

A Bill to Support the Mexican Agricultural Industry

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall provide the United Mexican States
2 \$500 million dollars in developmental aid for the improvement of their
3 agricultural industry.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Developmental Aid” shall be defined as direct financial
5 assistance in the development of improved agricultural processes,
6 purchase of agricultural technology to improve yields, and the
7 subsidization of the sale of agricultural goods.

8 **SECTION 3.** The United States Agency for International Development
9 shall work with the Secretariat of Agriculture and Rural Development of
10 Mexico to oversee the implementation of this legislation.

11 A. Funding for this legislation shall be re-allocated from the budget of the
12 Department of Defense.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect on the 1st of July, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bridgewater-Raritan

A Bill to Implement Data Protection to Defend Citizen Privacy

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Any and all organizations that hold the personal data of
2 United States citizens must allow the individual to whom it pertains
3 reasonable, clear access to that data as well as the ability to expunge it
4 from that organization's possession.

5 **SECTION 2.** "Personal data" is defined as any data or information that is
6 specific to an individual or can otherwise be used to identify them.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission shall oversee the
8 enforcement of this legislation.

9 A. Violations of Section 1 shall be punishable with fines of up to 2% of an
10 offending organization's yearly revenue per violation.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect on the 15st of April, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bridgewater-Raritan

A Bill to Return Land to the People of the United States to Facilitate Economic Development

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** 54 U.S. Code § 320301 is hereby amended to add Subsection
2 E. Subsection E shall read as follows: “The President may, with counsel of
3 the Secretary of the Interior, reduce or extend the size of existing national
4 monuments.”
- 5 **SECTION 2.** The Department of the Interior shall establish a commission
6 to review the reduction of land claims by existing national monuments.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** “Existing national monuments” shall be defined as parcels of
8 land reserved by the president in accordance with 54 U.S. Code § 320301
9 A.
- 10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately upon
11 passage.
- 12 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared
13 null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Andrew Useche.

A Bill to Improve the Environment Through Nuclear Application Research and Development

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1:** A subsidy of \$500M will be allocated to fossil fuel companies to be used for
2 research and development of nuclear energy.

3 **SECTION 2:** Research and development of nuclear energy is defined as research ventures
4 undertaken with the goal of expanding the use of nuclear energy as a green
5 alternative to fossil fuels.

6 **SECTION 3:** The Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency will oversee
7 the implementation of this bill..

8 **SECTION 4:** A joint-departmental task force to oversee this legislation will be formed
9 immediately after passage.

10 **SECTION 5:** Use of any amount of this subsidy for purposes other than nuclear energy research
11 will incur a \$100M fine.

12 **SECTION 6:** Enforcement of Section 5 will be overseen by the Environmental Protection
13 Agency

14 **SECTION 7:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bridgewater-Raritan

A Bill to Increase Funding for Veterans Benefits to Improve Quality of Life for Veterans

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** \$100 Billion shall be allocated to the VA for the purpose of providing
3 service members with benefits. This sum will be deducted from the
4 budget of the DoD.

5 **SECTION 2.** VA refers to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. DoD refers
6 to the United States Department of Defense.

7 **SECTION 3.** The VA will be responsible for appropriately allocating funds into the
8 different categories listed in Section 3B of this bill.

9 **A.** The DoD will have the discretion to choose where in their budget the
10 funds will come from.

11 **B.** The funds will go to service member benefits, family member
12 benefits, burials and memorials, housing assistance, pensions, life
13 insurance, education and training, health care, and disability
14 compensation.

15 **C.** The Office of the Inspector General will be tasked with bi-annually
16 evaluating the distribution of these funds, to ensure that they are
17 used in the most effective and proper way.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented 30 days after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hunterdon Central Regional High School.

A Bill to Stop the Coronavirus (COVID-19) from Threatening the American People

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States will be taking action to protect the American people
2 from the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The United States will close its borders
3 to China and transfer \$50 Billion from the budget of the Department of
4 Defense to the Department of Health and Human Services to provide aid
5 to those at risk of infection. The United States will allocate another \$50
6 Billion to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

7 **SECTION 2.** The Coronavirus (COVID-19) is defined as an epidemic that has spread
8 throughout China and has now infected other populations around the
9 world. It now a threat to the American population. Closed borders are
10 defined as preventing any type of vessel or plane from China from
11 entering the United States.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will be tasked with the
13 application of funds to provide for the needs of those in quarantined
14 areas, including highly localized areas, a city, or a state. The Centers for
15 Disease Control and Prevention will be tasked with fighting the
16 Coronavirus (COVID-19) directly by finding treatments to protect the
17 public health of the United States.

18 **A.** This bill will become null and void once the threat of Coronavirus
19 (COVID-19) is neutralized.

20 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented 3 days after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Parin Arya of Hunterdon Central Regional High School.

A Bill to Gradually Increase the Minimum Wage

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The minimum wage will be raised to \$15 an hour by 2025,
2 and will be adjusted for inflation every year after that.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Beginning on the first day of each year, the minimum wage
4 will rise to \$9 in 2021, \$10.50 in 2022, \$12 in 2023, \$13.50 in 2024, and \$15
5 in 2025. The minimum wage shall be defined as the price floor of the
6 lowest hourly wages employers can pay their employees.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Labor will oversee this
8 legislation.
- 9 A. Inflation will be gauged by the Consumer Price Index from the US
10 Bureau of Labor Statistics.
- 11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect immediately.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared
 null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Millburn High School.

A Bill to Create a Free Green Market

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The Federal Government shall end all subsidies to
2 nonrenewable energy sources over a ten year period.

3 **SECTION 2.** A. Nonrenewable Energy Sources within this legislation are
4 defined as entities operating in the procurement, refinement, and
5 combustion processes of fossil fuels such as coal, oil, and natural gas to
6 generate energy.

7 B. Subsidies within this legislation are defined as federal
8 assistance and support through tax credits, waivers, exemptions, grants,
9 and other such programs to artificially lower the cost of production for the
10 benefit of the recipient.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy and the EPA, in coordination with
12 all other necessary departments and agencies, shall begin the
13 implementation of this bill upon passage.

14 A. Immediately upon passage, no new subsidies shall be allowed nor
15 provided to nonrenewable energy sources.

16 B. Existing subsidies shall be diminished by 10% each year, starting from
17 Fiscal Year 2021, where no subsidies should be given by Fiscal Year
18 2031.

19 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared
20 null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jon Murdoch of Phillipsburg High School.

A Bill to Provide Paid Parental Leave to Promote Social Welfare

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government will provide a 22-week paid non-
3 transferable parental leave to one parent of a biological or adoptive child.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. Paid leave is defined as the parent being excused from their
5 employment and receiving either

6 1) hourly pay as if the parent worked a 40 hour workweek; or

7 2) pro-rated salary for the weeks missed.

8 B. Non-transferable is defined by only one parent being able to take a
9 parental leave for a child.

10 C. Child is defined a dependent between the ages of 0-5 years old.

11 D. Further clarifications: The parental leave may not be used multiple
12 times for the same child. For every child more than one as part of the same
13 birth or adoption procedure, there will be 10 weeks added to the paid
14 parental leave, if requested.

15 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Labor will oversee the implementation of the bill,
16 as it currently oversees the existing parental leave laws.

17 **SECTION 4.** The bill will be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Randolph High School

A Bill to Minimize Air Pollution to Make a Healthier Living Environment

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

2 **SECTION 1:** All states in the United States shall lower their air pollution levels 15% from their
3 current levels by the end of a one-year period, effective upon passage.

4 **SECTION 2:** Air pollution is defined as gases, dust, fumes or odor that are harmful to the health
5 or comfort of humans or animals. Air pollution will be measured by the levels of
6 carbon monoxide (CO), nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), ozone (O₃), particulate matter
7 (PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀), sulfur dioxide (SO₂), and hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) in a given
8 area.

9 **SECTION 3:** The Environmental Protection Agency will oversee the enforcement of this bill.

10 A. If a state does not lower their air pollution levels by 15% over a 12 month period,
11 then that state will be fined \$10,000,000 for each 1% they failed to lower. For
12 example, if a state lowers the air pollution by 13%, they will pay \$20,000,000.
13 The proceeds from the fines will be allocated to the Environmental Protection
14 Agency to be used as the agency sees fit.

15 B. The penalties shall not be imposed until after one year since the bill is passed.
16 That one year will be allotted so states can adapt to the new regulations of this
17 bill.

18 **SECTION 4:** This bill will take effect immediately after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Randolph High School

A Bill to Take Action in Providing Humanitarian Aid For Citizens Quarantined in China

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Citizens of the People’s Republic of China, in quarantined cities, will be
2 provided 2.5 billion dollars in humanitarian aid by the U.S.

3 **SECTION 2.** Quarantined cities shall be defined as cities where citizens are unable to
4 enter or exit the area defined. Humanitarian aid shall be defined as foreign
5 aid including medicine, food, water, etc.

6 **SECTION 3.** USAID will implement this legislation and is tasked with determining
7 which areas are considered quarantine cities.

8 A. USAID will reevaluate the state of the quarantined cities every 3
9 months.

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

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Senator Joey Huang of Ridge High School.

A Bill to Fund Oversight of Organ Procurement Centers to Ensure a Proper Organ Donation System

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) shall be allocated
2 \$900 million to initiate effective oversight of organ procurement
3 organizations and ensure adequate transport of organs.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. An “organ procurement organization” is an organization authorized by
5 the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), under Section
6 1138(b) of the Social Security Act, to procure organs for transplantation.
7 B. “Adequate transport of organs” refers to the successful transport of the
8 organ(s) from the donation site to the recipient, meaning organs are stored
9 in a proper environment and responsibly monitored.

10 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be implemented over a two year period by the HHS in
11 conjunction with the CMS and specifically the Organ Procurement and
12 Transplantation Network (OPTN) of the HHS.
13 A. The \$900 million used for regulatory infrastructure will come from the
14 HHS budget.
15 B. The HHS will be able to terminate the federal contracts of organ
16 procurement centers that it identifies as improperly managed.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented in the following fiscal year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sakthishreenidhi Manivel of Ridge High School.

A Bill to Increase Funding for NASA to Pursue More Public-Private Partnerships

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) shall
3 be allocated \$15 billion dollars for the purpose of contracting
4 domestic aerospace firms. Funds shall be given out to corporate
5 proposals that meet current Artemis program guidelines.
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7 **SECTION 2.** Domestic aerospace firm is defined as a US company involved in
8 the various aspects of designing, building, testing, selling, and
9 maintaining aircraft, aircraft parts, rockets, or spacecraft.
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11 **SECTION 3.** The Executive Office shall oversee the implementation of this
12 bill. All necessary funding will be taken out of the Department of
13 Defense's discretionary budget.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented at the start of fiscal year 2021.

15 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
16 and void.
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A Bill to Remove Mandatory Minimum Drug Sentencing

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Mandatory Minimum Drug Sentencing for Federal Drug offenses shall
3 henceforth be discontinued.

4 **A.** All federal nonviolent drug offenders, presently in prison will now
5 have their case re-evaluated by a federal judge.

6 **B.** Until re-evaluation is complete, federal nonviolent drug offenders will
7 be granted parole.

8 **SECTION 2.** Definitions -:

9 **A.** Mandatory Minimum drug sentencing will be defined as, a minimum
10 number of years in prison, that must be served when a person if
11 convicted of a federal drug offense.

12 **B.** Legal definition of Parole will Apply.

13 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of Justice will be tasked with the enforcement of this
14 legislation.

15 **SECTION 4.** This will be enacted 91 days after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Siddharth Satish.