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A Resolution to Open Trilateral Negotiations with China and Russia Regarding Non-Nuclear Missile Reduction

1. WHEREAS, The New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (New START), renewed on February 3rd of 2021, limits deployable missiles, and other arms production by Russia and the United States, but fails to include China in any provisions; and

2. WHEREAS, China is expanding their arms production at rates seen during the Cold War, especially within ICBMs, SLBMs, and IRBMs amongst other arms; and

3. WHEREAS, This increased production has, in some cases, produced arms that surpass the current defense mechanisms of the United States; and

4. WHEREAS, Relations between China and the United States are already fraught with tension regarding incidents such as the human rights abuses in Xinjiang, Taiwan Sovereignty, and any other further pressure could set off a military conflict; and

5. WHEREAS, Any such military conflict would impact the economic and political stability of the United States as well as regional allies such as Japan or South Korea; now,

6. therefore, be it

7. RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that the United States extend trilateral negotiations to China along with Russia for the purpose of developing and ratifying an arms production treaty with a focus on the reduction of ICBMs, SLBMs, and other non-nuclear missiles and arms.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jasper High School.*
A Resolution to Abolish Corporate Tax Cuts to Help Underfunded Federal Programs

WHEREAS, Corporations operating the United States are avoiding paying federal taxes; and

WHEREAS, 157 companies received $73.9 billion in tax cuts; and

WHEREAS, In 2020, 55 of America’s largest corporations paid no taxes on billions of dollars in profits; and

WHEREAS, Federal Programs including the National Flood Insurance Program, are grossly underfunded, rendering them inefficient and ineffective; and

WHEREAS, The American people deserve a government that is fully funded to provide promised services to those who need them; and

WHEREAS, American businesses benefit from open markets, lower tax rates, and limited government regulations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that tax cuts for corporations with a net worth of $50 million or more end in fiscal year 2025; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that monies collected from these corporate taxes be earmarked for currently underfunded federal programs.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hereford High School.
A Bill to Prevent Hospital Nonprofit Status Abuse
To Reduce Medical Costs

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States Federal Government shall deny nonprofit status to any hospital that violates either of the following conditions.

A. Any single executive compensation exceeds $500,000 before tax

B. The hospital fails to use at least 95% of profits generated on capital improvements or measures to reduce costs to patients.

C. The hospital or parent organization contributes to political campaigns or lobbying at the local, state, or federal level.

SECTION 2. The Internal Revenue Service shall be tasked with determining the nonprofit status of hospitals in accordance with Section 1 and any existing restrictions on nonprofit status

A. Hospitals losing nonprofit status for violations of Section 1 shall be audited going back 5 years, or to the date of enactment of this legislation, and shall owe taxes plus interest in accordance with for-profit status for any years in violation.

SECTION 3. This legislation shall go into effect Jan 1, 2023.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rock Hill High School
WHEREAS, The United States has attempted to negotiate the denuclearize of North Korea for two decades and no result; and

WHEREAS, The US’s 1953 Mutual Defense Treaty has kept greater US presence in the Korean Peninsula thus incentivized greater nuclear development efforts in North Korea; and

WHEREAS, The United States currently has over 20,000 troops stationed within South Korea under our alliance; and

WHEREAS, North Korea has expressed their denuclearization as an option, only if the US withdraws from the Korean Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, North Korean denuclearization and US troop withdrawal would leave neither side vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, The Denuclearization of North Korea would significantly strengthen US national security efforts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that the United States withdraw from the 1953 Mutual Defense Treaty in the following year; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, The United States withdraws all troops stationed in South Korea over a four year period.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Alief Kerr High School
A Resolution to Join the CPTPP

WHEREAS, The United States left the TPP (Trans-Pacific Partnership) in 2017; and

WHEREAS, China has increased its dominance in trade across Asia with Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) and other trade initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Rising Chinese dominance has resulted into Debt-Trap Diplomacy and coerces nations to be reliant on China; and

WHEREAS, The US no longer competes en masse with this growing political and economic threat; and

WHEREAS, The TPP provided for trading partners and opportunities across the globe for the US; and

WHEREAS, The newly-formed Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) - the TPP’s replacement - is now ineffective without the United States’ presence; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that the US begins to engage in diplomatic negotiations with members of the CPTPP for the US to renegotiate and sign the multilateral trade agreement.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by The Village High School
The Measuring Act of 2021

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall change the generally accepted measuring system in the US from the Imperial System to the Metric System in order to conform to worldwide practices. The metric system shall be made mandatory and implemented nationwide.

SECTION 2

A. The Imperial System shall be defined as a system of measurement that uses specific units of measurements such as inches, feet, yards, miles, square feet, acres, fluid ounce, cup, pint, quart, gallon, ounce, pounds, and Fahrenheit,

B. The Metric System shall be defined as a system of measurement that uses specific units of measurements such as centimeters, meters, liters, milliliters, kilometers, grams, kilograms, and Celsius.

SECTION 3. Private corporations that refuse to comply with the new system of measurement shall be taxed at 41% of their annual revenue by the IRS until they comply, and in conjunction the following will apply

A. The Department of Transportation shall be allocated $10 billion to convert our nation’s roadways

B. The Department of Education shall be allocated $1 billion towards the re-education of our nation’s students throughout our schools

C. The US Department of Commerce shall be allocated $10 billion towards the switch of measurements within trade relations

SECTION 4. This Bill shall go into effect in the next Fiscal Year

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Alief Kerr Highschool
A Resolution to Negotiate a Grand Bargain between the United States and China

WHEREAS, China has drilled deep in disputed territories to retrieve sediment core from the seabed; and

WHEREAS, This action has raised tensions with neighboring countries in East Asia; and

WHEREAS, China has used artificial islands to falsely extend its control of the sea; and

WHEREAS, International institutions have been unable to resolve the conflict; and

WHEREAS, US action is necessary in order to broker peace in the region; and

WHEREAS, US rejection of the One China Policy has acted as a roadblock for negotiations between US and China; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that the United States should offer to recognize and adopt the One China Policy under the conditions that China peacefully resolves territorial disputes in the South China Sea and East China Sea and abides by international law with regards to territory disputes; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That in exchange for ending the United States’ commitment to the defense of Taiwan, China must officially accept the United States’ long-term military presence in East Asia.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Winston Churchill Highschool
A Bill to Ban Gun Silencers

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States Federal Government will ban the sale, manufacturing, importation, transfer, and possession of gun silencers.

SECTION 2. A “gun silencer” shall be defined as a suppressor that attaches to the barrel of a firearm and muffles the sound and kickback of a gun.

SECTION 3. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) will oversee the enforcement and implementation of this legislation.

   A. The Act would also grant a 365-day grace period once the legislation is enacted so that those in possession of a silencer can return it to a state approved gun shop with no negative consequences.

   B. In addition, the Act will authorize a buyback program for silencers using federal Byrne JAG grants.

   C. The Act would still provide limited exceptions of gun silencers for certain current law enforcement personnel, for certain Atomic Energy personnel and purposes, and for certain authorized testing or experimentation.

SECTION 4. This bill will 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 Elkins High School*
The Aquaculture Expansion Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Understanding the prominent risk of overfishing and the detriment it poses to the marine life of the Gulf of Mexico, $15 Billion is hereby allocated for furthering research and implementing extensive commercialization of aquaculture in the Gulf of Mexico.

SECTION 2. Aquaculture will be defined as the rearing of aquatic animals or the cultivation of aquatic plants for food.

SECTION 3. The Department of Agriculture will oversee the funding and implementation of a program specifically for aquatic farming and cultivation while working with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for additional research and guidance.

A. Grants to subsidize the research on aquaculture efficiency methods will be given to with a degree in biology or aquaculture.

B. Sea animals and plants must be verified by the Department of Agriculture and the NOAA before being mass produced and farmed.

C. Any farmer caught not following any conservation guidelines set by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) without proper approval will be subject to a $50,000 fine and will have their agriculture license suspended and revoked.

SECTION 4. This bill will hereby be in effect January 2022.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by San Angelo Central High School
A Resolution to Promote US Interests in the Middle East

WHEREAS, The Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) was signed on October 18th, 2015 as a means of restricting Iran’s nuclear arsenal development in exchange for sanctions relief; and

WHEREAS, On May 8th, 2018, then-President Trump announced that the United States would be exiting the agreement; and

WHEREAS, Iran has continued to increase its uranium enrichment to develop a nuclear weapon since, and now has the capability to develop a nuclear weapon within six months; and

WHEREAS, Iran also continues to engage in destabilizing proxy conflicts across the Middle East which harm United States interests in the region; and

WHEREAS, President Biden hopes to convince Iran to rejoin the original 2015 agreement; and

WHEREAS, The 2015 agreement is outdated and does not account for things like Iran’s support of proxy conflicts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that the United States should work to establish a new, updated Iran Nuclear Agreement rather than negotiating to rejoin the existing JCPOA.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Coppell High School
A Bill to Introduce Nonvoting Members to Represent Indigenous Tribes in Congress

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. For each federally recognized tribe with greater than 25,000 members according to the most recent US Census, one non-voting member shall be added to the United States House of Representatives.

SECTION 2. A Non-voting member shall be defined as a Resident Commissioner, who has the power to participate in committees, introduce legislation, and speak on the House floor, but can’t vote for both Committee and legislation decisions. They will serve four year terms, and decisions on how representation is chosen will be left to the discretion of each tribe.

SECTION 3. This shall be overseen by the Clerk of the House and the Federal Election Commission.

A. If the tribe leaders do so request, up to $50,000 may be allocated by federal funds for election security and costs of operation.

SECTION 4. These members will be seated starting in the 118th US Congress.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rock Hill High School
A Bill to Terminate Security Aid to Azerbaijan

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall terminate all current security aid being sent to Azerbaijan as well as ban the future deployment of security aid to the country.

SECTION 2. Security aid shall include but not be limited to surveillance tools, defense systems, naval resources, and any other counterterrorism tool.

SECTION 3. The Department of Defense will work in conjunction with the Department of State to enforce this bill as well as reposition the US’ foreign policy strategy with Azerbaijan.

SECTION 4. This bill will 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 John Paul Stevens High School.*
A Bill to Establish a Crypto Task Force to Secure Cryptocurrency

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. $4 Billion shall be appropriated for the creation of a crypto task force on digital assets with the purpose of examining the impact and regulating the rise and future of cryptocurrency companies, such as Bitcoin.

SECTION 2. Task Force (TF) shall be defined as a unit established to work on a single defined task to increase communication and report to, work with and advice the federal government. Cryptocurrency shall be defined as digital currency in which transactions are verified and records maintained by a decentralized system using cryptography.

SECTION 3. The US Department of Treasury will oversee the implementation of this policy while agencies involved include, but are not limited to, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC).

A. The Secretary of the US Department of Treasury shall give quarterly reports to Congress of significant findings and effects of the fluctuation of cryptocurrency.

SECTION 4. This policy shall go into effect fiscal year 2023.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Spring Woods High School
A Bill to Abolish Plea Bargains

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States Federal Government will eliminate the usage of plea bargains within the criminal justice system.

SECTION 2. A “plea bargain” shall be defined as a pre-discussed arrangement between the prosecution and the defendant in which the defendant pleads guilty in exchange for a reduced or alternative sentence. “Plea bargains” shall encompass offers made by both the prosecution and the defense.

SECTION 3. The Department of Justice will oversee the implementation and oversight of this bill.

A. The defendant will still have the right to plead guilty, but the prosecution may not provide any alternate sentencing if the defendant chooses to do so. The trial will continue in the status quo.

B. All sentencing remains under the jurisdiction of the judge if a defendant chooses to plead guilty.

SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect in fiscal year 2022.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jasper High School.
A Bill to Support the Ukrainian Military

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States Army and Marine Corps shall develop a comprehensive program to train and equip Ukrainian soldiers to aid the Ukraine in military conflict with Russian-backed separatist forces fighting against the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

SECTION 2. The United States government shall provide the Armed Forces of Ukraine with modern military technology, tactics, and equipment to ensure military success.

SECTION 3. The US Department of Defense shall oversee this program.

SECTION 4. This program shall take effect at the start of Fiscal Year 2022 or immediately upon any clear showing of Russian military aggression toward or invasion of the Ukraine.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jordan High School in Fulshear, Texas
A Resolution to Provide Fair Housing Opportunities for People with Arrest Records

WHEREAS, The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination concerning the sale, rental and financing of housing based on race, religion, national origin and sex, but does not prohibit discrimination based on an arrest record; and

WHEREAS, Formerly incarcerated people are almost ten times more likely to be homeless than the general public; and

WHEREAS, Property owners have the ability to implement their own screening criteria to determine if an applicant merits housing, including criminal record checks, which means they have wide discretion to punish people with arrest records; and

WHEREAS, This type of discrimination disproportionately targets African Americans and Latino populations, as the justice system incarcerates people of color at a higher rate than white people; and

WHEREAS, The federal Department of Housing & Urban Development does not consider arrest records a legitimate reason to deny someone housing, as it can have a disparate impact on minorities; and

WHEREAS, There are very little legislative precautions to ensure that this type of discrimination does not occur regardless; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that property owners and housing authorities be held under higher standards and regulations to ensure that individuals with an arrest record are not deprived of housing opportunities.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Chapin High School
A Bill to Abolish Gifted and Talented Programs to End Education Inequality

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Gifted and Talented programs throughout public schools are to cease operation.

SECTION 2. The following definitions are provided:
   A. "GT programs" is defined as gifted and talented entry programs offered between K-8 grades that require an entry test for admission.
   B. A "gifted student" is defined as any student classified as GT via testing, merit decided by schools in elementary education, or evaluation determined by teachers and/or administrators.

SECTION 3. The US Department of Education will work with local school districts to oversee the implementation of this bill.
   A. Schools will no longer test and/or seek out students to classify as GT.
   B. Any students currently in GT programs will be transferred back to a standard education with their non-GT peers.
   C. Mental health services will be provided for GT students upon transferring to assist in the adjustment.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect fiscal year 2022.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by William P. Clements High School.
A Bill to Create the Alaskan Visa Program

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Alaskan Visa Program will be created and put into effect.

SECTION 2. 
   a. The Alaskan Visa Program allows 10,000 refugees from Middle Eastern and Sub-Saharan African nations aged 18-25 to seek asylum in the US State of Alaska for 20 years to build crucial infrastructure for the state of Alaska.
   b. Refugees will be provided with tuition, room, and food for free at any public college or university in the state of Alaska during the fall and spring semesters.
   c. During the summer (months June, July, and August) refugees under the Alaskan Visa Program must sustain employment in a firm that builds or maintains infrastructure for the first 5 years of their 20 years of living in the state of Alaska.

SECTION 3. 
   a. The US Immigrations and Customs Enforcement will oversee the implementation of this bill by providing the refugees with the visas as well as ensuring refugees under this bill are not overstaying their time for more than 20 years.
   b. The Department of Education will oversee the implementation by providing funds for Section 2B of this Bill.

SECTION 4. This bill will be implemented by January 1st, 2022.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by R.C. Clark High School
A Resolution to Support Increased Education and Technology in Federal Prisons

WHEREAS, Since 2018, the First Step Act has addressed issues regarding the lack of education in prisons, and

WHEREAS, The lack of education among 24% of inmates has caused an increase in recidivism rates, and in turn, inmates are left without financial resources or social support systems; and

WHEREAS, The mass prison populations from high recidivism rates have resulted in poor health care, increased gang violence, and mental health issues; and

WHEREAS, Prioritizing the health, education, and safety of inmates will improve the outcomes of individuals to include increased personal income, lower unemployment, greater political engagement, volunteerism, and improved health outcomes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that we amend the 2018 First Step Act to include federally funded education programs to all federal prisons to offer inmates with more education opportunities and better access to internet, academic advisors, and professors; and,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That these educational programs will be available to all inmates who seek further and advanced education in the areas of high school, college, and vocational programs.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Granbury High School
A Bill to Reform Banking to Eliminate Conflicts of Interests

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States dissolve any financial institution that engages in both commercial and investment banking into two separate entities.

SECTION 2. Financial institutions shall be defined as institutions that provide financial services to clients or act as intermediaries for clients entering the market.

A. Businesses will be forced to separate their investment banking divisions from their commercial banking activities.

B. Companies listed on the New York Stock Exchange will be allowed a stock split in order to replenish capital for their commercial or investment banking activity.

SECTION 3. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Securities Exchange Commission (SEC) shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

A. The SEC will oversee the implementation of section 2A.

B. The FTC will ensure that the liquidation of investments from the investment banking division is returned to clients.

SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect fiscal year 2022.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by William P. Clements High School.
A Bill to Increase Homeless Shelters to Rehabilitate the Homeless

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States Government will work to increase the amount of homeless shelters in cities with homeless populations greater than 10,000 people.

SECTION 2. Homeless shelters shall be defined as temporary residencies for homeless individuals and families. Homelessness shall be defined as lacking housing or lacking a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.

SECTION 3. The United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) will work in conjunction with state governments to implement this legislation.

A. An additional 75 million dollars will be allocated annually to the budget of the USICH for a span of 5 years.

B. The additional funding will be attained through diverting funds from the Department of Defense (DoD).

SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect by January 1st 2022.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Spring Woods High School
A Resolution to Condemn Israeli Encroachments on the Palestinian Border

WHEREAS, The United Nations recognizes Palestine as a sovereign state; and

WHEREAS, Israel’s government has promoted encroachment on their border; and

WHEREAS, Encroachment propagates further conflict and radicalization; and

WHEREAS, Is a clear violation of human rights as well as Palestinian sovereignty; and

WHEREAS, Our government provides billions of dollars in aid to Israel; and

WHEREAS, We have a moral duty to prevent human rights violations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that Israeli encroachments are a violation of human rights, Palestinian sovereignty and morality.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Westwood High School
Pandemic Response and Control Act of 2021

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. It is the sense of Congress that rapid response to future pandemics requires quick public action, reliable contact tracing, the ability to distance from infected individuals, and increased public knowledge, and therefore authorizes the following:

SECTION 2. Upon the designation of a Public Health Emergency by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (hereinafter “Secretary”) under 42 U.S.C. § 247d(a)(2), the Secretary may authorize the limitation of protections on individually identifiable health information in 45 CFR §§ 160, 162, and 164. Previously protected individually identifiable information may be released by the Secretary to the Centers for Disease Control, and the governing state health agency for each U.S. State and territory.

SECTION 2. “Individually identifiable health information” will be defined according to 45 CFR § 160.103.

SECTION 3. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will be in charge of enforcing this bill.

A. Previously protected individually identifiable information approved for release shall be limited to the name and the address of any individual infected with the disease which is the subject of the 42 U.S.C. § 247d(a)(2) declaration.

B. The Secretary shall renew or rescind the order authorizing release of protected individually identifiable information every 90 days.

SECTION 4. This bill shall go into effect 180 days after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Tascosa High School
A Bill to Permanently Reinstate the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Congress shall permanently reinstate the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act and increase the Department of Transportation budget to provide for the maintenance of transportation infrastructure and public transit options across America.

SECTION 2. Transportation Infrastructure is composed of fixed installations such as railroads, roads, and airways. Public transit options include but shall not be limited to subways, busses, and other modes of mass transit which reduce fuel consumption, exhaust emissions, and automobile pollution.

SECTION 3. The Department of Transportation will implement and oversee the program.

A. Congress will increase the Department of Transportation budget by $88 billion.

B. $35 Billion of the increased funding may be used by the Department of Transportation to plan new transportation projects that will enhance public transit options.

C. $53 billion of the increased funding may be used by the States and municipalities through the FAST Act federal grant program.

SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect at the beginning of fiscal year 2023.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hereford High School
A Bill to Enact a Ban on Trans-Exclusive Sports Policies to Increase Transgender Equality

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All K-12 public school sports teams that receive federal funding will not be allowed to deny eligibility into sports based on biological gender and must allow anyone to participate on a team with the gender they identify as.

SECTION 2. a. A K-12 public school sports team shall be defined as any sport team such as volleyball, basketball, football etc. in any public or state-owned grade school.

b. The gender(s) of identity shall be defined as this may be their biological, or non-biological sex. In this circumstance gender identity will be defined as a person identifying as a gender outside of their biologically assigned one.

SECTION 3. The Department of Education will enforce this bill by stripping all federal education money from schools found to be in non-compliance.

SECTION 4. This item will take effect on August 1st, 2022.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by R.C. Clark High School
A Bill to Amend Hate Crime Laws

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT;

SECTION 1. 28 U.S.C. § 994 Sec. 280003 is hereby amended to read “when a perpetrator acts based upon a bias towards the victim or their property, based on race, color, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, and disability.”

SECTION 2. Any person who harms or endangers another person on the bias of hate will be prosecuted under 28 U.S.C. § 994 Sec. 280003.

SECTION 3. The FBI will oversee the enforcement of this amendment and shall submit a report to the president by January 1 each year.

A. Every state in the U.S. and any other territory owned by the U.S. shall be subject to this change.

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

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Granbury High School
A Bill to End Forced Labor in Solar Energy Production

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The US will ban the import of all solar panels and components manufactured in the Xinjiang region of China.
   A. All third-party imports of solar panels and/or components must demonstrate that products are produced from a clean supply chain, certified as slave labor free.
   B. This ban will be repealed on the condition that China allows independent, regular and unannounced inspections of its Xinjiang manufacturing facilities to ensure they are in compliance with international standards prohibiting the use of forced labor.

SECTION 2. Congress will allocate $300 million for the purpose of
   A. Loan guarantees and tax incentives to encourage domestic research and manufacturing of solar panels and components.
   B. Investment tax credits of 30% for residential and commercial installation of solar technology.

SECTION 3. The US Department of Commerce will oversee the implementation and enforcement of this bill.

SECTION 4. This law will take effect within 6 months of passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Katy Taylor High School
A Resolution to Impose Sanctions on Ethiopia

WHEREAS, The United States currently provides the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia with approximately $900 billion in aid per year; and

WHEREAS, Ethiopia has been embroiled in the conflict in the northern Tigray state over the past several months; and

WHEREAS, Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed has accelerated the conflict in Tigray from its inception; and

WHEREAS, The aforementioned conflict has grave humanitarian costs, with over 4.5 million Ethiopians in urgent need of humanitarian assistance; and

WHEREAS, Prime Minister Ahmed’s military has been credibly accused of torturing and killing hundreds upon thousands of Tigray militants and civilians; and

WHEREAS, The refugee crisis resulting from the war has spilled over into the neighboring nations of Sudan and Somalia; and

WHEREAS, Various other nations and supranational organizations including the European Union have threatened to impose sanctions on the Ahmed regime; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that the United States impose economic sanctions on the state of Ethiopia for its role in the exacerbation of the ongoing humanitarian crisis in the Tigray region.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Seven Lakes High School*
The Consumer Bankruptcy Reform Act of 2021

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The US Federal Government will hereby end the Chapter 13 Bankruptcy filing program, and remove credit counseling programs as a requirement in bankruptcy filing procedures.

SECTION 2. The following definitions apply:

A. “Chapter 13 Bankruptcy” will be defined as a bankruptcy filing program as outlined in the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure.

B. “credit counseling programs” will be defined as done by the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act (BAPCPA) of 2005.

SECTION 3. The United State Bankruptcy Court will be responsible for the enactment of this legislation:

A. The Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure will be altered to no longer have Chapter 13 Bankruptcy as an option for filing.

B. The maximum disposable income eligibility ceiling of $136 per month to file for Chapter 7 bankruptcy will be abolished.

C. Section 106(a) of the BAPCPA shall hereby be repealed to remove credit counseling programs as a necessity for bankruptcy filings.

SECTION 4. This legislation will be implemented FY 2023.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by The Village High School
Bereavement Healing and Hope Act of 2021

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1.  A. Eligible employers must provide a total of 30 days leave, with 10 of those days being paid leave, for eligible employees who experience a qualifying bereavement event.

B. Eligible employees who experience a qualifying bereavement event will qualify for an increase of $10,000 to the standard income tax deduction to pay for bereavement counseling.

SECTION 2.  “Eligible employer” will be defined according to 29 U.S. Code § 2611(4).

“Eligible employee” will be defined according to 29 U.S. Code § 2611(2).

“Qualifying bereavement event” includes the death of an individual’s spouse, child, parent, step-child, the still-birth of a child, or the miscarriage of a fetus after the 16th week of pregnancy.

SECTION 3.  The U.S. Department of Labor will be in charge of enforcing Section 1(A) of this bill.

A. Employers found in violation of Section 1(A) will be fine $25,000 for the first violation.

B. Employers found in violation of Section 1(A) will be fined $40,000 for each subsequent violation.

C. The Internal Revenue Service shall develop guidelines for reporting an increase to the standard deduction for the use of counseling services outlined in Section 1(B) of this Bill.

SECTION 4.  This bill will go into effect January 1, 2023.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Tascosa High School