

# WSFA Congress Spring Legislative Packet 2021

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# A

## A Bill to Address the International Overfishing Problem

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** By two thirds vote of Congress the United States shall hereby ratify the  
3 United Nations Convention for the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and thereby  
4 recognize its provisions as Supreme Law of the Land as proscribed by  
5 Article VI of the US Constitution. This congress will further impose a 50%  
6 tariff on all seafood products which originate from exploitation prone  
7 States and abolish all subsidies to fishing companies operating in the US.  
8 Revenue generated by this legislation will be dedicated to expanding US  
9 law enforcement's current international fisheries protection program.

10 **SECTION 2.** "Exploitation Prone State" shall be defined as any county with a history of  
11 enabling, subsidizing, or directly funding illegal, unreported, and  
12 unregulated (IUU) fishing in international waters or other country's  
13 Exclusive Economic Zones.

14 **SECTION 3.** The United States Coast Guard (USCG) in conjunction with the  
15 Department of Commerce will be responsible for implementing and  
16 enforcing the stipulations of this bill.

17 A. 90% of this bill's funding will be provided to the USCG to expand anti  
18 IUU operations throughout the world's international fisheries.

19 B. The Department of Commerce will be responsible for classifying  
20 Exploitation Prone States and collecting the new tariffs.

21 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be enacted exactly one month after its passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Seattle Academy.*

## **B**

# **A Bill to Create a Universal Preschool Program**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The United States Department of Education shall officially adopt preschool as a part of a nationwide P-12 education system.

**SECTION 2.** Preschool shall be defined as an educational establishment a child attends before kindergarten starting at the age of 4.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall oversee the implementation of this bill in public schools in all fifty U.S. states.

**SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Redmond High School.*

# C

## A Bill to Create an Unarmed 911 Response

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Health and Human Services may award grants to  
3 States, territories, and Tribal governments to establish an unarmed 911  
4 response program.

5 **SECTION 2.** An unarmed 911 response program is a program to respond to  
6 nonviolent 911 calls, made up of professional service providers trained to  
7 deal with mental health or substance abuse crises, who do not carry  
8 weapons of any kind, instead of a law enforcement agency

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee  
10 implementation of this legislation.

11 A. Grants can be awarded for hiring unarmed professional service  
12 providers, training unarmed professional services providers to  
13 respond to 911 calls and training in de-escalation and crisis  
14 intervention.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation is implemented immediately upon passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Federal Way High School.*

# D

## A Bill to Reinstate the Fairness Doctrine and Depoliticize Publicly Funded News

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Upon passage of this legislation, the Fairness Doctrine shall be reinstated  
3 for all news outlets with a print, television, or radio presence within the  
4 US. Additionally, all political appointments to the board of directors for  
5 the U.S. Agency for Global Media (USAGM) shall hereby be prohibited. All  
6 appointments to the USAGM’s board of director, or other appointed  
7 positions within the agency, must be approved by a 2/3 majority of  
8 congress. Any news outlet which refuses to comply with the Fairness  
9 Doctrine or is otherwise determined to be covering news in a biased  
10 manner shall immediately be stripped of government funding.

11 **SECTION 2.** A “political appointment” shall be defined as any appointment made by  
12 the Executive Branch for the express permission of altering or otherwise  
13 disrupting the actions of the USAGM in order to satisfy the political  
14 whims of the President of the United States.

15 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) shall be responsible for  
16 implementing this legislation.

17 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this legislation shall take affect physical year 2022.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Seattle Academy.*

# E

## A Bill to Demilitarize the Police Force

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The United States Justice System and Police Force will end the LESO/1033 program, as well as prohibit the collection, distribution, and use of military-grade weaponry and devices.

**SECTION 2. A.** “Police Force” is defined as a body of trained officers entrusted by a government with the maintenance of public peace and order, enforcement of laws, and prevention and detection of crime.

**B.** “Military-grade Weaponry and Devices” is defined as Tracked armored vehicles; Armed aircraft of any kind; Firearms of .50 caliber or more; Ammunition of .50 caliber or more; Grenade launchers; Bayonets; and Camouflage uniforms. Long Range Acoustic Devices (LRADs) will also be prohibited for crowd control usage.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense and the Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) will oversee the implementation of this bill. The Department of Defense will also oversee the collection and storage of all prohibited firearms and devices from police forces.

**SECTION 4.** This act will take effect upon passage. All prohibited firearms and devices must be collected by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Gig Harbor High School*

# F

## A Bill to Encourage Corporate Responsibility

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All Large Employers will be taxed an amount equal to 100 percent of the sum of all  
3 Federal benefits that their Employees qualify for each year.

4 **SECTION 2.** Large Employers are defined as an employer who employed an average of at least 500  
5 employees on business days during the preceding calendar year who do not pay all  
6 employees a wage of \$15 per hour or more. Federal Benefits are defined as the dollar  
7 value of benefits for supplemental nutrition assistance, free or reduced school lunch and  
8 breakfast, assistance payments for rental of a dwelling unit, and payments made by a  
9 State under a State Medicaid plan for medical assistance for each individual and an  
10 individual's dependents. Employees are anyone employed or contracted by a Large  
11 Employer.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service, in consultation with the Department of Agriculture, the  
13 Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Centers for Medicare and  
14 Medicaid Services, will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

15 A. Employers may not ask job applicants about any information regarding Federal  
16 Benefits. If an Employer does this, the Department of Labor can find the employer  
17 liable for lost wages owed to the individual as well as additional damages.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented on January 1, 2022.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Federal Way High School.*

# G

## A Bill to End the Cuban Embargo

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Section 620 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 is hereby repealed.

3 **SECTION 2.** Additionally, legislation or sanctions restricting or prohibiting financial  
4 transactions, imports, exports, remittances, investment, travel, and  
5 humanitarian aid between the United States and the Republic of Cuba  
6 are hereby repealed.

7 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be implemented by the Department of Commerce.

8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect on January 1, 2022.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Redmond High School*

# H

## A Bill to Amend Title 5 and Recognize Juneteenth as a Federal Holiday

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Section 6103 (a) of Title 5, United States Code, is hereby amended –

3 A. By inserting after the item relating to Memorial Day the following:

4 “Juneteenth National Independence Day, June 19.”; and

5 B. By striking “Columbus Day, the second Monday in October”.

6 **SECTION 2.** The term “federal holidays” is referencing specified days every year, all  
7 non-essential government offices close for business and workers receive  
8 paid leave. Juneteenth is referencing June 19, 1865, the day when Union  
9 Army Major General Gordon Granger rode into Galveston, Texas, and  
10 told slaves of their emancipation.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Office of Personal Management shall oversee implementation of  
12 Juneteenth National Independence Day in federal offices and ensure paid  
13 leave for federal workers.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be enacted on January 1, 2022. All laws in conflict  
15 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Eastside Catholic*

## **A Bill to Set A Federal Minimum Age of Marriage**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1:** There will be a minimum age of 18 for legally defined marriage in the U.S.

**SECTION 2:** Marriage is defined as a union recognized by the government through the issuing of a marriage license in the local jurisdiction of the two consenting persons.

**SECTION 3:** There will be no exceptions to this minimum age requirement.

**SECTION 4:** All marriages performed in other countries and territories that occur before the age of 18 will not be legally recognized by the U.S. until both consenting parties reach 18 years of age.

**SECTION 5:** This legislation will be enforced by each state's county licensing authority.

**SECTION 6:** This bill will go into effect July 1, 2021.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Olympia HS*

## J

# A Resolution Pertaining to the Regulation of Fast Food Swamps

- WHEREAS,** The United States obesity rate is continually growing and fast food markets are expanding; and
- WHEREAS,** People with obesity are at an increased risk of developing many serious diseases and health conditions, including heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes, and certain cancers; and
- WHEREAS,** Fast food is associated with a higher body mass index, less successful weight-loss maintenance and weight gain; and
- WHEREAS,** Fast foods reduce the quality of diet and provide unhealthy choices especially among children and adolescents, subsequently raising child and adolescent risks of obesity; and
- WHEREAS,** The term “food swamps” refers to communities that are oversaturated with unhealthy dining options, such as fast-food restaurants and convenience stores; and
- WHEREAS,** A recent Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity study found that a typical food swamp has four unhealthy eating options for every one healthy option; and
- WHEREAS,** There are more Fast Food Swamps in the United States than any other country; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the US Department of Health and Human Services should conduct investigation and research into appropriate limitation, regulation, and layout of Fast Food Swamps.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by University High School.*

# K

## **A Resolution to Create a Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act**

- WHEREAS,** In the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of China, the Government of the People’s Republic of China has arbitrarily detained as many as 1.8 million Uyghurs, Kazakhs, Kyrgyz, and members of other Muslim minority groups since 2017; and
- WHEREAS,** Detainees have been subjected to forced labor, torture, political indoctrination, and other severe human rights abuses while being confined in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region’s system of mass internment camps; and
- WHEREAS,** The policies of the Government of the People’s Republic of China are in contravention of international human rights instruments such as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights that has been signed by that government; and
- WHEREAS,** U.S. Customs and Border Protection has identified many products such as garments, hair products, and computer parts, suspected to be produced with prison or forced labor, especially in the Xinjiang Uyghur Region; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States prohibits the import of all goods, wares, articles, or merchandise mined, produced, or manufactured, wholly or in part, by forced labor from the People’s Republic of China with a particular focus on any such goods, wares, articles, or merchandise produced in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of China.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Gig Harbor High School*

# L

## A Bill to End Taxes on Tips

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Workers in the United States and United States territories will no longer  
3 be taxed on gratuities.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Gratuities” will be defined as money voluntarily given by a customer in  
5 addition to the cost of the service or item provided.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will oversee the implementation of  
7 this legislation.

8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on upon its passage. All laws in conflict  
9 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Puyallup High School.*

# M

## A Bill to Provide Parental Visas for Immigrants

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This legislation will Provide and nonimmigrant Visa to parents of children  
3 living in the U.S. If the child is born in the United States and granted  
4 Citizenship, then the parents of this child or children will be granted a  
5 nonimmigrant visa until the end of the year that the youngest child turns  
6 18. And that the United States will work with families to achieve  
7 citizenship.

8 **SECTION 2.** A nonimmigrant visa will be defined as a temporary visa that will allow  
9 those with such visas to stay in the United States until the Visa expires.

10 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will be overseen by the Department of State.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on immediately upon its passage. All laws  
12 in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Puyallup High School.*

# N

## A Bill to Ban Fracking

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Fracking shall be prohibited in all US states and territories.

3 **SECTION 2.** Fracking shall hereby be defined as "the process of injecting liquid at high  
4 pressure into subterranean rocks, boreholes, etc. so as to force open  
5 existing fissures and extract oil or gas."

6 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Land Management and the Environmental Protection  
7 Agency will oversee the implementation of this bill.

8 A. All corporations that violate this will be fined 1% of their net worth  
9 that year per infraction.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect on January 1st, 2022.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Overlake School.*

# O

## **A Bill to Decriminalize Homelessness**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** Measures taken on state and local levels to criminalize homelessness or discriminate against homeless individuals are no longer in accordance with federal law.
- SECTION 2.** Homeless people are defined as those who lack fixed and adequate nighttime residence, those who rely upon temporary living arrangements on a day to day basis, or those who will imminently lose their housing.
- SECTION 3.** The Department of Housing and Urban Development will oversee implementation of the bill.
- A. A Right to Rest policy will be enacted on a national level, granting homeless people the right to move freely, accept food, occupy parked vehicles, and rest in public spaces.
  - B. Law enforcement will no longer be allowed to fine, incriminate, or imprison homeless individuals for partaking in the above activities.
  - C. In any civil action alleging a violation of this Bill, the court shall award relief and provide legal counsel to the defendant.
- SECTION 4.** The bill will go into effect in December of 2021.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mount Vernon HS*

**P**

## **A Bill to Abolish ICE to Establish a Humane Immigration System**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The agency of Immigration and Customs Enforcement is hereby abolished and its duties shall be delegated to other agencies.

**SECTION 2.** Future immigration enforcement must abide by the following tenets to ensure equity and effectiveness.

**SECTION 3.** United States Customs and Border Protection shall be responsible for enforcement. An independent commission will be established to evaluate which functions of ICE are critical, and reappportion these duties to the appropriate agencies.

A. Resources and funding previously granted to private detention centers shall be diverted to providing legal counsel and due process resources to undocumented immigrants.

B. A system of scalable penalties including fines proportional to income and community services as alternatives to detention for deportation shall be instituted.

**SECTION 4.** ICE must be eliminated by January of 2022

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mount Vernon High School.*

## AA

# A Bill to Require a Minimum of Two Years of Schooling After High School Graduation

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All high school graduates in the United States of America shall be  
3 required to attend a minimum of two years of higher education following  
4 graduation from high school.

5 **SECTION 2.** The term “Higher education” shall be defined as any form of schooling  
6 that requires graduation from high school prior to admission and shall  
7 specifically include traditional schooling and trade schools.

8 **SECTION 3. A.** Student costs of attending the required two years of post high school  
9 education shall be paid by the United States Federal Government.

10 **B.** This legislation shall be enforced by the United States Department of  
11 Education.

12 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect within six months of passage.

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

*Introduced by WSFA*

**BB**  
**A Bill to Tax Pandemic Profiteers**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A one-time tax of 60 percent will be imposed on all wealth gained  
3 between March 18, 2020, and December 31, 2020 for individuals with a  
4 wealth that exceeded \$1,000,000,000 on December 31, 2020.

5 **SECTION 2.** Wealth gained is the increase in the net value of assets of an individual.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service will oversee implementation of this  
7 legislation.

8 A. \$400,000,000,000 will be appropriated to the IRS to carry out this  
9 legislation.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation is implemented upon passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by WSFA*

# CC

## A Bill to Ban Pork Barreling

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Congress will no longer be permitted to participate in  
3 pork barreling spending.

4 **SECTION 2.** Pork Barreling spending will be defined as providing funding for a certain  
5 project or item in exchange for agreement to pass legislation or a policy.

6 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will be overseen by the Senate Rules Committee and  
7 the Government Accountability Office.

8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon its passage. All laws in  
9 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by WSFA*

**DD**

## **A Bill to Establish a National Network of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A network of electric vehicle charging stations shall be established along eligible  
3 roads in the United States to eliminate “range anxiety” and ensure equitably  
4 accessible vehicle charging.

5 **SECTION 2.** The term “eligible roads” means that –

6 A. Is part of the National Highway System and is a public road as defined under  
7 Section 101 of Title 23, United States Code.

8 **SECTION 3.** Establishment of network of electric vehicle chargers along eligible roads.

9 A. Charging placement shall be located at current rest stops along eligible  
10 roads.

11 B. Payment methods must ensure secure, convenient, fair, and equal access  
12 along with the protection of personal privacy and cybersecurity.

13 **SECTION 4.** The Secretary of Transportation, in coordination with the Secretary of Energy,  
14 shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

15 A. No later than 3 years after the enrollment of this Act, the Secretary of  
16 Transportation shall establish a competitive grant program, which eligible  
17 entities may submit for.

18 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will be enacted on January 1, 2022. All laws in conflict with this  
19 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by WSFA*

**EE**

**A Bill to Reverse the Global Gag Rule and Promote Funding of NGOs  
Prioritizing Family Planning**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** Nongovernmental organizations shall not be ineligible for U.S. international development assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 solely on the basis of health or medical services provided if such services do not violate the laws of the country in which they are being provided and would not violate U.S. federal law.

**SECTION 2.** A non-governmental organization (NGO) is a non-for-profit, voluntary citizens' group, which is organized on a local, national or international level to address issues in support of the public good.

**SECTION 3.** USAID shall be responsible for implementation and enforcement of the legislation.

A. Initial funding of health based NGOs will be targeted towards Sub Saharan Africa with an starting grant of 10 million dollars.

B. NGOs will undergo a vetting and selection process that prioritizes organizations with policies that highlight culturally sensitive methods of distribution and education.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation goes into effect immediately upon passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by WSFA*