**LBJ District Congressional Legislation Docket 2022**

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**A Bill to Ban Prescription Drug Advertisements**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1**. Prescription drug advertisements will be banned from airing on any platform to decrease medical misinformation and inappropriate prescriptions of medication.

**Section 2**. Inappropriate prescriptions: The exposure of drugs via advertisements often prompt prescription requests, which are driven by insufficient or misleading information. A physician granting an uninformed request, either because of lack of knowledge, time, or other variables, may lead to unnecessary and potentially harmful prescribing.

**Section 3.** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will enforce the ban on prescription drug advertisements. They will do so by fining the pharmaceutical company 75% of the earnings the advertisement made before being pulled.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on June 1, 2022.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Emerson High School.*

**A Bill to Criminalize Revenge Porn**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1**. The digital dissemination of images or videos of a prurient nature without the consent of all parties pictured shall be prohibited.

**SECTION 2**. A. Digital dissemination will be defined as publicly posting or granting individuals access to picture or video files using telecommunication technology.

B. Prurient nature will be defined as images or videos that reveal the reproductive organs, and/or of the commission of a sex act, as defined by US Code 18 § 2246.

C. Consent will be defined with the same definition of US Code 10 § 120.

**SECTION 3.** Violations of Section 1 will be investigated and prosecuted by the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

A. Individuals may be sentenced by up to 6 months of federal incarceration per photograph and up to 2.5 years per video and will be entered into the Sex Offender Registry.

B. Victims may be due up to $5,000 per photo and $20,000 per video in restitution as well as being entitled to civil damages for pain and suffering.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2022.

**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 Resolution to Increase Regulations of Private Prisons

**WHEREAS**, Private prisons are located in 31 states and continue to grow; and

**WHEREAS**, Private Prisons: prisons that are contracted by the government that uses imprisoned people to make a profit; and

**WHEREAS**, The use of Private Prisons is a loophole created by the 13th amendment for slave labor has raised concern; and

**WHEREAS,** Whereas the purpose of prison is rehabilitation, Private Prisons encourage an increase in incarceration; and

**WHEREAS**,While these institutions are meant to be safe, there has been limited staffing and limited government regulations to ensure safety; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled should create more regulations within Private Prisons.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Wylie Sr High School*

**A Bill to Increase Funding for Public Transportation in Metropolitan Areas**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1**. The United States Federal government shall provide $200 billion to fund the implementation of mass transit in various metropolitan areas and their suburbs.

**SECTION 2**. Metropolitan areas shall be defined as an urban area with a population of 800,000 inhabitants. Suburbs will be defined as neighboring cities with a population greater than 100,000 residents. Mass transit shall be defined as large-scale transportation in the form of trains, buses, and subways integrated throughout the city.

**SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Transportation shall see the implementation and enforcement of this bill. If a state refuses to abide by this, federal funding for highways and roads will be decreased.

1. The funding shall come from redistribution of current infrastructure spending to increase spending on mass transit.
2. State governments shall be permitted to contribute to the construction and funding of mass transit.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect in fiscal year 2023.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Emerson High School*

**The Defense of Religious Freedom Act of 2022**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1**. No Government entity, federal, state, municipal or special, may under any circumstance force the closing of religious facilities for any purpose, nor restrict the number of attendees.

**Section 2**. Religious Facilities is defined as any building which is either owned by a religious organization by which serves an expressed religious function, including but not limited to churches, temples, mosques, synagogues, tabernacles, chapels, and seminaries

1. Religious Organization is defined as a Section 501(c)(3) organization which has a system of beliefs and which has an organized way of practicing those beliefs.

**Section 3.** This law shall be enforced by the law enforcement of the several states

1. Penalties for government officials, elected or appointed, for violating this law shall include removal from office, a fine of minimum $2,000, and a prison term of no less than 6 months.
2. Penalties to the states for failure to enforce this law shall include loss of Federal Government funds in addition to the penalties listed in Article 3a of this bill for complicit officials, elected or otherwise.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will 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 Aubrey High School.*

**A Bill to Ban the Use of Gas Powered Lawn Maintenance Equipment Nationwide**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1**. In the United States of America, the use of gas-powered lawn maintenance equipment should be banned and replaced with electric powered equipment in order to reduce the amount of pollution caused by these items.

**Section 2**. Lawn maintenance equipment include lawn mowers, leaf blowers, trimmers, edgers, etc.

**Section 3.** Environmental Protection Agency, EPA, will be in charge of enforcing this regulation across the nation.

1. There will be a government incentive of $25 up to a maximum of $100 for every equipment replaced.
2. The penalty for not adhering to the law by 2025 will be the requirement to pay $100 for the first three occurrences followed by a $50 increase for every following occurrence.

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

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Emerson High School.*

**A Resolution to Return to Afghanistan**

**WHEREAS**, The President and the Secretary of Defense have withdrawn military troops from Afghanistan while Public Law 107-40 is still in effect; and

**WHEREAS**, The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, also known as the Taliban, has retaken control of the territory of Afghanistan while terrorist attacks on Afghan soil have killed American troops and Afghan allies and members of Congress’s lives have been endangered by Taliban control; and

**WHEREAS**, The Taliban has denied basic human rights such as Freedom of Speech to Afghan raised under the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan; and

**WHEREAS**,The United States has a moral obligation to fulfill its promises and pledges to the people of Afghanistan; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Department of Defense shall be instructed to begin a military re-conquest of Afghanistan.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Aubrey High School.*

**A Bill to Increase Funding for Planned Parenthood**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1**. Planned Parenthoodshall receive an additional $250 million in funding along with the grants and repayments normally received from the US government.

**Section 2**. Planned Parenthood is an international organization with roots in the US that provides sexual and reproductive health care for people of all gender identities. Planned Parenthood provides reproductive and sexual healthcare including vasectomies and STD screenings.

**Section 3.** This funding will be used to help provide essential reproductive and sexual health care for people of all financial states. The US Department of Health and Human Services will oversee implementation of this bill to insure proper use and allocation of funds.

1. Biennial audits will occur to insure the proper allocation of funds.
2. Should it be determined that Planned Parenthood no longer has need for all of the allocated funds or has an increased need for funds in 12 years, then the topic of funding should come up again.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on April 1, 2023.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Wylie Sr High School.*

**A Bill to Increase the National Teacher Salary**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1**. The United States government will increase the salary of K-12 teachers across America.

**Section 2**. As of 2020, the average teacher salary in America was $63,645.

**Section 3.** The U.S. Department of Education will oversee this bill.

1. The U.S. Department of Education will work to raise annual teacher income by at least 30%.
2. This will take place by raising taxes for the top 10% of United States Citizens.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on August 1, 2022.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Wylie Sr High School.*

**A Bill to Absolve Student Debt to Increase Social Mobility**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1**. The United States Federal Government will forgive all student debt

owned by both public and private higher education institutions.

**SECTION 2**. Student loans shall be defined as money owed on a loan taken out to pay for educational expenses.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will collaborate with the Department of the Treasury to oversee this bill.

A. $100 billion dollars will be appropriated from the Department of Defense each year to go toward paying for this bill to subsidize student

debts.

B. A further $1 Billion will be allocated to the IRS to audit the expenses of collegiate institutions to streamline the expenditures.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect in FY 2023.

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

 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lovejoy High School*

**A Bill to Instate Mandatory Labor Unions in All Workplaces**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1**. This Bill hereby enacts that labor unions will be present in every workplace of ten or more employees to insure a better work environment for employees.

**SECTION 2**. In the mandatory instatement of these labor unions, all businesses that hire ten or more employees to perform duties under their business will be required to have a labor union represent their workers.

**SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Labor will oversee the instatement of this bill. Failure to comply will result in a temporary shutdown of the business for a minimum of 30 days, until the business owner accepts a labor union. Failure to comply after 120 days will result in revocation of the business’s license to operate.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on June 2, 2023.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Emerson High School.*

**A Resolution to Extend NATO Membership to Key Allies in Asia, Latin America, and Africa**

# WHEREAS, The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is the largest alliance in which the United States participates and is confined to the European and North American continents; and

**WHEREAS**, The United States faces increasing threats from nations outside the North Atlantic, such as the People’s Republic of China, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, or the Islamic Republic of Iran; and

**WHEREAS**, Solidarity amongst our allies would be key in any military conflict in the near future; and

**WHEREAS**,Various allies of the United States (such as France and Australia, India and Pakistan, and Argentina and Brazil) have tension and/or rivalries which could undermine a near-term military alliance; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled recommend to the Secretary-General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization that membership in NATO be extended to the Commonwealth of Australia, Arab Republic of Egypt, State of Israel, Japan, Republic of Korea, Hashemite Republic of Jordan, New Zealand, Argentine Republic, Kingdom of Bahrain, Republic of the Philippines, Kingdom of Thailand, State of Kuwait, Kingdom of Morocco, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Republic of Tunisia, Federative Republic of Brazil, and the Republic of India; and, be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled recommend amending the name of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to reflect the previously stated invitations.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Aubrey High School*

**A Bill to Mandate Compulsory Voting**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1**. Every citizen of the U.S. over the legal age of 18 shall be required to cast a ballot for all local, state, and federal elections.

**Section 2**. Non-voters shall be defined as legal citizens that do not vote. Abstention shall be defined as an instance of declining to vote or cast a ballot.

**Section 3.** The Federal Election Committee and the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) shall enforce and oversee this bill.

1. The Federal Election Committee shall cross-check records for legal citizens in the U.S. and non-voters.
2. The non-voter must provide a legitimate reason for his/her abstention to avoid a fine.
3. Those who are in non-compliance of this bill shall be fined $25 per each missed ballot.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect October 5, 2023.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Emerson High School*

**American Privacy Act of 2022**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1**. No entity, public or private, shall be allowed to gather information on American civilians without a warrant issued by a judge or by other probable cause protected by the Constitution.

**Section 2**. Any private organization that violates this act shall be dissolved and its complicit members jailed for a minimum of 5 years. Any government organization that violates this act shall have complicit members removed and barred from holding future public office and sent to jail for a minimum of 5 years.

**Section 3.** The Department of Justice shall be tasked with enforcement of this legislation.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage.

**SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation, including the USA PATRIOT Act, are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by, Aubrey High School.*

# A Resolution to Limit the Number of Terms a Congressman can Serve to Ensure Greater Diversity within the Federal Government

**WHEREAS**, Members of the House of Representatives have no limit to how many terms they can serve, resulting in a lack of new incoming ideas; and

**WHEREAS**, Often times members of Congress get voted in multiple times due to the lack of term constraint, which can negatively impact the passing of certain legislation; and

**WHEREAS**, Constantly having the same people being voted in term after term can lead to power imbalances within the House and preset biases for any new members; and

**WHEREAS**,If we limit the number of terms a President can serve in order to sustain equality there should not be any difference for those who serve in Congress; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled should limit the number of terms a member of the House of Representatives can serve to 4 (8 years).

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Wylie Sr High School*

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**A Bill to Ban Private Insurers**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1**. All health facilities that receive federal money can’t accept private insurers in their facility if they wish to continue receiving federal support

**SECTION 2**. A. Health facilities covered by this law include hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, pharmacies and drug stores, surgical centers, as well as mental health, hearing and vision care, and therapy facilities that accept medicare, medicaid, VA, or any other form of reimbursement or payment from the federal government.

1. Private health insurance refers to health insurance plans marketed by the private health insurance industry, as opposed to government-run insurance programs

**SECTION 3.** The US Department for Health and Human services will oversee the implementation and enforcement of this bill in all US states and territories

 A. No reimbursements or payments will be made to facilities or medical providers who are in violation of Section 1

 B. If a facility or provider is found to violate Section 1 after payment has been made, all monies given by the government to the facility in the previous calendar year will be recouped.

**SECTION 4.** This law would take effect in 3 years after passage

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rock Hill High*

**The Open Public Environments Nationally (OPEN) Act**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1**. No government entity, federal, state or local, may force the closure of public facilities, government offices, or private businesses.

**Section 2**. Any government official found in violation of this law shall be removed from office and barred from holding any public office in the future and shall receive a minimum prison sentence of no less than 10 years, without the possibility of parole.

**Section 3.** The Department of Justice shall be tasked with enforcement of this act.

1. If Justice Department officials refuse to implement this legislation, the same reprimand in Article II of this legislation shall be applied to them.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect forty-eight hours after passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Aubrey High School*

**A Bill to Federally Fund Sexual Abuse Programs**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1**. The United States Department of Justice shall delegate $10 million in

additional funding for sexual abuse and survivor programs to directly aid sexual assault and harassment victims.

**Section 2**. Government Funded Programs include programs specifically given grants by the Office on Violence against Women.

**Section 3.** The Department of Justice will oversee the implementation of

this legislation to ensure the proper allocation of funds.

Biennial audits will be carried out to ensure that funds are being

utilized effectively and victims are being thoroughly assisted.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2022.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Wylie Sr High School*

# A Resolution to Speed Dismantlement of Nuclear Warheads

**WHEREAS**, Countries including Russia, The United States, France, China, The United Kingdom, Pakistan, India, Israel, and North Korea all hold nuclear warheads with the potential to cause great social and environmental distress; and

**WHEREAS**, When discharged, nuclear warheads hold the power to greatly reduce populations of species on earth; and

**WHEREAS**, With these environmental impacts, the human population could be massively decreased and even go extinct; and

**WHEREAS**,Nuclear warheads pose a greater threat than benefit; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled recommend dismantlement of nuclear warheads.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Wylie Sr High School*