A Bill to Ban Oil and Gas Drilling on National Parks

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

SECTION 1: New leases of National Park lands and waters to companies drilling oil and/or gas will be banned immediately, and all leases given to oil and gas companies within the borders of any National Parks will be terminated.

SECTION 2: National Parks are federally recognized and protected lands set aside for nature conservation.

SECTION 3: The United States Department of the Interior and the National Park Service will oversee the enforcement of this law.

SECTION 4: New National Park land leases given to companies for purposes of gas and/or oil drilling will be banned upon passage, and all previously made leases will be terminated a year after this bill is passed.

SECTION 5: All other laws in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be declared null and void.

Introduced by William Sánchez, Lincoln High School
A Bill Reform the Department of Education to Eliminate Tuitions from all Tertiary education

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Due to the infamous and countless college scandals and the poor response of the Department of Education. Henceforth, all private and public tertiary institutions are no longer allowed to charge any kind of tuition. $125 billion shall be reallocated from the Department of Defense to fund the process.

SECTION 2. A) Private institutions are defined as educational institutions that are paid for by the attendees via means of tuition and privately owned by a trust, charity, or foundation. 

B) Public institutions are defined as educational institutions that educate without charge to attendees as they are funded in whole or in part by taxation and owned by the local, state, or national governments.

C) Tertiary institutions are defined as the educational level following the completion of secondary education which includes universities as well as trade schools and colleges.

SECTION 3. This legislation will be enforced by the Department of Reforms and Public Grievances, Department of Education, and local state/city agencies as deemed appropriate.

A) If any college does not fulfill these processes, they shall be deprived of all federal funding until they comply.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2022. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hyunsoo Lee
A Bill to Require a Stronger Check on the National Emergencies Act to Protect Our Checks and Balances

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Section 201(a) of the National Emergency Act of 1976 shall be amended to state: “To declare a National Emergency, 60% of both houses of Congress must vote to approve the declaration of a National Emergency before the President may exercise powers under the National Emergency Act of 1976.”

SECTION 2. If Congress is in recess, the President may declare an Emergency for up to 30 days pending renewal by congress.

A. The declaration may not be renewed without Congressional Approval.

B. The president may not reallocate funds in excess of $10 million or enact permanent policy until congress approves the emergency.

SECTION 3. This legislation will take effect immediately.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Tara Subramaniam, Lincoln High School.
A Bill to Raise the Minimum Wage

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

1  SECTION 1: The federal minimum wage shall be raised incrementally over a 3-year period until it is 15 dollars per hour.

2  SECTION 2: The federal minimum wage is defined as the minimum hourly rate a business or organization may pay a worker, and currently stands at $7.25 an hour.

3  SECTION 3: The United States Department of labor will oversee the enforcement of this bill.

4  SECTION 4: This process will begin in FY 2022 and be completed by FY 2025.

5  SECTION 5: All other laws in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be declared null and void.

6  Introduced by Ellie Brown, Lincoln High School
A Bill to Prohibit Sales of Water in Plastic Containers

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A. 80% of plastic water bottles end up in landfills, and they take up to 1,000 years to fully decompose.

B. The sales of water sold in plastic containers must be prohibited to take action towards preventing pollution and climate change in today's society.

SECTION 2. "Plastic containers" shall be defined as any vessel holding water that is composed of majority plastic material, as these containers are significantly harming the environment and contributing to climate change.

SECTION 3. This bill shall be enacted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2022. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Nidhi Nair, Lake Oswego High School.