

**Falmouth Congressional Debate Docket**

**1) A Bill to Implement a Basic  
Income to Benefit Impoverished Americans**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Any households with an annual earning below HALF of the federally indicated poverty line will be allowed a basic income to supplement their standard of living. The pension will be \$5,000 annually and can not be combined with other welfare programs.

1. Those currently receiving welfare benefits must decide if they would like to keep those benefits OR receive the pension. "Welfare benefits" does not include Medicare/Medicaid.

2. This legislation shall not impact the funding or distribution of Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, or Veterans Disability.

SECTION 1A. The base income shall not be allowed to households that are above the top half of the federally designated poverty level.

SECTION 2. Any individuals with a with annual earnings below HALF of the federally indicated poverty line will be awarded a \$2,000 pension.

SECTION 3. Universal basic income is defined as pension allowed to people with no work requirements to receive it.

SECTION 4. Funding for this legislation will come from the addition of a .5% added tax on those with an annual income exceeding \$1 million, and a 1.5% tax on those with an annual income exceeding 1 billion.

SECTION 5. The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee this legislation.

SECTION 6. This legislation shall be implemented beginning in 2021 and shall be fully in effect at the beginning of 2022.

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

*Respectfully Submitted by Brunswick High School*

**2) A Bill to Inform Juries  
Of Their Right to Nullify**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. In the process of jury training, or at some point before the trial itself, jurors must be informed of their right to jury nullification.

A. The information can be provided on the jury duty questionnaire or at any point during the jury selection process.

SECTION 2. "Jury nullification" will be defined as "A jury's knowing and deliberate rejection of the evidence or refusal to apply the law either because the jury wants to send a message about some social issue that is larger than the case itself, or because the result dictated by law is contrary to the jury's sense of justice, morality, or fairness."

SECTION 3. The Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts will oversee the passage of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect on January 1, 2020.

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

*Respectfully Submitted by Brunswick High School*

### **3) A Bill to Ban Solitary Confinement**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. SECTION 1. Solitary confinement will be banned in all state and federal prisons.
3. SECTION 2. Solitary confinement is defined as “the isolation of a prisoner in a separate cell as a
4. punishment” (Oxford).
5. SECTION 3. Prison guards or other prison employees found in violation of this law shall be charged
6. with kidnapping. Furthermore, the prison wherein the violation occurred shall be fined \$100,000 for
7. each hour of solitary confinement administered.
8. SECTION 3. This legislation will be overseen by the Federal Bureau of Prisons under the department of
9. Justice.
10. SECTION 4. This Bill will go into effect on January 1, 2021.
11. SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced by Dorcas Bolese, Yarmouth High School*

### **4) A Resolution Amending the Constitution to Adjust Restrictions on Eligibility to Hold Public Office**

1. WHEREAS elected officials are meant to reflect their electorate, be it
2. RESOLVED, That upon approval of two-thirds of the chamber of this Congress here assembled, the
3. following Constitutional amendment be sent to the state legislatures for approval:
4. SECTION 1: Anyone who can legally vote in a federal election is eligible to run for and hold any office
5. being voted upon. All conflicting restrictions on said eligibilities are declared null and void.

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

*Respectfully submitted by Yarmouth High School*

## **5) A Bill to Abolish the Capital Gains Taxes on Stock**

### **Market Investments**

1. **Whereas**, we will be greatly benefiting all citizens by ending the tax, and
2. **Whereas**, we will be benefiting the stock market and U.S. economy by giving more
3. incentive for citizens to invest,
4. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
5. **Section 1.** The United States shall abolish taxes on stocks that are currently being taxed
6. under the capital gains tax.
7. **Section 2.** Upon abolishment of taxes through the capital gains tax on the stocks, such
8. stocks will not be subject to further taxation of any other kind.
9. **Section 3.** This legislation will go into effect on January 1, 2021.
10. **Section 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Maine District*

## **6) A Bill to Secure and Maintain the Integrity of the American Voting System**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1a:** The Department of Homeland Security shall be made the primary channel
2. through which information regarding cybersecurity threats, incidents, and vulnerabilities to
3. elections is shared through the Federal government.
4. **SECTION 1b:** An advisory panel comprised of independent experts representing the States,

5. the defense community, and the cybersecurity community shall be established by the DHS to
6. help defend elections, and establish guidelines for auditing and updating election systems.
7. **SECTION 1c:** The DHS shall establish a grant application program for the States, which may
8. be used to update state election systems consistent with standards set by the panel. Grants
9. shall be awarded by the Secretary of Homeland Security.
10. **SECTION 2:** The term “DHS” refers to the Department of Homeland Security.
11. The term “Panel” refers to the advisory panel established pursuant to the passing of this bill.
12. **SECTION 3:** The DHS and Election Assistance Commission shall oversee the
13. implementation of this legislation.
14. **SECTION 4:** This bill shall go into effect upon passing.
15. **SECTION 5:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted by Maine District*

## **7) A Bill to Establish a Carbon Tax**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** A national carbon tax of \$50/1t of CO<sub>2</sub>(carbon dioxide) emissions and
2. \$90/1t of carbon is to be established throughout the United States in order to reduce
3. national carbon emissions and protect the atmosphere.
4. **SECTION 2.** Carbon dioxide emissions are defined as the release of greenhouse gasses
5. and/or their precursors into the atmosphere.
6. **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency will oversee enforcement.
7. **SECTION 4.** Effective immediately after passage.
8. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted by Maine District*

## **8) A Bill to Mandate the Instruction of Climate Change as Fact**

1. **WHEREAS**, there is a consensus amongst the scientific community that climate change is a
2. factual occurrence supported by an increasing volume of data; and
3. **WHEREAS**, it is projected that there are less than 20 years left to limit devastating global
4. climate change effects; and
5. **WHEREAS**, the youth of today will soon be entering the workforce and will have a sizable
6. impact on the action we take against climate change

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

7. **SECTION 1:** Every board of secondary education is hereby ordered to include instruction on
8. climate change as a factual occurrence in an appropriate place in the curriculum of secondary
9. schools.
10. **SECTION 2:** Climate change shall be defined as the change in global climate patterns largely
11. attributed to the increased levels of atmospheric greenhouse gases produced by the use of fossil
12. fuels.
13. **SECTION 3:** Secondary schools shall be defined as all schools between the elementary and
14. college level, typically serving grades 6-12. These may be public, private, magnet,
15. parochial, or charter.
16. **SECTION 4:** Any educational institution that does not comply shall lose all government funding.
17. **SECTION 5:** The Department of Education shall oversee this piece of legislation.
18. **SECTION 6:** This legislation shall go into effect on July 1, 2021.
19. **SECTION 7:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Maine District*

## **9) A Bill to reallocate 500 billion USD from Welfare to DARPA (Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency)**

*Whereas the Defense Advanced Research Projects agency has received insufficient funding create body armor, weapons, vehicles and reconnaissance equipment equivalent or greater than that of symmetrical threats to the united states.*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

1. **SECTION 1:** 500 Billion US Dollars will be reallocated from Health Care programs

2. including 205 Billion from Federal Medicaid and 295 Billion from Medicare.
3. **SECTION 2:** These funds will then directly be given to DARPA to be exclusively used on the
4. research and creation of any military equipment deemed necessary by the Secretary of Defense or
5. Requested and permitted by the FBI, CIA, US Army, US Navy or the US Air Force.
6. **SECTION 3:** This bill will take into effect January 1st, 2021.
7. **SECTION 4:** All laws in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and void.  
*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Maine District*

## **10) The Fair Wage and Working Families Act of 2019**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The Federal Minimum Wage shall be raised to \$15/hour in all 50
2. states.
3. **SECTION 2.** “The Federal Minimum Wage” shall be defined as the lowest
4. remuneration that employers can legally pay their workers.
5. **SECTION 3.** Current penalties for violating minimum wage laws shall be
6. Retained.
7. **SECTION 4.** The Department of Labor shall oversee the enforcement of this
8. Legislation.
9. **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall go into effect at the beginning of the next fiscal
10. year.
11. **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
12. void.

*Respectfully submitted by Maine District*

## **11) A Bill to Reduce Oil Subsidies**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1A.** U.S. governmental subsidies supporting the oil industry will be reduced
2. annually by 15% from their original 2018 amount at the beginning of each fiscal year until
3. they reach zero.
4. **SECTION 1B.** As subsidies are reduced, Congress will have the ability to put said money

5. towards subsidies for new clean energy sources
6. SECTION 1C. “Clean energy sources” will be defined as energy that is derived from
7. renewable sources that create zero-emissions
8. **SECTION 2.** Oil subsidies shall be defined as government funding for corporations and
9. companies in the non-renewable oil industry.
10. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy will oversee the implementation of this legislation
11. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect on October 1, 2021
12. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted by Maine District*

## **12) A Bill to Incentivize Commercial Space Research**

1. **WHEREAS,** The F-35 Lightning II Jet Program is the program currently developing
  2. F-35 class jets, which has been found to be wasting funds and making little progress, and
  3. **WHEREAS,** Commercial space research and development has become increasingly
  4. more important and relevant in the global community
- BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**
5. **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall allocate funding from the
  6. F-35 Lightning II Jet Program, to subsidize commercial space companies
  7. **SECTION 2.** Commercial space companies will be defined as private companies
  8. working towards commercial space travel (SpaceX, Virgin Galactic, Blue Origin, etc)
  9. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense, The Office of Space and Advanced
  10. Technology, and the Federal Aviation Administration will oversee the enactment and
  11. enforcement of this legislation
  12. **SECTION 3A.** Funding from the F-35 program will be cut, and a congressionally
  13. approved portion of this funding will be allocated towards commercial space research
  14. **SECTION 3B.** The funding will be split equally between the four most successful
  15. companies currently researching and developing commercial space travel
  16. **SECTION 3C.** The success of these companies will be determined by multiple different
  17. components including their already developed technology, the economic stability of the
  18. company, timeline of their research, and the effectiveness of their current funds
  19. **SECTION 3D.** After one year of funding, Congress will reevaluate the progress of this

20. legislation

21. **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect the fiscal year of 2021

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Maine District*

### **13) A Bill to Reduce the National Voting Age to 16**

1. **Whereas**, beginning at the age of 16, U.S citizens can generally operate motorized

2. vehicles, but cannot vote

3. And **whereas**, people of this age are old enough to make their own choices

4. And **whereas**, more votes create a more accurate representation of the public

5. And whereas, a 16 year old has a more recent education in of current events, the

6. political climate, and modern citizenship

7. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

8. **SECTION 1.** The national voting age shall be reduced to the age of 16

9. **SECTION 2.** This bill will go into effect on January 1st, 2021

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

*Respectfully submitted by Maine District*

### **14) A Bill To Nationally Legalize Transgender Bathroom Rights**

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

1. **SECTION 1.** All transgender individuals be legally allowed to use the public/school  
2. bathroom of the gender they identify as.

3. **SECTION 2.** A transgender individual shall be defined as a person whose sense of  
4. Personal identity and gender does not correspond with their birth sex.

5. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of



6. Education will oversee the enforcement of this bill.
7. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.
8. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted by Maine District*