



Congressional Debate Semifinals Legislation

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SF1

A Bill to Forgive All Student Loan Debt to Boost the American Workforce

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All Americans with incurred student loan debts, federal or private,
3 will be forgiven by the federal government for their loan.

4 **SECTION 2.** A student loan is a type of loan designed to help students pay for
5 post-secondary education and the associated fees, such as tuition,
6 books and supplies, and living expenses.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will implement this legislation.

8 A. The Secretary of Education will forgive the outstanding balances on
9 all federal student loans. For private student loans, the Secretary of
10 Education will pay the unpaid principal, accrued unpaid interest, and
11 any late charges owed to a private student lender. The Department
12 of Education will open loan forgiveness applications which
13 borrowers can apply to for up to 6 months after implementation of
14 this legislation.

15 B. This legislation shall be funded by taxing stock trades at 0.5 percent,
16 bond trades at 0.1 percent, and derivative transactions at 0.005
17 percent.

18 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented at the start of fiscal year 2021.

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

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SF2

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to End Partisan Gerrymandering

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **RESOLVED**, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following
3 article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the
4 United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as
5 part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of
6 three-fourths of the several states:

7 **ARTICLE --**

8 **SECTION 1.** Each contested state shall be required to establish an independent,
9 non-partisan commission to determine congressional district
10 boundaries.

11 **SECTION 2.** A contested state shall be defined as a state with more than one
12 representative to the United States House of Representatives.

13 **SECTION 3.** Any state who does not maintain compliance shall be prohibited
14 from having voting members in the United States House of
15 Representatives or United States Senate until compliance is met.
16 Members of these delegations may continue to carry out their other
17 duties of office, but may not vote on any matter before the United
18 States House of Representative or United States Senate until
19 compliance is met.

20 **SECTION 4.** Each state's commission shall also meet one of the following
21 requirements:

22 A. The commission is made up of random citizens selected in a similar
23 manner to a jury selection; or

24 B. The commission is made up of independent, non-partisan
25 redistricting experts; or

26 C. The commission is made up of a combination of citizens and experts
27 discussed in subsections "A" and "B" respectively.

28 **SECTION 5.** The Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by
29 appropriate legislation

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SF3
A Bill to Ban Forced Arbitration

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Predispute arbitration agreements are hereby prohibited from being
3 valid or enforceable if it requires arbitration of an employment,
4 consumer, antitrust, or civil rights dispute.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Predispute arbitration agreements” is defined as an agreement
6 made by parties in a contract before any issues or problems arise.
7 The agreement mandates that any disputes that the parties have
8 will be handled not in a court system, but through binding
9 arbitration.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor and the Department of Justice shall
11 enforce this legislation.

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

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

Introduced for the 116th Congress by Representative Henry C. Johnson, Jr. [D-GA]