

## **A Bill to Give Representation to the American Territories**

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
- 2 SECTION 1. The American territories of American Samoa, the Northern Mariana
- 3 Islands, Guam, and the US Virgin Islands shall each be entitled to at least
- 4 one member in the US House of Representatives.
- 5 SECTION 2. (A) The number of Congressional Representatives shall be computed
- 6 according to the Huntington-Hill method and apportioned based on population
- 7 size.
- 8 (B) The number of Representatives is set at five hundred and thirty seven.
- 9 SECTION 3. The U.S. Census Bureau shall oversee the implementation of this
- 10 legislation.
- 11 SECTION 4. This bill shall come into effect immediately upon passage.
- 12 SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted by  
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## **A Bill to Make Voting Compulsory**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Voting on election day shall be compulsory for all citizens over the age of  
3 18.

4 **SECTION 2.** Voting shall be defined as casting a ballot. The citizen may vote for no  
5 candidate in a specific race, but the citizen must cast a ballot.

6 **SECTION 3.** Patients in hospital shall be exempt.

7 **SECTION 4.** Failure to vote will result in a \$500 fee for the first failure to vote. Fines  
8 will be increased by \$500 for each subsequent failure.

9 **SECTION 5.** This law shall be enforced by the Department of Justice.

10 **SECTION 6.** THIS LAW SHALL TAKE EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 2021.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Baton Rouge Magnet High School*

# A Bill to Phase Out the Federal Use of Private Prisons

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government will phase out the use of private  
3 prisons and/or for-profit prisons.

4 **SECTION 2.** A private prison or for-profit prison shall be defined as a place in which  
5 individuals are physically confined or incarcerated by a third party that is  
6 contracted by a government agency. Phase out shall be defined as the act  
7 of discontinuing a process or project.

8 **SECTION 3.** Immediately from passage, every year the United States will reduce the  
9 number of prisoners in private prisons by 20% from the number at the  
10 time of passage. Therefore in five years, the use of private prisons shall  
11 be completely phased out.

12 A. All contracts with private prison corporations shall be terminated and  
13 no new contracts shall be implemented.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect immediately.

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

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## **A Bill to Establish Congressional Term Limits**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** All members of both the House and Senate shall have their opportunity of re-election restricted by congressional term limits

**SECTION 2.** All members of the House shall serve a maximum of six terms. All members of the Senate shall serve a maximum of two terms.

- A. These terms may be served consecutively or individually; however, the maximum number of terms will be six and two for the House and Senate, respectively.
- B. Terms served in one body of Congress do not impede an individual's ability to serve in another. For instance, if an individual wanted to serve six terms in the House and two in the Senate, they would have the ability to do so.

**SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Commission will oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

**SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented by the fiscal year 2022

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

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## **A Resolution to Abolish the Pink Tax**

**WHEREAS,** corporations are guilty of gender discrimination in pricing as they charge higher prices for products which are traditionally marketed toward women; and

**WHEREAS,** the disparity in pricing, known as the Pink Tax, results in women spending an approximate 7% more than men on comparable products such as toiletries, which will cost them an average of \$1,300 annually; and

**WHEREAS,** women already suffer the economic implications of pay-discrimination due to gender, causing women to make an average of \$0.79 for every \$1.00 made by a man, creating cyclical and structural issues which prevent women from achieving the same level of economic success as men; and

**WHEREAS,** holding corporations accountable for the noticeable increase in price for products which women are more likely to purchase would lift a significant economic burden on individuals, especially in lower socio-economic classes, restoring more balanced purchasing power; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled abolish the pink tax by ensuring that corporations market comparable products for the same price regardless of the gender of the target audience.

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## **A Bill to Fund Childcare During the Coronavirus**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The United States shall increase its funding devoted to child care amidst COVID-19.

**SECTION 2.** Funding toward child care will be defined as \$20 billion that will be administered through the Child Care and Development Block Grant.

A. The funding can be utilized by child care providers which had previously closed due to COVID-19 to re-open.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Resources will oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

A. The \$20 billion will be administered by the existing Child Care and Development Block Grant Agencies.

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

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

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## **A Resolution to Increase Trade with Kenya**

**WHEREAS,** The majority of U.S. trade with Kenya is confined to the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) and China is currently dwarfing American investment in Kenya, dominating Kenyan economic foreign policy; and

**WHEREAS,** China's investments include a \$4 billion railway between two economic hubs along with other infrastructure projects, while not necessarily employing local workers as previously promised, whereas the total trade between the U.S. and Kenya amounted to \$1.1 billion in 2019; and

**WHEREAS,** Kenya is one of the fastest-growing economies in Sub-Saharan Africa, becoming a valuable trade partner for the U.S. and is simultaneously falling into debt with China (currently more than \$5 billion) as a function of China's "debt-trap diplomacy"; and

**WHEREAS,** Opening more trade channels with Kenya will expand American farm and manufacturing exports while countering China's hegemonic rise in investment in Africa; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation to increase trade with Kenya.

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## **A Resolution to Ban the Use of Cell Phones While Operating a Motor Vehicle**

**WHEREAS,** The increasingly widespread use of cell phones has led to more people trying to use their phone and operate a vehicle simultaneously; and

**WHEREAS,** Drivers currently use their cell phones during 88% of drives in their vehicle, while driving an average 55 mph, allows an individual to drive the length of a football field while looking down to respond to a text; and

**WHEREAS,** Distracted driving is the leading cause of car accidents in the United States and cell phone usage in the car resulted in 2,841 deaths nationally in 2018 alone; and

**WHEREAS,** Cell phones are becoming increasingly more accessible to larger populations of the public, meaning cell phone usage will almost inevitably rise; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled ban the use of cell phones while operating a motor vehicle.

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## **A Bill to Increase Transparency of Federal Spending**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** In order for taxpayers to understand the allocation of federal spending, the government will increase transparency through the disclosure of cost and explanation of use.

**SECTION 2.** Increasing transparency will include expanding information published in the inventory of agency programs in the Office of Management and Budget. This information includes links to performance reviews and details about financial assistance.

**SECTION 3.** The Office of Management and Budget will oversee this legislation.

**SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented by the fiscal year 2021.

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

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## **A Resolution to Sanction Thailand to Decrease Human Rights Abuses**

**WHEREAS,** The Thai government has not met minimum anti-human trafficking standards, has experienced allegations of torture, disappearances, and attacks of political opponents and has restricted civil liberties, including the right to free speech; and

**WHEREAS,** There are currently between 2 and 3 million migrant workers in Thailand with little governmental protection and Thailand experienced a rise in human trafficking in 2019 while refusing to conduct credible investigations into governmental mismanagement of the crisis or other abuse; and

**WHEREAS,** There is no domestic set of checks and balances to hold the Thai government accountable and Thailand has repeatedly ignored United Nations requests for internal investigations; and

**WHEREAS,** Sanctions have proven to be an important economic and external incentive for leaders to adhere to human rights standards; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled should sanction Thailand \$500 million over the next five fiscal years or until the Thai government agrees to take legislative action to combat human rights abuses and human trafficking.

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