



A Bill to Legalize Medical Marijuana to Improve Public Health

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** The cultivation, distribution, prescription, possession, and use of marijuana and marijuana-derived products for medical use will become legal in the United States.
- SECTION 2.** Medical marijuana is defined as marijuana as recommended by a licensed doctor in the treatment of a medical condition.
- SECTION 3.** The Federal Drug Enforcement Administration will be responsible for overseeing the enforcement of this bill, which will include the reclassification of marijuana.
- A. The DEA will remove marijuana from the Schedule I list and move it to a list that acknowledges its potential for medical use.
- SECTION 4.** This bill shall become law immediately upon passage.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Brookings HS

A Resolution to Slash the United States Military Budget

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The current United States military budget is \$740 billion dollars; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** The United States military budget accounts for over half of all federal
3 discretionary spending; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** The Pentagon is asking for \$989 billion in its fiscal 2020 budget; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Military spending is the second largest item in the federal
6 budget after Social Security; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The United States spends more on defense than the next nine countries
8 combined; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** The defense base budget of \$576 billion funds the National Security
10 Strategy and National Defense Strategy.; now, therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States military budget
12 shall be reduced to only 10% over the defense base budget by the 2021
13 fiscal year.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by The National Speech and Debate Association



A Bill to Require Mask Wearing in Public Places and Private Businesses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** Individuals are required to wear a mask correctly in public places and private businesses until COVID-19 drops below an infection rate of 1:1,000. This includes areas where 6 feet can be maintained and time is less than 15 minutes. Individuals are required to wear a mask at outdoor gathers where 6 feet separation cannot be maintained-example- concert.
- SECTION 2.** A mask is a covering that covers mouth and nose at the same time.
- SECTION 3.** Individuals over the age of 5 not wearing a mask face a \$100 fine. Police forces not enforcing mask-wearing will have a 10% federal and state funding cut.
- SECTION 4.** This bill shall become law immediately upon passage.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Aberdeen, HS

A Bill to Control Asian Carp

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Asian Carp shall be controlled by the private individuals. This will be done by exchanging currency for pounds of carp. The currency exchange rate will be 50 cents per pound.

SECTION 2. Asian Carp includes grass, black, silver and bighead carp.

SECTION 3. The U.S Fish and Wildlife Service will oversee implementation of this bill.

- A. The currency exchange will happen at any U.S Fish and Wildlife Headquarters.
- B. The U.S Fish and Wildlife will dispose of the carp as they see fit. This may include donation to charities or disposal.
- C. Fishing must be done by bow and arrow, and/or pole/line and/or spear.

SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect on July 2nd of 2021.

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

Introduced for debate by Northern South Dakota District



A Bill to Control Zebra Mussels

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** States that pursue the extermination of Zebra Mussels will be given grants by the EPA.
- SECTION 2.** A Zebra Mussel shall be defined as a small freshwater bivalve mollusk with zigzag markings on the shell.
- SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency, EPA, will be responsible for providing standards, awarding grants, and enforcing this legislation.
- SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect June 1, 2021.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Submitted by Northern South Dakota



A Bill to Increase Funding to the United States Space Force

BE IT ENACTD BY THIS CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The United States Department of Defense shall receive \$10 billion
2. in additional funding for the United States Space Force to increase
3. research and development for military space systems.
4. **SECTION 2.** “Military space systems” are defined as both offensive and
5. defensive space mechanisms, such as advanced satellites, used
6. for the purposes of deterring threats from U.S. forces and national
7. interests.
8. **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Defense will oversee
9. implementation of this legislation to ensure the proper allocation of
10. funds.
11. A. Biennial audits will be carried out to ensure that funds are
12. being utilized effectively and that research and
13. development is making reasonable progress.
14. B. If it is determined reasonable progress has not been met
15. after 15 years, funding will be diverted to private entities
16. under federal government guidance.
17. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect June 1st, 2021.
18. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
19. void.

Introduction for Congressional Debate by Watertown High School



A Bill to Enforce CDC Guidelines during a pandemic

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **Section 1.** This bill would enforce CDC guidelines during a
2. pandemic.
3. **Section 2.** The CDC will provide these guidelines to all individuals
4. and establishments and keep them updated throughout
5. the pandemic.
6. **Section 3.** The World Health Organization will determine when
7. there is a pandemic.
8. **Section 4.** The Department of Health and Human Services (DOH)
9. will oversee implementation of this legislation.
10. A. Any necessary funding would come from fines
11. from establishments that don't follow the
12. guidelines.
13. **Section 5.** This legislation will go into effect immediately.
13. **Section 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby
14. declared null and void

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Watertown High School



A Bill to Repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

BE IT ENACTD BY THIS CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will be
2. repealed
3. **SECTION 2.** The act of reduces the cost of health insurance coverage for
4. people who qualify. The law includes premium tax credits
5. and cost-sharing reductions to help lower cost for lower
6. income individuals and families.
7. **SECTION 3.** The U.S Department of Health and Human Services
8. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect immediately upon passage.
9. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared
10. null and void.

Introduction for Congressional Debate by Watertown High School

A Resolution to Defund the Police

1. **WHEREAS**, ineffective reform has resulted in an unchecked and over-funded system
2. policing which relies on tactics such as warrior training, preparing officers to
3. treat every individual as a threat, and a lack of internal accountability; and
4. **WHEREAS**, nationally, over \$100 billion has been allocated to the police and individual cities
5. often spend an approximate 33% of their general funds on funding the police;
6. and
7. **WHEREAS**, in 2019 over 1,000 Americans were shot and killed by members of the police
8. force, disproportionality affecting Black individuals who are five times more likely
9. than White individuals to have an encounter with the police in which they felt
10. discriminated against; and
11. **WHEREAS**, decreasing the funding that currently goes to police departments would decrease
12. the fiscal and political power of the police while simultaneously awarding capital
13. to other under-funded social services; now, therefore be it
14. **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation to
15. defund the police; and, be it
16. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the excess capital is redistributed to other programs such as
17. education, infrastructure, healthcare, and other social services.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by National Speech and Debate Association



A Resolution to Declare Internet Access as a Human Right

WHEREAS, Although it might seem like the internet is an everyday thing that we can rely on, there are still a large number of people in the U.S. that are without access to the internet; and

WHEREAS, Roughly 47 million individuals, or 15% of the U.S. population do not have access to the internet; and

WHEREAS, One of the most common reasons for not acquiring internet access is non-availability in the area or cost; and

WHEREAS, Internet access is becoming increasingly important in applying for jobs, applying for various government services, such as healthcare, and accessing the sum of human knowledge for education; and

WHEREAS, Internet access is also a tool that is essential for a citizen and voter of the United States to stay informed and use that information to participate in democracy; and

WHEREAS, The lack of internet access to financially troubled individuals and individuals living in isolated rural areas, such as areas in Alaska, denies them access to this essential information; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that: The United States declare internet access a human right, meaning that the United States government should provide it for people who do not have the ability to acquire it and should never take away from an individual that right, or interfere with that right.

Introduced by Lennox High School



A Resolution to change the purpose of the war on drugs to focus more on treatment than punishment.

WHEREAS, The current war on drugs focuses law enforcement resources on punishment of drug use rather than treatment; and

WHEREAS, A punishment focused war on drugs has not stopped soaring drug use, while ignoring the need for drug treatment; and

WHEREAS, The focus on drug punishment has increased U.S. incarceration rates to the highest levels in the world; and

WHEREAS, The current war on drugs leads to increased gang involvement, violence, and financial support to terrorist groups; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled supports shifting the war on drugs from a punishment-centered effort to a treatment-centered effort and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That specific drugs be decriminalized for the purpose of supporting increased treatment efforts.

Introduced by Huron High School

A Resolution to Recommend School Uniforms in Public Schools.

1. **WHEREAS**, Schools should focus solely on learning and school uniforms promote this ideal; and
2. **WHEREAS**, Schools that have school uniforms have seen a 69% decrease in drugs; and
3. **WHEREAS**, Schools that have school uniforms have seen a 51% decrease in violence; and
4. **WHEREAS**, Schools that have school uniforms have seen a 50% decrease in assaults with deadly weapons; and
5. **WHEREAS**, Schools that have school uniforms have seen an 18% decrease in vandalism; now, therefore, be it
6. **RESOLVED**, by the Congress here assembled that school uniforms in public schools are recommended to promote the true reason behind school, learning.

Introduced by Groton Area High School

A Resolution to privatize Social Security

- WHEREAS,** Using the existing system to avert the pending collapse of Social Security will require deep cuts in benefits, heavy borrowing, or substantial tax hikes; and
- WHEREAS,** Private retirement accounts will give a worker contractual rights to retirement benefits, a right missing from the current Social Security system; and
- WHEREAS,** Social Security was established at a time when people had a shorter life expectancy; and
- WHEREAS,** When Social Security began in 1935, the contributions of 17 workers paid for the benefits of one retiree. In 2035 the estimated ratio will be 2:1 workers per beneficiary. Allowing individuals to contribute to their own private accounts may reduce future loss of money from fewer worker contributions; and
- WHEREAS,** Putting Social Security into private accounts does not expose retirement money to risk; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that Social Security be privatized.

Introduced by Mitchell High School

A Resolution to Promote Foreign Investment In India

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States had a trade surplus with India ranging from
2 \$10-16 billion prior to the 2008 financial crisis; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** India is one of the faster developing countries on the globe
4 today; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** US dependence on China has become too large and is giving
6 China too much power over the US economy; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** India’s equity market is one of the most stable in the globe today
8 and will be able to bear an influx of US bonds; now, therefore be
9 it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled promote foreign investment in
11 India, the world’s largest democracy.

Introduced for debate by Watertown High School