



MINNESOTA DEBATE INSTITUTE

**November Tournament 2019
Congress Legislation**

Legislation for first two sessions:

- **The Hong Kong Democracy Act**
- **The Improvement of Native American Education Act**
- **A Bill to Improve Reproductive Health Care**
- **A Bill to Prevent Oil Smuggling**
- **A Bill to Fund Infrastructure to Conserve Natural Gases**

The Hong Kong Democracy Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** The Hong Kong Police Force, and the People's Armed Police shall be designated as a Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTOs) under Section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965.
- SECTION 2.** The Department of Defense is now authorized to expedite any weapon or arms sales to any NATO or Major Non-NATO ally which the Department of Defense believes is being threatened by the actions of the People's Republic of China (PRC).
- SECTION 2(a).** Any weapon or arms sales to any country in SECTION 2 may be rendered null and void by an Act of Congress.
- SECTION 3.** Any residents from Hong Kong seeking asylum into the United States based on political persecution shall be placed into the "priority two" group as defined by the Department of State when considering processing of asylum applications.
- SECTION 4.** "Expedite" in SECTION 2 refers to implementing and overhauling arms weapon sale processes including standardizing restrictions and logistics, as well as increasing flexibility for pricing of military weapons.
- SECTION 5.** The Department of State, and the Department of Defense shall carry out any aspects of this legislation.
- SECTION 6.** This legislation will go into effect immediately after passage.
- SECTION 7.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Maple Grove Senior High.

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The Improvement of Native American Education Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** Native American and Alaskan leaders will be recognized as sovereign in the education of their own members and given formula grants for this purpose.
- SECTION 2.** Sovereignty is defined as control overall tribal members' education as long as it meets the requirements of a standard GED. A formula grant is defined as a grant that is awarded to all applicants who meet the requirements. The requirements include the application must come from a group of tribal leaders, have demonstrated the need for funding for students. The money for this funding will come from the department of education.
- SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Indian Education will enforce this bill.
- A. The Bureau of Indian Education will approve the formula grants and amount in each grant as well as provide random checks on the progress of the grants in regards to each tribe or tribal group.
- B. If any party has been found using the money granted for education for any other purpose, especially personal gain, they will be reported by the Bureau of Indian Education to the Department of Justice and charged with fraud.
- SECTION 4.** At the beginning of the next school year, these changes will be implemented.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Val Chafee of St. Paul Academy and Summit School.

11/2/19

A Bill to Improve Reproductive Health Care

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. Basic reproductive health care will be included in all plans in the Health Insurance Marketplace, and not exempt from religious employers.

Section 2. Reproductive health care is defined as FDA-approved contraceptive methods, such as hormonal methods, barrier methods, emergency contraception, sterilization procedures and patient education and counseling.

Section 3. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the enforcement of this bill.

SECTION 4. This will be enacted upon the start of the next fiscal year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Robbinsdale Armstrong High School.

11/2/19

A Bill to Prevent Oil Smuggling

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States will work with allies i to prevent the
2 smuggling of illegal Iranian oil and to protect the Strait of Hormuz. This will
3 be done by providing monetary, military, and intelligence aid.
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5 **SECTION 2.** The military aid will only come in the form of systems and
6 vehicles for defence purposes. Allies include the UAE, Saudi Arabia, and
7 Israel.
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9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense and the Department of State
10 will work together to ensure the enforcement of this bill.
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12 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be enacted March 2020.

13 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared
14 null and void.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Edina.

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A Bill to Fund Infrastructure to Conserve Natural Gases

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Fracking industry wastes \$1 billion a year in gas flaring,
3 equivalent to 1.028 trillion BTU. These natural gases are important for
4 the United States economy as an alternative fuel, and the conservation of
5 natural resources.

6 **SECTION 2.** A. "Fracking" shall be defined as the process of injecting liquid at high
7 pressure into subterranean rocks, boreholes, etc. to force open existing
8 fissures and extract oil or gas.

9 B. "Infrastructure" shall be defined as pipe, roads, and wells used by the
10 oil industry to conserve natural resources.

11 C. "Gas Flaring" shall be defined as the practice of burning natural gases.

12 **SECTION 3.** The United States government shall allocate \$750 million to the oil and
13 gas industry, to better assist the conservation of finite resources.

14 **SECTION 4.** The Bureau of Land Management will oversee the implementation of this
15 legislation.

16 **SECTION 5.** Corporations that do not comply with these demands shall be fined
17 \$75,000 per month until they comply.

18 **SECTION 6.** This Legislation shall become effective January 1, 2021.

19 **SECTION 7.** All laws in conflict with this Legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by a High School.

11/2/19

Legislation for final session:

- **A Bill to Replace Means-Tested Welfare Programs with a Universal Basic Income**
- **A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Lower the Voting Age**

A Bill to Replace Means-Tested Welfare Programs with a Universal Basic Income

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall repeal all means-tested welfare programs
3 and replace them with a universal basic income of \$1,500 per month. All U.S.
4 citizens over the age of 18 shall receive the monthly payment via direct
5 deposit, and eligibility shall not be denied on any condition except age and
citizenship.

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7 **SECTION 2.** Means-tested welfare programs include Medicaid, Supplemental
8 Security Income, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, the Supplemental
9 Nutrition Assistance Program, Section 8 Housing, federal public housing
10 funding, and Pell Grants.

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12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health & Human Services shall oversee the
13 funding and distribution of the universal basic income.

14 A. Funding for current means-tested welfare programs shall carry over
15 to fund the universal basic income.

16 B. The universal basic income shall be additionally funded by a 10%
Value-Added Tax on the production of goods or services.

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18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect five years after passage.

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

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Lower the Voting Age

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

7 **ARTICLE --**

8 **SECTION 1.** The right of citizens of the United States, who are fourteen
9 years of age or older, to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States
10 or by any State on account of age.

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