



Item #1: A Bill to Make Mental Health Training Mandatory for Teachers

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All K-12 public school teachers in the United States shall henceforth take
3 part in and receive additional payment for mandatory mental health
4 training one day each summer.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. Training shall be defined as a single day program each summer
6 administered by trained mental health counselors delegated from the
7 federal government to teach standardized curriculum and train teachers
8 to identify warning signs of mental illness and learn the appropriate steps
9 to take when a student requires assistance.

10 B. \$500 million of the Department of Education's funding shall be
11 allocated to the program.

12 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Health & Human Services in conjunction
13 with the Department of Education shall be responsible for enforcing the
14 provisions of this bill.

15 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Shaw, Sarasota High School



Item #2: A Bill to Solve the Mexican Immigration Crisis

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall fund Mexican Immigration NGOs by 200,000
3 dollars per year, over the course of the next 5 years.

4 **SECTION 2.** Mexican Immigration NGOs shall be defined as a non-governmental
5 organization with the purpose of creating a safer United States and
6 Mexican border or providing legal or humanitarian resources to new
7 Mexican migrants.

8 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of State shall oversee the implementation of this
9 legislation.

10 B. A Congressional Committee shall be created to review the corruption
11 and legitimacy of the NGOs multiple times per year. If deemed corrupt by
12 the Congressional Committee or State Department, funding shall not be
13 renewed for the next year.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented upon the 2021 Fiscal Year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Min, Pine View School



Item #3: The Prisoner Relief Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. The United States shall hereby abolish all current mandatory minimum
3 sentencing laws.

4 B. The Department of Justice shall work in collaboration with state
5 legislatures to encourage the abolition of state mandatory minimum
6 sentencing laws.

7 C. \$500 million shall be distributed through categorical grants to states
8 that comply for the purpose of hiring judges to prevent potential case
9 backlog.

10 **SECTION 2.** A. Mandatory minimum sentencing laws shall be defined as any laws that
11 require that offenders serve a predefined term for certain crimes, even if
12 against the discretion of the judge.

13 B. Categorical grants shall be defined as money given to state and local
14 governments for programs and projects with specific limitations on how
15 that money is to be spent.

16 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Bureau of Prisons and the Department of Justice shall work in
17 conjunction with each of the 50 states and their respective legislatures
18 and correctional agencies in order to enforce this legislation.

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

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Western High School



Item #4: A Bill to Break Up Big Tech Companies

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Big Tech companies such as Facebook, Amazon, and Google will be
3 broken up into different sectors by the U.S. government.

4 **SECTION 2.** A big tech company will be defined as a major technology company that
5 has excessive influence over the market. To break up will be defined as
6 splitting these corporations into different entities that are still owned by
7 the corporation but operate separately.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Treasury and the U.S. Securities and Exchange
9 Commission will oversee the implementation of this bill.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented in January 2021

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Northland Christian School



Item #5: The Freedom Dividend Act of 2019

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All US Citizens over the age of 18 will be guaranteed Freedom Dividend
3 payments of \$1000 per month. Current welfare and social program
4 beneficiaries will be given the choice between their current benefits and
5 the Freedom Dividend. A Value Tax will be implemented for cost.

6 **SECTION 2.** The Freedom Dividend shall be defined as a government payout of 1000
7 United States Dollars per month to US Citizens over the age of 18. The
8 Value Tax will be defined as a 10% tax on the production of goods and
9 services a company produces.

10 **SECTION 3.** The US Social Security Administration in Conjunction with the IRS will be
11 responsible for the enforcement of this legislation.

12 A. Congress will provide up to 1 Trillion Dollars per year to make up for
13 any funding not made in the Value Tax. All Value Tax funds collected
14 by the IRS will be given to the social security administration for
15 implementation.

16 **SECTION 4.** Full Implementation for this legislation is due January 1, 2021.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Northland Christian School



Item #6: A Bill to Call For Living Wages

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:4

2 **SECTION 1.** Every US State and Providence, will be required to set a minimum wage
3 that is considered a living wage in relation to their GDP.

4 **SECTION 2.** A living wage will be defined as an hourly wage that is equivalent to the
5 state's living wage. Living wages will be defined by the census each
6 decade.

7 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of Labor will enforce this legislation by advising
8 House Budget Committee to fluctuate or tamper economic subsidies to
9 individual states that don't adhere to this legislation.

10 A. The Federal Government will reduce funding to states that don't have

11 B. The US Census Bureau will quantify a living wage for each state in the
12 2020 Census and each census after that. That definition will be the
13 criterion for minimum wage for each state.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect January 1, 2021.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Northland Christian School



ITEM #7: A BILL TO DETER CHINESE AGGRESSION

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall stop exports of police gear, U.S. security and
3 police to Hong Kong as well as provide temporary protected status to
4 Hong Kong residents.

5 **SECTION 2.** Police gear shall be defined as radios, knives, tasers, mace, batons,
6 handguns, flashlights, handcuffs and other traditional gear; U.S. security
7 and police shall be defined as military and traditional police power;
8 temporary protected status shall be defined as a temporary status given
9 to eligible nationals of designated countries who are present in the
10 United States; Hong Kong residents shall be defined as permanent
11 residents and non-permanent residents of Hong Kong.

12 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Citizenship and
13 Immigration Services shall be in charge of enforcing this legislation.

14 **SECTION 4.** This piece of legislation will be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Odom, Bishop Moore Catholic High School



Item #8: A Bill to Comprehensively Reform Environmental Policy

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will invest \$50 Billion annually for the next ten years
3 into clean energy policies, renewable energy resources, and research and
4 development for green initiatives. The US will also develop the national
5 Institute for Clean Energy (NICE) to prioritize climate-based research and
6 development regarding both implementation and improvement.

7 **SECTION 2.** A. The National Institute for Clean Energy will be an institute modeled
8 after the National Institute of Health (NIH) to prioritize pressing
9 environmental concerns with the goal of combatting the effects of global
10 warming.

11 B. Clean energy policies will be defined as initiatives that aim to reduce
12 carbon emissions and human effects on the environment.

13 **SECTION 3.** NICE will implement this legislation. The Senate Committee on the
14 Environment and Public, The House Committee on Energy and
15 Commerce, the Department of Energy, and the National Institute of
16 Health will help found this institute.

17 **SECTION 4.** Upon passage this legislation will become effective fiscal year 2022.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Limayem, King High School



**Item #9: The K.A.R.T.A.P. (Kurdish-American Recovery and Tactical Assistance Plan) Act of
2020**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** \$250 million of military aid will be given to the Syrian Kurds for the
3 purpose of defense against Turkish aggression with a no-fly zone being
4 established in conjunction.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. "Military Aid" shall be defined as money to be used for weapons and
6 equipment

7 B. "No-Fly Zone" shall be defined as an area in which an aircraft may not
8 fly.

9 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of State will oversee the implementation and
10 enforcement of this legislation in conjunction with USAID and the
11 Department of Defense.

12 B. The Department of State will work in conjunction with the Department
13 of Defense and the Syrian Kurds in order to establish a command
14 structure and exit strategy. Additionally, the "no-fly zone" shall be
15 established for up to five years OR until Turkish aggression ceases.

16 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Om Chovatiya, King High School



**Item #10: The T.A.P.P.A.R.D. (Transforming Able Police Properties And Recording
Devices) Act of 2020**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All police officers in the United States of America shall be required to
3 wear body cameras whenever they are on duty.

4 **SECTION 2.** "Body Camera" shall be defined as small video camera worn on the body,
5 typically used by police officers to record arrests, evidence from crime
6 scenes, etc.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall be responsible for enforcing the
8 provisions of this bill.

9 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect exactly six months after
10 passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Jaward, King High School



Item #11: High Frequency Trading Tax Act of 2020

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A 0.1% financial transaction tax (FTT) shall be applied to the sale of any
3 stock, bond, or derivative occurring in the U.S. or in U.S. markets.

4 **SECTION 2.** Derivatives shall be defined according to the definition laid out in the
5 Modernization of Derivatives Tax Act of 2017.

6 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange (SEC) in conjunction with the
7 Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) shall oversee the
8 implementation of this piece of legislation.

9 A. Initial public offerings and short-term debt of less than 100 days are
10 exempt from the FTT.

11 **SECTION 4.** The tax as laid out shall apply to transactions occurring after May 1, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pennsbury High School.



Item #12: A Bill To Provide Developmental aid To Lebanon

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United State Agency for International Development (USAID) shall
3 distribute 1.5 billion dollars of developmental aid to non-governmental
4 organizations (NGOs) operating within Lebanon to help with the
5 burgeoning refugee crisis and improve the lives of the people.

6 **SECTION 2.** Developmental aid shall be defined as economic, educational, and
7 medical aid.

8 **SECTION 3.** USAID shall will be responsible with the implemental of this legislation.

9 A. USAID shall corroborate a financial plan with the NGOs, creating a
10 proposal process that awards grants while taking into consideration the
11 NGO's past performance, personnel numbers, technical approach, and
12 management plans.

13 B. If the NGOs do not use the funds for the appropriated purpose, the
14 USAID will suspend the partnership and revoke current grants until the
15 organization complies with the terms of this legislation.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented over the course of five years, with
17 300 million dollars allocated each year beginning in 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Justin Kim, Trinity Preparatory School



Item # 13: A Bill to Ban Solitary Confinement

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All public, federal and private prisons ban solitary confinement or face a
3 500,000-dollar fine and lose all funding. 10 billion dollars will be allocated
4 from the department of defense and dispersed between all prisons to
5 employ enough guards to keep a 4 to 1 inmate to guard ratio. All prisons
6 that fail to keep a respectable ratio will be subjected to a 100,000 dollar
7 fine.

8 **SECTION 2.** Private prisons will be defined as prisons that are made for profit

9 **SECTION 3.** The department of justice and the department of defense will have
10 oversight of this bill.

11 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect the fiscal year of 2022.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Royal Palm Beach High School



Item #14: A Bill to End Aid To Egypt

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All military aid to Egypt shall be terminated.

3 **SECTION 2.** "Military aid" shall be defined as intelligence sharing, weapons, and any
4 form of assistance that goes directly to Egypt's military.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State shall oversee the implementation of this
6 legislation.

7 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect Fiscal Year 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by American Heritage School at Plantation



Item #15: A Resolution to Increase Alternative-to-Incarceration Programs for Nonviolent Offenders

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

2 **WHEREAS,** *US courts incarcerate citizens at a rate 5 to 10 times higher than other western*
3 *democracies; and*

4 **WHEREAS,** *The US prison population has risen more than 700% since 1970; and*

5 **WHEREAS,** *Mass incarceration in the US has led to prison overcrowding and the development of a*
6 *privatized prison industrial complex; and*

7 **WHEREAS,** *Incarceration can impose tremendous impacts on individuals after release that include*
8 *obstacles to finding employment, securing loans, and obtaining housing; and*

9 **WHEREAS,** *Nonviolent offenders make up more than 90 of the federal prison population and roughly*
10 *half of the state prison population; and*

11 **WHEREAS,** *The poor and people of color are disproportionately affected by mass incarceration in*
12 *the United States; now, therefore, be it*

13 **RESOLVED,** *By the Congress here assembled that all criminal courts in the United States should*
14 *adopt alternative-to-incarceration programs as a first option for nonviolent offenders;*
15 *and*

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That mandatory minimum sentencing guidelines should be abolished.*

Introduced for Congressional Debate by James E. Taylor High School



Item #15: A Bill to End Family Separations at the Border

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Trump administration has exploited the use of Section 1325 of the US
3 Immigration Act and its use in court is no longer representative of
4 American principles.

5 B. Section 1325 of the U.S. Immigration Act shall hereby be repealed.

6 **SECTION 2.** A. Section 1325 allows for the Trump Administration to enact “zero
7 tolerance” policies for migrants who crossed the southern border illegally
8 including the highly controversial family separation policy.

9 B. “Zero tolerance” policies are defined as acts that ordered the
10 prosecution of 100% of all parents caught crossing the border with
11 children, whether they are crossing at a port of entry or not.

12 **SECTION 3.** The US Customs and Border Protection and the US Department of Justice
13 will work together to ensure that Section 1325 can no longer be exploited
14 in court to continue family separations.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect immediately on passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by American Heritage Plantation



**Item #17: A Bill to Aid Colombia, Brazil, and Guyana to Respond to the Venezuelan Refugee
Crisis**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) shall
3 give \$1.3 billion to Colombia, Brazil, and Guyana in order to provide
4 humanitarian services for incoming Venezuelan refugees.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Humanitarian services” shall be defined as the distribution of medical
6 supplies, food, water, and other human necessities.

7 **SECTION 3.** A. USAID shall enforce this legislation and determine how much of the
8 funding is apportioned to the stated countries. The first half of the aid
9 shall be given immediately upon passage. The second half will be granted
10 to the named countries if USAID determines they have not excluded
11 Venezuelan refugees from public services nor the labor market.

12 B. Funding for this legislation shall be diverted from the Department of
13 Defense’s budget.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by by Ridge High School.



Item #18: A Bill to Improve Public Transportation to Lower Carbon Emissions

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The U.S Government will invest in and build eco-friendly public
3 transportation in large cities with the goal of reducing CO2 emissions by
4 50% in those cities by 2030.

5 **SECTION 2. A.** Eco-friendly shall be defined as not releasing any CO2 during regular
6 operation.

7 **b.** Public transportation shall be defined as mass transit provided by the
8 city including but not limited to trains and busses.

9 **C.** Large cities shall be defined as cities whose metropolitan areas have a
10 population greater than 2.5 million.

11 **D.** CO2 emissions shall be defined as emissions of carbon dioxide arising
12 from the operation of vehicles.

13 **SECTION 3.** This bill shall be carried out by the Department of Transportation in
14 conjunction with the state and local governments of affected cities.

15 **A.** 20% of the Highway Trust Fund shall be allocated annually each year
16 until 2030, or until CO2 emissions have been reduced by 50%,
17 whichever comes first.

18 **B.** Emissions shall be measured the EPA in conjunction with state and
19 local officials and shall be measured in the same location each year.

20 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect October 1, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. DeStefano of Ransom Everglades School.



Item #19: Bill to Save the Amazon

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall give ranchers in Brazil USD \$500,000,000 in aid to
3 intensify cattle ranching. Any ranch that receives this aid must stop all
4 deforestation.

5 **SECTION 2.** Intensifying cattle ranching is defined as any effort to produce more
6 cattle using less land. This includes but is not limited to improved pasture
7 seeds, environmentally safe fertilizers and pesticides, and rotational
8 grazing.

9 **SECTION 3.** The US Agency for International Development shall be responsible for
10 distributing this aid to ranchers and conducting annual checks to ensure
11 ranches are not engaging in deforestation. Any farm that engages in
12 deforestation shall have all aid to them immediately cut and will not be
13 eligible for future aid

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Moss from West Palm Beach Independent



Item #20: A Bill to Provide Green Housing

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Green New Deal for Public Housing Act (S.2876), which establishes
3 grant programs for energy efficient community oriented housing
4 infrastructure, shall be enacted in full.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Grant programs for energy efficient community-oriented housing
6 infrastructure” shall be defined as programs which reward federal funds
7 to public housing projects that are energy sustainable.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary for Housing and Urban Development shall oversee the
9 implementation of this legislation.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Naperville Central High School