



West Kansas NSDA 2019-2020 Legislation Packet-Wave 1

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A Resolution to Change How Tickets, Court Fines, and Fees are Assessed

1 **WHEREAS,** State governments are responsible for assessing court fines and fees; and

2 **WHEREAS,** these fees are usually fixed; and

3 **WHEREAS,** According to the Brennan Center for Justice, 10 million people involved in
4 the criminal justice system are holding \$50 billion in debt from fines and
5 fees; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Court fees unfairly punish people in poverty; and

7 **WHEREAS,** More than 7 million people nationwide have had their licenses
8 suspended because of traffic debts; and

9 **WHEREAS,** Driver's license suspensions often take away a person's only means of
10 traveling to work; now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that tickets, court fines, and court fees
12 must be set based on a citizen's income and ability to pay.

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14 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Halstead High School.*

A Resolution to make Election Day a Federal Holiday

- 1 **WHEREAS,** in 2008, the voter participation rate was 58.23%; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** in 2012, the voter participation rate was only 54.8% in the Presidential
- 3 Election, and most voters who did not voter were unable to vote because
- 4 of school and/or work; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** on Election day, every vote matters and therefore everyone should have
- 6 the opportunity to vote; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** the legitimacy of our future elections depends on more and increasing
- 8 voter participation; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** the national voter participation rate has been consistently low; now,
- 10 therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States Federal
- 12 Government shall include Election Day as a federal holiday across the
- 13 United States in hopes to increase voter turnout in national elections.
- 14 Election Day shall be defined as anytime national Senators,
- 15 Representatives, or the President is being elected, excluding special
- 16 elections.

17 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Moundridge High School.*



A Bill to Make All Animal Shelters No Kill Shelters

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** The United States will ban all animal shelters from killing animals unless there are extenuating circumstances that require them to do so.
- SECTION 2.** The only instances in which an animal may be euthanized will be due to the needless suffering of the animal or if the animal is too aggressive to safely reside in our communities.
- SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Agriculture shall oversee enforcement of this bill.
- SECTION 4.** Implementation of this bill shall take place immediately.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Abilene High School



A Bill to abolish the penny from current and future use as currency

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The usage of the US penny will be abolished.

3 **SECTION 2.** Abolish means to halt all creation and usage of the currency.

4 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Reserve will enforce the collection and recycling of the
5 pennies in circulation.

6 **SECTION 4.** On July 1, 2020 all pennies will be out of circulation.

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

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9 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Clay Center Community High School*

A Bill to reduce restrictions and raising the cap on H-1B Visas

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The H-1B Reform Act shall be passed to ensure changes to the current
3 processing ban. These new policies shall be reverting the current cap
4 (85,000) back to the cap in 2015 (172,748 in fiscal year 2015) and lowering
5 status quo requirements for applicants (such as having a doctorate and
6 graduating from an American university.)

7 **SECTION 2.** Define any ambiguous terms inherent in the first section.

8 **SECTION 3.** Name the government agency that will oversee the enforcement of the
9 bill along with the specific enforcement mechanism.

10 A. Go into further details if necessary.

11 B. Go into further details if necessary.

12 **SECTION 4.** Indicate the implementation date/timeframe.

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

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15 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Garden City High School*

A Bill to Halt the Surveillance of Electronic Devices by Educational Institutions

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall ban the digital surveillance of
3 the use of any electronic devices by public school students by public
4 schools.

5 **SECTION 2.** *Digital surveillance* is relating to the use of computer technology in any
6 form, such as screen viewing, screen recording, or reviewing search
7 history.

8 *Electronic devices* are any appliances with the ability to search the
9 Internet before any alterations, such as laptops, Chromebooks,
10 smartphones, tablets, smartwatches, etc.

11 **SECTION 3.** The bill will be implemented and overseen by the United States
12 Department of Education.

13 C. The Department of Education will ensure that public schools do not
14 implement any surveillance software as part of their electronics policy.

15 D. Schools found to violate this law will lose all Title I funding until the
16 year after the surveillance software is removed.

17 **SECTION 4.** The bill will be implemented on July 1, 2020.

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

A Bill to Implement Universal Basic Income

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A Universal Basic Income (UBI) program shall hereby be established.

3 **SECTION 2.** \$1,000 a month shall be provided to every citizen over the age of 18 in
4 the United States.

5 A. Anyone who chooses to receive the UBI shall not be entitled to other
6 welfare programs including, but not limited to, food stamps.

7 **SECTION 3.** The UBI shall be implemented and paid out by the Social Security
8 Administration

9 **SECTION 4.** All current and future budgets shall be amended to include any necessary
10 funds for the UBI.

11 **SECTION 5.** This bill shall be implemented immediately.

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

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14 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hutchinson High School*

A Bill to Mandate All Publicly Traded Companies Have Diverse Board of Directors

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** That all publicly traded companies shall have a Board of Directors that will be made up of 50%
3 women and have a wide range of ethnic diversity.

4 **SECTION 2.** Publicly traded company shall be defined as a company who issues stocks, which are traded on
5 the open market, wither on a stock exchange or on the over- the – counter market.

6 **SECTION 3.** Enforcement of this bill shall be through the Securities and Exchange Commission

7 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect June 1, 2020

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

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10 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lyons High*

A Bill to pass the “Keep Big Tech Out of Finance Act” to Stop Facebook’s control over the Finance Industry

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The passage of this legislation constitutes the passage of H.R. 4813 – A
3 bill to stop large technological platforms cryptocurrency plans or the,
4 *“Keep Big Tech Out of Finance Act”*

5 **SECTION 2.** *“H.R. 4813 – A bill to stop large technological platforms cryptocurrency*
6 *plans”* shall be defined as a bill introduced by The House Financial
7 Services Committee that explicitly bans large platform companies from
8 performing banking functions.

9 **SECTION 3.** The United States Congress has the authority to implement and enforce
10 this piece of legislation.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect August 1, 2020.

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

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14 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Maize High School*

A Bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a tax on nicotine used in vaping, etc.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Internal Revenue Code of 1986 will be amended to impose an excise
3 tax on 'taxable nicotine'. The tax does not apply to nicotine used in a
4 product that has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration for
5 sale as a nicotine replacement therapy.

6 **SECTION 2.** 'Taxable nicotine' is any nicotine which has been extracted,
7 concentrated, or synthesized through manufacturing in or outside of the
8 United States.

9 The tax rate will be that of Section 5701(b)(1), equal to the tax for small
10 cigarettes in the United States.

11 Small cigarettes are cigarettes weighing not more than 3 pounds per
12 thousand.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Bill will be enforced by the Internal Revenue Service, through normal
14 measures to collect and enforce taxation law.

15 **SECTION 4.** The bill will go into effect on January 1, 2021.

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

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18 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Nickerson High School, KS*

A Bill to Increase Funding for National Parks

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A federal mandate to increase National Park funding to, at least, previous
3 levels. National Park Service operations have been cut by 7% (\$134
4 million), and national park construction funding by more than 62% (\$227
5 million) in the last four years.

6 **SECTION 2.** National Parks include 67 areas of protected land across the fifty states.
7 Examples are Denali, Grand Canyon, Olympia, and Acadia.

8 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be enforced by the U.S. National Park Service.

9 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect Jan. 1, 2021.

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

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12 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Newton High School*

A Bill to Enforce a Healthy Diet to the Children under the Age of Eighteen

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Enforcing a healthy diet for children will improve the quality of life, physiological issues, and psychological problems.

SECTION 2. Healthy Diet: A food plan to overall improve your health

Physiological: The system of your internal organs

Psychology: State of mind

SECTION 3. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will put in place requirements for yearly check-ups with his/her doctor to check for obesity.

- A. Doctors should require yearly check-ups with children under the age of eighteen for obesity, if overweight, they should be put on a healthy day-to-day diet.
- B. This Bill is to replace the existing one, reasoning is, and children affected by obesity has tripled since the 1970s. This shows the current situation of the Dietary Guidelines being put in place every five years since 1980 isn't sufficient enough. We need new Dietary Guidelines that is mandatory by a yearly check-up to reduce its rising numbers in children.

SECTION 4. Time frame: Year of 2022

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Salina Central High School



A Bill to Amend the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002 to Protect American Elections

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Amend the phrase “electioneering communication” in the bipartisan
3 campaign reform act of 2002 Section 201 to include “paid internet and
4 digital advertisement.”

5 **SECTION 2.** Amend the definition of “electioneering communication” in Section 201.3
6 of the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002 to include “online
7 communications.”

8 **SECTION 3.** Online platforms are hereby required to make all reasonable efforts to
9 ensure foreign governments are not purchasing political advertisements
10 in order to influence the American electorate.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect August 1, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Salina South High School