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Fall 2020 Item 1: A Bill to Transition the US Dollar to a Digital Currency

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will incentivize a transition towards a
3 digital currency over a 5-year period by defining physical tender as obsolete

4 **SECTION 2.** The following definitions apply:

5 A. "Digital currency" will be defined as any form of a monetary transaction
6 through an established financial firm via digital means.

7 B. "Physical tender" will be defined as bills and coins that have been federally
8 minted.

9 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of the Treasury will work in conjunction with state and local
10 governments to oversee the implementation of this bill.

11 A. The FDIC will receive \$500 million to issue federal debit cards to citizens
12 under the poverty line lacking access to bank accounts in return for
13 surrendered cash.

14 B. \$1 billion will be reallocated from the DoD budget to subsidize adequate
15 technologies for small businesses to accept digital payments.

16 C. Banks will be tasked with accepting cash and issuing the monetary
17 equivalent in digital currency and surrendering money to the FRS.

18 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect FY 2021.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by The Village High School



Fall 2020 Item 2: A Resolution to Fund Refugee Camps in the European Union

1 **WHEREAS,** In 2015 there was an estimated 1,005,504 refugees arriving in Europe
2 from various Middle Eastern countries; and

WHEREAS, The camps present within EU countries that are designated to process
these refugees are exceeding max capacity; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Refugees settled in camps within the EU face harsh conditions due to lack
6 of resources, which perpetuates a cycle of extreme poverty and a lack of
7 opportunity; and

8 **WHEREAS,** Residence in refugee camps is often an intermediate step in seeking
9 asylum in foreign countries; and

10 **WHEREAS,** Many countries in Europe that host these refugees are struggling to
11 support them, and the flow of immigrants from the Middle East is
12 continuing to increase; and

13 **WHEREAS,** The European Union common asylum policy has proven effective when
14 given adequate resources; and

15 **WHEREAS,** The United States is an affluent country with the means to provide aid to
16 this system; now, therefore, be it

17 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the US provides funding and Aid to
18 the EU to support the immigrant camps present within involved
19 countries.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Allen High School



Fall 2020 Item 3: A Bill to Mandate that All Domestic Violence Shelters Receiving Federal Funding Admit Victims Without Regard to Gender Identity

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Domestic violence shelters receiving federal funding may not
3 discriminate on the basis of gender identity.

4 **SECTION 2.** Gender Identity: the personal sense of one's own gender. It may
5 correlate with a person's assigned sex at birth or can differ from it.

6 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will implement this
7 legislation.

8 A. Shelters found in violation of this law will lose all federal funding until
9 such time as they are able to demonstrate consistent compliance for
10 at least two consecutive years.

11 B. Shelters shall be held liable for refusal of services based on
12 gender which result in serious bodily injury and/or death to one or
13 more victims of domestic violence.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect by January of 2022.

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

16 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hereford High School*



Fall 2020 Item 4: A Bill to Enact Comprehensive Police Reform

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will eliminate the 1033 Program for
3 transferring surplus military arms to civilian law enforcement agencies and
4 reform the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.

5 **SECTION 2.** Reforms to the JAG Program shall include:

6 A. Any state, tribal, or local government receiving JAG funds must create an
7 independent civilian review board to investigate complaints of police
8 misconduct.

9 B. Funding will be conditioned on ongoing compliance and non-interference
10 with both federal and civilian review board investigations into police
11 misconduct.

12 C. Governments or organizations receiving JAG funds must implement a law
13 requiring body camera usage by all law enforcement agencies under their
14 jurisdiction.

15 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense and Department of Justice Office of Justice
16 Programs shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect on January 1, 2021.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Winston Churchill High School.



Fall 2020 Item 5: A Resolution to Shutdown All Military Installations on the Island of Okinawa

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Japan has long proven to be an ally of the United States; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** US Military personnel on the island have represented a long threat to
- 3 safety of the Japanese people on the island; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** American military presence has only been proven to increase anti-
- 5 Western sentiment; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** America has other military installations that are closer to areas of conflict
- 7 within the region; now, therefore, be it
- 8 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that all military installations on the
- 9 Japanese island of Okinawa will be shutdown by 2030 and the SOFA
- 10 agreement with Japan will be renegotiated.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Theodore Roosevelt in San Antonio.



Fall 2020 Item 6: A Bill to Provide Microloans to Financially Empower Women in Egypt

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall delegate \$20 million in microloans to aid women below the
3 poverty line who are attempting to create businesses in Egypt. The loans will be granted
4 through a loan process controlled by several nonprofit microlenders. Each loan will be
5 maxed at \$2000 with no interest rate.

6 **SECTION 2.** Microloans are defined as a sum of money lent to a new business. A “nonprofit
7 microlender” will be defined as a nonprofit entity that is a part of the Small Business
8 Administration’s Microloan Program. They are responsible for the management of
9 microloans and are required to provide necessary assistance to Microborrowers. These
10 entities will verify whether an individual is “attempting to create a business” through
11 the guidelines under the Microloan Program.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Small Businesses Administration in conjunction with the Bureau of International
13 Labor Affairs shall oversee the implementation of this legislation
14 A. The International Labor Affairs will work with the Small Businesses Administration
15 and release a report on the microlenders every 5 years.
16 B. If the report concludes that a microlender is in violation of any portion of the
17 Microloan program, their services will be terminated, and all funding will be
18 retracted.

19 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect in the fiscal year 2022.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by A&M Consolidated High School



Fall 2020 Item 7: A Bill to Increase Funding to the United States Space Force

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Department of Defense shall receive \$10 billion in
3 additional funding for the United States Space Force to increase research
4 and development for military space systems.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Military space systems” are defined as both offensive and defensive
6 space mechanisms, such as advanced satellites, used for the purposes of
7 deterring threats from U.S. forces and national interests.

8 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Defense will oversee implementation of
9 this legislation to ensure the proper allocation of funds.

10 A. Biennial audits will be carried out to ensure that funds are being
11 utilized effectively and that research and development is making
12 reasonable progress.

13 B. If it is determined reasonable progress has not been met after 15
14 years, funding will be diverted to private entities under federal
15 government guidance.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect FY 2021.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Seven Lakes High School



Fall 2020 Item 8: A Resolution to Join the Paris Climate Agreement

1	WHEREAS,	After President Trump’s decision to leave the agreement, the United
2		States is not on track to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius; and;
3	WHEREAS,	US withdrawal will trigger a shift in political dynamics that could cause
4		other countries to withdraw; and
5	WHEREAS,	UN Secretary-General António Guterres stated that efforts made by the
6		US and other countries are not doing enough to curb disastrous climate
7		change; and
8	WHEREAS,	With the Trump administration’s constant efforts to scale back domestic
9		regulation on greenhouse gas emissions and federal mandates on the use
10		of fossil fuels, overarching regulation is necessary; and
11	WHEREAS,	The US and the Paris Climate Agreement are both necessary to curb
12		global greenhouse gas emissions; now, therefore, be it
13	RESOLVED,	By the Congress here assembled that the United States commit to rejoin
14		the Paris Climate Agreement and take additional measures to curb
15		greenhouse gas emissions to stay below 1.5 degrees Celsius.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dripping Springs High School.



Fall 2020 Item 9: A Bill to Decrease the Usage of Private Military Contractors inside Latin America

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Private Military Contractors in Latin America will no longer be utilized by
3 the US Department of Defense.

4 **SECTION 2.** The following definitions will apply:

5 A. Private Military Contractors (PMCs) will be defined as companies that
6 engage in armed security services. These armed security services
7 include, but are not limited to, combat missions, provision of
8 protective services, security advice and planning, prison
9 administration, interrogation, and intelligence.

10 B. Latin America will be defined as the collective group of countries in
11 Central and South America.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Congressional Armed Service Committee shall oversee the passage of
13 this bill.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented at the start of 2021.

15 **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



Fall 2020 Item 10: A Bill to Send Infrastructural Aid to Improve Health Security in Peru

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** \$500 million shall be appropriated to the government of Peru over the
3 course of 10 years through the Economic Support Fund for the purpose of
4 improving upon health infrastructure.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. Health infrastructure shall be defined as infrastructure that
6 improves access to health services and sanitation. Allocations such as
7 construction of healthcare facilities and subsidization for healthcare
8 education/research may be considered.

9 B. Economic Support Fund shall be defined as economic aid
10 designated to promote economic or political stability in areas where the
11 United States has special strategic interests.

12 **SECTION 3.** The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) will be
13 responsible for the oversight of this legislation.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented in the fiscal year of 2021

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Plano West Senior High School



Fall 2020 Item 11: A Resolution to Hold Violent College Athletes Accountable

1 **WHEREAS,** Sexual assault and domestic violence continue to plague college
2 campuses across the country; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Recent research indicates that college athletes are three times more
4 likely than their non-athletic counterparts to engage in these violent
5 behaviors; and

6 **WHEREAS,** College athletes often receive preferential treatment and protection
7 when accused of sexual assault or domestic violence; and

8 **WHEREAS,** The NCAA’s response has been only to require college athletic programs
9 to educate students on sexual assault and domestic violence; and

10 **WHEREAS,** The NCAA turns a blind eye on this violence by allowing athletes who are
11 expelled or facing pending charges to simply transfer to another school
12 and continue their college athletic careers; now, therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that federal law should ban NCAA teams
14 from accepting the transfer of any athlete with a documented history of
15 sexual or domestic violence; and

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** Any college athlete charged with these offenses, either by
17 college authorities or local law enforcement, should be suspended from
18 all collegiate activities until any pending charges are resolved.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by James E. Taylor High School



Fall 2020 Item 12: A Bill to Create Nuclear Waste Storage Sites at Yucca Mountain

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will construct and operate a permanent nuclear waste
3 repository at Yucca Mountain for the transfer and storage of spent
4 nuclear fuel (SNF).

5 **SECTION 2.** Spent Nuclear Fuel shall be defined as Nuclear reactor fuel that has been
6 used to the extent that it can no longer effectively sustain a chain
7 reaction.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy shall oversee the enforcement of this bill.

9 A. The existing Nuclear Waste Fund will be used to fund this project.

10 B. 5% of the Nuclear Waste Fund shall be made available to benefit host
11 communities, not limited to education and public services.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect immediately upon passing.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Vines High School



Fall 2020 Item 13: A Resolution to Recognize Morocco's Full Suzerainty Over the Western Sahara Region

1 **WHEREAS,** Morocco has claimed the territory in the Western Sahara since Spanish
2 forces initially left in 1976; and

3 **WHEREAS,** The opposing Polisario Front has claimed autonomy in the same region
4 under the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic; and

5 **WHEREAS,** The Polisario Front is a Marxist Islamic group aligned with Al Qaeda in the
6 Islamic Maghreb, inciting violence across North Africa; and

7 **WHEREAS,** Attacks have been initiated on the Moroccan populous and security
8 forces for years by the Polisario Front; and

9 **WHEREAS,** Morocco has remained civil in the territory and has established lasting
10 democratic structures to ensure stability; and

11 **WHEREAS,** In 2006 the Moroccan Royal Advisory Council for Saharan Affairs
12 proposed an autonomy plan for the territory and in 2014 granted the
13 region autonomy under Moroccan sovereignty; and

14 **WHEREAS,** The US has been allied with Morocco since the cold war, citing them as a
15 beacon for stability and diplomacy in North Africa; now, therefore, be it

16 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States should recognize
17 Morocco's full suzerainty over the Western Sahara region.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jack C. Hays High School



Fall 2020 Item 14: 2020 Affordable Housing Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** To combat homelessness in urban centers across America, the federal
3 government will subsidize state and local homeless initiatives.

4 **SECTION 2.** Subsidies include but are not limited to, grants, increased funding, or tax
5 incentives for private organizations working with government initiatives.
6 Programs and initiatives can include housing and unemployment
7 programs, or any programs HUD deems appropriate.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will be
9 charged with implementation in the following ways:

- 10 A. \$15 billion will be distributed among different state and local
11 programs who are facing the greatest need.
12 B. An additional \$5 billion will be given to HUD to distribute across
13 federal programs.
14 C. HUD will allocate \$5 billion across various nonprofit organizations
15 working to combat homelessness nationwide.
16 D. HUD will establish an application system to determine which areas
17 are facing the greatest need, and which nonprofits are the most
18 efficient.

19 **SECTION 4.** This Legislation will be enacted at the beginning of the 2022 fiscal year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pflugerville High School



Fall 2020 Item 15: A Resolution to Fund the Offshore Wind Industry to Create Clean Energy

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States has a large offshore wind energy resource that is ready
2 to be utilized; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** US shores currently possess a power potential of over 2000 gigawatts or
4 nearly double the nation’s current electricity usage and will be able to
5 generate electricity for more than 115 million US households; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Offshore wind energy has the potential to deliver large amounts of clean
7 reliable energy and reduce pollution oil spills; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Funding this industry will result in more than 200,000 jobs being created
9 which is about twice the number of jobs being created by other sources
10 of energy such as offshore drilling; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** Offshore wind energy will also help create more jobs in the shipbuilding
12 and manufacturing industry further fueling the US economy; and
- 13 **WHEREAS,** Wildlife and marine ecosystems are positively impacted by offshore wind
14 farms due to the fact that they act as effective marine reserves; and
- 15 **WHEREAS,** Wind farms can act as artificial reefs and protection from fishing
16 pressures creating extremely positive effects; now, therefore, be it
- 17 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States shall fund the
18 offshore wind industry to create clean energy.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Northland Christian School.



Fall 2020 Item 16: Core (Cloud Operations and Research for Efficiency) ACT of 2021

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States government will transfer all government databases and information, including
3 but not limited to: weapons management, defensive systems, domestic affair databases, and
4 other critical functions to the Cloud.

5 **SECTION 2.** The cloud will be defined as any network of remote servers hosted on the Internet and used to
6 store, manage, and process data in place of local servers or personal computers. The cloud will
7 take the place of older technology, such as physical files, offline-hard drives, and floppy disks.

8 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of State will be responsible for the implementation of this
9 legislation, in conjunction with congressional oversight. A federal committee appointed by
10 congress will decide repurposing distribution of current IT upkeep funding (currently 80 billion
11 dollars) to transfer data to the cloud. The funding will also be used to update information access
12 ports and systems, including physical hardware, to be compatible with cloud services. The cloud
13 services made available will be customizable for the need of different government departments,
14 and sections. The committee will also be in charge of tracking the progress of the transfer to the
15 cloud, and preparing a yearly report to congress. To implement the systems themselves, a
16 contract will be publicly offered, and will be sold to the lowest bidder who meets specific security
17 checks, designated by the NSA and federal committee.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect in fiscal year 2021 and last through fiscal year 2025 at which
19 point it will be up for renewal.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jasper High School



Fall 2020 Item 17: A Bill to Provide Loan Guarantees for Nuclear Energy Development

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Energy will receive 80 billion dollars for federal loan
3 guarantees for new nuclear energy projects in the United States.

4 **SECTION 2.** Eligible projects will only be considered if they utilize new or significantly
5 improved technology.

6 A. New projects must use Generation IV or newer nuclear reactors.

7 B. Projects must be located in the United States and demonstrate a reasonable
8 prospect for repayment.

9 C. Only one current contract per reactor will be allowed, companies must re-
10 negotiate a current loan if costs exceed initial estimates.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy shall oversee funds and reward contracts.

12 **SECTION 4.** This Bill will go into effect on January 1, 2021.

13 A. Projects can begin the application process on January 1, 2021.

14 B. Funds will be allocated in Fiscal Year 2022 and will be disbursed starting
15 October 1, 2021.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Winston Churchill High School.



Fall 2020 Item 18: A Bill to Allow U.S. Territories to Elect Voting Members to Congress to Give All Americans a Voice

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Elected representatives of the United States' territories will hereby be
3 granted full voting privileges in the United States House of
4 Representatives.

5 **SECTION 2.** U.S. Territories include: American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, the U.S.
6 Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

7 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be enacted by the United States Congress and elections will
8 be overseen by the Federal Election Commission with assistance from the
9 Election Assistance Commission.

10 A. Guidelines and procedures will be the same as those federal elections
11 held within the fifty states of the United States.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented by the 2022 election cycle.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hereford High School



Fall 2020 Item 19: A Resolution to Ratify the Convention on Biological Diversity

1 **WHEREAS,** The Earth is currently in the midst of the largest mass-extinction event humanity

2 has ever seen; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Current extinction rates are at least 1000 times higher than what would

4 naturally be expected absent human behavior; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Continued loss of biodiversity will lead to widespread ecosystem collapse; and

6 **WHEREAS,** The Convention on Biological Diversity (the Convention) aims to unite the world

7 in an attempt to stem the loss of biological diversity; and

8 **WHEREAS,** The Cartagena Protocol to the Convention further outlines important protocols

9 to ensure the safe use and development of Living Modified Organisms (LMOs);

10 and

11 **WHEREAS,** The Nagoya Protocol to the Convention helps to ensure the fair and equitable

12 sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources; and

13 **WHEREAS,** While the United States is one of the greatest contributors to pressure on

14 biological diversity, it has not ratified the Convention; now, therefore, be it

15 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States ratify the Convention on

16 Biological Diversity; and, be it

17 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That Congress also ratify both the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols to

18 the Convention.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Tascosa High School



Fall 2020 Item 20: A Bill to Implement a Carbon Tax to Dissuade Carbon Emissions Among Companies

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will implement a \$100 carbon tax
3 for every metric ton of carbon emitted by a Fortune 500 company.

4 **SECTION 2.** Fortune 500 is an annual list of the top 500 US companies by revenue. A
5 carbon tax is a tax on carbon emissions from the result of burning fossil
6 fuels.

7 **SECTION 3.** The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Internal
8 Revenue Service (IRS), and Department of Energy (DOE) will work in
9 conjunction to enforce, implement, and oversee this legislation.

10 A. The DOE will conduct audits on companies every 18 months.

11 B. 10% of the carbon tax revenue will go directly to the EPA's funding.

12 C. The IRS will be responsible for collecting and ensuring that all tax is
13 accounted for.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect by fiscal year 2022.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Theodore Roosevelt in San Antonio



Fall 2020 Item 21: A Bill to Establish a Joint Task Force to Curb Illicit Opioid Trafficking

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** \$5 billion shall be appropriated to the creation of a new Joint Task Force
3 for the purposes of curbing illicit opioid trafficking into the U.S.

4 **SECTION 2.** Joint Task Force (JTF) shall be defined as a specific, unified effort within
5 the Department of Homeland Security to conduct integrated
6 investigations and operations within joint operating areas.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security will be responsible for
8 implementing this policy.

9 C. The Secretary of Homeland Security shall give an annual report to
10 Congress regarding the JTF's effectiveness through the use of specific,
11 relevant performance metrics. The DHS's report shall be evaluated by
12 Congress for the purposes of future appropriations of resources.

13 **SECTION 4.** This policy shall go into effect Fiscal Year 2022.

14 A. This policy will sunset quinquennially after its implementation unless
15 otherwise extended.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Plano West Senior High School.



Fall 2020 Item 22: A Resolution to Curb Anti-Muslim Policy in India

- 1 **WHEREAS,** In recent years there has been a rise in the political influence of anti-
- 2 Muslim religious organizations in India; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The political and financial power of these organizations is largely
- 4 responsible for the passage of the anti-Muslim Citizenship Amendment
- 5 Act (CAA); and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** The CAA specifically condones the persecution of Muslims and uniquely
- 7 denies them the right to Indian citizenship; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** The United States has the necessary leverage to persuade India to
- 9 reverse this discriminatory policy; and now, therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the free trade agreement
- 11 negotiations between India and the United States be halted until the
- 12 Indian government rescinds the CAA.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by WB Ray High School



Fall 2020 Item 23: A Resolution to Ratify US Membership in the International Criminal Court

1 **WHEREAS,** The United States is one of only 7 nations that are not a member of the
2 International Criminal Court (ICC); and

3 **WHEREAS,** The ICC operates as the only global entity currently existing to hold
4 individuals responsible for heinous crimes against humanity, genocide,
5 war crimes, and other crimes of aggression; and

6 **WHEREAS,** The ICC is only able to indict individuals found guilty in its proceedings if
7 the individual's country of origin is willing to cooperate; and

8 **WHEREAS,** The ICC has begun an investigation into alleged war crimes committed by
9 US Officials and the CIA in Afghanistan; and

10 **WHEREAS,** The lack of US cooperation on is pushing the ICC to instead pursue lesser
11 atrocities with greater potential for successful prosecution; and

12 **WHEREAS,** The US will lose international credibility because of their lack of
13 cooperation with the ICC's probe into the war crimes in Afghanistan; and

14 **WHEREAS,** The US has an obligation to defend International Humanitarian Law, and
15 the UN Declaration of Human Rights; now, therefore, be it

16 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled the United States should ratify its
17 membership in the ICC.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jack C. Hays High School



Fall 2020 Item 24: Immigration Justice Overhaul Act of 2020

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States immigration judiciary will make a series of reforms.

3 A. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) shall receive \$800 million to
4 create 200 temporary immigration courts across the country and reassign
5 cases.

6 B. The Department of Justice (DOJ) shall rescind its petition to decertify the
7 National Association of Immigration Judges as a valid union.

8 C. The Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR) shall suspend its
9 Speaking Engagement Policy issued on September 1, 2017.

10 **SECTION 2.** "Temporary immigration courts" shall be defined as courts responsible for
11 hearing immigration cases until the case backlog is cleared.

12 **SECTION 3.** The DHS, DOJ, and EOIR will be tasked with implementing sections 1A, 1B, and
13 1C, respectively.

14 A. The Attorney General remains responsible for appointing immigration
15 judges, but all temporary appointments will be subject to approval by the
16 bipartisan House Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.

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

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Seven Lakes High School



Fall 2020 Item 25: A Bill to Tax Automation to Fund Welfare Programs

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Government shall hereby implement a 20% tax rate on
3 businesses substituting human workers with automated equipment for
4 the purpose of funding welfare programs.

5 **SECTION 2.** Automated equipment shall be defines as industrial machines used for
6 the purpose of fulfilling the jobs a human worker would perform. Welfare
7 programs shall be defined as both welfare programs, including but not
8 limited to Medicaid and SNAP, and entitlement programs such as Social
9 Security.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Treasury, the Internal Revenue Service, the United
11 States Social Security Administration, and the Department of Health and
12 Human Services shall work together when implementing this bill.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2022

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Spring Woods High School



Fall 2020 Item 26: A Bill to Prohibit Members of Congress from owning Stock

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall hereby enforce that all
3 members of Congress, their staff, and their household must sell any stock
4 before entering office and that ownership of any stock while in office,
5 with the exception of index funds and diversified mutual funds, is
6 prohibited.

7 A. Members of Congress, their staff, and their household may not begin
8 trading stock until 12 months have elapsed since they left office.

9 **SECTION 2.** The following definitions apply:

10 A. "stock" is defined as ownership share of a company.

11 B. "members of Congress, staff and household" are defined under
12 Section 6 of the STOCK of 2012.

13 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission shall oversee the
14 implementation of this bill.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented one month upon its passage.

16 **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



Fall 2020 Item 27: A Resolution to Recognize the Ongoing Mexican Femicide

1 **WHEREAS,** The United Nations defines femicide as “the violent death of women because of
2 their gender”; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Women in Mexico fear for their lives daily due to the looming threat of being
4 killed and recent surveys report 77% of women feel unsafe in Mexico; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Approximately 10 women are killed everyday in Mexico, and the rate of
6 femicide in Mexico has doubled in the last 5 years; and

7 **WHEREAS,** Official figures show that 3,142 women and girls were killed in 2019, and only
8 726 of those cases are being investigated as femicides; and

9 **WHEREAS,** The Mexican government has been largely unresponsive to the ongoing
10 femicide largely ignoring it until mass protests; and

11 **WHEREAS,** By recognizing the Mexican Femicide the United States takes the first step to
12 combatting the global issue of femicide as a whole; now, therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States formally recognizes the
14 ongoing Mexican femicide and condemns the Mexican government for their lack
15 of action in preventing it.

16 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** By passing this resolution The United States commits itself to funding
17 and supporting Mexican Women’s Rights groups in their fight against femicide.

18 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Vista Ridge High School*



Fall 2020 Item 28: A Bill to Make Proxy Voting in the U.S. Congress Illegal

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Proxy voting in the U.S. Congress shall be illegal.

3 **SECTION 2.** Each member of the House of Representatives and Senate shall cast their
4 own vote whenever votes are called for in their respective chamber.

5 **SECTION 3.** This legislation does not prohibit either chamber of the U.S. Congress
6 from adopting procedures in the future which allow members to
7 participate in Congressional business from locations other than the
8 Congressional chambers in Washington D.C.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation takes effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bellaire High School



Fall 2020 Item 29: A Bill to Save Social Security

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The US tax code and social security system will be reformed to close the
3 social security funding gap.

4 **SECTION 2.** For the sake of this legislation, reforms made to the tax codes will only
5 relate to payroll taxes and a sales tax. A sales tax will be defined as a tax
6 on the sale of goods and services.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will be charged with implementation.

- 8 A. Early and full retirement ages will increase by 4 months every fiscal
9 year until the early and full retirement ages are 65 and 70
10 respectively.
- 11 B. There will no longer be a Payroll Tax Cap and the payroll tax rate will
12 increase by .1 percent every fiscal year until it reaches 7.2 percent.
- 13 C. State governments will no longer be able to opt out of the federal
14 social security system. This will only apply to newly hired state
15 workers.
- 16 D. A 1 percent federal sales tax will be levied to close the social security
17 funding gap.

18 **SECTION 4.** This Legislation will be enacted at the beginning of the 2022 fiscal year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pflugerville High School



Fall 2020 Item 30: A Resolution to Implement a Comprehensive US-UK Free Trade Agreement

1 **WHEREAS,** The United Kingdom’s withdrawal from the European Union has created
2 a unique opportunity to establish a new trade framework between the
3 United States and the UK; and

4 **WHEREAS,** The United States and Great Britain already share similar standards on
5 non-trade related issues such as labor standards and environmental
6 issues, thus paving the way for easier negotiations; and

7 **WHEREAS,** The US and UK have similar monetary regulation standards; and

8 **WHEREAS,** The recent mutual recognition agreement between the US and the UK
9 could be a starting point for further negotiation; and

10 **WHEREAS,** A Free Trade Agreement would be mutually beneficial to both countries;
11 now, therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the US and the United Kingdom
13 should negotiate and implement a binding Free Trade Agreement; and

14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** The US-UK Free Trade Agreement should include an
15 accession clause that would allow other countries to join under the same
16 terms by mutual consent.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by James E. Taylor High School