

2022 MARSHALL UNIVERSITY JOHN MARSHALL SPEECH AND DEBATE TOURNAMENT

CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE DOCKET

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^{*} The order of items on the docket may not be changed.

The CHARTAX Act

	1	BE IT ENACTED	BY THE	CONGRESS HERE	ASSEMBLED	THAT:
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2	SECTION 1.	All charities, including non-profits, will be required to register to a federal
3		registry of charities and other organizations, hereby known as the
4		CHARTAX Program. A new office of the IRS, known as the Federal Charity
5		Office, will be created to oversee all charity related transactions, aid
6		efforts, and donations. All charities, nonprofit or otherwise, shall no
7		longer be exempt from taxation, with a flat tax of 17 percent being
8		imposed onto them, and overseen by the Federal Charity Office. All
9		expenditures of charities, applications for aid, or requests for
10		classification are to be managed by the FCO. Charities that misuse FCO
11		funds will be placed under a process of review and be given a
12		probationary period of 6 months minimum, followed by criminal
13		investigation should problems remain unfixed. Religious institutions will
14		no longer be exempt from taxation and must register as charities if they
15		operate charitable services or alternatively provide some form of
16		essential or necessary community service.
17	SECTION 2.	A charity institution will be defined as any organization that is founded,
18		transitioned into, or designed to aid and assist, directly or indirectly, in
19		the raising and allocation of funds or other materials for any purpose
20		other than for their own.
21	SECTION 3.	The IRS (specifically the newly formed Federal Charity Office) will be
22		responsible for enacting the stipulations of the bill, and the FBI shall be
23		responsible for enforcing them.
24	SECTION 4.	This legislation will take effect immediately upon passing. All laws in
25		conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Caleb M. Hess.

A Resolution to Encourage Younger Teaching of Foreign Language

- 1. WHEREAS, In the United States students are taught foreign languages at an age where
- 2. the ability to learn a foreign language is declining.
- 3. **WHEREAS**, Students will have higher ability to learn and become fluent in a foreign
- 4. Language; and
- 5. WHEREAS, It will be beneficial for them in the future workforce; and
- 6. WHEREAS, They will have an easier time learning a third language after learning their
- 7. second one.
- 8. **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled that all American school systems
- 9. should encourage the teaching of foreign languages at a younger age.

Respectfully submitted,

Thea Bordeaux

Parkersburg High School

A Bill To Allow Capital Punishment In All US States and

Territories

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1: This bill would allow capital punishment in all United States states and territories.

SECTION 2: Capital Punishment is defined as the legally authorized killing of someone as punishment for a crime.

SECTION 3: The Department of Justice would aid in the training of performing capital punishment methods and also ensure property implementation of capital punishment policies.

SECTION 4: All laws in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and void.

SECTION 5: This bill should be fully implemented by January 1, 2023.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Tyler Burda.

A Bill to Retire the U.S. Penny

- 1. Be it Enacted by the Student Congress assembled that:
- 2. Section 1: The United States Mint will retire the U.S. penny from production.
- 3. Section 2: Pre-existing pennies will still be considered legal tender for amounts under
- 4. twenty cents, but businesses will have the option to not accept them.
- 5. Section 3: Businesses with require all cash transactions, with tax included, to round to
- 6. the nearest five-cent increment.
- 7. Section 4: Check and electronic transactions will not be rounded to the nearest five-cent
- 8. increment.
- 9. Section 5: The U.S. Treasury will be in charge of enforcing the stoppage of production
- 10. and the rounding of totals subsequently.
- 11. Section 6: This bill will require no budget outlay.
- 12. Section 7: This bill will go into effect July 1, 2024.
- 13. Section 8: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexandra Biddle

A Bill to Protect Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1	Article I:	Domestic Violence against those who have entered the U.S. unlawfully
2		will now have protection from being deported from the United States when
3		authorities believe there is an occurrence of domestic violence being
4		committed against them. The U.S. will have no cap of U visas for
5		Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence.
6	Article II:	Domestic Violence shall be defined as violence or other abuse by one
7		person against another in a domestic setting.
8	Article III:	This legislation will go into effect in the Fiscal Year of 2022.
9	Article IV:	The Department of Justice alongside the United States Marshals Service
10		will be responsible for the enforcement of this legislation.
11	Article V:	All other laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall
12		hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,



A Bill to Excuse Absences in Public Schools for Mental Health

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
- 2 **SECTION 1**. Public school systems should value mental health the same as physical
- 3 health regarding school absences.
- 4 **SECTION 2**. Mental health is defined as any abnormal/irregular condition or feeling
- that interferes with the behavioral, emotional, and mental processes of
- 6 an individual.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) will oversee the
- 8 enforcement of this legislation.
- 9 A. The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) will provide students,
- staff, and administration in the public school system with training and
- assistance necessary to place emphasis the importance and severity
- of mental health.
- 13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect July 31, 2022.
- **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Kenzie Nottingham

PRIMARY

A Bill to Abolish the AP Test in the Circumstance of a Grade C or Higher

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS THAT:

- **1. Section 1.** The AP Test will be abolished if a student has achieved a grade of C or higher in the respective class for all grading terms prior to the administration of the exam.
- 2. Section 2. The AP Test refers to the test offered to AP students by the College Board to
- **3.** receive a college credit. This test costs the student money.
- **4. Section 3.** The Department of Education will oversee the enforcement of the bill. This
- **5.** bill requires no funding.
- **6.** Section **4.** The bill will go into effect the following school year after this bill has been
- 7. passed.
- **8.** Section **5.** All laws in conflict of this bill will be hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Blake Riggs

Parkersburg High School

A Bill to Recognize the Legitimate Government of China

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 Section 1: The United State of America shall recognize the Republic of China as the
- 2 legitimate government of China
- 3 Section 2: The United States of America shall no longer recognize the People's Republic
- 4 of China as the legitimate government of China
- 5 Section 4: The Department of State and the Department of Defense will establish a joint
- 6 committee designated to develop an Chinese-American alliance
- 7 Section 3: The Department of state will establish a formal embassy in Taipei for the
- 8 purposes of conducting diplomacy with the Republic of China
- 9 Section 5: All pieces of legislation in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and
- 10 void
- 11 Section 6: This bill requires no budget outlay at this time
- 12 Section 7: This piece of legislation shall take effect immediately

Respectfully submitted,

Hunter Gracey

A Bill to Raise the Age to Smoke/Vape in the US to 21 Years Old

- 1. BE IT ENACTED IN THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
- 2. SECTION 1: Due to knowing the affects smoking/vaping has on teenagers and the
- 3. impacts that it has their minds, the age to smoke needs to be changed to 21 years old.
- 4. SECTION 2: Anyone under 21 years old caught smoking or with possession of
- 5. cigarettes/e-cigarettes shall be subject to pay a fine of at least \$500 and no more than
- 6. \$1000 and possible jail time of no more than 30 days in prison if 18 years old.
- 7. SECTION 3: People that are caught giving these cigarettes/e-cigarettes to people under
- 8. 21 years old shall face a fine of at least \$800 and no more than 30 days in prison.
- 9. SECTION 4: The US Department of Health and Human Resources will be in charge of
- 10. enacting this piece of legislation.
- 11. SECTION 5: This bill will go into effect on July 1, 2023
- 12. SECTION 6: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben McElroy