

2022 KYNSDA CONGRESS LEGISLATION

Notes on this packet:

- 1) Legislation was only edited to add line numbering and to fix things like names, images, etc. Otherwise, it is how it was submitted.
- 2) There are two similar bills in the packet. One is for House and one for Senate.
- 3) Most legislation has been debated before, so I hope you feel a little more at ease when you look at the amount of legislation.
- 4) Each chamber may set their own docket, as there is no way students will debate all legislation in one day. However, the docket must have at least one piece of legislation from each school to be equitable for all.

A Bill to Remove “God” from the Pledge of Allegiance

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** In the phrase “One nation under God, indivisible” the phrase “under God”
2 will be removed from the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** The Pledge of Allegiance is a solemn oath of allegiance or fidelity to the
4 U.S., beginning, “I pledge allegiance to the flag,” and forming part of many
5 flag-saluting ceremonies in the U.S.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** This would be changed in the wording of the Pledge of Allegiance. The
7 Department of Education will uphold this new wording in the schools.
- 8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1st, 2023
- 9 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby considered null and void.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rowan County Senior High School.

A Bill to Provide Mental Health Resources to Military Personnel

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Military personnel and military veterans will be entitled to adequate access to medical and non-medical counseling, as needed, in order to care for their mental health. As an incentive for therapists to offer a military discount this kind of discount will be included in the charity section on taxes.

SECTION 2. Military personnel is defined as someone who actively serves in the armed forces. Military veteran is defined as someone who formerly served in the armed forces. Medical counseling is defined as a counseling session with a professional addressing medically diagnosable issues such as substance abuse, mental illness, post-traumatic stress disorder, etc. Non-medical counseling is defined as a counseling session with a professional addressing other issues such as relationship concerns at home or work, managing stress, adjusting to change, dealing with grief or loss, etc.

The charity section on taxes allows individuals and companies to deduct donations they have made to qualified charities and reduce their taxable income.

SECTION 3. The Department of Veterans Affairs will make sure that there is a system in place to help military personnel and veterans find mental health clinics and counselors near them that will suit their needs. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will add the military discount to the list of approved charities for income tax deduction.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on July 1st, 2023.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rowan County Senior High School.

A Bill to Vaccinate the Youth to Promote Public Health

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States will require vaccines for all students of
2 public schools. All public schools must have a 95%
3 vaccination rate unless otherwise specified by the Department
4 of Health (DoH).
- 5 **SECTION 2.** The DoH will define and list all required vaccines. The DoH
6 will also have the liberty to allow for any exceptions to this
7 legislation as deemed fit due to religious objections or health
8 risks.
- 9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health will have the jurisdiction to enforce
10 this legislation. The DoH may work with state or local health
11 departments as necessary. An additional \$100 million will be
12 added to the budget of the DoH to enforce the legislation.
- 13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2023. All laws in
14 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Paul Laurence Dunbar High School

A Bill to Promote Carbon Neutrality

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Corporations will be taxed an additional \$0.03 per ton of
2 carbon emissions.
3 Corporations running carbon neutral or carbon negative over
4 a financial year will receive \$0.05 per ton of carbon saved.
5 The United States will aim to be carbon neutral by 2045.
- 6 **SECTION 2.** Carbon neutral is defined as a company whose carbon
7 emissions are counterbalanced by carbon negative technology
8 such that net carbon dioxide emissions are zero or negligible
9 (less than one ton).
10 Carbon negative is defined as having net carbon emissions
11 below zero.
- 12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy will oversee this legislation and
13 enforce it. All taxes and subsidies will be overseen by the
14 Internal Revenue Service.
- 15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2023. All laws in
16 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Resolution to Affirm the Rights of Refugees

1 **WHEREAS,** Seekers of asylum and refugees must be guaranteed certain rights set forth
2 under international law, and must be given fair treatment, conditions, and
3 chance to prove a case for asylum

4 **WHEREAS,** The U.S *de jure* grants these rights to asylum seekers, but the policies and
5 practices of the Departments of Homeland Security, Justice, Health and
6 Human Services, ICE, and CBP often fail to adequately protect these and,
7 often flagrantly contradict them

8 **WHEREAS,** The U.S should uphold and protect the rights of asylum seekers to the full
9 extent required under both U.S law and international conventions and
10 customs; now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED,** That the U.S hereby affirms the diverse human rights of asylum seekers, and
12 the associated obligations of the government; and be it further

13 **RESOLVED,** That the U.S government accepts the responsibility to uphold these rights,
14 including under the UN Convention and Protocol Relating To The Status of
15 Refugees, and accepts the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice in
16 all legal disputes over such responsibility

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bowling Green High School

A Bill to Withdraw all US Troops From any Country not a Member of NATO

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All US Troops stationed in any foreign territory that is not a member of the
- 2 NATO alliance will be withdrawn back to US territory or to any other NATO
- 3 base. Any base the US withdraws from will be placed in the hands of the
- 4 host nation and its armed forces.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** NATO- The North Atlantic Treaty Organization or also known as North
- 6 Atlantic Alliance is a intergovernmental military alliance between 27
- 7 European countries, 2 North American countries, and 1 Asian country that
- 8 was founded in 1949 in which all allies swear to defend one another if one
- 9 member is attacked.
- 10 Overseas Military Bases- Military bases that are geographically located
- 11 outside of the country whose armed forces are the main occupants of said
- 12 base.
- 13 **SECTION 3.** The US State Department and US Department of Defense will oversee this
- 14 bill.
- 15 A. The State Department will be in charge of handling any diplomatic issue
- 16 that may come up during the withdrawal process.
- 17 B. The Department of Defense will oversee the withdrawal of all US troops
- 18 from any country not part of NATO and redeploy them either to the US
- 19 and any of its territory or the territory of any member of NATO.
- 20 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect in January of 2023.
- 21 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Larry A. Ryle High School

A Bill to Restrict Targeted Political Advertising on Social Media

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Targeted political advertisements on any social media platform run by
3 Candidates, Candidate Committees, Party Committees, and Political Action Committees
4 will hereby be prohibited.

5 **SECTION 2.** Targeted political advertisements are to be defined as the dissemination of
6 advertisements based on personal information that an advertiser has either (1) purchased

or

7 otherwise obtained from another person or that (2) identifies an individual as a member
of a

8 protected class such as race, gender, or religion. Social Media platforms are defined as
9 websites and applications that enable users to create and share content or to participate in
10 social networking.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Elections Commission will be responsible for overseeing the
12 implementation of this legislation. Any entity in violation of this legislation shall be fined
13 \$1,000 per 5,000 views until 10 million views. Any views in excess of 10 million shall be
14 fined at a rate of \$5 per view.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2023.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Henry Clay High School.

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Mandate Jungle Primaries

- 1 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is
 2 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall
 3 be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by
 4 the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the
 5 date of its submission by the Congress:
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- 8 **SECTION 1:** All states will be required to implement a Jungle Primary system
 9 for all local, state, and federal elections. This system will be based
 10 on the current system in Louisiana.
- 11 **SECTION 2:** A Jungle Primary is defined as a system where voters vote first in a
 12 primary election in order to determine the candidates, and then
 13 select the candidates through a runoff election.
- 14 **SECTION 3:** The primary election will occur on the first Tuesday of October. In
 15 this election all candidates running for a given position in local,
 16 state, or federal office will appear on the same ballot, regardless
 17 of party affiliation. If any candidate receives a majority of the
 18 votes in this primary election, he or she is elected to office, and
 19 no runoff election will be held for the respective seat of office. If
 20 no candidate receives a majority, the top two candidates who
 21 receive the most votes will advance to the runoff election, which
 22 will be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in
 23 November.
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- 25 **SECTION 3:** The Federal Election Commission will have authority over this new
 26 system. In addition, Congress shall have power to enforce this
 27 amendment by passing appropriate legislation.
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- 29 **SECTION 4:** This amendment will take effect on January 1, 2024

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Henry Clay High School.

A Bill to Protect Student Athletes

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** No public school student athlete shall be allowed to practice
3 more than 6 hours per 3 7-day week per sport, not including scheduled
4 games.

5 **SECTION 2.** Public school student athletes shall be defined as a student
6 athlete playing a sport for a public, non charter school through grades
7 6-12. Practice shall be defined as habitual team meetings to work on
8 certain skills as a team or individual. Scheduled games shall be defined
9 as competitions with a set time and place beforehand.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall oversee the enforcement
11 and implementation of this bill.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect January 2023

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Henry Clay High School.

A Resolution to Address the FSO Safer

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **WHEREAS** the FSO Safer, an oil tanker off the coast of Yemen, owned and controlled
- 2 by the Houthi rebels has fallen into disrepair, and threatens to spill more
- 3 than 1 million barrels of Oil into the Red Sea; and
- 4 **WHEREAS** these barrels of oil are estimated to freeze the Yemeni port of Hodeidah,
- 5 which is the entry point of more than $\frac{2}{3}$ of foreign food aid to Yemen; and
- 6 **WHEREAS** more than 120,000 Yemeni fishermen will lose their source of income in
- 7 the event of an oil spill; and
- 8 **WHEREAS** UN negotiations to assess, repair, and remove the tanker have faltered
- 9 leaving the problem unaddressed; now, therefore be it
- 10 **RESOLVED** the US will strongly encourage the UN to redouble its efforts to negotiate
- 11 with the Houthis and to purchase the FSO Safer; and
- 12 **RESOLVED** the US provide for the UN the funds necessary to purchase the FSO Safer
- 13 outright not in excess of \$60 million of discretionary defense funding and
- 14 be responsible for housing or disassembly of the vessel once purchased;
- 15 and
- 16 **RESOLVED** the US will work with the UN in negotiations with the Houthis and the
- 17 Yemeni State to replace the FSO Safer.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Henry Clay High School.



A Bill to Require Use of Hemp in Place of Virgin Fossil Fuel Plastic

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All companies manufacturing single-use products from virgin fossil
2 fuel-based plastics must begin using recycled plastic or hemp plastic or
3 other biodegradable, sustainable, and renewable plastic alternatives by
4 January 2025.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** Virgin fossil fuel means any solid, refined liquid or refined gaseous fossil
6 fuel with a Btu content greater than 7,000 Btu/lb which is not blended
7 with reprocessed or recycled fuels. Hemp plastic is a bioplastic material
8 that isn't made from fossil fuels.
- 9 **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency and the Food and Drug
10 Administration will oversee the enforcement of this bill. There shall be
11 appropriated 10.5 million dollars to the departments for implementation.
- 12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on October 1, 2022.
- 13 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bowling Green High School

A Bill to Restart the Keystone XL Pipeline

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All work on the Keystone XL Pipeline shall be restarted and the project
2 completed by June 2023.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** The Keystone XL Pipeline is a crude oil pipeline designed to move crude
4 oil from Alberta Canada to various processing hubs in the middle of the
5 United States.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Land Management and State Department will oversee the
7 enforcement of this bill.
- 8 A. 100 million dollars will be appropriated to oversee the project.
- 9 B. Once the pipeline is functional, a 1.2% gas tax will be levied until the
10 100 million dollars is repaid to the U. S. Treasury.
- 11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect upon the passage of this bill.
- 12 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bowling Green High School

FOR THE HOUSE ONLY

A Bill to Reinstate the Keystone Pipeline to Achieve Oil Independence

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The Keystone Pipeline will be reinstated for service.
- 2 **SECTION 2.** Keystone Pipeline - an oil pipeline system in Canada and the United States
- 3 **SECTION 3.** This bill shall be enforced and managed by the US Department of Energy.
- 4 a. This bill shall grant any and all funding necessary for the pipeline to
- 5 be deemed effective once more.
- 6 b. The US Department of Energy will design and enforce any and all
- 7 training programs for the staff hired for this project.
- 8 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.
- 9 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Larry A. Ryle High School.

A Bill to Enforce Stricter Regulations of Genetically Modified Foods

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The federal government will hereby enforce mandatory
2 measures for all commercially sold genetically modified foods
3 (GMOs). Premarket approval will be required for all GMOs,
4 and the FDA's Plant Biotechnology Consultation Program,
5 which is currently voluntary, will be made mandatory.
- 6 **SECTION 2.** Commercial products refers to any food that is offered to a
7 general public.
8 Genetically modified foods (GMOs) are any products derived
9 from an organism by means of altering DNA in a way not
10 naturally occurring.
11 Premarket approval refers to the process in which the product
12 is scientifically reviewed for safety of consumption before it
13 can be sold.
- 14 **SECTION 3.** All jurisdiction over these modifications will be given to the
15 U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The FDA will be
16 allocated \$1.5 million dollars to be used on the
17 implementation of the bill. Any leftover funds can be used in
18 other parts of the FDA as deemed necessary by FDA officials.
- 19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take place at the start of FY 2023. All laws
20 in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
21 void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Paul Laurence Dunbar



A Bill to Require Universities to Regulate Greek Letter Organizations

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Any postsecondary institution receiving public funding must impose
3 stricter regulations on any Greek Letter Organization.

4 **SECTION 2.** A Greek Letter Organization is a social fraternity or sorority at a university
5 with a name consisting of Greek letters.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee the enforcement of this bill.

7 A. The department shall develop minimum regulation standards and
8 penalties for noncompliance.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect on August 1, 2023.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bowling Green High School

A Bill to Commercialize the Holiday Season

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States will impose an additional 5% federal sales
2 tax on electronics, toys, accessories, and clothes during
3 highly commercialized Holiday Seasons.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** The additional sales tax will be minimal compared to savings
5 so as to not completely burden consumers or businesses.
6 The recognized Holiday Seasons will consist of the dates
7 November 24-30 and December 20-26.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will oversee the passage
9 and enforcement of this legislation. The Federal Trade
10 Commision will determine the eligibility of goods to be taxed
11 under this legislation.
- 12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2023. All laws in
13 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Paul Laurence Dunbar High School

ARTICLE –

SECTION 2: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

