

Lawrence Congressional Debate Docket

1) An Amendment to the Constitution to End Slavery

1. WHEREAS, The phrase “except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have
2. been duly convicted” in the Constitution has allowed for abuses of power.
3. WHEREAS, Private prisons have begun to unfairly incarcerate minorities to exploit them
4. for work.
5. WHEREAS, The part of Amendment XIII, Section 1, referring to prisons has allowed
6. slavery to evolve, instead of cease.
7. WHEREAS, To prevent the abuse and immoral slavery of prisoners, be it
8. RESOLVED, That upon approval of two-thirds of the chamber of this Congress here
9. assembled, the following amendment will be sent to state legislatures for approval:
10. SECTION 1: The 13th Amendment will be altered to have the piece referring to prisoners
11. in Section 1 removed.
12. SECTION 2: Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate
13. legislation.

Respectfully submitted by Nathanael Thompson, Maine District

2) A Bill to Ban Direct-To-Consumer Pharmaceutical Advertisements

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. SECTION 1. Any form of direct-to-consumer pharmaceutical advertising is hereby
3. banned.
4. SUBSECTION A. Direct-to-consumer advertising will be defined as “...an effort (usually
5. via popular media) made by a pharmaceutical company to promote its prescription
6. products directly to patients.” (National Library of Medicine)
7. SUBSECTION B. Forms of direct-to-consumer pharmaceutical advertising include, but
8. are not limited to, commercials, magazine and newspaper ads, billboards, etc.
9. SECTION 2. Any pharmaceutical company found using DTCA after the passage of this
10. bill will be fined \$5,000,000.
11. SUBSECTION A. DTCA will be defined as direct-to-consumer advertising.
12. SUBSECTION B. The \$5,000,000 in fines will be reallocated into extra budget for the
13. Food and Drug Administration.
14. SECTION 3. This legislation shall be implemented by January 1st, 2023.
15. SECTION 4. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted by Representative Nathanael Thompson, Greely High School

3) A Bill to Invade Venezuela

1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. SECTION 1. This Congressional body approves the movement of an appropriate
3. amount of United States troops into the nation of Venezuela, if the government fails to
4. peacefully surrender.
5. SECTION 2. The Department of Defense will have oversight of the actions proposed in
6. this legislation.
7. SECTION 3. The Venezuelan government will be granted 30 days to formally surrender
8. following this bill's passage,
9. at which point American troops will take over the government by force.
10. SECTION 4. Following the passage of this legislation, the people of Venezuela will be
11. granted three months to either vote to create a democratically elected government,
12. Modeled after our own and approved by this congress, or to elect to become the 51st
13. state of our union, following a process sanctioned by this congress.
14. SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for congressional debate by Greely High School, Maine District.

4) The Psychedelic Substance Act

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. Section 1. The following substances will be scheduled as
3. schedule three substances under The Controlled Substance Act.
 - a. Psilocybin.
 - b. Lysergic acid diethylamide.
 - c. 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine.
 - d. Dimethyltryptamine.
4. Section 2. Under the Controlled Substance Act, schedule three substances
5. are defined as substances with a moderate risk of physical addiction and
6. possibly severe risk of mental addiction, and are legal for medical use.
7. Section 3. The Drug Enforcement Agency will oversee the scheduling and
8. implementation of this legislation. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration will
9. oversee funding and regulation of medical research.
10. SECTION 4. Upon passage of today's legislation the Food and Drug
11. Administration will oversee one year of legal research into the substances listed
12. in today's legislation.
 - a. After that period of one year has elapsed, unless this congress chooses to reevaluate, the Drug Enforcement Agency will reschedule the listed substances as schedule three under their process.
 - b. Upon the scheduling of these substances, states will have the ability to legalize these substances for medical use via a doctors prescription.

- c. States will additionally be given complete oversight of the legal status of these substances past that of medical use.

13. Section 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
Introduced for Congressional Debate by Zach Whiting, Maine District

5) Require a Supreme Court Nominee to be confirmed by 60 votes in the Senate instead of the current 51

1. Whereas, currently in order for a Supreme Court nominee to be confirmed it takes
 2. at least 51 votes in the Senate and
 3. Whereas, the "Nuclear Option" was put in place in 2017 there had to be 51 votes in
 4. favor of the candidate in order to be confirmed
- BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT
5. SECTION 1. The "Nuclear Option" law shall be rescinded
 6. SECTION 2. All future Supreme Court nominees shall win with at least 3/5th
 7. majority (60 Senate votes)
 8. SECTION 3. This legislation shall be enforced by the Senate
 9. SECTION 4. This legislation shall go into effect by January 1st, 2021
 10. SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void

Respectfully resubmitted by Dalton, Maine District

6) An Amendment to Require Women to Register in the Draft

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED

1. SECTION 1: All women between the ages 18 and 26 shall henceforth register for the draft
2. SUBSECTION 1A: Women shall be defined as any persons born of the female sex.
3. SECTION 2: Transgender men taking testosterone, The audibly and visually impaired, and those
4. who are disabled, shall follow the same rules as the requirements as men for signing up for the
5. draft by the Selective Service System which are as follows:
6. SUBSECTION 2A: Transgender men taking testosterone shall be required to sign up for the
7. draft.
8. SUBSECTION 2B: If a woman is placed in a hospital, nursing home, long-term care facility, or
9. a mental institution on or before her 18th birthday, had no breaks of institutionalization of 30 days
10. or longer, and remained institutionalized until her 26th birthday, she is not required to register.

11. SUBSECTION 2C: If she is confined to home, whether her own or someone else's (including
12. group homes), on or before her 18th birthday and cannot leave the home without medical
13. assistance (for example, by ambulance, or with the help of a nurse or EMT), and remained
14. homebound until her 26th birthday, she is not required to register.
15. SECTION 3: If one is required to register for the draft and fails to do so by their 26th
16. Birthday, they will not be eligible for federal student aid, federal jobs, federal job training, and
17. can be prosecuted for up to \$250,000 and/or jail time of up to 5 years.
18. SUBSECTION 3A: If one is an immigrant to the U.S. and fails to sign up for the draft, they will
19. not be eligible for citizenship.
20. SECTION 4: This legislation shall be implemented by January 1st, 2021.
21. SECTION 5: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted by Greely High School

7) A Resolution to Recognize the Duty of the Federal Government to Create a Green New Deal

1. Whereas, human activity is the dominant cause of observed climate change over
2. the past century, and
3. Whereas, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change reports that the
4. human race must halve global carbon emissions by 2030 in order to limit global
5. warming to 1.5°C this century, and
6. Whereas, climate change exacerbates systematic, racial, regional, social,
7. environmental, and economic injustices by disproportionately affecting
8. indigenous people, communities of color, the working class, women, the
9. elderly, the homeless, people with disabilities, and younger generations,
10. and
11. Whereas, the IPCC reports that climate change, if left unaddressed, will
12. cost the United States \$500 billion in lost annual economic output by the
13. year 2100, Therefore be it,
14. RESOLVED, by the Congress here assembled, that it is the intention of the
15. United States government to promote growth and investment
16. in the manufacturing of energy-efficient transportation, renewable power
17. plants to expand wind and solar power, sustainable agriculture, the
18. energy-efficient retrofitting of homes, and a green economy through subsidiary fiscal policy, and, be it
19. FURTHER RESOLVED, that the United States government ensure the use of
20. democratic and participatory processes that are inclusive of and led by

21. frontline and vulnerable communities and workers to plan, implement, and
22. administer the Green New Deal mobilization to stop climate change.

Respectfully submitted by Rep. Nelson, Lincoln Academy, Maine District

8) Public Health Funding and Changes Relating to the Research of Allergens Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

1. Section 1A) 3 million dollars is hereby allocated to Food Allergy Research & Education (FARE) for studies on natural tolerance, predictive biomarkers, and antibody
3. research among other things discretionally beneficial.
4. Section 1B) Over the next seven years, 85,400,000 dollars will be granted to the Consortium of Food Allergy (CoFAR) Research within the National Institute of Allergy And Infectious Diseases (NIAID).
5. Section 2) Food allergies are now an eligible topic of study at the Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program within the DOD.
6. Section 3) Funding for these programs will be directed through the National Institute of health. Funds will come from slight increases in the income tax in the scale of cents per person.
7. Section 4) If a successful treatment is found, then the use of funds towards making treatment affordable rather than researching them will be examined by the NIH.
8. Section 5) All legislation in conflict is hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted by Rep. Anderson, Greely High School.