



Minnesota Debate Teachers Association

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students from MN.

The 16 pieces of legislation in this packet are divided in half. The first 8 should be the primary pieces of legislation for 11/7. The second 8 should be the primary pieces of legislation for 11/14.

## **A Resolution to Promote a Two-State Solution for the Conflict Between Israel and Palestine**

**WHEREAS,** The Middle-Eastern land, held by Israeli and Palestinian forces, has been a source of conflict for over a century due to political and religious divisive forces between the two groups; and

**WHEREAS,** A peaceful resolution is sorely needed with rising tensions as of late; and

**WHEREAS,** A two-state solution, providing Israel and Palestine with their own sovereign states, has had significant international support for decades; and

**WHEREAS,** Most polling suggests that both Palestinians and Israelis as well as their governments support a two-state solution; and

**WHEREAS,** The United States has supported such notions recently with the development of their Middle-East Peace Plan; and

**WHEREAS,** This plan failed because of U.S. failure to accommodate Palestinian needs in the creation of said plan; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** by the Congress here assembled, that the United States shall promote a two-state solution with the goal of achieving peace between Israel and Palestine by developing a plan with mutual benefit between the two groups.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by East Ridge High School*

### **A Bill to Ban Standardized Testing**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1. All standardized testing shall be banned.
- SECTION 2. A **standardized test** is any form of **test** that (1) requires all **test** takers to answer the same questions, or a selection of questions from common bank of questions, in the same way, and that (2) is scored in a "standard" or consistent manner, which makes it possible to compare the relative performance of individual
- SECTION 3. The Department of Education will oversee the implementation of this legislation.
- SECTION 4. This shall go into effect on July 1 2021.
- SECTION 5. All laws that conflict are null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cooper High School

# A Bill to Reform the Foster Care System to Support Children in Need

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Foster Care has been a neglected and half-baked system for a very long time.  
2 Children forced to enter this system are suffering from not being raised  
3 properly with care, or being housed with hostility. This negatively impacts the  
4 next generations. The United States shall provide better funding to the foster  
5 care system, implement better training, and administer monthly foster family  
6 qualification check-ins.

7 **SECTION 2.** Foster care shall be defined as "a temporary arrangement in which adults  
8 provide for the care of a child or children whose birthparent is unable to care  
9 for them. Foster care is not where juvenile delinquents go. It is where  
10 children go when their parents cannot, for a variety of reasons, care for  
11 them."

12 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and The U.S. Department  
13 of Treasury will oversee the enforcement of this bill.

14 a. The U.S. Department of the Treasury will ensure adequate funding for  
15 proper qualification check-ins with families who foster children. They will  
16 find funding for this as they see fit in order to provide funding for  
17 qualification check-ins with foster families.

18 b. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will evenly distribute  
19 this money to every state foster care administration.

20 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on November 3, 2021. All laws in conflict with  
21 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.  
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## **A Resolution to Rebuild the Food Pyramid**

**WHEREAS,** The current food pyramid and the agricultural production system in the United States is heavily misrepresentational of human nutritional needs; and

**WHEREAS,** The resulting misrepresentation has caused a reliance on carbohydrates and a lack of truly nutritional energy sources in the average American diet; and

**WHEREAS,** Reliance on glycogen-rich foods (carbohydrates) have been proven to increase obesity, diabetes, heart disease, damaging gut bacteria, and a decrease in mental clarity and lifespan; and

**WHEREAS,** These bodily issues are improved when introduced to a diet low in net carbohydrates and rich in meat, poultry, vegetables, greens, fruits and nuts; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled promote a new food pyramid that, from bottom upwards, promotes healthy fats (nuts, seeds, some fruits), protein (meat, fish, milk, eggs), vegetables/greens, and finally carbohydrates (fruits, whole grains); and, be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled pass further legislation to promote a sustainable shift in agricultural production to make this nutritional ratio more accessible to the average American.

# A Bill to Avoid Malnutrition in Prison

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT;

1                                **SECTION 1.**        The national prison food system shall be reformed as follows:

2                                Food served in prisons shall be ensured to be sanitary

3                                Food served in prisons must be sufficient in terms of caloric content and required nutrition

4                                **SECTION 2.**        Subsection A; Food must not be spoiled, or rotten, and must be  
5                                free from impurities, damaging chemicals, and must not have been in contact  
6                                with any potentially contaminated animals or objects.  
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8                                Subsection B; Food must have nutrition required to be healthy, as well as enough  
9                                nutrition.  
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11                               **SECTION 3.**        The Federal Bureau of Prisons, the U.S. Food and Drug  
12                               administration, and the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service will oversee the  
13                               implementation of this legislation.  
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- 15                               • The Federal Bureau of Prisons will implement the reformed nutrition  
16                               system in the prisons.  
17                               • The U.S. Food and Drug administration will oversee the safety of food  
18                               served(excluding meat, poultry, and egg products).  
19                               • The USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service will oversee the safety of  
20                               any meat, poultry, and egg products served.  
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22                               **SECTION 4.**        This bill will be implemented on February 1, 2021

23                               **SECTION 5.**        All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null  
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*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Edina High School.*

# **A Bill to Offset Agricultural Runoff**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** For any Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) or farm in the United States, a 2% tax will be levied on their net revenue in order to offset the environmental harms of agricultural runoff.

Runoff and direct environmental harms, as a result of both CAFOS and farms, will be cleaned by trained persons serving mandated community service hours, and be supplemented with contracted businesses.

**SECTION 2.** Farms are any business whose main income is derived from selling grown/raised animal products, agricultural products, or both.

**SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will be responsible for the implementation of this legislation. The US Probation and Pretrial Service System and U.S. Parole Commission will be in charge of training and matching people with community service hours to CAFOs and farms.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect six months from passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by East Ridge High School*

## **A Bill to Rename Columbus Day**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

Columbus day shall be renamed Indigionus People's Day

**SECTION 1.** The second Monday of October, now called Columbus day is renamed to Indigionus People's Day.

**SECTION 2.** a. Indiginous peoples day shall be defined as a celebration of native American history and culture  
b. All special rules regarding employment during Columbus day are applied to Indiginous People's Day.

**SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Commerce is to implement this name change.

**SECTION 4.** This goes into effect at the start of the fiscal year of 2021.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Armstrong High School*



# **A Bill to Ban Artificial Food Coloring**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS ASSEMBLED HERE THAT:

**Section 1.** Food coloring shall be banned from any consumable food, hereby declaring all food must only use natural colorant. Studies by Center for Science in the Public Interest and various other sources conclude that the nine artificial dyes approved in the United States likely are carcinogenic, cause hypersensitivity reactions and behavioral problems, or are inadequately tested.

**Section 2.** Food coloring shall be defined as synthetic colorants that are only present to please the eye. Artificial dyes derived from petroleum are found in thousands of foods. In particular breakfast cereals, candy, snacks, beverages, vitamins, and other products aimed at children are colored with dyes. Even some fresh oranges are dipped in dye to brighten them and provide uniform color.

**Section 3.** The FDA shall oversee the implementation on this bill and enforce the requirements over the transition period.

**Section 4.** This legislation shall be taken into effect in 5 years, an adequate period of time for this transition according to various studies from companies that would be affected by this bill. During the 5 year transition anything that contains food coloring must display a clear and distinct warning label.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jasmine Garry - Eden Prairie High School*

# A Bill to Tax Plastic Use by Companies and Give Subsidies to Companies Who Use Clean Energy in Production of Goods

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1   **SECTION 1.**    Use of plastic materials by American corporations will be taxed at a 15%  
2                               increased rate. Subsidies will be given at an equal rate to companies who  
3                               invest in clean energy sources.

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5   **SECTION 2.**    American corporations will be defined as: headquarters within the United  
6                               States regardless of businesses around the world. Companies investing in  
7                               clean energy shall be defined as any company who can prove that they are  
8                               moving towards 100% clean energy within the next ten years at a steady  
9                               rate (defined as progress every year).

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11   **SECTION 3.**   The Environmental Protection Agency will oversee the implementation of  
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14   **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2021. All laws in conflict with  
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*Introduced for Congressional Debate by John Marshall High School.*

# A Bill to Illegalize the holding of Military Grade Weapons by civilians

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**SECTION 1.** Military grade weapons will from now on be banned from civilian hands.

**SECTION 2.** The term "military grade weapon" is used to refer to weapons that are used by the military.

**SECTION 3.** Stations will be set up at every city with more than 5,000 residents for citizens to hand over their weapons. Stations will accept weapons and transfer them to the military within the next year.

**SECTION 4.** Any citizen found with a military grade weapon in their possession after the implementation of this bill will face up to 5 years in prison and/or a \$10,000 fine.

**SECTION 4.** This bill will be funded and overseen in full by the Department of Defense

**SECTION 5.** This bill will be implemented at the end of 2021

**SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Edina High  
School.*

# **A Bill to Protect and Fund Planned Parenthood to Help all who use Their Services.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Planned Parenthood has been the sight of controversy in the constant  
2 battle between the democratic and republican parties for years now.  
3 However the fight for Women's rights is not one up for debate. The United  
4 States shall implement better funding and a firm stance to protect its  
5 citizens human rights.

6 **SECTION 2.** Citizens Human Rights shall be defined as by the United Nations  
7 Declaration of Human rights. Specifically citing Article 25 section 1,  
8 "Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and  
9 well-being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing  
10 and **medical care and necessary social services**, and the right to security in  
11 the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, widowhood, old age or  
12 other lack of livelihood in circumstances beyond his control."

13 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee  
14 any and all enforcement of this bill.

15 A. The Department of Health shall work with the United States Treasury to allocate  
16 funding from where they see fit to ensure no citizen shall be denied medical  
17 service and various social services from Planned Parenthoods across the nation.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on October 1st, 2020. All laws in conflict  
19 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.  
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# A Bill to End Cash Bail

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1                    **SECTION 1.**        Judicial courts will be required to replace cash bail with a  
2                    model called Community Release with Support within six months of the  
3                    passing of this bill.

4                    **SECTION 2.**        Community Release with Support is a model that  
5                    emphasizes supporting the needs of people charged with a crime but has  
6                    not yet been convicted, called pretrial. The court will interview the person  
7                    pretrial about transportation, unstable housing, or health concerns and  
8                    come up with a support plan. Communication will continue until the date  
9                    of the trial.  
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**SECTION 3.**        The Department of Justice will work with the courts to  
uphold this bill and provide any necessary funding.

A. Extra funds from the decrease of pretrial holdings will also be used to  
fund this bill.

**SECTION 4.**        This bill will begin implementation in January 2021.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Liam Foote at Edina Highschool.*

# **A Bill to Strengthen the United States Response Initiatives to China's Belt and Road Initiative**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The U.S. Blue Dot Network shall be granted \$60 billion dollars for the launching of the global infrastructure development program.

**SECTION 2.** The "Belt and Road Initiative" (BRI) shall be defined as China's multi-trillion dollar international loan program.

**SECTION 3.** The "U.S. Blue Dot Network" (BDN) shall be defined as the United States program to attract private capital to infrastructure projects in developing and emerging economies.

**SECTION 4.** The United States Department of State will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

**SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

**SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by East Ridge High School*

## **A Bill to Mandate Body Cameras**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:  
Police on duty are required to wear cameras at all times for the safety of officers and constituents.

**SECTION 1.** Police Officers on duty are required to wear recording devices turned on at all times, whose feed will be available on a public database.

**SECTION 2.** a. Recording devices shall be defined as devices worn on the person capable of recording audio and video and transmitting recordings to a public database.

b. Public Database shall be a searchable government website containing all these recordings.

**SECTION 3.** This will be enforced by local police departments as well as the Department of Justice.

**SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented in the beginning of the 2021 fiscal year.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Armstrong High School*

## **A BILL TO RAISE TAXES ON CARBON EMISSIONS**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS ASSEMBLED HERE THAT :

SECTION 1. The Congress here assembled shall increase the Carbon Emission Taxes on  
Companies that release carbon dioxide To better the quality of air in the  
United States Of America.

SECTION 2. The following definitions shall apply to this legislation :

A. "Pollution" shall be defined as the presence in or introduction into  
the environment of a substance or thing that has harmful or  
poisonous effects.

B. "Carbon dioxide" shall be defined as a colorless, odorless gas produced by  
burning carbon and organic compounds and by respiration.

SECTION 3. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will oversee the enforcement of  
the bill.

A. Carbon Emission will be raised by 10% on those not compliant.

B. Funds can be used for the research and production of renewable energy  
sources.

SECTION 4. This Bill shall go Into effect January 1st, 2021

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

*A BILL FOR CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE BY KEERTI TUMU - EDEN PRAIRIE HIGH SCHOOL*



# **A Bill to Eliminate the Pentagon's Hand-Me-Downs**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** Section 1033 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 1997

shall be stricken from the text of the Act and the program,  
commonly known as the "1033 program," shall cease.

**SECTION 2.** The National Defense Authorization Act of 1997 references H.R.

3230 from the 104th Congress. The 1033 program shall be defined  
as the program permitted under section 1033 of H.R. 3230 that  
allows the Department of Defense to get rid of excess military  
equipment by passing it off to local law enforcement.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense shall be responsible for the  
implementation of this legislation.

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

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