



## **Congressional Debate Legislation for the ONW Forensics Invitational**

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## **(1) A Resolution to Abolish the Pink Tax**

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   The pink tax will be defined as an excess tax on feminine hygiene  
2                   products and other branded feminine products; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**   Feminine hygiene products can be defined as tampons, pads, shaving  
4                   cream, razors, shampoos, conditioners, and body wash; and
- 5   **WHEREAS,**   The continuation of this tax allows the discrimination of women in the  
6                   United States and female disempowerment; and
- 7   **WHEREAS,**   Women's personal care products cost 13% more than men's; and
- 8   **WHEREAS,**   Girls' clothing costs 4% more than boys' clothing and women's clothing  
9                   costs 8% more than men's; and
- 10   **WHEREAS,**   Girls' children's toys and accessories cost an average of 7% more than  
11                  boys'; now, therefore, be it
- 12   **RESOLVED,**   By the Congress here assembled that the pink tax shall be abolished and  
13                  enforced.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sumner Academy of Arts and Sciences*

## **(2) A Bill to Implement a Ten-Day Paid Leave to Victims of Domestic Abuse**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All employed individuals leaving an abusive domestic partnership will be  
3 provided ten days of paid leave from work per year.

4 **SECTION 2.** Domestic violence is a pattern of behaviors used by one partner to  
5 maintain power and control over another partner in an intimate  
6 relationship.

7 **SECTION 3.** Implementation of this bill will be overseen by the Department of Labor.

8 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect July 1, 2021.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Olathe South High School*

### **(3) A Bill to Ban Animal Testing and Use Alternative Solutions**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All animal testing will be banned in the United States. Alternatives

3 include but are not limited to In Silico models, studies with human

4 volunteers with microdosing, and artificial human skin.

5 **SECTION 2.** An animal is defined as living organisms characterized differently than

6 human beings.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Environment and Natural Resources Division will oversee this

8 enactment.

9 A. Any company revealed to be conducting animal testing will be

10 fined and required to cease animal testing immediately. The fine shall be

11 different for each organization depending on the extent of the violation.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by St. James Academy*

## (4) A Bill to Ban M-44s Used as Predator Control Devices

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** M-44s and other toxic biocides will be banned for use as predator control  
3 devices.

4 **SECTION 2.** The formerly existing ban on M-44s, or “cyanide bombs,” as well as any  
5 predator control device that uses sodium fluoroacetate or sodium  
6 cyanide will be reinstated. A predator control device is a dispenser,  
7 livestock collar, or gas cartridge that propels, releases, or emits the stated  
8 chemicals for the purpose of wildlife management or animal control.

9 **SECTION 3.** The EPA will oversee the enforcement of this bill.

10 A. Criminal penalties will be a fine, a prison term of up to two years, or  
11 both.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Olathe South High School*

## **(5) A Resolution to Suspend All Arms Sales to Mexico**

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   In the years 2017 and 2018, more than forty-four gun homicides were  
2                   taking place daily, in which most had utilized American weapons; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**   Arms sales to Mexico are massive and increasing; and
- 4   **WHEREAS,**   Government officials in Mexico have been known to illegally sell weapons  
5                   from American sales towards cartels; and
- 6   **WHEREAS,**   US arms are sold to Mexico under the guise of fighting the war on drugs,  
7                   but the reality is arms are sold to both the Mexican government, military,  
8                   and cartels. This exemplifies and proliferates necro-politics where  
9                   increasing numbers of actors can declare states of emergency, resulting  
10                  in incalculable mass violence; and
- 11   **WHEREAS,**   Direct Commercial Sales are the problem, because the US government  
12                  has armed both sides of the drug war; now, therefore, be it
- 13   **RESOLVED,**   By the Congress here assembled that all arms sales to Mexico shall be  
14                  suspended.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sumner Academy of Arts and Sciences*

## **(6) A Bill to Ban the Sale of Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems and E-Liquids**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall cease the sale of electronic  
3 nicotine delivery systems and E-Liquids in all sectors.

4 **SECTION 2.** Electronic nicotine delivery systems shall be defined as a noncombustible  
5 tobacco product. E-liquids are a substance that may or may not contain  
6 nicotine, and is intended to be vaporized and inhaled using a vapor  
7 product.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) shall be responsible for the  
9 implementation of this legislation.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect on May 1, 2020.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lawrence Free State High School*

## **(7) A Bill to Reform the Use of Eminent Domain**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Eminent domain powers used for “public use” shall be defined as  
3 construction for roads, highways, utilities, and public parks and  
4 recreation.

5 **SECTION 2.** Areas condemned in eminent domain taking shall not be used by  
6 commercial, private businesses.

7 **SECTION 3.** If the property owner with land condemned by eminent domain refuses  
8 to sell, the government shall not file a court action and no appeal shall be  
9 made over the disputed land.

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

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lawrence Free State High School*



## **(8) A Bill to Criminalize Abortion**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Any and all abortions, at any and all points in the pregnancy, will hereby be  
3 made illegal, even abortions relating to the health, physical or otherwise, of the  
4 mother. Abortion is only permitted when the life of the mother is threatened.

5 A. Maximum sentencing for receiving an abortion is designated at a \$1500 fine.

6 B. Performing an abortion will, at a minimum, be designated as second-degree  
7 murder for prosecution and sentencing purposes.

8 C. Performing a self-inflicted abortion, at a minimum, will be designated at a  
9 \$3000 fine. At a maximum, it will be designated as voluntary manslaughter for  
10 prosecution and sentencing purposes.

11 **SECTION 2.** Abortion is defined as the deliberate termination of a pregnancy.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will oversee the  
13 enforcement of this bill.

14 A. The HHS will receive a 2% funding increase immediately upon passage.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation 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 St. Thomas Aquinas High School*

## **(9) A Bill to Prevent Marijuana Consumption as Legal Grounds for Dismissal**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** If an employee within a state that has decriminalized, legalized, or  
3 allowed medical use of marijuana tests positive for this drug and cannot  
4 be proved to have used the drug during paid work hours, then an  
5 employer cannot use that positive test as justification to terminate the  
6 employee.

7 **SECTION 2.** To eliminate an employee for marijuana use, an employer must have  
8 definitive proof the employee used the substance on company property,  
9 via security camera, sobriety test conducted by official, or employee  
10 possession of marijuana.

11 **SECTION 3.** This law will be enforced by the Workers Bureau Association.

12 **SECTION 4.** This policy will go into effect for fiscal year 2021.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lawrence High School*

## **(10) A Bill to Require Medical Professionals to Present Ultrasound Imaging Prior to an Abortion**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Before any abortion is performed, a medical professional is required to  
3 show the woman an ultrasound.

4 **SECTION 2.** Medical professionals are defined as a person who provides health care  
5 treatment and advice based on formal training and experience. Abortion  
6 is defined as the use or prescription of any instrument, medicine, drug, or  
7 any other substance or device to intentionally terminate the pregnancy  
8 of a woman known to be pregnant. An ultrasound is defined as high-  
9 frequency sound waves used to make an image of a person's internal  
10 body structures or to study a developing fetus.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the  
12 enactment of this bill.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by St. James Academy*

## **(11) A Bill to Subsidize Industrialized Agriculture**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Industrial farms that make more than \$800,000 in total sales, own more than  
3 180,000 monolithic crop acres, or 10,000 livestock acres shall be eligible for  
4 federal grant funding, provided they meet the regulations in Section 2.

5 **SECTION 2.** The regulations are as follows:

6 A. Industrial agriculture companies will not be allowed to produce more than 1  
7 ton of carbon emissions in a year.

8 B. Monolithic crop farms will be required to grow 35% of their current land to  
9 crops immediately edible to humans every 3 years. Non-monolithic farms will  
10 receive subsidies or equal parts in carbon emissions.

11 C. Livestock farms will be limited to 150 heads of bovine per acre, 150 sheep or  
12 goat heads per acre, 12,000 poultry per acre, 2,000 swine per acre. Special  
13 requests for unconventional stock will be made available.

14 **SECTION 3.** A. If not compliant with the bill there will be no government funding and will be  
15 subject to an environment tax.

16 B. Businesses will receive 30% of their annual GDP as a subsidy if compliant with  
17 this legislation.

18 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented by fiscal year 2021.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lawrence High School*

## **(12) The Assault Weapons Act of 2020**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Assault weapon shall be defined as:

3 A. Semi-automatic rifles able to accept detachable magazines and two or more  
4 of the following: Folding or telescoping stock; Pistol grip; Bayonet mount; Flash  
5 hider or threaded barrel designed to accommodate one; Grenade launcher

6 B. Semi-automatic pistols with detachable magazines and two or more of the  
7 following: Magazine that attaches outside the pistol grip; Threaded barrel to  
8 attach barrel extender, flash suppressor, handgrip, or suppressor; Barrel shroud  
9 safety feature that prevents burns to the operator; Unloaded weight of 50 oz  
10 (1.4 kg) or more; A semi-automatic version of a fully automatic firearm.

11 **SECTION 2.** The sale and transfer of assault weapons is hereby abolished.

12 **SECTION 3.** Any private citizen in ownership of these weapons must register it with the  
13 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, before January 1, 2021.

14 **SECTION 4.** Enforcement of this law shall be overseen by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,  
15 Firearms, and Explosives.

16 **SECTION 5.** This bill shall be implemented on January 1, 2021.

17 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Shawnee Mission South High School*

## **(13) A Bill to Provide Supplemental Income to Workers to Counter Job Displacement by Automation**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All American workers earning between \$0 and \$25,000 annually shall  
3 receive \$1,000, tax deductible, per month from the federal government.

4 **SECTION 2.** Worker shall be defined as any American citizen who is over the age of  
5 18, is not a college student, and has worked before, even if they are  
6 currently unemployed.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) shall be responsible for enforcement  
8 and allocation of funding.

9 A. All inheritance tax rates shall be increased by 15%.

10 B. The IRS shall be granted the authority to raise income tax rates on  
11 active full-time workers as needed to cover costs if Section A does not  
12 provide sufficient funding.

13 **SECTION 4.** This taxation authority granted in this legislation shall go into effect on  
14 March 1, 2021.

15 A. The income shall be first provided on July 1, 2021.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by St. Thomas Aquinas High School*

## **(14) The Paid Parental Leave Act of 2020**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Any company with 50 or more employees shall provide at least 12 weeks  
3 of paid parental leave to any caregiver after the birth, adoption, or  
4 fostering of a child.

5 **SECTION 2.** Funding shall happen through a mechanism similar to unemployment  
6 insurance; both the employer and employee will put a percentage of  
7 their income toward leave benefits to the point where the caregiver can  
8 receive at least 80% of their compensation during their leave.

9 **SECTION 3.** Employers shall guarantee that caregivers will receive their same position  
10 at the same compensation level upon return.

11 **SECTION 4.** Enforcement of this law will be overseen by the Department of Labor.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented on June 30, 2021.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Shawnee Mission South High School*

## **(15) A Bill to Redirect Nuclear and Fossil Fuel Subsidies to Encourage Greater Renewable Energy Growth**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All annual federal subsidies currently allotted to nuclear and fossil fuel-based  
3 energy industries shall be redirected to promote further development and  
4 implementation of renewable energy technologies.

5 **SECTION 2.** Nuclear and fossil fuel subsidies shall be defined as any federal grants or other  
6 form of funding falling into the category of direct spending allocated to the  
7 production and expansion of these industries, including funds from private  
8 bodies funded by the government.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy, the Department of the Interior, and the Department  
10 of Labor shall be responsible for the enforcement of this legislation.

11 A. This legislation shall additionally apply to funding falling into the category of  
12 direct spending provided by the Army Corps of Engineers.

13 B. The Department of Energy shall be responsible for the reallocation of these  
14 funds to the renewable energy industry.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect one year after its passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bishop Miege High School*



## **(16) A Bill to Establish Redistricting Committees**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Redistricting Committees will be established in all states not currently  
3 using one.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Redistricting Committee” shall be defined as a nonpartisan committee  
5 dedicated to establishing state legislative districts.

6 **SECTION 3.** The committee will be based on Hawaii’s model for district division.

7 A. The majority and minority House and Senate party leaders each  
8 appoint two commissioners. Those eight commissioners pick a ninth  
9 member (the chairperson).

10 B. The State Supreme Court will select the ninth member in cases of  
11 disagreement.

12 **SECTION 4.** The legislation will take effect on January 1, 2021.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bishop Miege High School*

## **(17) A Resolution to Stop the Weaponization of 911**

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   Swatting is not a harmless prank; and
- 2   **WHEREAS,**   Victims are not safe from the effects of swatting; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**   Swattings don't ensure the safety of the swatting victim, causing extreme
- 4                   contention between the police and people; and
- 5   **WHEREAS,**   Swatting can cause death or other harms to a person or person's
- 6                   property who have not violated the law; and
- 7   **WHEREAS,**   Swatting needs to be discouraged by federal punishment; now,
- 8                   therefore, be it
- 9   **RESOLVED,**   That the Congress here assembled establish laws protecting individuals
- 10                  and property from swatting.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Junction City High School*