

# A Bill to Impose a Tariff on Imports from China

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The U.S. should impose a tariff in order to limit trade between China and  
3 North Korea, because such trade supports the hostile dictatorship of Kim  
4 Jong Un, a regime that continues to violate international law.

5 **SECTION 2.** The term “tariff” is defined as a fee levied on imports from a particular  
6 country.

7 **SECTION 3.** Congress will impose a 35% tariff on imports to the U.S. from China until  
8 such time as trade between China and North Korea is proven to be  
9 halted.

10 **SECTION 4.** This tariff will take effect in April 2019, giving China time to end trade  
11 with North Korea in advance of the effective date.

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

*Introduced by Springfield High School.*

# A Bill to Make College Free for Needy Students

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This legislation would provide free tuition and waive all required fees at  
3 public colleges and universities for students who are in financial need.

4 **SECTION 2.** The term “financial need” is defined as demonstrated lack of ability to  
5 pay for college, taking account of factors including income and family  
6 size.

7 **SECTION 3.** Congress will allocate funding for disbursement by the U.S. Department  
8 of Education in order to make sure that students with financial need are  
9 not required to pay tuition or fees at public colleges and universities.  
10 Congress will also direct the Department of Education to use any  
11 available budget surplus for this purpose.

12 **SECTION 4.** If enacted, this legislation will take effect on January 1, 2020.

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

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# A Bill to Establish Publicly Owned Cemeteries

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The USFG (United States Federal Government) will own at least one  
3 cemetery in every county to help low-income families afford burial.

4 **SECTION 2.** The term “burial” means interment in a casket built from materials  
5 varying in expense depending on families’ preferences and ability to pay.

6 **SECTION 3.** Pursuant to this legislation, the USFG will operate one or more  
7 cemeteries in every county at cost (i.e., not for profit) in order to keep  
8 the expense of burial as affordable as possible. The USFG will pay  
9 cemetery workers the average prevailing rate for their positions and will  
10 not provide any special retirement plans. The publicly owned cemeteries  
11 will take burial applications from family or friends of the deceased, as  
12 well as from people arranging for their own burial upon their deaths, and  
13 the publicly owned cemeteries will accept as many applications as  
14 possible.

15 **SECTION 4.** If enacted, this legislation will take effect on January 1, 2020.

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

*Introduced by Springfield High School.*

## **A Bill to Give Citizens More Language Access in Courts**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

**SECTION 1.** This initiative will assist those Limited English Proficiency (LEP) voices who are not heard or understood in American courtrooms, leading to misinformed judges and juries. Juridictions' lack of funding serves as the major barrier between improving the language access services. Unique dialects within the United States are included in this bill.

- I. African-American Vernacular English (AAVE) is a unique structure of language including varieties and a number of standard and non standard commonalities with other varieties in the United States.
- II. According to the Census Bureau, 350 different languages are spoken in US homes.

**SECTION 2.** LEP is a term in the United States that stands for Limited English Proficiency, and it refers to a person who is not fluent in the English language because it is not a part of their native tongue.

**SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Justice will oversee the enforcement of this bill. The funding will be distributed to the following:

- A. Training the interpreters to be able to perform in a strenuous courtroom setting
- B. Increase the pay for interpreters to increase the supply of interpreters.
- C. Technology that assists the court practices.

The funding will come from the annual Department of Defense budget

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

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

*Introduced by Crater High School.*

# A Bill to Save Trees

**BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS THAT:**

**Section 1.** In order for the population of trees to be increased to combat climate change and help restore habitats to their former prestige, public education institutions will use bamboo paper as it is far more cost efficient than other types of paper. It would also have a better environmental impact.

**Section 2.** Bamboo paper is paper made of the materials of the bamboo plant which is a stalky grass that is native to Asia and can grow in climates in both Europe and Asia.

**Section 3** This will be overseen by the US Department of Education. Funding will be moved from the Department of Defense to allow the Department of Education to oversee the implementation of this legislation.

**Section 4.** This bill will be enacted on January 1, 2021.

**Section 5.** All laws currently in conflict with this bill will hereby be declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Crater High School.*

# **A Bill to Improve Maternity Care in Prisons**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1.** All pregnant women in incarceration centers shall have equal access to basic levels of maternal care during the antepartum, intrapartum, and postpartum period.

**Section 2.** “Basic care” is defined by the American College of Obstetricians of Gynecologists as the “care of uncomplicated pregnancies with the ability to detect, stabilize, and initiate management of unanticipated maternal–fetal or neonatal problems that occur during the antepartum, intrapartum, or postpartum period until patient can be transferred to a facility at which specialty maternal care is available”.

**Section 3.** This bill shall be enforced by United States Department of Health and Human Services and the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

**SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect June 1, 2019.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hood River Valley High School.*

# **A Bill to Allow Parents to Allow Children to Engage in Independent Activities**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** Parents and legal guardians shall be allowed to decide whether their children, if nine years of age or older and of sufficient maturity, can engage in short-term independent activities without supervision, as long as a child's basic needs are being met.

**SECTION 2.** "Short-term independent activities" include and are limited to: outdoor play; travelling to and from school, religious services, and recreational and commercial facilities; and travelling by walking, running, bicycling, or public transport. "Basic needs" shall be defined as sufficient food, shelter, physical safety, and emotional security.

**SECTION 3.** This bill shall be enforced by the United States Children's Bureau.

**SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented six months after passing.

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

*Submitted by Hood River Valley High School*