

A Resolution to Abolish Daylight Savings Time

- 1 **WHEREAS,** 48 states currently practice daylight savings time; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** Daylight Savings Time has negative effects on mental health; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Daylight Savings Time negatively affects productivity; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Daylight Savings Time costs up to \$1.7 billion per change; now therefore be it,
- 5 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that:
- 6 The United States should abolish Daylights Savings Time.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Frederick High School

A Resolution to Forbid the Census Bureau from Collecting Citizenship Data

- 1 **WHEREAS,** the purpose of the Census is to provide demographic information for
2 businesses and organizations to prosper and respond to a changing
3 society; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** an accurate Census is essential to economic prosperity in the U.S.; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** requiring answers on citizenship may discourage some respondents due
6 to fear of immigration laws; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** citizenship should have no bearing on access to goods and services; now,
8 therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that The U.S. Census Bureau should be
10 forbidden from collecting data on citizenship in the Census.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Arvada High School

A Bill to Implement a National Political Knowledge Test When Voting in Presidential Elections

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States formally enforce that all voters in presidential elections
3 must take a political knowledge attesting to their knowledge on
4 presidential candidates and political policy.

5 **SECTION 2.** A political knowledge test defined as an exam assessing voters' basic
6 knowledge on presidential candidates as well as their standings on
7 various concepts concerning politics, economics, immigration, and
8 environmental issues, as well as governmental policy.

9 **SECTION 3.** Implementation of this newly established bill will transpire in the fiscal
10 year of 2020.

11 **SECTION 4.** The responsibilities of this agency will be managed by the Department of
12 Education as well as the Department of Justice to ensure the test's
13 legality.

14 **SECTION 5.** Exceptions to this bill shall include the existing Voting Rights Act of 1965
15 which would be amended to allow solely one official political knowledge
16 test within presidential elections.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Alexcis Escandon of Thompson Valley High School

A Resolution to Raise the Minimum Age to Legally Purchase a Firearm to 18 Years Old

- 1 **WHEREAS,** firearms are dangerous weapons capable of killing citizens; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** nearly 40,000 Americans were killed in 2018 as a result of
- 3 firearms; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** In parts of the United States a minor can purchase a firearm without
- 5 parental consent; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** the safety of our citizens is at risk when minors are allowed to purchase
- 7 firearms without parental consent; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** we must assure the safety and constitutional rights of our citizens; now,
- 9 therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the legal age to purchase a firearm
- 11 be raised to 18 years.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Frederick High School

A Resolution to Build Homes for the Homeless and Decrease Homelessness

- 1 **WHEREAS,** approximately 500,000 people in the U.S. are homeless; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** the U.S. pays \$18,500-\$44,000 for each instance of emergency care
- 3 provided to homeless individuals; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** giving people homes cures the root of homelessness; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** it is more cost effective to give individuals homes than paying for
- 6 emergency health care; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** an individual's employment, health, and financial problems can be more
- 8 effectively addressed once housing is secure; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** states that have implemented housing programs have seen great
- 10 outcomes; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** the type of homes may be built based on what best suits the region
- 12 within each state, and may include apartment buildings, town homes,
- 13 and single-family detached homes; now, therefore, be it
- 14 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that states will receive funding to build
- 15 homes to decrease their homelessness rates, maintain these buildings,
- 16 and provide compensation for the land they build on.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Frederick High School

A Bill to A Bill to Fix Puerto Rico's Concerns

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Puerto Rico shall be granted full statehood.

3 **SECTION 2.** Initial representation in Congress will consist of two senators and one
4 representative, with proportional representation to be determined by
5 the 2020 census results.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Treasury shall immediately discharge Puerto Rican
7 debt related to pension liabilities and bonds. Additionally, the Federal
8 Emergency Management Agency shall make \$100 billion available for
9 rebuilding infrastructure and utilities..

10 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on January 1, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by NSDA

A Bill to Pay Reparations to African Americans

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States government will pay financial reparations of \$100
3 billion to African Americans for the historical injustices that have
4 occurred in our society..

5 **SECTION 2.** African Americans eligible for these reparations shall be those who can
6 trace their genealogy to the continent of Africa, or who can demonstrate
7 that their ancestors were slaves, or would have been endangered by the
8 Fugitive Slave Act.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will oversee the process for determining the
10 individuals eligible for financial reparations.

11 **A.** The \$100 billion will be distributed evenly to all eligible members.

12 **B.** The \$100 billion will be issued as tax credits, and shall be
13 administered by the Internal Revenue Service

14 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Justice will open the process for determining
15 eligibility one year after passage of this legislation. Distribution of tax
16 credits should be processed for the tax year following the identification
17 of eligible individuals.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by NSDA

The Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2019

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Individuals currently residing in the United States without proper documentation or authorization shall be permitted to apply for citizenship provided that they meet the following conditions:

- A.** They have previously met the qualifications for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or
- B.** They can demonstrate that they have resided in the United States for ten consecutive years, have not been arrested for any crime, and have paid all applicable taxes on income earned.

SECTION 2. Upon demonstration of the above, the person may apply for citizenship following the process currently in place.

SECTION 3. Fees for this form of citizenship application shall be set at \$1500 per applicant, with \$500 of that fee placed in an account for the purpose of strengthening border security.

SECTION 4. The Department of Homeland Security, through Immigration and Customs Enforcement, shall oversee implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 5. This shall take effect ninety days after passage.

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

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