

Massey Hill Classical  
Challenge 2020  
Congressional Debate  
Legislation Packet

## **A Bill to Instill a Maximum Cost of College Attendance**

1     BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2     **SECTION 1.** All public colleges will institute a ceiling on the cost of attendance of \$30,000  
3             per year.

4     **SECTION 2.** Cost of attendance includes, tuition, fees, room and board.

5     **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee the implementation of this bill.

6         A. Schools which fail to adhere to this ceiling shall not receive Federal loans  
7             or grants.

8     **SECTION 4.** Implementation of the bill will begin at the commencement of the 2018-19  
9             academic year.

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

# **A Bill to Eliminate the Pink Tax to Establish Economic Gender Equality**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2     **SECTION 1.** It shall be unlawful to sell any two consumer products from the same manufacturer  
3                   or service-provider that are substantially similar if such products are priced  
4                   differently based only on the gender of the individuals for whose use the products  
5                   are intended or marketed.

6     **SECTION 2.** The following definitions shall apply:

7                   A. Consumer products shall include any product or service for sale.  
8                   B. Intended gender for consumers of products can be determined through use of  
9                   “for her, for women, for girls” or similar phrases in marketing and/or by the  
10                  pink color of a product.

11    **SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission shall ensure compliance with this bill.

12                  A. Any manufacturer or service provider that fails to comply with this bill will be  
13                  fined 1 million dollars for each product in non-compliance.  
14                  B. 50% of all monies collected through fines will be donated to charities for  
15                  women and girls; the FTC will determine the specific charities on a yearly basis.  
16                  C. Any fined manufacturer or service provider will be required to undergo specific  
17                  training programs at their own expense; the FTC will determine the appropriate  
18                  programs.

19    **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented upon passage.

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

# **A Resolution Condemning all Forms of Anti-Asian Sentiment as Related to Covid-19**

1 **WHEREAS,** 23,000,000 Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders account for 7 percent of the  
2 Nation's population in the United States; and  
3 **WHEREAS,** over 2,000,000 Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders are working on the  
4 frontlines of this COVID-19 pandemic in health care, law enforcement, first  
5 responders, transportation, supermarkets, and other service industries; and  
6 **WHEREAS,** the use of anti-Asian terminology and rhetoric related to COVID-19, such as the  
7 Chinese Virus, Wuhan Virus, and Kung-flu have perpetuated anti-Asian stigma;  
8 and  
9 **WHEREAS,** since January 2020, there has been a dramatic increase in reports of hate crimes  
10 and incidents against those of Asian descent; and  
11 **WHEREAS,** the increased use of anti-Asian rhetoric has also resulted in Asian-American  
12 businesses being targeted for vandalism; and  
13 **WHEREAS,** in 2015, the WHO issued guidance calling on media outlets, scientists, and  
14 national authorities to avoid naming infectious diseases for locations to avoid  
15 stigmatizing groups of people; and  
16 **WHEREAS,** the Secretary General of the United Nations called for international solidarity  
17 and an end to any ill-founded discrimination of the outbreak's victims; now,  
18 therefore, be it  
19 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that all public officials should condemn and  
20 denounce any and all anti-Asian sentiment in any form, condemn all  
21 manifestations of expressions of racism, xenophobia, discrimination, anti-Asian  
22 sentiment, scapegoating, and ethnic or religious intolerance, and recommit to  
23 building more inclusive, diverse, and tolerant societies

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# **A Bill to Reform the Federal Judiciary to Reflect Gender Equality**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. 28 U.S.C. §1 be amended to state: “the Supreme Court of the United States shall consist  
3 of a Chief Justice of the United States and eight associate justices, five of whom shall be  
4 women, and any six of whom shall constitute a quorum.”

5 B. A Gender Equality Bench Protocol be implemented to guide the federal judiciary in  
6 adjudication.

7 **SECTION 2.** The Gender Equality Bench Protocol will promote awareness of ways in which gender  
8 intersects with other social statuses to affect the justice system, provide tools to help  
9 judicial officers achieve gender-sensitive adjudication, and will be modeled after  
10 comparable protocols in place around the world, such as Belize’s “Justice Through a Gender  
11 Lens: Gender Equality Protocol for Judicial Officers” and Mexico’s “Judicial Decision-Making  
12 with a Gender Perspective: A Protocol.”

13 **SECTION 3.** The United States House Judiciary Committee and Department of Justice will be tasked  
14 with developing, implementing, and monitoring the progress of the Gender Equality Bench  
15 Protocol.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect immediately. The Supreme Court will have until  
17 December 31, 2030 to meet parity requirements.

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

# **Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment and Expungement Act**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Not later than 180 days after passage of this Act, the Attorney General shall finalize  
3 rulemaking under 21 U.S.C. 812 §201(a)(2) removing marihuana and  
4 tetrahydrocannabinols from schedules of controlled substance, so that manufacturing,  
5 distribution, or possession of such substances no longer warrants criminal penalties. Such  
6 rulemaking shall apply to purposes of any offense committed, case pending, or conviction  
7 entered before, on, or after the date of enactment of this Act.

8 **SECTION 2.** All statutory references of “marijuana” and “marihuana” shall be replaced with  
9 “cannabis.”

10 **SECTION 3.** Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 USC), §5701, is amended to establish a 5% tax to be  
11 collected on cannabis products in the same manner as certain tobacco products, and  
12 deposited in a trust fund, the Opportunity Trust Fund, herewith established to support  
13 programs and services for individuals and business in communities impacted by the war  
14 on drugs.

15 **SECTION 4.** The Small Business Administration shall establish loans and services for entities that are  
16 cannabis-related legitimate businesses or service providers.

17 **SECTION 5.** Federal public benefits, as well as persecutions under immigration laws, shall be  
18 prohibited on the basis of cannabis-related conduct or conviction.

19 **SECTION 6.** A process shall be established to expunge convictions and conduct sentencing review  
20 hearings related to federal cannabis offenses.

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

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Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment and Expungement Act of 2019, 116th Congress*

## A Bill to Institute a Sugar Tax

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A tax will be implemented on all beverages containing 5 or more grams of sugar  
3 per 100 milliliters

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

5 A. A sugar tax will be defined as \$.25 per liter of beverage containing sugar.

6 B. The revenue from the tax will be allocated to address obesity, diabetes, and  
7 related health conditions.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Food and Drug Administration and the Internal Revenue Service will  
9 oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

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

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

## **A Bill to Disarm Patrol Officers**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill shall prohibit patrol officers from carrying and/or using a firearm.

3 **SECTION 2.** “Patrol officers” shall be defined as police officers that are assigned to a  
4 specific geographic area, also known as a “beat cop”. “Firearm” is  
5 defined as a rifle, pistol or any other portable gun.

6 **SECTION 3.** The enforcement will be through the Department of Justice

7 A. If a state or local law enforcement agency does not abide by this  
8 law, they will lose all federal funding for law enforcement.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented immediately.

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



## A Bill to Require Cultural Competence Training for Medical Schools

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All medical schools receiving federal funding will be required to provide  
3 cultural competence training to all students. This training must occur at  
4 least once during a medical program. All training must be reviewed by  
5 the Department of Health and Human Services to ensure compliance.

6 **SECTION 2.** Cultural competence training will cover implicit bias and communication  
7 strategies designed to provide all medical students with an understanding  
8 of how to better serve those from all ethnic and racial backgrounds.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will work with the  
10 Department of Education to implement this legislation.

11 A. The Department of Health and Human Services will ensure the  
12 content of the training is effective.

13 B. The Department of Education will oversee the implementation and  
14 evaluation of the program. Any school found not in compliance may  
15 lose access to federal funding until such time as they become  
16 compliant with Section 1.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect two years after passage.

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