

# WSFA Congress Spring Legislative Packet 2022

Included in this packet are the selections of the WSFA Congress committee designated for use during the sessions of congress held between January and March 2021. The legislation is placed in random order per the decision of the committee. Following the legislation for preliminary sessions is legislation designated for Super Congress. This Super Congress legislation may ONLY be used for Super Congress OR at tournaments where there is no super congress session.

# **A**

## **A Bill to Reevaluate Drivers Every Five Years**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** Citizens of the United States with a driver's license shall be required to undergo reevaluation every time they renew their driver's license.

**SECTION 2.** Reevaluation is defined as a series of cognitive tests.

**SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Transportation will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect January 1, 2023.

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

Introduced for debate by University High School

## B

### **A Bill to Restrict Fees for Extracurricular Activities**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** All school districts receiving funding from the United States federal government shall be prohibited from charging students who are eligible for free or reduced-priced meals any fee for the attendance at or participation in any optional noncredit extracurricular event.

**SECTION 2.** Extracurricular activities shall be defined as school-based athletic programs and other optional noncredit activities or clubs.

**SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Education will oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect on January 1, 2022.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by University High School.*

## **C**

# **A Bill to Revitalize Rural Economies by Increasing Access to Funding for Public Transportation**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The United States shall establish a program to distribute \$20 billion in categorical grants to rural communities for the purpose of funding public transportation services.

**SECTION 2.**

**A.** A categorical grant shall be defined as grants given to rural counties, which will then determine the aid's use.

**B.** Rural communities and counties shall be defined as counties with a population less than 50,000 people.

**SECTION 3.** The US Department of Transportation will be charged with the enforcement and implementation of this bill, as well as categorizing the types of transportation projects that are funded.

**SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect January 2022. All spending must be completed by November 2025

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

*Introduced by South Kitsap High School*

## **D**

### **A Bill to Abolish the Selective Service System**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The Military Selective Service Act is repealed.

**SECTION 2.** No such similar entities will be created by Federal bodies in the future.

**SECTION 3.** **A.** The 124 full-time employees of the Selective Service System (SSS) will be reassigned to the Department of Defense after the dissolution of the SSS.

**B.** The funding that the SSS would have received within the coming year will go towards the Department of Defense.

**C.** No further funds after one year of passing will be allocated towards the agency.

**SECTION 4.** Those who have failed to register with the Selective Service System before its dissolution will not be punished under Federal law on the grounds of their failure to register.

**SECTION 5.** This law will take effect within six months of passage.

**SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced by Ridgefield High School*

# E

## A Bill to Establish a World-wide Military Alliance to Protect the Interests of the Nation

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The US should establish a wider military alliance network that is similar to NATO with all its allies around the world to protect America and its allies' global interests across all geographic regions.

**SECTION 2.** A "military alliance" will be defined as an organization that involves government-run forces (armed or unarmed) that protect the interests of a nation or a collection of nations.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of State, The National Security Council, and the Department of Defense will oversee the implementation of this bill.

**SECTION 4.** Countries that are not friendly with America and its allies will not be offered membership.

- A. Close allies of America and NATO must be offered membership.
- B. European countries that are not a part of NATO that are considered to be allies may be permitted to join this alliance.
- C. Countries that are closely affiliated with NATO member nations and loosely affiliated with NATO's enemies will be offered a chance to join the organization.

**SECTION 5.** Member nations may choose as to when and how much they need assistance in any military or intelligence (or other) operation.

**SECTION 6.** This bill must be enacted by 2025 and the organization must have at least 25 member states by this time.

**SECTION 7.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Kamiak High School*

# F

## **A Bill to Instate a Permanent Child Tax Credit to Financially Support Struggling Parents**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The United States shall implement a permanent Child Tax Credit

**SECTION 2.** Child tax credit shall be defined as tax credit from the federal government received for having a child less than 18 years old.

**SECTION 3.** The United States Internal Revenue Service shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

A. To qualify, a parent must,

a. Have at least one child under 18.

b. Have filed tax returns for the year before they would receive the tax credit, unless they were not required to file taxes due to income.

c. Make under \$150,000 annually for married parents or under \$112,000 for single parents.

B. Parents will receive \$3,600 for each child under 6 years old and \$3,000 for each child between the ages of 6 and 17.

C. All payments and income thresholds outlined in this bill are subject to yearly adjustments in proportion to inflation beginning 1 year after this bill's passage.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect when the current Child Tax Credit program expires.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mount Vernon High School.*

# G

## **A Resolution to Promote Equity Between High School Sports and Activities**

- WHEREAS,** high school clubs and activities receive less funding than high school sports within their same district; and
- WHEREAS,** high school activities and many clubs compete in competition seasons similar to sports, and these activities and clubs do not receive equitable funding and resources to practice and compete in said competition; and
- WHEREAS,** non-athletic competition clubs and activities such as Speech and Debate, Robotics, Thespians, Knowledge Bowl, etc. are valuable to the students and community; and
- WHEREAS,** these clubs and activities deserve financial support equitable to that of sports teams; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that competitive high school clubs and activities should receive equitable funding compared to competitive sports teams in their same school district.

*Introduced by Ridgefield High School*



# H

## **A Bill to Establish Free Drivers-Ed Course For High School Students**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1 High Schools within Washington State will add driver's education to their annual curricula and make said course freely available to qualifying students

SECTION 2 Students will qualify for state sponsored driver's education under the following circumstances:

a. Qualifying student can legally acquire either a learners permit or driver's license within Washington State

b. Students currently attending an official school located within Washington State

c. No prior legal infractions bar a student from either acquiring a state sponsored learners permit or license

SECTION 3 This course will allow each student of legal age two official attempts at the driving test wherein they can obtain their Washington State driver's license

SECTION 4 Funding for educational resources necessitated by this bill will be provided by a marginal tax increase, implemented as a sales tax or progressive income tax. The type of tax used to fund this bill will be decided by referendum vote during the next general election cycle

SECTION 5 The Department of Education and the Department of Transportation will oversee the implementation of this legislation and will be jointly responsible for producing all relevant educational materials required for the administration of this course.

*Submitted by Mercer Island High School*

## **A Bill to Ban Direct to Consumer Medical Advertising**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** All Direct-to-Consumer Advertising (DTCA) for medication will hereby be prohibited on all licenced Television and Radio Channels operating in the United States

**SECTION 2.**

- A. "Direct-to-Consumer Advertising" will be defined as advertising medication, medical procedure, and/or dietary supplements directly to consumers or the general public.

**SECTION 3.** The U.S. Food and Drug Association (FDA) and Federal Trade Commission (FTC) will oversee this legislation.

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

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by South Kitsap High School.*

# J

## **A Bill to Diminish the Brazilian Cattle Ranching Industry to Slow Deforestation in the Amazon Rainforest**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** Tariffs of 20% will be placed on beef and leather imports from Brazil to encourage an industry shift away from the destructive cattle farming industry that threatens the Amazon rainforest.

**SECTION 2.** A tariff will be defined as a tax on goods entering the United States.

**SECTION 3.** The U.S. International Trade Commission will oversee the placement of tariffs on meat and leather imported from Brazil.

A. The ITC will also communicate to Brazil that the tariffs will be removed when concrete steps to stop deforestation in Brazil are taken.

B. The ITC will encourage other US trading partners to propose similar tariffs on Brazilian meat and leather.

**SECTION 4.** This law will take effect on 1 January 2022.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Gig Harbor High School.*

## K

### **A Resolution to Lower the Blood Alcohol Limit to .05% to Encourage Safer Driving and Decrease Motor Vehicle Accidents**

- WHEREAS,** The current federal limit of Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) to legally drive is .08%; and,
- WHEREAS,** This limit directly and detrimentally contributes to over 10,000 deaths in Motor Vehicle Accidents (MVAs) related to drunk driving annually; and,
- WHEREAS,** At BAC levels above .05%, drivers can experience significantly diminished depth perception and peripheral vision, which are critical to safe operation of motor vehicles; and,
- WHEREAS,** These risks are significantly decreased at BAC levels at or below .05%; now, therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for the United States to decrease the federal BAC limit for legal operation of motor vehicles to .05%; and, be it
- FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) engage in educating the public about new restrictions to ensure a smooth transition.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by The Overlake School.*

# L

## **A Bill to Reform and Reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program to Improve Flood Insurance Affordability**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The following portions of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4016(a)) shall be amended:

A. by striking “September 30, 2021” and inserting “September 30, 2026” in Section 1309(a) and Section 1319

**SECTION 2.** The administrators of the NFIP may not, in any year, increase the amount of any covered cost by an amount that is more than 9 percent, as compared with the amount of the covered cost during the previous year, except where the increase in the covered cost relates to an exceptions under National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4014(a)) paragraph (1)(C)(iii) of section 1308(e).

**SECTION 3.** After the enactment of this Bill, the Secretary of the Treasury may not charge the Administrator interest on amounts borrowed by the Administrator of the NFIP that were outstanding as of the date of enactment of this Bill, including amounts borrowed after the date of enactment of this Bill that refinance debts that existed before the date of enactment of this Bill.

**SECTION 4.** Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Administrator is authorized to carry out a means-tested program under which the Administrator provides assistance to eligible policyholders in the form of graduated discounts for insurance costs with respect to covered properties.

**SECTION 5.** FEMA will be the delegated Administrator to carry out this legislation.

**SECTION 4.** The bill is to go into effect two months after the passage of this legislation.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by South Kitsap High School.*

# M

## **A Bill to Subsidize Kelp Farms**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** Kelp farming is a sustainable farming practice that requires no fertilizers, pesticides, freshwater, or arable land. To support the growth of this industry, some of the subsidies currently awarded to the production of corn will instead be allocated to kelp farmers.

**SECTION 2.** Kelp Farmers will be defined as any individual or company that operates at a minimum a “small-medium-scale” farm (50 lines, each 200 meters long) or any farm larger than that minimum. Farmers will be supplemented 2 dollars per kilogram of dried kelp. These funds will be pulled from what would have been funds allocated for subsidizing corn. As the kelp industry grows, more funds, up to 75% of that year’s proposed corn subsidies budget, may be allocated to kelp farmers who meet the aforementioned requirements.

**SECTION 3.** This bill will be overseen by the United States Department of Agriculture.

**SECTION 4.** This bill will be enacted on January 1, 2023.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Joel E. Ferris High School*

**N**

**A Bill to Establish a National Ballot Initiative to  
Bypass Congressional Inefficiency.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** A legally binding national ballot initiative process shall be established.

**SECTION 2.** A national ballot initiative shall be defined as a process in which a piece of legislation is voted on directly by the American people on a ballot.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall oversee this legislation.

- A. There shall be a maximum of 3 initiatives on the ballot every two years, on even numbered years.
- B. To be eligible for placement on the ballot, a piece of legislation must obtain 40% of the votes in the House and Senate with the explicit purpose of placing the legislation on the ballot as an initiative.
- C. To be passed and implemented, the initiative must receive 55% of the vote. If the initiative's subject matter is related to tax policy, the initiative must receive 60% of the vote.

**SECTION 4.** This law will take effect upon passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mount Vernon High School.*

# O

## **A Bill to Allow For Death With Dignity**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** An adult who is capable is a resident of the United States, and has been determined by the attending physician and consulting physician to be suffering from a terminal disease with a doctor confirming an extremely high chance of death, and who has voluntarily expressed his or her wish to die, may make a written request for medication for the purpose of ending their life in a humane and dignified manner.

**SECTION 2.** Terminal illness is defined as a disease or condition that cannot be cured and will mostly like lead to someone's death. And adult is a person who attained the age of 18 and certified to have the cognitive ability to understand the meaning of their request.

**SECTION 3.** A valid request for medication signed and dated by the patient and must be witnessed by at least two individuals who, in the presence of the patient, attest that to the best of their knowledge and belief the patient is capable, acting voluntarily, and is not being coerced to sign the request.

One of the witnesses shall be a person who is not:

(A) A relative of the patient by blood, marriage or adoption;

(B) A person who at the time the request is signed would be entitled to any portion of the estate of the qualified patient upon death under any will or by operation of law receiving medical treatment or is a resident.

**SECTION 4.** This law will take effect within six months of passage.

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

Introduced for debate by Gig Harbor High School



**P**

## **A Bill to Pass the Raise the Wage Act**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The Raise the Wage Act of 2021 (H.R. 603) shall be passed.

**SECTION 2.** The United States Department of Labor will oversee the enforcement of this legislation

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

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sedro-Woolley High School*

# Q

## **A Bill to Make Long Haul Covid-19 a Pre-existing Condition**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** Long Haul Covid and the pre-existing dispositions that were brought to the fore by infection by the SARS-CoV2 virus will be considered a pre-existing condition under The Affordable Care Act (ACA).

**SECTION 2.** **A.** COVID-19 (COVID) is defined as the disease brought on by infection from the SARS-CoV2 virus. Long Haul Covid is defined as lingering symptoms and effects of COVID-19 12+ weeks after initial infection that cannot be explained by another infection.

**B.** A disposition is defined as a pre-existing genetic tendency toward a congenital disease that had yet to manifest.

**SECTION 3.** It will be paid for the 50 states' and six territories' (DC will be considered a territory) Medicare systems.

**SECTION 4.** This law will take effect within six months of passage.

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

*Introduced by Lewis and Clark High School*

# R

## **A Bill to grant patent waivers on COVID-19 vaccines**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** Patent protections on COVID-19 vaccines owned by United States Corporations will be suspended for the duration of the pandemic. Manufacturers of COVID-19 vaccines will be required to share their formulas with manufacturers in other countries so they can produce vaccines.

**SECTION 2.** A patent is defined as the exclusive period where a manufacturer controls the right to produce a drug.

**SECTION 3.** A. The waivers will be granted and enforced by the US Patent and Trademark Office. This office will also restore patent protection when deemed appropriate by the CDC.

B. The US Center for Disease Control in cooperation with the World Health Organization will be responsible for declaring the pandemic under control.

**SECTION 4.** This law will take effect no later than one month after passage.

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

*Introduced by Gig Harbor High School*

# S

## **A Bill to Grant an Exemption to Ferrero's Kinder Surprises from the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetics Act**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** Kinder Surprises will now be granted an exemption from 21 U.S. Code § 342 Paragraph D, subparagraph 1 and subparagraph 3.

**SECTION 2.** Kinder Surprise shall be defined as the confection made by Ferrero SpA and marketed as Kinder Surprises.

**SECTION 3.** The Food and Drug Administration will oversee the implementation of this bill.

A. The Food and Drug Administration will work with Ferrero SpA to ensure warning labeling on Kinder Surprises will sufficiently reduce the risk of choking.

**SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bellevue High School.*

**AA**

## **A Bill to End Single-Family Zoning**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** The United States will hereby incentivize states to adhere to ending single-family zoning.
- SECTION 2.** Single-family zones are defined as zoning that prevents communities from building any type of housing besides a detached single-family home in a given area.
- SECTION 3.** The US Department of Housing & Urban Development will be in charge of enforcing this bill.
- A. States who do not comply with this bill will not receive \$1 million in Community Development Block Grants.
  - B. 10% of new housing units per state must be set aside for moderate-income households.
- SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2023 upon passage.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by WSFA*

## BB

### **A Bill to Establish an Online Voting System**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** A. \$1 Billion will be allocated to research and development of an online balloting system for federal elections over the course of four years.

B. This online voting system will be projected to pilot for absentee balloting across all 50 states during the 2024 federal election.

**SECTION 2.** A. "Research" will include but not be limited to blockchain technology-based systems, digital IDs, and multi-factor voter ID systems.

B. "Development" will include exploration and creation of an online voting option deemed best suited for usage such as secure website portals or mobile applications.

**SECTION 3.** The Federal Elections Commission (FEC) and the Department of Homeland Security shall be tasked with implementation of this legislation.

A. If the FEC determines that the system is not secure and viable for usage six months before the 2024 federal election, the pilot program will not be instituted.

**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 WSFA*

**CC**  
**A Resolution to Rejoin the JCPOA to  
Encourage Stability in the Middle East**

- WHEREAS,** The United States exited the JCPOA in 2018; and
- WHEREAS,** This has led to Iran restarting and expanding their nuclear program; and
- WHEREAS,** The existence of nuclear weapons in the Middle East perpetuates political and militaristic destabilization of the area; and
- WHEREAS,** It is essential for the United States to rejoin the JCPOA immediately to stop Iran's rapidly expanding nuclear program; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation that the United States rejoin the JCPOA

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by WSFA*

# DD

## A Bill to Provide Feminine Hygiene Products in Government Buildings

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** Feminine hygiene products will be provided in all government buildings. The products will be free of charge in all public restrooms regardless of gender.

**SECTION 2.** Feminine hygiene products will be defined as personal care products used during menstruation, such as pads and tampons of all sizes.

**SECTION 3.** Government buildings will be defined as a building run by a government agency, department, or body, including but not limited to public schools, libraries, court houses, and city halls.

**SECTION 4.** Public restrooms will be defined as any restroom open for public use.

**SECTION 5.** Health and Human Services will oversee implementation of this legislation.

A. Health and Human Services is tasked with coordinating with necessary local levels, including but not limited to building managers and local governments.

**SECTION 4.** Funding for this legislation will be added to the Health and Human Services budget for FY 2023

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect FY 2023 All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by WSFA*



# **EE**

## **A Bill to Require DNA Samples of US Motorists**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** To be eligible for Federal Highway Funding, a state must require resident licensed motorists to submit a DNA sample as a prerequisite to receiving and/or renewing a motor vehicle driver's license. Applicable state departments of motor vehicles shall assure the transfer of all DNA samples obtained as a result of this legislation to the United States Federal Bureau of Investigation's National DNA Index System.
- SECTION 2.** DNA shall be defined as Deoxyribonucleic acid.
- SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Transportation shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation.
- SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect January 1, 2023.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by WSFA*

**FF**

## **A Resolution to Create a New National System of Identification**

**WHEREAS,** The United States currently has no purpose-made national identification system, instead relying on states' identification cards and Social Security numbers; and

**WHEREAS,** States' identification systems have differing characteristics and the Social Security lacks security features; and

**WHEREAS,** This makes people's identities inherently weaker against identity theft and other crimes, and

**WHEREAS,** In the present era of information, a national system of identification is greatly needed; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for the Social Security Administration to investigate the prospects and needs to develop and implement a new national system of identification.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by WSFA*