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A Bill to Create a Carbon Tax on Industrial Greenhouse Gas Emitters

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE

1 ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. A tax of \$49 per metric ton of carbon dioxide,
3 methane, nitrous oxide, and fluorinated gases will be placed
4 on the industrial emitters of greenhouse gas.

5 SECTION 2. industrial emitters of greenhouse gas will be
6 defined as industrial sources, such as manufacturing, food
7 processing, mining, and construction that produce
8 greenhouse gasses.

9 SECTION 3. This bill will be enforced by the IRS and the
10 Environmental Protection Agency. The tax will be phased in
11 over a three year period according to the following schedule:

- 12 a. The first year rate will be \$15 per metric ton.
13 b. The second year rate will be \$30 per metric ton.
14 c. The third year rate will be \$49 per metric ton.

15 SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect on January 1st of the
16 year after its passage.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict in this bill will hereby be
declared null and void.

Submitted by Norfolk High School

A Resolution to Increase U.S.-Indian Military Cooperation

1. **WHEREAS,** Tensions are high between India and China and border skirmishes
2. between the two counties are increasing; and
3. **WHEREAS,** India's military can not properly defend their country against
4. Chinese attacks; and
5. **WHEREAS,** The United States ought to band with other democracies to
6. counter China's rising military power; and,
7. **WHEREAS,** Studies have shown East Asian countries appreciate continued
8. United States military support to deter China's power; and
9. **WHEREAS,** Russia is currently the leading supplier of arms to India, which
10. diminishes American influence in Asia; therefore, be it
11. **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled, that the United States should
12. strive to build a closer U.S.-India military-to-military relationship, including the
13. promotion of interoperability between American and Indian forces; and, be it
14. **FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the United States should substantially increase the sale
15. of military-grade drones, fighter aircraft, air missiles, military transport aircraft,
16. helicopters, air defense systems, and other arms and military equipment to India.

Introduced by Marian High School

A Resolution To Venture Into The Unknown

1. **WHEREAS**, the last time NASA sent an astronaut into space, was in 2011; and
2. **WHEREAS**, we have barely scratched the surface of the great vastness beyond our
3. atmosphere; and
4. **WHEREAS**, there is nearly untapped potential out in the universe; and
5. **WHEREAS**, we currently have damaged our atmosphere and depleted our natural
6. resources and it is almost irreversible, therefore be it
7. **RESOLVED**, that the Congress here assembled encourage that we increase the funding
8. for NASA, and begin further space exploration, and be it
9. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NASA will start research and development for terraforming
10. technologies.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Millard South Debate

A Bill to Extend Physician-Assisted Suicide Laws to All US States

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This policy will allow for a registered medical practitioner to assist in the
3 death of a patient if the following conditions are met and appropriately
4 documented:

5 a. Patient has made a personal request for physician-assisted
6 suicide;

7 b. In the professional opinions of a registered medical
8 practitioner and a legal practitioner, the patient is competent to
9 make such a request;

10 c. In the opinion of two registered medical practitioners, one of
11 whom has not been involved in the care of the patient, the
12 patient is either;

13 i. Terminally ill

14 ii. In extreme physical or mental pain and suffering.

15 **SECTION 2.** This policy will be in line with regulations in states where euthanasia is
16 legal.

17 **SECTION 3.** Physician-assisted suicide is defined as the practice of a physician
18 intentionally aiding in the ending of a life, specifically in cases of
19 diagnosed terminal illness and extensive pain and suffering. The
20 physician's role is typically to provide a lethal dose of a drug at the
21 explicit, voluntary request of a mentally competent patient. This is to be
22 carried out in the most humane manner, in accordance with medical
23 practices.

24 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and Department
25 of Justice (DoJ) will be tasked with implementing this policy.

26 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect immediately after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Creighton Preparatory School.

A Bill to Terminate the US Federal Department of Education

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **Section 1:** The US Federal Department of Education will be terminated,
3. and all funds that would normally go to this department will now be
4. distributed to each individual states' Department of Education.
5. **Section 2:** Terminate will mean the complete end and removal of this
6. federal department.
7. **Section 3:** The states will, instead of making recommendations to the
8. public school systems all over the United States, make their own state
9. policies regarding their own districts.
10. **Section 4:** This bill will begin implantation in the next fiscal year of
11. October 1, 2021, with full school implantation by August 1, 2022.
12. **Section 5:** All laws in conflict of this legislation will be rendered null and
13. void.

This Legislation is submitted by Hastings Senior Highschool

A Bill to Sail the Seven Seas

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** By fiscal year 2030, 355 battle force ships will be available
2 for the United States Navy in order to achieve the established national
3 policy goal.

4 **SECTION 2.** In order to achieve the goal, the Secretary of the Navy will
5 secure funding and start construction on the following ships: 12 Arleigh
6 Burke-class destroyers; 10 Virginia-class submarines; 6 John Lewis-class
7 fleet oilers; and 5 guided missile frigates.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of Defense shall seek funding through the
9 budgetary process. The Secretary of the Navy will ensure execution of the
10 program until 2030; and reevaluate as needed.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect starting on October 1, 2021.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln East High School.

A Resolution to Modify the UN Security Council Veto Process

1 **WHEREAS,** The system which currently governs vetoes within the
2 United Nations Security Council (UNSC) is undemocratic; and
3 **WHEREAS,** One member state out of 15 voting member states can
4 destroy a solution for peace by exercising an insurmountable veto; and
5 **WHEREAS,** Many permanent member states of the UNSC are operating
6 from a purely self-interested position and, in turn, often fail to work for
7 global progress; now, therefore, be it
8 **RESOLVED,** That the United States urges the United Nations to revise
9 the Security Council veto process to ensure a two-thirds majority vote can
 override any veto within the UNSC.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Millard North.

A Bill to Support Climate Friendly Farming

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** A 20% sales tax will be levied on the sale of beef with the revenue
3. going to the EPA to support climate-friendly farming practices.
4. **SECTION 2.** Beef is defined as the flesh of a cow, bull or ox used as food.
5. **SECTION 3.** The IRS will oversee the implementation of this bill.
6. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect on January 1st, 2022.
7. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
8. and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln Southwest High School

A Resolution Concerning United States Membership in the ICC

- 1 **WHEREAS,** More international participation in the International Criminal Court (ICC)
2 would bring greater legitimacy to the court; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The United States will have trouble in maintaining any sense of leadership
4 on matters of human rights without becoming party to the Rome Statute
5 and cooperating with the proceedings of the ICC; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** In order for the United States to lobby and diplomatically persuade other
7 nations to be more mindful of human rights, the country must protect its
8 image as a defender of human rights; now, therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled recommends the United States engage
10 in all necessary steps to become party to the Rome Statute and join the ICC
11 as a member state which engages in robust participation with the
12 organization.

Submitted by Lincoln High School

A Resolution to Save Social Security

1 **WHEREAS,** millions of retired American workers, who have paid into the system
2 through FICA taxes, rely on Social Security funds for retirement
3 assistance; and

4 **WHEREAS,** the Social Security Trust Funds are projected to become insolvent by
5 2035, according to the program's trustees; and

6 **WHEREAS,** current revenues are insufficient to cover scheduled benefits, causing all
7 beneficiaries to suffer a 20% benefit cut, with cuts increasing over time if
8 revenues into the program are not increased; and

9 **WHEREAS,** The Social Security wage base limit, which is the maximum amount of
10 income that can be taxed for Social Security, is \$137,700 for 2020; and

11 **WHEREAS,** removing the cap could eliminate much of the Social Security funding gap
12 for at least 75 years; therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED,** by the Federal Congress here assembled, that the income cap on the
14 payroll tax should be repealed.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Creighton Preparatory School

A Bill to Encourage the Adoption of Inclusive Zoning Policies

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Section 104 of the Housing and Community Development
3. Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5304) is amended by adding at the end the
4. following: Each grantee receiving assistance under this title shall-
5. (A) - include in the consolidated plan required under part 91 of title
6. 24, Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor thereto) a
7. strategy to support new inclusive zoning policies and
8. (B) - include in the annual performance report submitted under
9. section 91.520 of title 24, Code of Federal Regulations (or any
10. successor thereto) the progress and implementation of the strategy
11. described in subparagraph (A).
12. **SECTION 2.** Inclusive zoning policies shall be defined as authorizing
13. high-density and multifamily zoning; eliminating off-street parking
14. requirements; establishing density bonuses; streamlining or shortening
15. permitting processes and timelines; removing height limitations;
16. establishing by-right development; and relaxing lot size restrictions.
17. **SECTION 3.** This shall be overseen by the Department of Housing and
18. Urban Development.
19. **SECTION 4.** It will be implemented by the beginning of the next fiscal
20. year.
21. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared
22. null and void.

Introduced by Millard South

