

Legislation for Preliminary Sessions

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Thank you to all the schools who submitted legislation.

Our congress tab staff selected one bill per school to create a humane amount of prep with a high variety of topics for debate.

A Bill to Bring Hygienic Equality

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All Female Hygiene products will be free across the country.
- 2 **SECTION 2.** Feminine Hygiene products shall be defined as personal care products used
3 during menstruation, vaginal discharge, and other bodily functions related
4 to the vulva and vagina.
- 5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of the
6 Treasury shall see to the implementation of this bill.
- 7 A. Female hygiene products will be declared free across the country and
8 will be stocked in all places where they are already found.
- 9 B. The department of Treasury will allocate \$25 billion from the
10 Department of Defense and divert it to the Department of Health and
11 Human Services to pay for this bill.
- 12 C. A new agency within the Department of Health and Human Services will
13 be created called the Hygiene Services, in which hygienic products will
14 be produced and distributed. All workers will be treated and salaried as
15 federal employees.
- 16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2021. All laws in conflict with
28 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Change American Federal Elections

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A. The US Federal Government (USFG) shall conduct elections for federal offices over a 5-day period in all fifty states and territories of the United States.

B. The four-day election window opens Friday at 8 am of the first week of November and closes on Tuesday at 8 pm in the second week in November. Polls will be closed all day Sunday of this election time block. No early voting shall be allowed other than what is contained in Section 6 of this legislation.

SECTION 2. Monday of this election block will be a Federal Election Holiday where all government offices and private businesses and industry shall be closed excluding public transportation for the purpose of allowing citizens to vote.

SECTION 3. States will conduct the federal election in accordance with the criteria set forth by the Federal Election Commission. The FEC shall determine what type of voting system (paper ballots, machines, internet) will become the standard for an election. The exact same electoral process must be used by all polling stations in the US for federal elections.

SECTION 4. Federal elections will require that state-maintained voter registration lists will be purged of those deceased, and all states must follow FEC guidelines for voter eligibility. The intent is that all voter eligibility is exactly equal in federal elections.

SECTION 5. States may conduct state and municipal elections at the same time as mandated federal elections.

SECTION 6. Absentee ballots will be allowed to voters who are out of the country, serving in the military, or domiciled in nursing facilities. Absentee ballots must arrive by 8 pm on the last election day.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by The Potomac School.

A Bill to Reform the USDA to Stimulate Sustainable Agriculture

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) shall halt certain subsidies
3 and redirect resources towards sustainable agriculture.

4 A. The USDA Risk Management Agency, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation,
5 and Commodity Credit Corporation will close.

6 B. The following subsidy programs will be terminated: Agriculture Risk
7 Coverage, Price Loss Coverage, Conservation Stewardship Program,
8 Conservation Reserve Program, Market Facilitation Program, Price Support
9 Programs, and Agricultural Trade Promotion Program.

10 C. All surrendered assets and saved funds will be redirected to sustainable
11 agriculture and child nutrition programs. At least 50% of sustainable
12 agriculture funds must be granted to small farms.

13 **SECTION 2.** Sustainable agriculture is defined in in 7 U.S. Code § 3103 and includes but is not
14 limited to vertical farming, organic farming, and agroforestry. Small farms are
15 defined as those with gross cash farm income under \$250,000.

16 **SECTION 3.** The USDA is responsible for the implementation of this legislation.

17 A. The USDA Office of Inspector General will submit a biennial report to the
18 House Committee on Agriculture regarding the allocation of funds and the
19 success of sustainable agriculture programs.

20 **SECTION 4.** This bill will begin a phase-in period in fiscal year 2023 and all terminations must
21 be completed by the end of fiscal year 2030.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Seven Lakes High School.

A Bill to Abolish Capital Punishment

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **Section 1.** Capital punishment will be banned in every state, every territory, and all
- 2 federal jurisdictions.
- 3 **Section 2.** Capital punishment, also known as the death penalty, is defined as the
- 4 sentencing of a convicted person to death as punishment for a crime
- 5 **Section 3.** The Department of Justice will oversee the ban of the death
- 6 penalty.
- 7 **A:** The sentences of the people who are currently on death row will have
- 8 their sentences commuted to life in prison upon passage of this act.
- 9 **B:** Any state official who is found to be complicit in the violation of this law
- 10 will be charged with first degree murder.
- 11 **Section 4.** This ban will be put into effect immediately after this bill is passed.
- 12 **Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
- 13 and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln East High School.

A Resolution to Untie Tibet

1 **WHEREAS,** The Tibetan population is being inhumanely controlled by the Chinese
2 Communist Party; and

3 **WHEREAS,** China has forcibly ruled upon the Tibetan Plateau for over 70 consecutive
4 years, while the global stage sits in innaction; and

5 **WHEREAS,** China has been committing erroneous cultural, religious and human rights
6 crimes in Tibet, including the genocide of 1.2 million Tibetans; and

7 **WHEREAS,** The religious liberty of 6.5 million Tibetan Buddhists is constantly at risk by
8 the authoritarian practices of the Chinese Communist Party; now,
9 therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled officially declare support the movement
11 for Tibetan gradual independence; and, be it

12 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That formal relations are established between the United States,
13 Chinese and pro-independence Tibetan leaders, on a mission to Tibetan
sovereignty

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Glenbrook South

A Resolution to Provide Economic and Military Support to the Maghreb

1 **WHEREAS,** The North African region of the Maghreb has been devastated by conflict
2 and is in dire need of added economic and military support and it is; and

3 **WHEREAS,** These conflicts that have displaced thousands and have created a refugee
4 crisis in Southern Europe; and

5 **WHEREAS,** The conflicts in the Maghreb drown hundreds each year in the
6 Mediterranean Sea every year trying to escape the conflicts; and

7 **WHEREAS,** Without any intervention the region will continue to fall deeper into
8 conflict and displace and kill many people so therefore, be it enacted; and be it

9 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation
10 that the United States helps develop and create urgently needed infrastructure and
11 projects in the Maghreb like green energy to keep other foreign powers like China and
12 Russia from gaining a foothold in the region; and be it

13 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** The United States will also provide military aid and training to
14 U.S-backed governments and groups in the region as well as providing naval assistance
15 to stem the flow of refugees into Southern Europe.

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

A Bill to Mandate Same-Day Voter Registration for Federal and State Elections to Improve Voter Turnout

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Same-day voter registration shall be offered at all polling locations for
2 federal and state elections.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** A. Polling locations shall be defined as any location where ballots are cast
4 during federal or state elections.
5 B. Same-day voter registration shall be implemented for both primary and
6 general elections.
7 C. To register, eligible voters shall be required to present a valid photo
8 identification and proof of residence. Individuals shall also take an oath
9 that confirms that they are at least 18 years old and eligible to vote.
10 D. Ballots shall include a checkbox that shall indicate whether the voter
11 registered same-day at the polling location or ahead of time.
- 12 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Commission shall oversee the enforcement of this bill.
13 A. The voter registration status indicated on the ballot shall be used to
14 determine whether states and polling locations are following the
15 measures outlined in this bill.
16 B. Should a polling location fail to comply with the voter registration
17 measures outlined in this bill, the state that the polling location was in
18 shall be ineligible to apply for any federal government grants until the
19 state complies.
- 20 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on June 1st, 2021.
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- 22 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Milton Academy

The Gabby Giffords Gun Violence Prevention Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** (a) It shall be unlawful to purchase, sell, or possess an assault weapon, if
2 one is currently owned the federal government will buy it back.
3 (b) It shall be unlawful for any person who has a serious mental illness to
4 purchase, sell, or possess a firearm.
5 (c) Gun Owners shall be required to go under mental health screenings
6 every 3 months or risk losing possession of their firearm(s).
7 (d) Those wishing to purchase, sell, or possess a firearm shall be required
8 to go through a background check process every 3 months, or risk losing
9 the ability to purchase, sell, or possess a firearm.
- 10 **SECTION 2.** (a) Assault weapon is defined as any semi-automatic firearm with a large
11 magazine of ammunition that was designed and configured for rapid fire
12 and combat use.
13 (b) Serious Mental Illness is defined as a mental, behavioral, or emotional
14 disorder resulting in serious functional impairment, which substantially
15 interferes with or limits one or more major life activities.
- 16 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives shall oversee
17 the implementation and enforcement of this bill. The Department of
18 Health and Human Services shall assist in the implementation of mental
19 health screenings.
20 A. Funding for this legislation shall come from the budget of the Bureau
21 of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.
- 22 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on January 8th, 2022.
- 23 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Robbinsdale High School

The Equality in Education Act of 2021

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. In order to comply with educational requirements and in an effort to promote diversity and inclusivity, all educational institutions must incorporate LGBTQ+ history into their history curriculum.

SECTION 2. The teaching of United States history shall include a study of the roles and contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people in the history of the United States, representing at least ten hours of instruction for all levels of US history courses.

SECTION 3. Educational institutions shall be defined as schools, junior colleges, colleges or universities that are: operated or directly supported by the United States; operated or directly supported by any State or local government or by a political subdivision of any State or local government; or approved by a State agency or subdivision of the State, or accredited by a State-recognized or nationally recognized accrediting body.

SECTION 4. The United States Department of Education shall be responsible for the implementation and enforcement of this legislation.

A. Schools who fail to adequately comply with this legislation shall not be granted educational funding or other grants.

B. Schools who fail to adequately comply with this legislation shall further be deemed “not meeting federal education standards” and the names of such schools will be published on the Department of Education’s website.

SECTION 5. This legislation will take effect on August 1st, 2021, with implementation required for the 2021-2022 school year. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Taipei American School, Taiwan