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A Bill to Ensure Access to Immunizations for Young Americans

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Adolescents in the United States will be permitted to seek and obtain medically
3 suggested immunizations from qualified medical professionals with or without
4 parental permission and at no cost in any facility which receives any funding or
5 financial support from federal sources.

6 **SECTION 2.** A. *Young people in the United States* is defined as any person who resides
7 within the legal boundaries of the United States who is between the ages of 13
8 and 18 years old or who has, per the laws within their state or territory,
9 otherwise not achieved legal age of majority.

10 B. *Medically suggested immunizations* are defined as any age appropriate
11 immunizations recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and
12 Prevention.

13 C. *Any facility which receives any funding or financial support from federal*
14 *sources* means any medical professional who renders services to medical
15 patients and receives as compensation for their services rendered any
16 payment from federal health care programs such as Medicaid, Medicare,
17 Tricare, State Children's Health Insurance Program, Veterans Health
18 Administration, Indian Health Service, or any similar program.

19 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the
20 enforcement of this bill.

21 A. If any medical professional is found to be in violation of this law, they will
22 be subject to a minimum fine of no less than \$1,000 per violation and no
23 more than \$10,000 per violation.

24 B. Fines will be levied and collected by the Internal Revenue Service.

25 C. All fines collected will be utilized to fund and ensure the fiscal health of the
26 SCHIP program.

27 **SECTION 4.** This law will go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Millard North.

A Bill to Implement the “End Government Shutdown Act”

BE ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS ASSEMBLED HERE THAT:

- Section 1:** US Senate Bill 104 - A Bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for automatic continuing resolutions also known as the “End Government Shutdown Act” will effectively be implemented by Congress.
- Section 2:** The “End Government Shutdown Act” will be defined as an automatic continuing resolution (CR) for any regular appropriations bill not completed by the October 1 deadline. After the first 120 days, CR funding will be reduced by one percent and would be reduced by one percent again every 90 days thereafter until Congress does its job and completes the annual appropriations process.
- Section 3:** The Congressional Budget Office will oversee the implementation of this bill with the assistance of both Appropriations Committee of the Senate and the House.
- Section 4:** This piece of legislation will immediately go into effect upon the bill’s passage.
- Section 5:** All laws in conflict are hereby null and void.

Lincoln Southwest

A Bill to Privatize the Transportation Security Administration

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) shall no longer conduct Aviation
3 Screening Operations. The mission of the TSA shall be amended to provide regulation
4 and oversight of private airline security.

5 **SECTION 2.** The TSA shall enforce regulations and conduct oversight currently enforced on airport
6 security under the Screening Partnership Program.

7 **A.** Airports will contract security firm(s), and the airport will submit a secure screening
8 plan to the TSA that complies with the Department's regulations.

9 **B.** The TSA shall conduct at least yearly inspections and spot checks of security
10 screening at airports that test for effectiveness, efficiency, and cost, and submit a
11 report including that information to the airport and to the Department of Homeland
12 Security.

13 **SECTION 3.** The TSA will apportion funding to airports for security screening based on a competitive
14 bidding process. Current screening equipment shall be recommissioned by the TSA in
15 conjunction with airports for future use. Other startup capital costs shall be funded by
16 the Aviation Security Capital Fund. Any funding saved by the implementation of this
17 program shall be applied to lower TSA security fees.

18 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Homeland Security - Transportation Security Administration will
19 submit a plan to Congress for implementation by July 1st 2019, the program will go into
20 effect July 1st, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Creighton Preparatory School

A Bill to Abolish Animal Testing for Cosmetic Products

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Animal testing for cosmetic products is hereby banned. Laboratories,
3 corporations, manufacturers, and all other testing facilities shall no
4 longer test cosmetic products nor their ingredients on animals.

5 **SECTION 2.** "Animal testing" shall be defined as any scientific experiment or test in
6 which a live animal is forced to undergo something that is likely to cause
7 them pain, suffering, distress or lasting harm.

8 **A. "Abolish"** shall be defined as formally putting an end to a practice.

9 **B. "Cosmetic products"** shall be defined as any substance that is intended
10 to be placed in contact with various external parts of the human body for
11 non-medicinal purposes.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Food and Drug Administration will oversee enforcement of this bill.

13 **A.** Any facility that is still testing cosmetic products on animals will lose
14 all federal government funding.

15 **B.** Fines will be given as follows: \$100,000 for first offense, \$500,000 for
16 second offense, and \$1,000,000 for every subsequent offense.

17 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect January 1, 2021.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Marian High School

A Bill to Create a National Sunshine Law

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 It will be mandatory that all law enforcement reports are released to the public by state and
- 2 federal law enforcement agencies. This information shall be freely accessible to all
- 3 members of the public and press.
- 4 Law enforcement reports shall be defined as any records made or received in the usual
- 5 course of business for federal and state law enforcement agencies.
- 6 1. This legislation shall respect statutory exemptions for active criminal investigative
- 7 and intelligence information, confessions, juvenile offender records, and certain
- 8 crime victim information which will not be bound by this legislation.
- 9 2. This legislation shall exclude all crime records bound to judicial confidentiality.
- 10 3. The agencies enforcing this legislation shall incur all costs associated with the
- 11 request and release of reports.
- 12 The Department of Justice shall oversee the implementation of this piece of legislation, and
- 13 ensure that state and federal law enforcement agencies enforce this legislation.
- 14 This bill will be implemented January 1, 2020.
- 15 All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln East High School.

A Bill to Include Major Religious Holidays in School Calendars in the American Public Education System.

Be it enacted by the Student Congress here assembled that:

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SECTION 1. Public school shall be required to include major religious holidays on school calendars of any religion that is practiced by more than ten percent of the school population

SECTION 2. Major Holidays will be defined as up to the three most prominent holidays in any given religion.

SECTION 3. The Department of Education will be tasked with the implementation of this through the Elementary and Secondary Education Act

A. School districts found to be in violation of this law will forgo up to 10% of the funding received through Title 1 of the ESEA

SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect at the start of the 2020- 2021 school year

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

Introduced for Debate by Lincoln High School

A Resolution to Disband the United Nations

- 1. Be it enacted by the student congress here assembled that:**
- 2. Whereas:** The United Nations is not doing their intended job by fulfilling the objectives for
- 3. which it was created, to uphold peace and support human rights, and**
- 4. Whereas:** The United Nations can stop International Conflicts but won't, and
- 5. Whereas:** The United States has all the power and leverage in the United Nations, and
- 6. Whereas:** After 73 Years, and trillions of dollars spent, the UN has stopped very few
- 7. conflicts, and**
- 8. Whereas:** Not Every Nation gets a say in the UN, and not truly democratic, doesn't represent
- 9. the interests of smaller countries, therefore be it**
- 10. Resolved:** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for
- 11. solution (a call for action); and, be it**
- 12. Further Resolved:** That the United Nations shall be Disbanded.
- 13. Introduced for Congressional Debate by Liam Singleton MS**

A Bill to Grant Statehood to Puerto Rico

1. **BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**
2. **SECTION 1.** Puerto Rico will be granted statehood as the 51st state of the union.
3. **SECTION 2.** Puerto Rico will receive all of the benefits and protections equal to all other state in the United States of America.
4. **SECTION 3.** Congressional representation for Puerto Rico will be established following the existing procedures for state representation.¹
5. **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect January 1st, 2020.
6. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Omaha North High School

A Bill to Enact Congressional Term Limits

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Members of congress, both the House of Representatives and the Senate, will be subject to a limit of 12 consecutive years. They will also not be eligible to serve for federal congressional office until they have been out of office for 6 years.

SECTION 2. Congress is defined as the bicameral legislature of the Federal Government of the United States. Currently serving members of Congress will be able to run for and serve one term after their current term.

SECTION 3. The federal government will oversee the enforcement of the bill

SECTION 4. This bill will take effect upon passage

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by _____ Norfolk Sr. High

A Resolution to Require All Public Schools Have “Nap Time”

1. **WHEREAS,** An overwhelming amount of students - especially high school
2. students - are not only sleep deprived, but also suffer from high stress
3. and anxiety; and
4. **WHEREAS,** Napping for as little as 10 minutes has been proven effective; and
5. **WHEREAS,** Being well-rested carries with it a multitude of both physical and
6. psychological benefits; and
7. **WHEREAS,** The National Sleep Foundation finds that only 15% of teenagers
8. report having a sufficient amount of sleep; therefore, be it
9. **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that all public schools be
10. required to have “nap time.”

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hastings Senior High School

H-1B Visa System Reformation Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The H-1B visa lottery system granting visas to grant employers visas shall be abolished in favor of an auction based system. H-1B visa holders will receive an expedited process of application to Permanent Residency status.

SECTION 2. When filing the Form I-129 (Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker) in the H-1B application process, employers are required to provide the yearly salary that they will pay the visa holder . This salary shall be divided by the average salary of the field of the position, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (H-1B Salary/Average Salary = H-1B Salary Quotient). The Form I-129 employer petitions shall be granted based on the highest H-1B Salary Quotients proposed on a yearly basis.

- A. If at any time during the H-1B tenure the visa holder's salary falls below the figure provided on Form I-129, the visa is voided.
- B. This requirement does not void and shall work in tandem with the prevailing wage requirement of the H-1B program.
- C. If the position is hourly, the salary shall be calculated based on the hourly rate and the prevailing hourly schedule provided by the U.S. Wage and Hour Division.

SECTION 3. After 12 months of tenure under the H-1B visa program, the visa holder may apply for Permanent Residence Status.

- A. If at any time the visa holder is laid off or fired without cause, or has their visa voided, he or she shall be granted temporary legal resident status for the remainder of their prescribed tenure as well as during the time in which their Permanent Residency application is reviewed. and immediately be allowed to apply for Permanent Residence Status.
- B. After 12 months of of tenure the visa holder is under no obligation to remain employed at his or her employer unless otherwise stipulated under contract if he or she has received another residency status or visa.
- C. H-1B visa holders, or those who have been laid off or fired without cause, or has their visa voided, shall not be subject to Permanent Residency quota restrictions.

SECTION 4. This piece of legislation shall be executed by the United States Department of Labor..

SECTION 5. This bill shall be implemented at the beginning of the year of 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Creighton Preparatory School

Concurrent Resolution to Reform the Electoral College:

- 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 states within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:
- Section 1:** The Electoral College shall be reformed from a winner-take-all system in 48 States, to all States participating in the Congressional District Method.
- Section 2:** The Congressional District Method will be defined as the method where a state divides itself into a number of districts, allocating one of its statewide electoral votes to each district. The winner of each district is awarded that district's electoral vote, and the winner of the statewide vote is then awarded the state's remaining two electoral votes.
- Section 3:** The Federal Election Commission will be tasked with overseeing the implementation of this resolution, in coordination with local election officials.
- Section 4:** This law will immediately go into effect after the 2020 Census.
- Section 5:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby null and void.

Lincoln Southwest

A Resolution to Allow More Diverse Candidates to Qualify for Ballots in Presidential Elections

1 **WHEREAS,** Presidential elections throughout the United States tend to reinforce the
2 two party system through advantages granted to candidates who
3 represent the major parties; and

4 **WHEREAS,** The two-party system is largely responsible for the damages caused by
5 modern political divides; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Ensuring more candidates from more diverse parties can be included on
7 official ballots cast by voters is a crucial step reducing the potency of the
8 two-party system; now, therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled that state elections agencies should
10 work to grant ballot access to more prospective candidates who wish to
11 run for to office of President of the United States.

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Millard North.

A Bill to End Taxation of Menstrual Products

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Any state, city, or local government that charges a sales tax on menstrual
3 products will lose all federal highway funding as allocated under the
4 Highway Trust Fund.

5 **SECTION 2.** Menstrual products will be defined as pads, panty liners, tampons,
6 menstrual discs, and menstrual cups.

7 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S.
8 Department of the Treasury will oversee the implementation of this bill.

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

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Marian High School

A Bill to Abolish ICE

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **The executive office known as the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”)**
- 2 **will be abolished, and its current duties shall be reassigned and transferred to other**
- 3 **executive agencies within the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of**
- 4 **Justice.**
- 5 **ICE shall be terminated no later than March 1, 2020.**
- 6 **1. No more than 60 days after the passage of this legislation, Congress shall establish**
- 7 **and convene the Select Committee on Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“the**
- 8 **Committee”).**
- 9 **2. The Committee shall oversee and make recommendations on the reassignment of**
- 10 **current ICE duties to other executive offices.**
- 11 **3. The Committee shall work with the Department of Homeland Security and the**
- 12 **Department of Justice to probe ICE’s previous failures in complying with**
- 13 **congressional oversight policies, and recommend appropriate actions to prevent**
- 14 **future violations.**
- 15 **This bill will be implemented April 30, 2019.**
- 16 **All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.**

Submitted for Debate by Lincoln East High School.

A Resolution to Integrate Hydrogen Powered Cars in the US

1. **Whereas:** Hydrogen Powered Cars are increasing rapidly in the US market; and
2. **Whereas:** In the last two years, Hydrogen Powered Car sales increased dramatically;
3. and
4. **Whereas:** There is a distinct lack of Fueling Stations throughout america for
5. Hydrogen Powered Cars; and
6. **Whereas:** Prices to buy Hydrogen Fuel Cells are decreasing at an ever constant rate;
7. Now, therefore, be it
8. **Resolved:** The United States Government take the appropriate steps needed to build
9. more fueling stations, and to endorse the use of Hydrogen Powered Cars as a more
10. efficient, and cleaner method of travelling.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Millard South High School

A Resolution to Re-enter an Agreement to Mitigate Climate Change

Whereas, The United States has moved to exit out of the Paris Climate Change Accords, and climate change, regardless of the party responsible, continues to present an existential threat to humans, and

Whereas, Climate change directly affects the entirety of the United States and the world by altering weather patterns, and the amount of hospitable land; and

Whereas, Climate change presents a threat to the economy of the United States in that an increasing amount of natural disasters are occurring causing damage to residential properties, loss of life, increased costs for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, FEMA, in disaster assistance, and short-term unemployment for those who have had to evacuate in emergencies and long-term unemployment for those whose place of employment has been destroyed. Furthermore, rising sea levels are a direct impact of climate change meaning that there will be a reduction in habitable land, driving up land values making it unaffordable for the average American particularly under the increasing stress of a growing population; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By this Congress that: the United States Congress encourages, via monetary incentives, states by the power of Congress to enter into international agreements to combat climate change; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Congress enact further restrictions to curb increasing carbon dioxide emissions.

Respectfully Introduced by Lincoln High School

A Resolution to Put an End to Child Marriage

1. **Whereas**, Various states around the country still allow child marriage to occur
2. under their jurisdictions, and
3. **Whereas**, There are approximately 700 million girls under the age of 18 who are
4. currently forced into non-consensual marriages, and
5. **Whereas**, This strips girls of the ability to further their education, as well as
6. stops their bodily development, and infringes on their free will to resist external
7. threat in regards to their well being, therefore, be it,
8. **Resolved**, By this congress here assembled that nations will be urged to take
9. legal action against these marriages, and, be it,
10. **Further Resolved**, That these nations pose possible military interaction if no
11. solvency is observed.

Introduced by Lincoln North Star

**A RESOLUTION TO PROHIBIT CITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
FROM TAKING TAXPAYER MONEY TO FUND PROFESSIONAL SPORTS
STADIUMS**

**1 WHEREAS, Cities and taxpayers are often burdened when public funds are used
2 to pay for professional sports stadiums.**

**3 WHEREAS, The city of St. Louis has been burdened by having to
4 pay \$6 million a year from building a new NFL stadium for the St.
5 Louis Rams, even though the team relocated to Los Angeles in 2016.**

**6 WHEREAS, The net worth of the richest sports owner is \$33.6 billion dollars,
7 and the average price of a sports stadium is \$500 million dollars; these
8 franchises led by these owners are more than able to pay for these
9 stadiums; now, therefore,
10 be it**

**11 RESOLVED, By the Student Congress here assembled, be it resolved to
12 prohibit cities from using any federal, state, or local tax dollars to
13 fund professional sports stadiums.**

Submitted by Norfolk Senior High

A Resolution to Amend the Foster Care System

1. **WHEREAS**, The current foster care system allows for there to be foster parents that are
2. inadequate and inappropriate, raising children in toxic environments; and
3. **WHEREAS**, A huge number of children within the foster care system are abused
4. and neglected; and
5. **WHEREAS**, There are thousands of children estimated to be within the foster system
6. itself; and
7. **WHEREAS**, All people deserve the right to feel safe within their own home; and
8. **WHEREAS**, Too many children are being harmed with far too little investigations; and
9. **WHEREAS**, Other child agencies such as the adoption program have more regulations
10. and rules; now, therefore, be it
11. **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that the Children's Bureau ought to
12. amend the foster care system

Introduced by Hastings Senior High School

A Resolution to Officially Recognize the Armenian Genocide

- WHEREAS,** Between 1915 and 1923 the Ottoman Empire carried out a genocide of the Armenian people killing 1.5 million people; and
- WHEREAS,** The United States federal government has continuously neglected to recognize one of the worst atrocities in the past century; and
- WHEREAS,** 48 US states currently recognize the Armenian Genocide as well as 28 countries ; and
- WHEREAS,** Constant denial of genocide only sets a dangerous precedent that makes future genocides more likely with many of the same tactics used against the Armenians are currently being used in Darfur ; and
- WHEREAS,** The Turkish government strongarms the US government into not recognizing the Armenian Genocide while Turkey is still supporting the Sudanese Government despite it committing acts of genocide against the Darfuri people; and
- WHEREAS,** Former United States administrations have called Genocide prevention as a core national security interest and core moral responsibility of the United States now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the federal government of The United States of America recognizes the Genocide of the Armenian people.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Omaha North High School

2019 Super Congress Bills

NSCTA State Debate Championships

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8. A Bill to Eliminate Lost Baggage
9. A Bill to Preserve Parental Rights in Libraries
10. A Bill to Honor Veterans and Democracy

NATO Support Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States of America shall remain a member of NATO, and may
3 not withdraw or indirectly withdraw from NATO by condemning or
4 reducing contributions to NATO structures, activities, or operations, in a
5 manner that creates a de facto withdrawal.

6 **SECTION 2.** The United States of America shall continue to work with NATO members
7 to meet their 2014 Wales Defense Investment Pledge commitments.

8 **SECTION 3.** Funding for the European Deterrence Initiative, which increases the
9 ability of the United States and its allies to deter and defend against
10 Russian aggression, shall continue.

11 **SECTION 4.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no funds are authorized to
12 be appropriated, obligated, or expended to take any action to withdraw
13 the United States from the North Atlantic Treaty, done at Washington, DC
14 on April 4, 1949, between the United States of America and the other
15 founding members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

16 **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); adapted from H.R.676; 116th Congress (2019-2020) by Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA).

Senate Reform Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT, ACTING UNDER ITS
2 DELEGATED POWERS UNDER THE FOURTEENTH, FIFTEENTH, NINETEENTH, TWENTY-
3 FOURTH, AND TWENTY-SIXTH AMENDMENTS:

4 **SECTION 1.** Each state shall be represented by at least one Senator.

5 **SECTION 2.** At each decadal census of the total population of the United States shall be
6 divided by one hundred to determine a seat allocation unit. A state with
7 population approximate to or less than the seat allocation unit shall have
8 one Senator; a state with population approximately twice as much as the
9 seat allocation shall have two Senators, and so on, using the same ratio.

10 **SECTION 3.** The total number of Senators shall be increased to allow for equitable
11 distribution of representation among the states.

12 **SECTION 4.** New states admitted to the union shall have Senators allocated according
13 to the procedures provided in this Act.

14 **SECTION 5.** Senators currently serving may continue their full terms. In a state
15 allocated one seat, the seat of Senator whose term ends first would be
16 retired. In states with more than two senators, when to hold elections in
17 alternating two-year class rotations would be subject to lot, rotating first
18 among states with fewer Senators, and finishing with states with the most.
19 Senators of new states would be allocated similarly when admitted. The
20 Senate shall adopt rules so that the Three Classes Clause shall continue to
21 be observed to evenly balance biennial elections of Senators.

22 **SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect following the 2020 Census. All laws in conflict with
23 this legislation are hereby declared null and void. All laws not in conflict
24 with this legislation shall remain in effect.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the National Speech & Debate Association (February 2019 docket); adapted from recommendations by Prof. Eric W. Orts in Senate Democracy, (Working Paper: Jan. 3, 2019, Legal Studies and Business Ethics Department, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania; Andrea Mitchell Center for the Study of Democracy, University of Pennsylvania; and Center for Ethics and the Rule of Law, University of Pennsylvania Law School).

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Ensure Cabinet Accountability

1 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article
2 is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States,
3 which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution
4 when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states
5 within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

6 **ARTICLE --**

7 **SECTION 1:** The President may only terminate a principal officer of an
8 executive department upon two-thirds of the whole
9 number of Senators, concurring.

10 **SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
11 appropriate legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the National Speech & Debate Association (February 2019 docket).

Citizen Legislature Anti-Corruption Reform of Congress Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Each bill, order, resolution, or vote submitted by Congress to the
3 President under section 7 of article I of the Constitution of the United
4 States shall embrace no more than one subject, and that subject shall be
5 clearly and descriptively expressed in the title of the bill, order, resolution
6 or vote.

7 **SECTION 2.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any provision of law that
8 provides an exception in its application to a Member of Congress or an
9 employee of the office of a Member of Congress shall have no effect.

10 **SECTION 3.** Section 2 shall not be construed to apply to provisions of law or rules
11 which permit Members of Congress or employees of offices of Members
12 of Congress to carry out official duties that are tied directly to lawmaking,
13 including provisions or rules permitting Members and employees to enter
14 and use the United States Capitol, the United States Capitol grounds, and
15 other buildings and facilities.

16 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect upon passage.

17 **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); adapted from H.R.160; 116th Congress (2019-2020) by Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA).

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).

Presidential Undisclosed Transparency In Negotiations Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Presidential Records Act, 44 U.S.C. §2201–2207 is herewith amended
3 to include record of all meetings between the President and foreign
4 nationals, requiring a staff member to impartially transcribe minutes of
5 such meetings. If the staff member does not speak all languages spoken
6 in the meeting, any U.S. translators must review and concur with
7 accuracy of the notes.

8 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect upon passage.

9 **SECTION 3.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Ensure Adequate Eating Time for School Lunch

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The US Code Title 7 §210.10 (l) (2), should be amended to read “FNS
3 *mandates* that schools provide sufficient lunch periods that are long
4 enough to give all students *twenty minutes* to eat after receiving their
5 lunch.”

6 **SECTION 2.** US Code Title 7 §210.10 (l) will be further amended by adding (3) “FNS
7 discourages schools from utilizing the lunch period for non-lunch related
8 activities that include, but are not limited to, club meetings and tutoring.”

9 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Agriculture will oversee the negotiated
10 rulemaking process to determine how schools will be monitored for
11 compliance as well as the process for adjudicating claims and providing
12 temporary waivers to PK-12 institutions as they increase their capacity.

13 **SECTION 4.** The amended sections of the US Code will be enforced beginning with
14 the 2020-2021 school year with waivers up to 24 months to be made
15 available for schools that demonstrate a need; providing they submit an
16 approved plan for increasing the school’s capacity to serve lunch in that
17 time.

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

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A Bill to Eliminate Lost Baggage

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** At the end of each day, at every airport, airlines must inventory and
3 catalog all unclaimed luggage in their possession with the name and
4 originating flight number of the passenger who checked the luggage. The
5 airline in possession of the luggage has 24 hours to make a “good-faith”
6 effort to notify the passenger about the location of the luggage and the
7 steps being taken to reunite the customer with the bag. If unable to
8 reach the customer within 72 hours, the bag must be returned to its
9 point of origin and held for a minimum of 1 week.

10 **SECTION 2.** (A) Day refers to the time from when the time the airport opens to the
11 conclusion of the baggage claim process for the last flight from that
12 airline to land at that airport.

13 (B) “Good-faith” effort to communicate must include an attempt to
14 contact the passenger using the phone number, email address, or home
15 address provided by the passenger to the airline at the time of ticketing.

16 **SECTION 3.** The FAA will oversee enforcement of and compliance with this legislation
17 by

18 (A) Assessing fines in the amount of \$1,000 per piece of unclaimed
19 luggage in the airline’s possession per day that the airline did not
20 make a good faith effort to contact the passenger.

21 (B) Assessing fines not to exceed \$3,000,000 in addition to per bag fines
22 for airlines who’s non-compliance is ongoing and systemic.

23 (C) Creating a system for customers to report airlines that are out of
24 compliance for investigation by the FAA.

25 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect July 1, 2020.

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

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A Bill to Preserve Parental Rights in Libraries

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Upon request, libraries must provide the list of books that have been
3 checked out and websites visited by a child at the library to any individual
4 with legal custody of that child, regardless of the state in which the
5 child's custodian resides.

6 **SECTION 2.** "Legal custody" is the assumed parental rights over any child who has not
7 yet attained the age of majority and has not been removed by the courts
8 through official proceedings. Foster parents, parents of adopted children,
9 and any institution, public or otherwise, granted custody – not including
10 *in loco parentis* – will also be included in this law.

11 **SECTION 3.** (A) States' departments of Health and Human Services will oversee the
12 unique negotiated rulemaking process within each of the states to ensure
13 conformity with federal law.

14 (B) States whose laws do not conform to the federal law on this issue of
15 child welfare may be subject to legal action by the federal department of
16 Health and Human Services.

17 (C) Individuals wrongly denied the records of a child in their custody may
18 seek injunctive relief through the federal courts.

19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect January 1, 2021.

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

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A Bill to Honor Veterans and Democracy

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The date for federal elections shall be henceforth be fixed as the 11th of
3 November. If the 11th day falls on a weekend, the election shall occur on
4 the Monday immediately following the 11th of November.

5 This law shall be viewed as coinciding, rather than conflicting, with laws
6 surrounding Veterans Day.

7 **SECTION 2.** This law will affect all federal elections occurring after 2021.

8 **SECTION 3.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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