

# Arkansas NSDA Districts Congress Legislation

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## **A Bill to Amend the Selective Service System**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All eligible citizens will serve 4 years in the armed forces (Army, Navy, Air  
3 Force, Coast Guard, National Guard), active or reserve, when or if they  
4 meet the criteria for acceptance as defined by the SSS.

5 **SECTION 2.** Eligibility is defined as anyone between the ages of 18 and 28, is a citizen  
6 of the United States and does not have a disqualifying disability as  
7 defined by each branch or as further defined by the Selective Service Act.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense will oversee the enforcement and  
9 implementation of this bill.

10 A. All eligible citizens in the United States that have not completed their  
11 mandatory service by the age of 32 will be required to complete 8000  
12 hours of community service within 8 years.

13 B. If an eligible citizen fails to complete the required community service  
14 within 8 years and still has time to complete, they will serve one day  
15 of jail time for every hour they did not complete unless they have  
16 completed at least 6999 hours, at which point they will only be  
17 imprisoned for their time remaining.

18 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect immediately.

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

# A Bill to Protect the Bears Ears National Park

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The boundaries of the Bears Ears National Park Monument in Utah shall be redrawn to that of its original size and formally established as a national park. All mining companies that have been granted claims to the land by the federal government shall receive severance damages.

**SECTION 2.** For the purpose of this legislation, “severance damages” shall be defined as monetary compensation for the loss of a portion of land that the government reclaims for public use.

**SECTION 3.** This bill shall be enacted by the Department of the Interior

A. Funding for the severance damages mandated by Section 2 of this legislation shall be derived from the Department of the Interior’s Fiscal Year 2021 budget.

B. Staffing and maintenance of the park will be the responsibility of the National Park Service.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect on the 28th of December 2020.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Little Rock Central High School.*

## **A Resolution to Reintroduce the Bicameral Dignity for Incarcerated Women Act**

1   **WHEREAS,**   Women, particularly those pregnant, are severely disadvantaged and  
2                   poorly treated in federal prisons and deprived of privacy, access to basic  
3                   hygiene products, and effective trauma and drug rehabilitation programs;  
4                   and

5   **WHEREAS,**   the number of incarcerated women in the United States has increased by  
6                   19 to 20 percent, along with the number of incarcerated women with  
7                   children under the age of eighteen (18); and

8   **WHEREAS,**   current legislation, such as the 2018 First Step Act, ineffectively addresses  
9                   these issues; and

10   **WHEREAS,**   this act would seek to further improve the condition of women in the  
11                   areas of pregnancy and childbirth; postpartum recovery; access to  
12                   menstrual products and hygiene; etc.; and

13   **WHEREAS,**   without the re-introduction of this act, recidivism rates amongst women  
14                   would continue to increase and basic human needs, decency, and rights  
15                   would go unmet for incarcerated women and their families; now,  
16                   therefore, be it,

17   **RESOLVED,**   By the Congress here assembled that the Dignity Act will be enforced for  
18                   the benefit of incarcerated women, their families, and the community.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cabot High School*



## A Bill to Legalize Marijuana

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The use, possession, and distribution of marijuana be legal for those over the age of 21.

- A. Driving while intoxicated is prohibited.
- B. All persons currently incarcerated for the use, possession, and distribution of marijuana will be immediately released and their records expunged.

**SECTION 2.** “Distribution” being defined as selling with a permit. “Intoxication” being define as higher than 5 nanograms of THC per milliliter of blood.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Health will oversee the enactment and enforcement of this legislation. Each state will have jurisdiction for creating a department to issue permits to businesses for the purpose of distribution.

**SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented January 1, 2021.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Olivia Curtis*



## **A Bill to Subsidize the Purchase of Consumer Electric Vehicles**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will subsidize 20% of every consumer electric vehicle purchased in order to alleviate some on the fiscal burden of purchasing electric vehicles, while not hurting electric vehicle producers' profits.
- SECTION 2.** A Consumer Electric Vehicle is an electric vehicle that is purchased by a non-corporate entity for non-corporate purposes.
- SECTION 3.** The Department of Treasury, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Energy, and the Environmental Protection Agency will work together to enforce this bill.
- A. This bill will be funded through a 10% corporate revenue tax on all US Gas and Oil Corporations whose annual revenue is above 10 Billion USD.
- SECTION 4.** The 10% corporate revenue tax will go into effect at the beginning of FY 2021, and the rest of the bill will go into effect at the Beginning of FY 2022.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Brennen Beck of Little Rock Central High School*



## **A Bill to Omit Misdemeanors from Criminal Background Checks to Decrease the Rate of Recidivism**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government will expunge misdemeanors from  
3 criminal background checks in order to decrease the rate of recidivism  
4 within ex-offenders.

5 **SECTION 2. A.** A misdemeanor is a crime punishable by less than 12 months in jail  
6 which results community service, probation, fines, and imprisonment for  
7 less than a year are commonly issued punishments for misdemeanors.

8 **B.** A criminal background check is the process of investigating a person's  
9 past who holds a criminal record

10 **C.** Recidivism refers to a person's relapse into criminal behavior and is  
11 measured by criminal acts that result in re-arrest, re-conviction, or return  
12 to prison.

13 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Justice will be tasked with overseeing  
14 the enforcement of the bill.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented on January 1st, 2022

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cabot High School*



## **A Bill to Provide Free Condoms in all Public High School Nursing Offices**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** In the United States, teen pregnancies and the spread of sexually transmitted diseases are on the rise. The inaccessibility of condoms disproportionately affects those of low socio-economic status. States that have implemented this bill have seen an 84% decrease in teen pregnancies and an 89% decrease in the spread of sexually transmitted diseases among teenagers.

**SECTION 2.** This bill should ensure that all public nursing offices in the United States have free accessible condoms to all students.

**SECTION 3.** This bill shall be enforced by both The United States Department of Health and Human Services and The United States Department of Education.

A. Funding for the bill shall be allocated by the individual State's Department of Education

**SECTION 4.** This bill shall be enforced directly upon passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Anna Dean of Bentonville West High School*

## **A Resolution to Prohibit Religious Exemptions against the LGBTQ+ Community**

- WHEREAS,** existing laws currently allow members of the LGBTQ+ community to be fired and refused service due to religious beliefs; and
- WHEREAS,** this is not only a violation of church and state but also an inhumane discrimination that continues daily; and
- WHEREAS,** everyone has a right to themselves and their labor, we cannot simply strip away that right because of one's sexual orientation or gender identity; and
- WHEREAS,** Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 does not explicitly state non-discrimination based on sexual orientation which allows legal loopholes; and
- WHEREAS,** twenty-three states have still yet to protect LGBTQ+ discrimination in the workforce; and
- WHEREAS,** we cannot simply wait for all states to enact a law protecting this community; and
- WHEREAS,** this bill will provide universal protection and safety for LGBTQ+ individuals across the country; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that any religious exemptions to allow LGBTQ+ discrimination and limitations be prohibited.

## **A Bill to Eliminate the “Rough Sex” Defense**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The “rough sex” defense will be eliminated as a feasible defense against  
3 egregious cases and subsequent charges of domestic violence, murder,  
4 and sexual assault.

5 **SECTION 2. A.** The “rough sex” defense asserts the victim “asked for” the conduct  
6 leading up to the homicide or injury(s) and that the homicide was the  
7 result of sexual practices to which the victim consented.

8 **B.** “Egregious cases” refers to when an extreme injury or death occurs  
9 during sexual practices.

10 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Justice will be tasked with overseeing  
11 the enforcement of the bill.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented on January 1st, 2021.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cabot High School*

## **A Bill to Increase the Number of United States Supreme Court Justices**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Section 1 of Title 28 United States Code shall be amended as follows to  
3 read — The Supreme Court of the United States shall consist of a Chief  
4 Justice of the United States and twelve associate justices, any eight of  
5 whom shall constitute a quorum.

6 **SECTION 2.** The term “Justice of the United States” includes only the Chief Justice of  
7 the United States and the associate justices of the Supreme Court.

8 **SECTION 3.** This bill will not affect or infringe on the powers of future or present  
9 justices of the United States.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented on January 20th, 2021.

11 **SECTION 5.** The United States Department of Justice shall oversee the  
12 implementation of this bill in conjunction with the Senate Committee on  
13 the Judiciary to reaffirm the nominations to fill the new seats are valid.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cabot High School*



## **TFA Spring 2020 Legislative Docket**

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20. A Resolution to Secure the Amazon *Tascosa High School*
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28. A Resolution to Recognize Native American Genocide in the United States *Earl Warren High School*
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30. A Bill to Institute Human Trafficking Education across the American Workplace *Dripping Springs High School*



## Spring 2020 Item 1: A Bill to Implement a Firearm Owner Certification System to Decrease Gun Violence

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will institute a federal permitting  
3 system requiring firearm purchasers nationwide to meet guidelines  
4 established by law enforcement and healthcare professionals in order to  
5 be certified as being fit to purchase and/or possess firearms.

6 **SECTION 2.** Permits are assurances issued by a government authority allowing a  
7 licensee to buy, own, possess, or carry a firearm. Permits are specific to  
8 firearm types and subtypes established by US criminal justice code §921.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Firearm Owner Certification System would be overseen by the  
10 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

11 A. Guidelines for certification would be established by the Federal  
12 Bureau of Investigation (FBI) with cooperation from the Substance  
13 Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and  
14 National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS).

15 B. State agencies will create and administer a firearm safety test to  
16 certify applicants' knowledge of safe handling procedures.

17 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented by January 1, 2021

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jack C. Hays High School*



## Spring 2020 Item 2: A Resolution to Ratify CIFTA to Decrease Arms Trafficking

1	<b>WHEREAS,</b>	Illegal transactions concerning weapons, such as guns and ammunition,
2		continue to occur across borders in Northern and Southern American
3		countries; and
4	<b>WHEREAS,</b>	Millions continue to be persecuted and killed by violence that is
5		facilitated by the illicit transfer of weapons transnationally; and
6	<b>WHEREAS,</b>	The constant instances of conflict have continued to destabilize Latin
7		American countries; and
8	<b>WHEREAS,</b>	The Convention Against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in
9		Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives, and Other Related Materials (CIFTA)
10		requires parties to criminalize the illegal manufacture, import, or export
11		of high-powered weapons; and
12	<b>WHEREAS,</b>	CIFTA encourages cooperation and intelligence sharing on policy
13		initiatives to hinder the illegal trafficking of weapons; and
14	<b>WHEREAS,</b>	Countries across Latin America who have been signatories and ratified
15		this treaty have seen decreases in their rates of gun-related crime and
16		violence; therefore, be it
17	<b>RESOLVED,</b>	By the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation to
18		ratify CIFTA.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Plano West Senior High School*





## Spring 2020 Item 3: A Resolution to Recognize Kurdistan as a Sovereign Nation

1     **WHEREAS,**     The Kurdish are an independent ethnic group that make up the majority of the  
2                       residents of Kurdistan, a region within Western Asia divided between Syria, Iraq,  
3                       Iran and Turkey; and

4     **WHEREAS,**     The Kurds have been suppressed by the regimes their ancestral lands fall under,  
5                     and have suffered human rights abuses and been denied education due to  
6                     ethnic conflict and discrimination; and

7     **WHEREAS,**     Have shown interest in forming an independent democratic government in a  
8                     region of autocratic regimes to escape suppression by regional governments;  
9                     and

10     **WHEREAS,**     The Kurdish Peshmerga has been instrumental in combating ISIS and other  
11                   terror organizations and the spread of the Syrian autocracy; and

12     **WHEREAS,**     The United States has informally dealt with Kurds as a separate nation, and has  
13                     used their independent militias to further our agenda in the Middle East; now,  
14                     therefore, be it,

15     **RESOLVED,**     By the Congress here assembled that the United States of America recognize  
16                             Kurdistan as a sovereign nation and support the development of a stable  
17                             democratic government of Kurdistan through developmental and diplomatic  
18                             aid.



*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Plano Senior High School*



## Spring 2020 Item 4: A Resolution to Increase Funding for LIHEAP

- 1   **WHEREAS,**    1/3 of all households in the United States struggle to pay their energy  
2                   bills; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**    Energy poverty quickly leads to complete financial poverty due to unpaid  
4                   utility bills; and
- 5   **WHEREAS,**    Fifteen percent of families who have their electricity cut off never have it  
6                   restored; and
- 7   **WHEREAS,**    The risk of energy poverty is increasing as the price of residential power  
8                   has risen eighteen percent since 2006; and
- 9   **WHEREAS,**    Over six million households receive funding from LIHEAP to assist with  
10                  energy bills, saving low income families upwards of \$371 yearly; and
- 11   **WHEREAS,**    Elimination of LIHEAP funding would reduce energy-secure households in  
12                  the US by seventeen percent; and
- 13   **WHEREAS,**    Of the fifteen million homes eligible for energy assistance through  
14                  LIHEAP, only five and a half million were helped; now, therefore, be it
- 15   **RESOLVED,**   By the Congress here assembled that the Low-Income Home Energy  
16                  Assistance Program be provided an additional billion dollars in funding to  
17                  improve energy access for low-income families.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Byron Nelson High School*



## Spring 2020 Item 5: A Resolution to Protect Alaskan National Parks and Forests

1   **WHEREAS,**    President Trump and his administration are trying to remove protections  
2                    against oil drilling and logging in Alaskan National Parks, Wildlife Refuges,  
3                    and Forests; and;

4   **WHEREAS,**    the National Parks and Wildlife Refuges harbor and protect threatened  
5                    animal species, like polar bears, sea otters, seals, and caribou; and

6   **WHEREAS,**    the Tongass National Forest is the largest remaining temperate rainforest  
7                    in the United States; and

8   **WHEREAS,**    oil drilling and logging will not only displace and harm the threatened  
9                    animal species but also destroy a biodiverse forest unlike any other left  
10                   on the planet; now, therefore, be it

11   **RESOLVED,**   By the Congress here assembled that the executive removal of  
12                    protections for oil drilling and logging in Alaskan National Parks, Wildlife  
13                    Refuges, and Forests should be blocked by the legislative branch; and, be  
14                    it

15   **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That similar protections are extended across National Parks,  
16                    Wildlife Refuges, and Forests to avoid threats of oil drilling, logging, and  
17                    other detrimental activities in the future.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dripping Springs High School.*





## Spring 2020 Item 7: A Bill to Lower the Voting Age to Sixteen to Increase Voter Turnout

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States should lower the national voting age to sixteen in order  
3 to increase voter turnout for younger voters.

4 **SECTION 2.** Though voter turnout for people ages 18 to 29 increased from 20 percent  
5 in 2014 to 36 percent in 2018, voter turnout for younger voters remained  
6 significantly less than the voter turnout of people ages 50 and older, who  
7 saw a turnout of 53.4 percent. Studies show that allowing people to vote  
8 at a younger age rather than delaying their ability to vote would have a  
9 positive impact on their voting habits overall.

10 **SECTION 3.** The bill is to be enacted by Congress with the help of the Federal  
11 Elections Commission in order to ensure that all minors who are eligible  
12 to vote are aware of the resources available to them.

13 A. Resource awareness would include informing minors of  
14 transportation options to and from polls and what information is  
15 needed in order to properly register to vote.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect in June of the year 2020

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Texas City High School*



## Spring 2020 Item 8: The Sahel Counterterrorism Action Reform (S.C.A.R.) Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** U.S. counter-terrorism operations in the Sahel region of Africa shall be  
3 restructured to prioritize regional development over military operations.

4 **SECTION 2.** Such reprioritization shall include the following reforms:

5 C. An additional \$500 million of developmental aid shall be distributed  
6 annually to the Sahel to fund regional healthcare infrastructure,  
7 education access, and refugee assistance programs.

8 D. Armed drone and troop deployments shall be significantly scaled back  
9 over the course of five years, with the remaining military presence  
10 focusing on surveillance, intelligence-gathering, and military training.

11 **SECTION 3.** USAID and the Department of Defense (DoD) shall be tasked with  
12 implementing this legislation.

13 A. USAID shall work with regional NGOs and U.N. agencies to distribute  
14 the aid under Section 2A.

15 B. The DoD shall submit an annual report to Congress for review  
16 detailing the state of ongoing military operations under Section 2B.

17 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect in FY 2021.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Clements High School*



## Spring 2020 Item 9: A Resolution to Increase Alternative-to-Incarceration Programs for Nonviolent Offenders

1     **WHEREAS,**     US courts incarcerate citizens at a rate 5 to 10 times higher than other  
2                     western democracies; and

3     **WHEREAS,**     The US prison population has risen more than 700% since 1970; and

4     **WHEREAS,** Mass incarceration in the US has led to prison overcrowding and the  
5     development of a privatized prison industrial complex; and

6     **WHEREAS,**     Incarceration can impose tremendous impacts on individuals after  
7                     release that include obstacles to finding employment, securing loans, and  
8                     obtaining housing; and

9     **WHEREAS,**     Nonviolent offenders make up more than 90 of the federal prison  
10                   population and roughly half of the state prison population; and

11     **WHEREAS,**     The poor and people of color are disproportionately affected by mass  
12                   incarceration in the United States; now, therefore, be it

13     **RESOLVED,**     By the Congress here assembled that all criminal courts in the United  
14                         States should adopt alternative-to-incarceration programs as a first  
15                         option for nonviolent offenders; and

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That mandatory minimum sentencing guidelines should be  
17 abolished.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by James E. Taylor High School*





## Spring 2020 Item 10: A Resolution to Require Firsthand Knowledge for Claims made under the Intelligence Community Whistleblower Protection Act (ICWPA)

1     **WHEREAS,**     The Intelligence Community Whistleblower Protection Act currently  
2                     allows whistleblowers to submit a Disclosure of Urgent Concern without  
3                     firsthand knowledge of the events being reported; and

4     **WHEREAS,**     The ICWPA requires the Intelligence Community Inspector General (ICIG)  
5                     to make a credibility determination within 14 days of receiving a  
6                     Disclosure of Urgent Concern even when made by a person who does not  
7                     possess firsthand knowledge; and

8     **WHEREAS,**     Lacking a credibility determination by the ICIg the Disclosure of Urgent  
9                     Concern is referred to the Director of National Intelligence; and

10     **WHEREAS,** If the DNI and ICIG cannot resolve the difference of credibility then the  
11                 DNI is required to immediately notify and submit a report to the  
12                 Congressional intelligence committees; and

13     **WHEREAS,**     This creates a situation where Congressional intelligence committees are  
14                    convening a hearing to discuss issues based on second hand or hearsay  
15                    knowledge; therefore, be it

16     **RESOLVED,**     By the Congress here assembled that Intelligence Community  
17                         Whistleblower Protection Act now require any whistleblower to possess  
18                         firsthand knowledge before submitting a Disclosure of Urgent Concern  
19                         form.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bellaire High School*



## Spring 2020 Item 11: A Bill to Combat the Rising Threat of Fentanyl

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** USC § 229(f)(8)(B) is hereby amended to read, “list of toxic chemicals.—

3 Toxic chemicals which have been identified for the application of verification  
4 measures under Article VI of the Convention are listed in schedules contained in  
5 the Annex on Chemicals of the Chemical Weapons Convention. In addition to  
6 the Annex on Chemicals of the Chemical Weapons Convention, the Department  
7 of Justice, and Department of State shall treat fentanyl as a toxic chemical.”

8 **SECTION 2.** Any person who develops, produces, transfers directly or indirectly, or who  
9 conspires to develop, produce, transfer directly or indirectly fentanyl shall be  
10 subject to prosecution under USC § 229(a).

11 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall submit a report to the President by January 1 of  
12 each year listing any nations that substantially fail to limit the production of  
13 fentanyl, and fail to limit the distribution of fentanyl to the United States.

14 A. Any nation listed by the Secretary of State under Section 3 of this Act shall  
15 be ineligible for foreign aid.

16 B. Any nation listed by the Secretary of State under Section 3 of this Act for  
17 three consecutive years shall be designated as a State Sponsor of Terrorism.

18 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect January 1, 2021.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Tascosa High School*



## Spring 2020 Item 12: A Resolution to Send Developmental Assistance to Nicaragua

1     **WHEREAS,**     Nicaragua’s recent social reforms have led to mass anti-government protests  
2                     since early 2018; and

3     **WHEREAS,**     As a response, the Nicaraguan government used violent measures against the  
4                     people, resulting in upwards of 325 civilian casualties; and

5     **WHEREAS,**     The current economic status of the country is only deteriorating, with 100,000  
6                     people losing jobs in the private sector just in the past year alone; and

7     **WHEREAS,** Investment into Nicaragua has decreased amid the escalating violence, with  
8             over 1 billion dollars being pulled out in 2018; and

9     **WHEREAS,**     The UN has accused the Ortega administration, the military, and police of  
10     human rights violations, including torture and extrajudicial killings; and

11     **WHEREAS,**     The Ortega administration has refused to step down before the 2021 elections;  
12                     and

13     **WHEREAS,**     The United States has taken no action apart from economic sanctions, which are  
14                   only worsening the instability; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that The United States send developmental assistance to Nicaragua through the Economic Support Fund (ESF) in order to help them combat rising poverty levels.

18 **FUTHER RESOLVED,** That the United States remove all economic sanctions on the country of  
19 Nicaragua.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jasper High School*



## Spring 2020 Item 13: The Freedom Dividend Act of 2020

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All US Citizens over the age of 18 will be guaranteed Freedom Dividend  
3 payments of \$1000 per month. Current welfare and social program  
4 beneficiaries will be given the choice between their current benefits and  
5 the Freedom Dividend. A Value Tax will be implemented for cost.

6 **SECTION 2.** The Freedom Dividend shall be defined as a government payout of 1000  
7 United States Dollars per month to US Citizens over the age of 18. The  
8 Value Tax will be defined as a 10% tax on the production of goods and  
9 services a company produces.

10 **SECTION 3.** The US Social Security Administration in Conjunction with the IRS will be  
11 responsible for the enforcement of this legislation. Go into further details  
12 if necessary.

13 A. Congress will provide up to 1 Trillion Dollars per year to make up for  
14 any funding not made in the Value Tax. All Value Tax funds collected  
15 by the IRS will be given to the social security administration for  
16 implementation.

17 **SECTION 4.** Full Implementation for this legislation is due January 1, 2021.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Northland Christian School*



## Spring 2020 Item 14: A Resolution to Recognize Hong Kong's Government

1     **WHEREAS,**     Hong Kong's civilians have sought political and economic independence  
2                     from the People's Republic China for years on end; and

3     **WHEREAS,** China is encroaching on Hong Kong's economic and legal autonomy as a  
4     global business hub; and

5     **WHEREAS,** China has restricted Hong Kong’s political freedom and silenced pro-  
6     democracy voices and organizations in the region; and

7     **WHEREAS,**     Protests by Hong Kong civilians against Chinese law enforcement have  
8                     grown increasingly violent on both sides over the years; and

9     **WHEREAS,** Hong Kong has no official political allies aiding them in their policy  
10           objectives; now, therefore, be it

11     **RESOLVED,**     By the Congress here assembled that the United States formally  
12                     acknowledge the independent government of Hong Kong and extend  
13                     political support to its civilians.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Saint Mary's Hall.*



## **Spring 2020 Item 15: A Bill to End Liability Protection for Gun Manufacturers**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act (15 U.S. Code Chapter 105) is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 2.** A qualified civil liability action may be brought against firearm dealers and manufacturers in appropriate Federal and State courts.

A. Civil liability actions must stem from actions taken by the manufacturers and dealers after the enactment of this legislation.

B. All currently pending cases and/or appeals attempting to sue in contradiction of the The Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act will continue to be adjudicated using the current framework of the existing law.

**SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect immediately upon enactment.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Spring Woods High School*



## Spring 2020 Item 16: A Bill to Sanction China for Human Rights Abuses

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall hereby impose economic sanctions against security  
3 companies in China for their human rights abuses of the Uighur Muslims.

4 **SECTION 2.** Economic sanctions shall be defined by commercial and financial penalties  
5 inflicted upon a state, group, or individual.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State, the Department of Commerce, and the Office of Foreign  
7 Asset Control shall be in charge of enforcement of this legislation.

8 **A.** Sanctions shall be subject to review if the Department of State determines that  
9 China has made significant strides to decrease human rights abuses.

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 A&M Consolidated HS*



## Spring 2020 Item 17: American Election Security Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** The Federal Government shall implement the following reforms in order to combat cyberattacks and modernize voting systems.
- A. Non-Document based ballot voting machines shall be prohibited from usage in elections following implementation of this legislation.
  - B. All Voting Machines utilized in elections within the United States are required to maintain Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trails.
  - C. All Voting Machines established more than 10 years prior to the election date are prohibited from utilization.
- SECTION 2.** The following definitions will apply:
- A. “Non-Document based ballot voting machines” are defined as voting machines which fail to grant voters the option of reviewing candidate selections prior to submission of the ballot and fail to contain a paper backup system for possible audits.
  - B. “Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail” is defined as a voting system which allows voter verification of candidate selections prior to ballot submission and contains a paper backup system which can be manually counted in the event of disputed results or recounts.
- SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security and Election Assistance Commission shall work in conjunction with state and local electoral commissions in carrying out this legislation.
- A. The Multi-State Information and Analysis Center will be granted \$5 Billion for the purpose of improving inter-state communications regarding cybersecurity and foreign interference in state voting systems.
  - B. The Department of Homeland Security will be allocated \$25 Billion and granted responsibility of allocating funds to state and local election commissions to assist implementation of this legislation.
  - C. The Election Assistance Commission shall be tasked with the approval of voting machines permitted under this legislation.
- SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented immediately upon its passage.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Obra D. Tompkins High School*





## Spring 2020 Item 18: A Resolution to Remove US Troops from Afghanistan

- 1    **WHEREAS,**    There are 14,000 US troops within Afghanistan; and
- 2    **WHEREAS,**    US troops are being used as propaganda for the Taliban; and
- 3    **WHEREAS,**    Since the end of President Obama's final term to President Donald Trump
- 4                    current term, these administrations have promised to remove troops
- 5                    from Afghanistan; and
- 6    **WHEREAS,**    The War in Afghanistan has cost taxpayers \$45 billion dollars per year;
- 7                    and
- 8    **WHEREAS,**    8% of the half-million who served in Afghanistan and Iraq have been
- 9                    diagnosed with PTSD; now, therefore, be it
- 10   **RESOLVED,**   By the Congress here assembled that US troops will be removed from
- 11                    Afghanistan by January 1, 2021.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Plano Senior High School*



## Spring 2020 Item 19: The Immigration Coordination & Efficiency (I.C.E.) Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall reallocate resources from border control to  
3 immigration courts for the purpose of increasing court efficiency.

4 **SECTION 2.** Border control is defined as measures adopted by the U.S. to regulate  
5 and monitor immigration and traffic along the U.S.-Mexico border.

6 E. \$100 million shall be removed from the annual Customs and Border  
7 Protection (CBP) budget.

8 F. The money from Section 2A shall be reallocated into the annual  
9 Executive Office for Immigration Review budget to fund the  
10 acquisition of new immigration justices and support staff.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Department of  
12 Justice (DoJ) shall be tasked with the implementation of this bill.

13 A. The DHS shall reorganize the remaining CBP budget to reflect on the  
14 changes made in Section 2A.

15 B. The DoJ shall oversee the implementation of Section 2B.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect in FY 2021.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Clements High School*



## Spring 2020 Item 20: A Resolution to Secure the Amazon

1     **WHEREAS,**     The Amazon rainforest represents one of the greatest natural barriers on  
2                     earth to the impending global climate crisis caused by climate change;  
3                     and

4     **WHEREAS,**     The Amazon contains one of the richest areas of biodiversity on the  
5                     planet; and

6     **WHEREAS,** Further unrestrained deforestation in the Amazon will lead to a dieback  
7     in which the forest turns into a Savannah, thereby releasing vast  
8     quantities of CO2 into the atmosphere; and

9     **WHEREAS,**     Current slash-and-burn techniques ravage remaining forest areas in the  
10                   Amazon, put indigenous populations in grave danger, and further  
11                   contribute to the climate crisis by releasing great quantities of CO2; and

12     **WHEREAS,** Brazil is currently unwilling and unable to enforce environmental laws  
13             aimed at protecting the Amazon, and Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro  
14             has shown antipathy towards the destruction of the Amazon; and

15     **WHEREAS,**     The destruction of the Amazon represents a clear national security  
16                     concern; now, therefore, be it

17     **RESOLVED,**     By the Congress here assembled that the United States formally declare  
18                     the destruction of the Amazon a threat to national security; and, be it

19     **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That Congress encourage the President to deploy U.S. military  
20                     forces to secure the Amazon from the ravages of man-made  
21                     deforestation.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Tascosa High School.*



## Spring 2020 Item 21: A Bill to Declare Puerto Rico as an Autonomous State

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Puerto Rico shall hereby be independent from the United States and will  
3 be recognized as an autonomous state. The United States will continue  
4 sending disaster relief for Puerto Rico and engage in open trade with the  
5 country to spur economic growth. The U.S. will also forgive all debt owed  
6 by Puerto Rico.

7 **SECTION 2.** An Autonomous State shall be defined as a country that is sovereign.  
8 Disaster relief shall be defined, but not limited to, aid sent for the  
9 purpose of repairing infrastructure due to storms within the past five  
10 years. Debt shall be defined as money owed specifically to the United  
11 States.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Commerce, Department of Treasury, and Department  
13 of State shall be tasked with the implementation of this bill.

14 A. The Department of Commerce shall hereby forgive all debt owed to  
15 the United States by Puerto Rico and engage in open trade with  
16 Puerto Rico.

17 B. The Department of Treasury will provide foreign aid for the country of  
18 Puerto Rico.

19 C. The Department of State will oversee the secession of Puerto Rico  
20 from the United States.

21 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect in the year 2024.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hebron High School.*



## Spring 2020 Item 22: A Bill to Transition the Fracking Industry to Enhanced Oil Recovery Technologies

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Over a five year transition period, companies engaged in hydraulic  
3 fracking in the United States will transition from fluid-based recovery  
4 technologies to enhanced oil recovery technologies.

5 **SECTION 2.** Enhanced oil technologies include the use of CO<sub>2</sub> and/or steam to  
6 recover oil and gas from depleted wells.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy will oversee the implementation of this  
8 transition in the fracking industry.

9 A. Companies will have five years to end the use of water/chemical  
10 injection and transition to enhanced oil recovery technologies.

11 B. All fracking activities will require a state issued permit.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect January 1, 2021, with transition to new  
13 technologies to be completed by January 1, 2026.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by James E. Taylor High School*



## Spring 2020 Item 23: A Resolution to Impose Secondary Sanctions on Entities Trading With North Korea

1     **WHEREAS,**     North Korea has been actively developing their nuclear weapons, ballistic  
2                   missiles, and chemical and biological weapon capabilities; and

3     **WHEREAS,**     Current diplomatic efforts by the U.S. and the international community  
4                     have not resulted in North Korea taking concrete steps towards  
5                     denuclearization; and

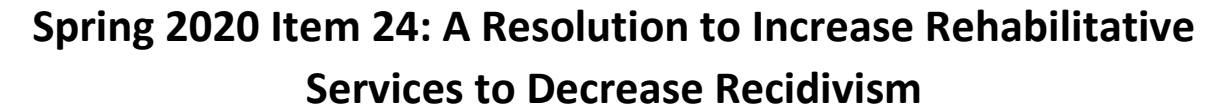
6     **WHEREAS,**     Illicit trade between North Korea and international countries have  
7                     undermined U.S. sanctions efforts; and

8     **WHEREAS,**     The U.S. defines secondary sanctions as sanctions placed on a third party  
9                     country that continues to maintain economic relations with the primary  
10                    country; and

11     **WHEREAS,**     Secondary sanctions imposed in the past have been successful at bringing  
12                   countries such as Iran to the negotiating table; now, therefore, be it

13     **RESOLVED,**     By the Congress here assembled that the United States should impose  
14                         secondary sanctions onto any and all entities that conduct trade with  
15                         North Korea.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Plano West Senior High School*



9     **RESOLVED,**     By the Congress here assembled that the United States Federal  
10                     Government should increase funding and oversight of federal prisons’  
11                     rehabilitation programs.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jack C. Hays High School*



## Spring 2020 Item 25: A Bill to Establish Mental Health Care Programs within Prisons

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All federal prisons are required to establish accessible mental health  
3 programs.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Mental health program” shall be defined as a program that utilizes  
5 psychotherapeutic and medical treatments in order to remedy the  
6 mental health issues of patients. “Accessible” shall be defined as being  
7 able to be accessed at least once a week.

8 **SECTION 3.** The IRS shall levy an additional 5% corporate tax on all private prison  
9 corporations in the United States in order to finance this legislation. The  
10 Bureau of Prisons (BOP) will be responsible for implementation and  
11 enforcement.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Stratford High School*





## Spring 2020 Item 26: A Resolution to Prohibit Undercover Policing

1     **WHEREAS,** Undercover, or plainclothes, policing is a common practice in police  
2     precincts in the United States; and

3     **WHEREAS,** Undercover officers are subject to less oversight from the public and the  
4     courts than regular police officers; and

5     **WHEREAS,**     Due to a lack of oversight, investigations may commit violations of  
6                   Americans' privacy with no real benefit to public safety; and

7     **WHEREAS,**     There is potential for law enforcement to discriminate data collection  
8                     based on factors such as race, sex, political positions, and personal  
9                     vendettas; and

10     **WHEREAS,** Law enforcement agents and police officers have even, in some cases,  
11             impersonated individuals online without consent; and

12     **WHEREAS,**     Attempts to monitor and limit undercover policing operations are difficult  
13                   because of their secretive nature; now, therefore, be it

14     **RESOLVED,**     By the Congress here assembled that undercover policing shall be  
15                     prohibited in the United States and all its territories and jurisdictions.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lawrence E. Elkins High School*



## Spring 2020 Item 27: The Armament Restriction Management System (ARMS) Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States government shall restrict arms sales to specific countries to  
3 varying degrees.

4 **SECTION 2.** Arms will be defined as weapons of warfare that can be used for offensive,  
5 defensive, and intelligence purposes. This legislation designates specific ranks  
6 for countries and classes for arms.

7 A. The Arms Classification System (ACS) will utilize the following criteria:

8 a. Class 1 arms will include handheld weapons such as handguns and rifles;  
9 small explosives such as handheld grenades, flares, shoulder mounted  
10 rocket launchers and Rocket Propelled Grenades; and body armor.

11 b. Class 2 arms will include tanks, armored transport vehicles, short range  
12 ballistic missiles, drones, and radar detection technologies.

13 c. Class 3 arms will include US intelligence access, warships, fighter jets,  
14 cyberweapons, cruise missiles, Submarine Launched Ballistic Missiles,  
15 Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles, stealth and spy technologies, and  
16 naval navigation systems.

17 B. The Country Ranking System (CRS) will be based on a ranking system  
18 ranging from 0-3. A country with a rank of 0 cannot conduct arms sales with  
19 the US. Rank 1 countries can buy class 1 arms, rank 2 countries can buy class  
20 1 and 2 arms, and rank 3 countries can purchase all 3 classes of arms.

21 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense (DoD) will be tasked with the ranking of countries  
22 based off countries' current needs and actions. The DoD can propose a change  
23 regarding the rank and classification of countries at any time for any reason.

24 A. The DoD will be tasked with maintaining a list of which arms fall under  
25 which class.

26 B. Changes made by the DoD will be confirmed by a simple Senate majority.

27 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect in the fiscal year 2021.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jasper High School*



## Spring 2020 Item 28: A Resolution to Recognize Native American Genocide in the United States

1   **WHEREAS,**     Genocide is defined by the UN as “acts committed with intent to destroy,  
2                             in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group”; and

3   **WHEREAS,**     on the international stage, the United States can’t morally criticize other  
4                             nations for their acts of genocide when it refuses to recognize its own;  
5                             and

6   **WHEREAS,**     since its founding the United States has sought to erase Native cultures  
7                             for its own gain; and

8   **WHEREAS,**     Native territories were stolen and their societies destroyed to make way  
9                             for white settlement; and

10   **WHEREAS,**    Native populations were decimated by the United States, through forced  
11                            relocation, aggressive assimilation, and outright murder; and

12   **WHEREAS,**    Native Americans still endure widespread marginalization and oppression  
13                            in our nation; and

14   **WHEREAS,**    The United States need to take responsibility for its transgressions and  
15                            heal its relationship with the Native American community; now,  
16                            therefore, be it

17   **RESOLVED,**   By the Congress here assembled that United States recognizes the  
18                            genocide it committed against Native Americans populations.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Earl Warren High School*



## Spring 2020 Item 29: A Bill to Restore Aid to the Northern Triangle

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Restore the \$450 million in aid for the Northern Triangle countries of  
3 Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador and divert an additional \$50  
4 million in aid to the Plan of the Alliance for Prosperity (A4P).

5 **SECTION 2** **A.** This aid includes but is not limited to developmental and humanitarian  
6 aid that was frozen in April of 2019, foreign assistance programs, funding  
7 for non-governmental organization programs, and the reinstitution of  
8 joint law enforcement efforts such anti-gang units.

9 **B.** The Plan of the Alliance for Prosperity (A4P) is a development Bank that  
10 offers financial and technical support for countries working to reduce  
11 poverty and inequality, improve health and education, and advance  
12 infrastructure.

13 **SECTION 3.** The State Department will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Saint Mary's Hall.*



## Spring 2020 Item 30: A Bill to Institute Human Trafficking Education across the American Workplace

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Human trafficking education and awareness training will be a required  
3 curriculum instituted across all American workplaces.

4 **SECTION 2.** Human trafficking education and awareness training will be defined as  
5 the video curriculum “Be The One” created by the Office of the Texas  
6 Attorney General. American workplaces will be defined as all workplaces  
7 in the United States as well as ones physically based in other countries  
8 but headquartered in the United States

9 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of Labor will oversee the enforcement of the bill.

10 A. Within 1 year of the implementation of this legislation, companies will  
11 need to report to the Department of Labor that the film was shown to all  
12 employees, under the penalty of perjury.

13 B. The training is required to take place annually, which shall be  
14 documented in an annual report to the Department of Labor.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect immediately after passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dripping Springs High School.*