A Bill to Ban Hostile Architecture

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States Federal Government will enact a ban on any form of Hostile Architecture in American infrastructure planning.

SECTION 2. Hostile architecture is defined as a design policy intended to restrict the use of public spaces and infrastructure toward solely the intent of the designer, generally in a manner that discourages public use of and recreation in these areas, e.g., anti-homeless spikes, skate strips, bench bars, and anti-bird nesting needles.

SECTION 3. The Department of Housing and Urban Development shall be put in charge of overseeing this legislation.

A. If necessary, they shall oversee local and state governments implementing this change at the local and state level respectively.

SECTION 4. This legislation will be immediately implemented for any current planned infrastructure projects that have yet to complete the design phase, and will remain applicable for any future considered infrastructure.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Leland High School
A Bill to Ban Supermarket Spoilage

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All supermarkets are hereby banned from discarding unspoiled food, or purposefully spoiling food that approaches best-by dates.

SECTION 2. Supermarkets are defined as anywhere groceries can be bought.

SECTION 3. The U.S. The Food and Drug Administration will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

A. Supermarkets found to be discarding unspoiled food, or purposefully spoiling food that approaches best-by dates will be fined.

B. Supermarkets instead must donate excess food to food banks.

C. All proceeds from these fines will go to these food banks.

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

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

Introduced for Debate by Palo Alto High School
A Resolution to Limit Video Game Addiction

WHEREAS, The State of Online Gaming 2021 Report stated that globally, the average number of hours gamers play each week jumped 14 percent in the past year to an average of eight and a half hours,

WHEREAS, The Journal of CyberPsychology and Behavior reported that the amount of time a student spends playing video games has a negative correlation with students' grade-point average (GPA) and Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores,

WHEREAS, The Journal of Psychosocial Research on Cyberspace reported that after an hour of gaming, players reported time distortions of up to 6 seconds for every minute,

WHEREAS, The American Academy of Pediatrics suggests limiting time spent on video games by students to less than one hour on school days and less than two hours on weekends,

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled supports an effort for video game developers to include an in-game clock displaying current time elapsed playing available at all times to players within the game application;

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled urges video game developers to include a weekly report on the total number of hours a player has played in the form of an in-game notification.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pinewood School
A Bill to Cease Sale of Weaponry to Saudi Arabia

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States Federal Government will no longer sell or provide weaponry to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

SECTION 2. Selling or providing weaponry shall be defined as any transfer of weaponry through the Direct Commercial Sales, Foreign Military Sales, and all other arms sales programs within the jurisdiction of the United States Federal Government.

SECTION 3. The U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Political-Military Affairs and the Department of Commerce will oversee the implementation of the cease in sales.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bellarmine College Preparatory.
A Bill to Counter Chinese Aggression against Taiwan

WHEREAS. The Republic of China is known as Taiwan, and

WHEREAS. Tensions in the Taiwan Strait are at all time high due to recent airspace incursions by the People’s Republic of China, and

WHEREAS. The ruling party of the People’s Republic of China, the Chinese Communist Party, has attempted to discredit the United States’ claims that it will defend Taiwan, and

WHEREAS. Pursuant to the Taiwan Relations Act, it is the policy of the United States to “promote extensive, close, and friendly commercial, cultural, and other relations between the people of the United States and the people of Taiwan”, therefore

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall include Taiwan in its extended nuclear deterrence framework in the event of invasion or attack by the People’s Republic of China

SECTION 2. The United States shall fund the procurement of air defense missiles as requested by Taiwan

SECTION 3. The United States reaffirms its commitment to the People’s Republic of China and shall make a formal declaration that it will come to the Taiwan’s defense in the event of invasion or attack by the People’s Republic of China.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Archbishop Mitty High School.