

A Bill to Admit More Refugees into the United States

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. The limit on the number of refugees who can enter the United States shall be raised from 15,000 to 210,000 refugees each year.

Section 2. To assist with refugee resettlement, 1 billion additional dollars shall be allocated to the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR).

Section 3. This legislation will be carried out by the Department of Health and Human Services, State Department, and Department of Homeland Security.

A. Funding for this piece of legislation will come from the Defense Budget, and will be budgeted each fiscal year.

SECTION 4. This legislation will be implemented at the end of the fiscal year of 2021.

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

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A Bill to Ease Green Card Restrictions

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall amend Title 8 U.S.C. § 1255 to allow immigrants who

- a.** come in illegally,
- b.** are granted temporary protection, and
- c.** otherwise obey all federal and local laws for 12 continuous months

shall be allowed to apply for a Green Card.

SECTION 2. Definitions

- a.** Granted Temporary Protection: as defined by Title 8 U.S.C. § 1254a.
- b.** Green Card: “a permit allowing a foreign national to live and work permanently in the US,” Oxford Languages.

SECTION 3. The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

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

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hannah C of Lava Heights Academy

The Policing Surveillance Reform Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. In order to hold law enforcement accountable and protect the individual rights of civilians in this realm, all law enforcement officers at the municipal and state level shall be required to wear body cameras while on duty. Additionally, the use of facial recognition technology by state and municipal law enforcement shall be prohibited.

Section 2. Body camera shall be defined as a wearable recording system, including both audio and visual components. Facial recognition technology shall be defined as technology capable of matching a human face from a digital image or video frame with one from a database of faces.

Section 3. The Department of Justice will work with state and municipal governments to enforce this piece of legislation.

A. Funding for this piece of legislation will come from the Defense Budget, and will be budgeted each fiscal year.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall be implemented at the end of the fiscal year of 2021.

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

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A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Create a Fair and Independent Department of Justice

1 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article
2 is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States,
3 which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution
4 when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states
5 within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

6 **ARTICLE –**

7 **SECTION 1:** The Attorney General shall be elected by a direct vote of
8 the American people concurrent to elections for the office
9 of President and Vice President.

10 **SECTION 2:** The Attorney General shall head the Department of Justice,
11 an independent branch of government whose budget shall
12 be determined by the President, but fully amendable by
13 Congress.

14 **SECTION 3:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
15 appropriate legislation.

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Sitting President Campaign Accountability Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** An incumbent President of the United States, while campaigning for the
3 office of President, or visiting a public campaign event or rally for any
4 federal, state, or local candidate for public office, shall be expected to
5 reimburse the federal government for the use of Air Force One or other
6 means of transportation; travel expenses for any federal employees who
7 accompany the President on such a trip; and state and local governments
8 burdened with providing law enforcement and other services related to
9 the President's visit.

10 **SECTION 2.** A campaign event or rally is defined as any public gathering for the
11 purpose of supporting an individual seek election or reelection to a
12 government office in the United States. Payment by the President may be
13 by a campaign committee or political action committee, but shall not use
14 public/taxpayer funds for campaign travel and business.

15 **SECTION 3.** The Office of Management and Budget shall annually provide to Congress
16 a report of expenses incurred in the manner described in §1, as well as
17 receipts of payments made in reimbursement for said expenses.

18 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect on January 1, 2023.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Harvard Debate Council.

A Resolution to Recognize Tibet as an Independent Nation

WHEREAS, Tibet originally had autonomy under the 13th Dalai Lama, as well as other religious leaders; and

WHEREAS, China annexed Tibet by militaristic force, culminating in the Seventeen Point Agreement of 1951; and

WHEREAS, China has brutally suppressed Tibetan efforts at independence, such as the death of hundreds of Tibetan rebels in a rebellion against the PRC in 1959; and

WHEREAS, China continues to suppress Tibetan's freedom of religion, expression, due process of law, and a myriad of other factors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that the United States of America shall recognize the Tibet Autonomous Region (TAR) as an independent nation from China.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Timpanogos High School.

A Resolution to Implement the Green New Deal

WHEREAS, Man-Made Climate Change poses an imminent danger to the United States and world; and

WHEREAS, serious repercussions will be felt if immediate action is not taken to stem the tide of Man-Made Climate Change; and

WHEREAS, the United States stands in a uniquely strong position to combat Man-Made Climate Change worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Investment in renewable energy would bolster our economy and raise the economic status of Americans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that the United States shall take immediate and substantial action to stem the tide of Man-Made Climate Change and mitigate its effects; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That such action will include that the United States will become carbon neutral by 2030, and substantially invest in renewable energy, improvements in infrastructure to be more energy-efficient, and carbon neutral public transportation and vehicles; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that displaced workers in the fossil fuel industry will be provided government benefits including, but not limited to, universal healthcare, public housing, and job training.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Timpanogos High School.

A Bill to Bolster Public Health to Protect Against Infectious Diseases and Health Crises

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. To curb and mitigate the spread of infectious diseases, and the turmoil they have spread both to the United States and the world, funding shall be increased by 50% to critical public health agencies. In addition, Medicare shall be made available to all U.S. citizens, and all Americans, except in the case of health constraints, shall be required to have all FDA-approved vaccines.

Section 2. Public health agencies that shall receive such funding will include the SNS, CDC, HHS, and PHEMCE.

Section 3. The IRS, SNS, CDC, HHS, PHEMCE, DOJ, and FDA shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

A. Funding will come from a wealth tax, 3¢ on every dollar of wealth over \$50 million, increasing to 5¢ over 1 billion.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall 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 Timpanogos High.

A Bill to Implement Paid Family Leave

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. The United States Government shall grant 20 weeks of paid family leave, which can be split among parents during their child's first year of life.

Section 2. Paid family leave shall be defined as partially or fully compensated time away from work for specific and generally significant family caregiving needs, such as the arrival of a new child or serious illness of a close family member. Parent shall be defined as the person acting as a parent or legal guardian of a child, whose legal rights to do so have not been terminated.

Section 3. The Department of Labor shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

SECTION 4. This bill shall 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 Timpanogos High.

A Bill to Abolish Private Prisons

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. The use of private prisons in the United States shall be banned.

Section 2. Private Prison shall be defined as a prison run by a third party, contracted with the government.

Section 3. This legislation will be carried out by the DOJ, DHS, and BOP.

A. Funding shall come from the Defense Budget, allocated as needed for converting existing facilities used by private prisons to public facilities.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall go into effect at the start of the 2022 fiscal year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Timpanogos High.

A Bill to Increase Aid to Haiti

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. In the aftermath of the assassination of Haiti's president, the United States has provided aid to provide humanitarian support and a transition to peace in Haiti. This aid shall be increased to further these initiatives and lay a framework of long-term stability in Haiti.

Section 2. The United States shall provide \$200 million to assist Haiti's law enforcement, \$2.5 million to help in gang-resistance initiatives, and \$100 in humanitarian and developmental aid to Haiti.

Section 3. This legislation shall be carried out by USAID, SOUTHCOM, and the Coast Guard.

A. Funding will come from the Defense Budget and be allocated immediately upon passage.

SECTION 4. This legislation 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 Timpanogos High.

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Enact Mandatory Voting

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

RESOLVED, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

ARTICLE --

SECTION 1. All United States Citizens shall be required to vote in all elections in which they are legally eligible to vote, including federal, state, and municipal elections.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Timpanogos High.

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Regard the Death Penalty as Cruel and Unusual Punishment

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

RESOLVED, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

ARTICLE --

SECTION 1. The death penalty, defined as the killing of a person by law enforcement as a punishment for a given crime, shall be banned.

SECTION 2. Violation of this amendment shall be considered “cruel and unusual punishment”, as prohibited by the 8th Amendment of the United States Constitution.

SECTION 3. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Timpanogos High.

A Resolution to End the One-China Policy and to Establish Formal Relationships with Taiwan

1 **WHEREAS,** The United States continues to solely recognize the People’s Republic of
2 China as the sole Chinese government; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Taiwan and the People’s Republic of China are two culturally and
4 politically distinct nations; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Current Chinese aggression and perpetuity towards Taiwan has only
6 grown in recent years, thus increasing the Chinese military and economic
7 pressure on the island and thus have resulted in increased Taiwanese
8 dependence on China; and

9 **WHEREAS,** The Democratic Progressive Party of Taiwan, who have recently won over
10 a majority of votes, seek for independence from mainland China; now,
11 therefore, be it

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16 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the President of the United States shall normalize and
17 engage in formal diplomatic relations between the United States of
18 America and Taiwan.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Aiden Atwood, Maple Mountain High.

A Resolution to Restore Peace in the Horn of Africa

WHEREAS, Since November of 2020, there has been an ongoing civil war in Ethiopia between the Ethiopian Central Government and the T.P.L.F.; and

WHEREAS, This war has led to what the United States deems to be an “ethnic cleansing” campaign in the Tigray region.; and

WHEREAS, According to a warning from the UN and other groups in June of 2021, the war had resulted in 350,000 people being affected by famine.; and

WHEREAS, Conflict has displaced thousands of people in the Tigray region, of whom many have fled to neighboring countries such as Sudan ; and

WHEREAS, This war threatens to uproot stability throughout the Horn of Africa; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that the United States shall label the current violence in the Tigray region a “genocide”, provide aid to civilians and refugees affected by the war, and use its military to conduct peacekeeping initiatives in Ethiopia, specifically in the Tigray region.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Timpanogos High.

A Resolution to Withdraw U.S Troops from Japan and South Korea

WHEREAS, The United States Army has maintained a presence in Japan and South Korea from 1957 to the present day; and

WHEREAS, The presence of United States troops in the region strains local communities; and

WHEREAS, Aid to any foreign nation is associated with a decrease in diplomacy and cooperation; and

WHEREAS, United States troops in the region act as an impediment against peace with North Korea; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that the United States Military shall unilaterally withdraw from Japan and South Korea over a 5-year period, beginning with the passage of this legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Timpanogos High.

A Resolution to End the Production of the United States One Cent Piece

1 **WHEREAS,** the United States is currently spending 1.76 cents to
2 produce a 1 cent piece; and
3 **WHEREAS,** that led to a loss of nearly 70 million dollars in the 2019
4 fiscal year; and
5 **WHEREAS,** nearly 62 million dollars in pennies are lost in circulation
6 each year; now, therefore, be it
7 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled end the production of
8 the one cent piece by the United States mint; and, be it
9 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That retailer in the event of a cash transaction will
10 round up the total to the nearest multiple of 5 cents in which will be added
11 on to base sales tax and will return to the federal government.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cooper Adams, Mountain Crest High.

A Bill to Enact Major Immigration Reform

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. A wall shall be constructed along the U.S-Mexico border and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) presence both along the U.S border with Mexico and in airports shall be increased. In addition, amnesty shall be provided to all undocumented immigrants currently residing in the U.S, paired with increased visas for current guest-worker programs.

Section 2. Amnesty shall be defined as the granting of legal citizenship status to all residents of the United States, regardless of current status.

A. The current number of U.S guest worker visas shall be doubled.

Section 3. This bill will be carried out by the ETA, DOL, USCIS, DHS, and CBP. 60 billion dollars will be re-allocated from the Defense Budget, and will be officially budgeted each fiscal year.

SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect at the end of the fiscal year of 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Timpanogos High School

A Bill to Implement a Universal Basic Income (UBI)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. All U.S citizens over the age of 18 years shall receive a guaranteed monthly income, with no conditions set related to use of the income.

Section 2. Guaranteed monthly income shall be defined as monthly payments of \$1,000 to every U.S citizen over the age of 18.

Section 3. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

A. Funding will come from a 10% Value-Added Tax (VAT). Products such as groceries and clothing will not be subject to the VAT.

SECTION 4. This legislation will be implemented at the end of the fiscal year of 2021.

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

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A Resolution to Promote National Education Reform

WHEREAS, a global study by the National Center for Education Resources shows that the United States spends the fourth highest amount of money per student compared to all other nations globally each year, spending nearly double the global average; and

WHEREAS, the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) ranked US students as 23rd overall out of 78 nations across the globe, putting the United States below the top ¼ of nations around the world in primary and secondary education; and

WHEREAS, schools across the nation have been removing honors and more advanced classes from their course lists to bring 'equality' to the classroom; and

WHEREAS, an increase in class sizes nationwide cause students to lose the individual support they need from their teachers; and

WHEREAS, the Common Core System currently in place fails to prepare students for life after high school, and can be linked to lower success rates in many careers; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that an individual oriented educational system is to be established to better provide for the needs of students, reduce class sizes, and increase the general educational value of the education system in the United States; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that by 2025 the House Committee on Education and Labor alongside the Senate Committee on Health, Education, and Labor shall present legislation providing for this system and abolishing the Common Core System.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Adam Kent Thomas of Bonneville High School