                    **(c)**Mineral waters, soda water and similar carbonated soft drinks.

11.                    “Beverage container” applies any individual, separate, sealed glass, metal
12.                    or plastic bottle or can, except for cartons, foil pouches, drink boxes and
13.                    metal containers that require a tool to be opened, that contains:

14.                    **(a)**The following beverages, intended for human consumption and
15.                    in a quantity less than or equal to three fluid liters:

16.                    **(A)** Water and flavored water;
17.                    **(B)** Beer or other malt beverages; **and**
18.                    **(C)** Mineral waters, soda water and similar carbonated soft
19.                    drinks.

20. "Place of business of a dealer" means the location at which a dealer sells
21. or offers for sale beverages in beverage containers to consumers.
22. **SECTION 3:** This bill shall be enforced by the Federal Alcohol Administration, through
23. the requirement of providing beverage container a refund value of ten
24. cents and enforcing the construction of redemption centers.
25. **SECTION 4:** The bill shall take effect after July 1, 2020
26. **SECTION 5:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for congressional debate by Sprague High School*

## **A BILL TO MANDATE LOW INCOME HOUSING**

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS ASSEMBLED CONGRESS THAT:

1. **Section 1.** For every 40 units of housing built in the United states, 1 must set aside to
2. be low income housing after the date of December 31st of 2020. Any
3. projects that build a number not exactly divisible by 40, the number of low
4. income units is to be rounded up, unless the total units number 3 or under.
5. **Section 2.** Low income housing will be defined where the units are both rent
6. restricted and occupied by persons whose income is 60 percent or less of
7. the area median gross income. Rent restriction must be 50 percent or less
8. of the area median rent.
9. **Section 3.** This bill does not apply to any publicly funded housing projects.
10. **Section 4.** If a given low income unit is not able to be rented out for 6 months, then it
11. may be used as normal housing.
12. **Section 5.** The US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will be
13. in charge of enforcing and funding this legislation.
14. **Section 6.** An additional 15,000,000 dollars will be allocated from federal taxes to
15. provide funding for this bill.
16. **Section 7.** The contents of this bill must be fully enacted by December 31st of 2020.
17. **Section 8.** All laws in opposition to this bill are hereby declared null and void.

## **A BILL TO REDUCE CARBON EMISSIONS OF CARS**

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS ASSEMBLED CONGRESS THAT:

1.     **Section 1.**     Every car manufactured in the United States must qualify as a low
2.                     emission vehicle (LEV) by December 31, 2025.
3.     **Section 2.**     A LEV will be defined as a car that emits lower than or equal to 2 metric
4.                     tons of CO<sub>2</sub> per year when measured with average US use.
5.     **Section 3.**     Enforcement will be delegated to the United States Department of Energy.
6.     **Section 4.**     Funding will be achieved by redistribution of 20 million dollars from the
7.                     department of state.
8.     **Section 5.**     This bill, if enacted, will not apply to any cars being imported from other
9.                     countries. Cars already manufactured will not fall under this legislation.
10.    **Section 6.**     A car manufactured in another country will be defined as as a car whose
11.                     final assembly is outside the U.S.. In the same way a car whose final
12.                     assembly occurs within the U.S. would be subject to this law.
13.    **Section 7.**     Any laws in opposition are declared null and void.

## **A BILL TO REMOVE TRANS FATS IN CONSUMER PRODUCTS**

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS ASSEMBLED CONGRESS THAT:

1. **Section 1.** Any consumer product distributed or traded in the United States must have
2. no percentage of, be processed with, or contain any unnaturally added
3. trans fat by the date of December 31st of 2022.
4. **Section 2.** Trans fat shall be defined as Artificial *trans* fats (or *trans* fatty acids) that
5. are created in an industrial process that adds hydrogen to liquid vegetable
6. oils to make them more solid.
7. **Section 3.** Any products that have naturally occurring trans fat (before being
8. processed and/or manufactured) will not fall under this legislation
9. **Section 4.** International trade:
10. **Subsection 4.1.** Any items manufactured in a foreign country and shipped
11. to the United States must have no trans fat as defined by
12. Sections 1 and 2.
13. **Subsection 4.2.** Any item manufactured in the United States and shipped to
14. a foreign country must have no trans fat as defined by
15. Sections 1 and 2.
16. **Section 5.** The United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will be in charge
17. of enforcing and funding of this legislation.
18. **Section 6.** \$8,000,000 will be allocated from taxes to provide funding for this bill.
19. **Section 7.** The contents of this bill must be fully enacted by December 31st of 2022.
20. **Section 8.** All laws in opposition to this bill are hereby declared null and void.



## **A BILL TO REMOVE PLASTIC FOOD PRODUCT PACKAGING**

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS ASSEMBLED CONGRESS THAT:

1. **Section 1.** Any consumer food product traded, distributed, imported and/or exported
2. in the U.S. must not be packaged in single use plastics.
3. **Section 2.** A food product will be defined as any product capable of being eaten by
4. animals [including humans] for nutrition and/or pleasure. A package will
5. be defined as any container or wrapping that encloses any consumer
6. [food] product for retail sale.
7. **Section 3.** Single use packaging plastics will be defined as plastic packages intended
8. to be used once before disposal. This encompasses, but is not limited to
9. disposable plastic grocery bags, bottles, straws, bottle caps, and lids.
10. **Section 4.** Compostable plastic packages are exempt from this legislation.
11. Compostable plastics will be defined as plastics capable of undergoing
12. biological decomposition in a compost site such that the plastic is not
13. visually distinguishable and breaks down into carbon dioxide, water,
14. inorganic compounds, and biomass at a rate consistent with known
15. compostable materials.
16. **Section 5.** The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will be in
17. charge of enforcing this legislation.
18. **Section 6.** \$6,000,000 will be allocated from taxes to provide funding for this bill.
19. **Section 7.** The contents of this bill must be fully enacted by January 1st of 2025.
20. **Section 8.** All laws in opposition to this bill are hereby declared null and void.

## **A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Reform the Supreme Court**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**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:

1. Article Three

2. **SECTION 1.** The Supreme Court shall consist of one Chief Justice, appointed by the  
3. President with the advice and consent of the Senate, who shall serve for  
4. a term of good behavior. In addition, the Court shall have eight associate  
5. justices, drawn at random from among the judges of the federal courts of  
6. appeal every two months.

7. **SECTION 2.** Each associate justice currently serving on the Supreme Court at the  
8. time this article becomes effective shall become a judge on the federal  
9. court of appeal to which they are allotted as a circuit justice.

10. **SECTION 3.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate  
11. legislation.

12. **SECTION 4.** This article shall take effect on the first day of the month following the  
13. month of this article's ratification.

*Submitted for Congressional Debate by Westview High School*