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# **A Bill to Implement Paid Family Leave**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1.** The United States Government shall grant 20 weeks of paid family leave, which can be split among parents during their child's first year of life.

**Section 2.** Paid family leave shall be defined as partially or fully compensated time away from work for specific and generally significant family caregiving needs, such as the arrival of a new child or serious illness of a close family member. Parent shall be defined as the person acting as a parent or legal guardian of a child, whose legal rights to do so have not been terminated.

**Section 3.** The Department of Labor shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

**SECTION 4.** This bill shall go 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 Timpanogos High School*

# A Bill to Provide Land Acknowledgment

<sup>1</sup> BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

<sup>2</sup> **SECTION 1. A.** All government buildings shall include a land acknowledgement developed <sup>3</sup> through collaboration with local Indigenous groups, indicating the Indigenous <sup>4</sup> groups whose traditional homelands they inhabit.

<sup>5</sup> **B.** U.S. Military Bases and Installations shall be exempt from this requirement. <sup>6</sup>

**SECTION 2.** “Government building” shall be defined as any non-military structure funded by <sup>7</sup> the U.S. Federal Government or containing offices of federal, state, or local <sup>8</sup> government programs.

<sup>9</sup> **SECTION 3.** The Executive Branch and the Bureau of Indian Affairs shall be responsible for the <sup>10</sup> implementation and enforcement of this legislation. Any government programs <sup>11</sup> which fail to comply with this regulation will have 10% of their operating budget <sup>12</sup> transferred to the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

<sup>13</sup> **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2022.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Blake Congressional Debate Tab*

## A Bill to Increase NASA Funding to Further Explore Our Solar System

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The National Aeronautics and Space Administration shall be given an additional 15 billion dollars to fund human exploration of deep space.

**SECTION 2.** The National Aeronautics and Space Administration may be referred to as NASA.

**SECTION 3.** NASA will oversee the implementation of funding allocation.

1. 2 billion dollars of the above funding shall be used to fund the Orion Crew Program. 2 billion dollars of the above funding shall be used to fund the Space Launch System (SLS) program. 1 billion dollars of the above funding shall be used to fund the Gateway System. 3 billion dollars of the above funding shall be used to fund the Human Landing System. 7 billion dollars of the above funding shall be used to fund the development of Ion Powered Engines for human space flights to Mars and beyond.

**SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented upon passage by the Department of the Treasury and Office of Budget Management.

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

*Submitted by Isaac Ellison, Grand County*

## A Resolution to Transition to Statehood

1 *WHEREAS, The Constitution of the United States states, “The Congress shall have Power to*  
2 *dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other*  
3 *Property belonging to the United States” (Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2); and*  
4 *WHEREAS, The U.S. Territory of Puerto Rico passed in November 2020 a referendum to*  
5 *become the 51st state; and*  
6 *WHEREAS, No valid petition for statehood has ever been denied by the United States*  
7 *Congress; now, therefore, be it*  
8 *RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled recommends the 46th President of the*  
9 *United States*  
10 *issue a proclamation on January 20, 2021, to begin the transition process that will result*  
11 *in Puerto Rico’s admission as a state effective January 1, 2022.*

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by the National Speech and Debate Association*

## A Bill to Increase the DEA's Budget to Better Combat Drug Trafficking Within the United States

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1:** The federal funds set aside for the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) shall be increased as needed. This will allow for more resources to be allocated to task forces whose primary goal is to search out and end domestic drug traffic operations.

**Section 2:** The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) shall be defined as a federal law enforcement agency that is responsible for inhibiting drug smuggling and drug abuse within the United States. Drug trafficking shall be defined as an illicit trade involving the cultivation, manufacture, distribution and sale of substances which are subject to drug prohibition laws.

**Section 3:** The United States Congress shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation through allocating the proper budget additions to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

A. Congress will monitor the DEA's use of this additional funding at the end of each fiscal year to determine what adjustments, if any, need to be made.

**Section 4:** This piece of legislation will be effective at the beginning of the fiscal year 2023

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

*Submitted for Congressional Debate by Hunter High School*

## A Bill to Adopt a No-First-Use Policy for Weapons of Mass Destruction

**Section 1.** The United States Armed Forces may only use Weapons of Mass Destruction in response to foreign attacks that are composed of, or are accompanied with weapons of mass destruction. Weapons of Mass Destruction may also be used against large-scale conventional weapon-based aggression.

**Section 2.** Weapons of Mass Destruction is defined as “any weapon that is designed or intended to cause death or serious bodily injury through the use of chemical, biological, or radioactive/nuclear means.”

**Section 3.** The United States Armed Forces and all other military-related branches shall be subject to the outlined provisions above.

**Section 4.** This legislation shall come into full force and effect upon passage.

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

*Respectfully submitted by Andrew Erickson of Beaver High School.*

A Resolution to [Discontinue] [the direct use of] [Solitary Confinement] to  
[Focus more on rehabilitation]

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   Over 60,000 inmates are held in solitary confinement on a day to day basis;  
2                   and  
3   **WHEREAS,**   Prisoners held in solitary confinement are more likely to get mental illness,  
4                   and are less likely to talk about them; and  
5   **WHEREAS,**   The cost of solitary confinement is about three times the cost of  
6                   incarceration--\$75,000 average; and  
7   **WHEREAS,**   The living conditions and medical care offered are in violation of the United  
8                   Nations human rights standards for POW's; and  
9   **WHEREAS,**   Rehabilitation's average cost is \$2,000 dollars per class per inmate; and  
10 **WHEREAS,**   The recidivism rates would decrease and will increase employment; and  
11                  now, therefore, be it  
12 **RESOLVED,**   That the Congress here assembled [should put a restriction on the use of  
13                  solitary confinement]; and, be it  
14 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That there will be a concerted effort in rehabilitating imprisoned  
15                  individuals.  
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*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jenica Garrett from Westlake Highschool.*

# Educational Balance Act of 2020

<sup>1</sup> BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

<sup>2</sup> **SECTION 1.** All Land-Grant Institutions within United States borders and territorial holdings <sup>3</sup> shall establish a cost- and requirement-free enrollment system for US Citizens <sup>4</sup> with Tribal membership. Students enrolled under this legislation may not be <sup>5</sup> charged room, board, activity, textbook, or any other fees by the Land-Grant <sup>6</sup> Institution.

<sup>7</sup> **SECTION 2.** “Land-Grant Institution” shall be defined as any institution of higher education in <sup>8</sup> the United States designated by a state to receive the benefits of the Morrill Acts <sup>9</sup> of 1862 and 1890. “Tribal membership” shall be defined as enrollment in any <sup>10</sup> state-recognized or federally-recognized tribe.

<sup>11</sup> **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Education and the Bureau of Indian Affairs shall <sup>12</sup> be responsible for the joint implementation and enforcement of this legislation. <sup>13</sup> **A.** Institutions that fail to comply with this legislation shall not receive federal <sup>14</sup> funds for the following fiscal year.

<sup>15</sup> **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1st, 2021.

<sup>16</sup> **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declare null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Blake Congressional Debate Tab*

## A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Modify the Electoral College

**WHEREAS,** The current system of the Electoral College has resulted in the election of presidential candidates with a smaller portion of the national popular vote than their opponents, So be it

**RESOLVED** By the Congress here assembled, that the following section shall, in lieu of the second paragraph of Section One of Article Two of the Constitution of The United States, be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states:

“Each State Shall Appoint a number of electors, equal to the number of Representatives to which the State may be entitled in the Congress, and each of the candidates for the office of president shall submit a list of desired electors, and the legislatures of the states shall pick the electors from the lists of the electors provided in proportion to the percentage of the popular vote that each candidate received in the state’s general election, rounded to the nearest whole elector: but no senator or representative, or person holding an Office of Trust or Profit under the United States, or any candidate for the Office of President, shall be appointed an Elector.” Be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** This amendment shall take effect immediately upon ratification by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states, unless that ratification shall occur less than six months before the next vote of the electoral college, in which case it shall go into effect on the Fourth of July the following year.

*Submitted by Isaac Ellison, Grand County*

## A Resolution to Decriminalize Personal Drug Use

1 *WHEREAS, Huge swaths of the American population are in prison due to a drug-related crime,*

2 *compounding the already existent issue of individuals getting trapped in the prison*

3 *pipeline as societal structures create a bulwark against opportunities even once they*

4 *leave prison, such as employment; and*

5 *WHEREAS, There are currently more than 389,000 people in prisons for drug-related offenses and*

6 *individuals, consequently, fear the retributively centered American justice system,*

7 *which discourages them from seeking safe injection sites or medical treatment for*

8 *overdoses; and*

9 *WHEREAS, The current legal system has demonstrated that the criminalization of drugs lacks*

10 *incentives for individuals not to use drugs in the ways that government officials hoped,*

11 *meaning without significant legal alterations individuals will continue to be sent to*

12 *prison in huge quantities; and*

13 *WHEREAS, Oregon in November of 2020 became the first state to decriminalize the possession and*

14 *personal use of all drugs in small quantities; and*

15 *WHEREAS, Oregon is expanding access to addiction assistance and other health services instead of*

16 *arresting and jailing its vulnerable populations; now, therefore, be it*

17 *RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled recommend states adopt measures such as Oregon's*

18 *to decriminalize the possession and personal use of drugs.*

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## **A Bill to Establish a U.S. Belt and Road Initiative**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Federal Government will make available \$250 billion in funding for

3 the creation of the, "Pan-American Infrastructure Investment Initiative,"

4 or PAIII.

5 **SECTION 2.** Federal funds appropriated for PAI will be used to build an

6 interconnected infrastructure apparatus that will include, but not be

7 limited to, building roads, ports, energy grids, telecommunications

8 centers, airports, and other buildings used for commercial and trading

9 activities in the United States, Central America, South America, and the

10 Pacific Islands.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Departments of State and Treasury will be jointly responsible for the

12 implementation of PAIII.

13 **A.** The State Department will be responsible for working with foreign

14 governments in the pursuit of implementing PAIII.

15 **B.** The Treasury Department will be permitted to seek additional funding

16 from Congress as needed for the implementation of PAIII.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Blake Congressional Debate Tab*

## A Bill to Implement Instant-runoff Voting (IRV) for Federal Elections

**SECTION 1.** All Federal elections shall use a system of Instant-runoff Voting (IRV), replacing the current Plurality Voting system.

**SECTION 2.**

**A.** *Instant-runoff Voting* is defined as “an electoral system whereby voters rank candidates in order of preference. In the event that one candidate fails to achieve a sufficient majority, the candidate with the fewest number of first-preference rankings is eliminated and these votes redistributed, the process being repeated until one candidate achieves the required majority” and;

**B.** Plurality voting is defined as “an electoral system in which each voter is allowed to vote for only one candidate, and the candidate who polls more than any other counterpart (a plurality) is elected.”

**SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Commission, in conjunction with state election agencies, shall enforce this voting system.

- A. This voting system shall only be enforced only for Federal elections that use Plurality Voting.
- B. Races that use the Two-round system in Federal elections are exempt from above described provisions.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect after the 2020 census updates and amends the number of representatives each state is allotted and then will be first used in the 2022 midterm election.

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

*Respectfully submitted by Andrew Erickson of Beaver High School.*

## A Resolution to Encourage Integration of Individuals Formerly Convicted of Crimes into the Workforce

1 WHEREAS, If the purpose of the correctional system is to rehabilitate individuals convicted of  
2 crimes, the high rate of unemployment of formerly incarcerated individuals prevents  
3 their productive integration into the American workforce and compounds problems of  
4 recidivism; and

5 WHEREAS, Systemic racism within the criminal justice system has contributed to deep racial  
6 disparities in hiring practices; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled urge States to implement legislation  
applicable for

8 public and private sector employers to prevent questions pertaining to conviction  
9 history in initial employment applications, as well as guidance for expungement and  
10 record-sealing; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That States are urged to encourage facilitation of peer-to-peer  
12 networks to help employers devise, share, and implement best practices of fair chance hiring  
13 to better integrate citizens into the workforce following conviction and/or incarceration; and,  
14 be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That Congress establish a joint oversight committee to audit the  
16 Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's enforcement of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act,  
17 particular to race in hiring practices.

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## An Amendment to Restore Democracy

<sup>1</sup> BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

<sup>2</sup> **RESOLVED**, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is

<sup>3</sup> proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States,

<sup>4</sup> which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution

<sup>5</sup> when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states

<sup>6</sup> within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

<sup>7</sup> **ARTICLE –**

<sup>8</sup> **SECTION 1**: All United States Territories shall be apportioned voting

<sup>9</sup> Members in the House of Representatives based on

<sup>10</sup> population. All entities currently granted non-voting

<sup>11</sup> members in the House of Representatives shall now be

<sup>12</sup> apportioned voting members by population. Each territory

<sup>13</sup> and entity shall also be apportioned Electors equal to the

<sup>14</sup> total number of voting Congressional Representatives.

<sup>15</sup> **SECTION 2**: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by

<sup>16</sup> appropriate legislation.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Blake Congressional Debate Tab*

## A Bill To Remove Urban and Rural Hazards

ACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Natural hazards in Urban and Rural communities will be removed.

Rural, urban, and other areas of the United States are encumbered with unsafe old buildings, caves, and other various removable hazards that endanger lives

And detract from the communities.

SECTION 2. The US will use its Agricultural budget to provide The United States safe and Surpassable conditions of life for all Americans by removing, or rendering

Safe these hazards through community improvement projects and then use these Lands for local/community agricultural support/enhancements that can bring

Community self reliance, food production, and economic growth.

SECTION 3. The United States will not cut out of tax payer dollars unless circumstances comply with such. After initial costs, the land usage will be self Sustaining and bring economic repayment through taxes and local growth.

SECTION 4. This bill will begin to be enacted immediately after passage.

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

*Submitted by Ethan Winn, Westlake High School*

## Global Climate Change Resilience Strategy Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. 8 U.S.C. 1101(a) is amended—

3 (A). To replace paragraph 8 with: “the term ‘climate-displaced person’ means  
4 any person who, for reasons of sudden or progressive change in  
5 environment impacting life or living conditions— (a) is obliged to leave his or  
6 her habitual home, either within his or her country of nationality or in  
7 another country; (b) is in need of a durable resettlement solution; and (c)  
8 whose government cannot or will not provide such durable resettlement  
9 solution.”

10 (B). To amend paragraph 34 to read: “The term ‘designated application center’  
11 means any United States embassy or consulate, or other facility as the  
12 Secretary of State may delegate to accept applications for climate-displaced  
13 person status.”

14 SECTION 2. 22 U.S.C. 2151p, §117 of Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 is amended to  
15 establish within the Department of State a comprehensive 10-year “Global Climate  
16 Change Resilience Strategy,” to mitigate impacts of climate change on  
17 displacement and humanitarian emergencies. This agency shall—

18 (A). Establish criteria, metrics, and mechanisms for determining aid, assistance,  
19 and multilateral policies needed for such mitigations internationally;

20 (B). Determine what the United States can do to pathways for relocation to the  
21 U.S., up to and including citizenship for climate refugees.

22 SECTION 3. The Secretary of State and Secretary of Homeland Security are responsible for  
23 enforcement of this act, as well as reporting to Congress on the efficacy of  
24 implementation.

25 SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect upon passage, with all laws in conflict hereby declared  
26 null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by the National Speech and Debate Association, as  
inspired by S.2565, “A Bill to establish a Global Climate Change Resilience Strategy,” 116th  
Congress, sponsored by Sen. Edward Markey*

## A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Impose Term Limits on Supreme Court Justices

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

**ARTICLE -- SECTION 1.** 10 year term limits shall now be imposed on all current and future Supreme Court justices. Current justices shall serve until their tenure of office amounts to 10 years.

**SECTION 2.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Timpanogos High School*

## The Native American Infrastructure Bill

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. Native American tribal communities will be provided with resources to develop  
3 infrastructure for both investment in education and healthcare services.

4 SECTION 2. The following definitions will apply:

5 A. Healthcare services will be defined as both internal medical technology for existing  
6 hospitals or other healthcare infrastructure and the development of emergency  
7 equipment, such as medical transportation.

8 B. Native American tribe is defined in Section 4 of the Indian Self Determination and  
9 Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C § 5304)

10 SECTION 3. The Bureau of Indian Affairs will work in conjunction with individual Native  
11 American tribes, the Department of Education, and the Department of Health and Human  
12 Services to implement this legislation.

13 A. The Department of Health and Human Services and respective Native American  
14 tribes will be allocated \$2.75 billion for the development of healthcare infrastructure  
15 and emergency service technology.

16 B. The Department of Education will work collaboratively with the Bureau of Indian 1  
7 Affairs and allocate \$750 million toward investment in educational infrastructure and  
18 resources.

19 SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect January 1, 2022.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the National Speech and Debate Association

## A Resolution to Incorporate Computer Science into Core Curricula

1 WHEREAS, Computer science courses such as coding and web development result in the

2 creation of many valuable technical skills with tremendous employment opportunities; and

3 WHEREAS, Fully-online and free course materials make such content accessible to students

4 all across the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, Many additional skills such as critical thinking and problem solving are enhanced

6 by computer science study; and

7 WHEREAS, Education standards are best left to individual states to consider and deploy;

8 therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation to the

10 individual states and territories to adopt computer science courses as a facet of their core

11 curricula.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the National Speech and Debate Association

## A Resolution to Establish Full Parental Paid Leave

1 WHEREAS, In the United States, there are not currently national paid-leave policies that  
2 enable all parents, in particular male parents, to take time off work directly following the birth  
3 or adoption of a child, putting pressure on the female parent to assume the majority of the  
4 stay-at home tasks involved with raising a young child; and  
5 WHEREAS, More than three quarters of American fathers return to work within one week of  
6 the adoption or birth of their child, fearing they may lose their jobs if they do not; and  
7 WHEREAS, The expected difference in leave from work leads to discrimination against  
8 women in hiring processes, enabling corporations to avoid spending money on paid leave;  
9 and WHEREAS, In countries, such as Sweden, where there is an established paternal leave,  
10 women earn up to 7% more than they do in countries without paternal leave, and fathers  
11 have the opportunity to cultivate a better relationship with their child; now, therefore, be it  
12 RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation to all  
13 states and territories to establish gender parity with universal parental paid leave laws.

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