

## **A Resolution to Support Japanese Remilitarization For American Interests**

**WHEREAS,** the East China Sea and South China Sea area is growing increasingly contested; and

**WHEREAS,** this contestation continues to pose a risk to US trade and military interests; and

**WHEREAS,** US allies in the Eastern China region remain under constant threat from aggressive neighbors; and

**WHEREAS,** the Japan's military capability and expansion is currently restricted; and

**WHEREAS,** a militarized Japan would aid US interests and promote regional peace; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** by the Congress here assembled that the government of the United States diplomatically endorse Japanese efforts to remilitarize.

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** the United States no longer holds Japan accountable to any military restrictions imposed upon the country by any United States treaties.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Senator Ellen Yang, Newton South High School.*

# A Bill to Halt Climate Change Through Economic Incentive

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

## **SECTION I:**

- A. A Carbon tax of 15 dollars per tonne shall be implemented, which will increase by 6 dollars per metric tonne per each year. This bill shall apply to businesses who release a significant amount of carbon in the manufacturing and shipping processes inside the United States.
- B. Beginning in 2031, this tax shall increase by 15 dollars per year until the tax is worth 250 dollars per metric tonne.
- C. 20% of the revenue shall go towards subsidizing electric vehicles to make them cheaper
- D. 20% of the revenue from this tax shall go towards funding “proven” clean energy alternatives to fossil fuels.
- E. 10% of the revenue from this tax shall go towards funding research into new and innovative projects dealing with renewables and clean energy sources.
- F. The remainder of revenue will be returned to Americans making less than 150,000 dollars a year through monthly dividends.

## **SECTION II:**

- A. “Carbon Tax” is hereby defined as a tax levied on the release of the gas, Carbon Dioxide into the atmosphere.
- B. “A significant amount of carbon” will be determined by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) upon implementation.
- C. “Proven clean energy alternatives” and “new and innovative projects dealing with renewables” will be determined by the EPA upon implementation.

D. “Less than 150,000 dollars a year” is defined as a household income of 150,000 dollars a year or 75,000 dollars or less as a single income filer.

**SECTION III:** The Department of Treasury, Department of Interior, and EPA shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

**SECTION IV:** This bill shall be implemented at the start of FY2022.

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

*Respectfully submitted for congressional debate,*

*Sen. Ben Scharr-Weiner*

*Natick High School*

## **A Bill to Enact Mandatory Paid Maternal Leave**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION I:** All companies with more than 50 employees must provide expecting mothers with paid maternity leave for 12 weeks.
3. **SECTION II:** “Maternity leave” shall be defined as a period of absence from work that is granted to a mother before and after the birth of her child.
4. **SECTION III:** The US Department of Labor shall be charged with the execution and oversight of this legislation.
5. **SECTION IV:** This legislation takes effect on May 1st, 2021
6. **SECTION V:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted for congressional debate,  
Senator Dhruv Satanur  
Shrewsbury High School*

# **A Bill to Socialize Housing in the US**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall allocate \$30 billion to provide anyone below a livable wage public housing. Participants of public housing shall be charged 20 percent of their current income in the form of rent.

- A. In addition, the income taxes for the people with the wealthiest 10 percent incomes in the country shall be increased to 40 percent to accommodate for the cost of public housing

## **SECTION 2.**

- A. A “livable wage” shall be defined as 150 percent of the poverty line following the federal poverty line.
- B. The definition of “public housing” shall be defined as adequate and safe housing subsidized by public funds provided for eligible low-income individuals or families.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) shall enforce this legislation.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1st, 2022.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ace Zheng of Boston Latin School.*

**A Bill to Mandate Same-Day Voter Registration  
for Federal 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  
2           polling locations for federal elections.

3           **SECTION 2.** A. Polling locations shall be defined as any location  
4           where ballots are cast during federal elections.

5                           B. Same-day voter registration shall be  
6           implemented for both primary and general elections.

7                           C. To register, eligible voters shall be required to  
8           present a valid photo identification and proof of residence.  
9           Individuals shall also take an oath that confirms that they are at  
1           least 18 years old and eligible to vote.

0                           D. Ballots shall include a checkbox that shall  
1           indicate whether the voter registered same-day at the polling  
1           location or ahead of time.

1           **SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Commission shall oversee the  
2           enforcement of this bill.

1           A. The voter registration status indicated on the ballot shall be  
3           used to determine whether states and polling locations are  
1           following the measures outlined in this bill.

4           B. Should a polling location fail to comply with the voter  
1           registration measures outlined in this bill, the state that the  
5           polling location was in shall be ineligible to apply for any  
1           federal government grants until the state complies.

6           **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on June 1st, 2022.

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

1           *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Representative Nika Farokhzad.*

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# **Super Session**

## **A Bill to Restore Stability to the Iranian Region**

WHEREAS, the United States withdrew from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action agreement with Iran

Under the Trump Administration, and

WHEREAS in this view of this Congress assembled, the 'JCPOA' succeeded in its goals of increasing the

National security of the United States and regional stability in the region of Iran, and

WHEREAS the Biden Administration has indicated a willingness to rejoin JCPOA,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS ASSEMBLED that Congress fully

endorses the Biden Administration's initiative towards rejoining JCPOA, pending Iranian

agreement to resume compliance with said agreement.

Respectfully Submitted

Sen. Kermit Roosevelt  
Marjane Satrapi High School



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