

A Bill to Decrease Sexual Assault on College Campuses

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1: (a) A website managed by the Department of Education is to be established for the purpose of reporting sexual assault instances on college and university campuses in the United States. (b) Reported cases will be given to the appropriate local law enforcement agencies for investigation. (c) Sexual assault will include instances of rape and fondling, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking, among other activities.

SECTION 2: (a) All colleges and universities in the United States will be required to dismantle internal university mechanisms for investigating and punishing cases of sexual assault. (b) Sexual assault investigation will be instead be done by local law enforcement services. (c) Universities will be required to accurately report the number of reported and convicted sexual assault cases that occur on their campus.

SECTION 3: Institutions of higher education found to be in noncompliance with this law will have all federal funding allotted to it rescinded for five fiscal years.

SECTION 4: The Department of Education shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 5: A sum of \$100 million shall be appropriated to fund this initiative, taken from the budget to procure weapons within the Department of Defense.

SECTION 6: This shall take effect on January 1st, 2023.

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

*Respectfully submitted,
Pittsburgh Central Catholic*

A Bill to Provide Universal Pre-K to Increase Public Support for Early Education

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** We provide universal Pre-K to children ages 2 to 6 to help increase public
2 support for early education and allow parents to return to work.

3 a) Universal Pre-K is defined as free preschool education for every child in the
4 country.

5 **SECTION 2.** This bill will require all children ages 2 to 6 to be registered at a Pre-K
6 service with no cost.

7 a) This will give children of all backgrounds equal access to Pre-K services.

b) This will allow all children the chance to be prepared for starting their educational futures.

SECTION 3. The Department of Education will oversee enforcement and 1 trillion dollars will be allocated from the department of defense.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2023. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rana Jelinek of McDowell Highschool.

**A BILL TO REFORM THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING SYSTEM TO
ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR CHARTER EDUCATION IN PENNSYLVANIA**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Funding for public schools shall be reformed to create a collective account to foster equality and improve Pennsylvania public education standards.

SECTION 2.

- A. Currently, the majority of school funding is derived from property tax. Upon implementation, the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue will be authorized and required to filter all school-related property tax to an isolated fund.
- B. A sub-committee will be established to access and distribute the funding to a per student amount to public school districts.
- C. The Pennsylvania Department of Education will be tasked with monitoring the proper use of these funds to ensure they are being used to improve education.
 - a. Improvements can be monitored via (including but not limited to) standardized testing, benchmark testing, and overall well being.

SECTION 3. The Pennsylvania Department of Revenue, Pennsylvania Department of Education, and established sub-committee will work in union to ensure full, effective implementation of this legislation.

- a. All necessary funding will be withdrawn from the Pennsylvania Discretionary Budget.

SECTION 4. This bill shall be implemented in the following fiscal year and in effect for each school year following.

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

Respectfully submitted

North Allegheny Senior High School

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Prevent Partisan Gerrymandering

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
3 shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
4 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within
5 seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

6 **ARTICLE --**

7 **SECTION 1:** All states will be required to establish an independent and
8 non-partisan committee to determine congressional district
9 boundaries

10 **SECTION 2:** This committee can only consist of citizens that have not
11 held elective office, nor has their immediate family held
12 elective office, nor have they served under an elected
13 official before, and will be balanced by members who have
14 not registered for either party. If there aren't enough people
15 who fit the criteria, the committee is to be balanced equally
16 by members registered for both parties.

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18 A. This committee is to be selected at random adhering to the
19 prerequisites established under section 2

20 **SECTION 3:** States that fail to comply will have their voting members in
21 the House of Representatives and Senate revoked of their voting ability.
22 Those elected officials would still carry out their other duties, but be
23 prohibited from voting in Congress until compliance is met.

24 **SECTION 4:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
25 appropriate legislation.
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27 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Upper St. Clair High School*

**A RESOLUTION TO ELIMINATE THE GIVING OF FOREIGN AID TO
COUNTRIES WITHOUT A BALANCED BUDGET**

1 Whereas: America is as of the writing of this resolution 29.8 trillion dollars in debt and that
2 number is rising by the second, yet in 2019 we spent over 47 billion dollars in
3 foreign aid.

4 Whereas: America is dishing out unbudgeted money that we do not currently have; and
5 Whereas: it is no longer fiscally responsible to our current and future constituents to
6 continue to do so;

7 Therefore, be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that: Until we as a
8 Congress agree to a balanced budget for a fiscal year, our spending on foreign aid
9 will be suspended. And, be it

10 Further Resolved, that: Upon agreeing to a balanced budget for a fiscal year, all foreign funding
11 that is included in such budget will be executed.

Respectfully submitted,

North Catholic

A Bill to Eliminate Zoning Policies for Economic Fair Housing

National Speech and Debate Association

by St. Joseph High School

1. Be it enacted by the Pennsylvania High School Speech League Student Congress assembled that
2. SECTION ONE. The United States government shall eliminate economically discriminatory government zoning policies that exclude low-income and working-class Americans from neighborhoods to improve American quality of life, access to transportation, employment opportunities, access to health care, and access to better education.
3. SECTION TWO. Zoning policies, defined as lot size requirements, minimum square footage requirements, prohibitions on multi-family homes, and limits on the height of buildings that allow housing discrimination or the refusal to negotiate the sale or rental of a dwelling to any person because of race, religion, sex, familial status, or national origin shall be eliminated.
4. SECTION THREE. Elimination of said zoning policies shall only pertain to housing.
5. SECTION FOUR. This legislation shall be overseen and enforced by The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.
6. SECTION FIVE. Violators shall be subject to all The Federal Housing Administration provisions that apply to discriminatory housing practices, including the full range of remedies in that statute. All violations shall be reported to The Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.
7. SECTION SIX. This legislation shall be enacted upon the start of the next fiscal year of 2023.

A Bill to Halt FBI COINTELPRO Initiatives to Better Uphold Political and Social Freedoms

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The Federal Bureau of Investigation is ordered to halt all COINTELPRO
2 programs and declassify all documents regarding their past.
- 3 A. All programs currently under the COINTELPRO initiative will be halted as
4 expeditiously as possible while maintaining the integrity of domestic and
5 international security.
- 6 B. All documents regarding the COINTELPRO initiative and its targets will be
7 declassified.
- 8 C. All people currently and formerly imprisoned as a result of COINTELPRO
9 efforts will be granted full clemency and expungement from their criminal
10 records.
- 11 **SECTION 2.** COINTELPRO (short for CounterIntelligence Programs) programs refer to
12 the number of FBI Programs aimed at stifling the political rights and actions
13 of New Left, Feminist, Black Power, and other social and political
14 organizations through surveillance, infiltration, and internal disruption.
- 15 **SECTION 3.** Congress will oversee the execution of this bill.
- 16 A. The extent of COINTELPRO programs will be determined by the House
17 Committee on Oversight and Reform.
- 18 B. The United States Senate Select Committee on Intelligence will oversee the
19 halting of all determined COINTELPRO programs, declassification of
20 COINTELPRO documents, and process of granting clemency to all targets of
21 these programs.
- 22 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2023. All laws in conflict with
23 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by McDowell High School.



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A Bill to Restrict Outdoor Water Use in Areas of Drought

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Private citizens are hereby banned from irrigating or watering their lawns, using sprinklers,
3 washing cars, and otherwise frivolously using water outdoors in any areas experiencing any
4 level of drought as determined by the US Drought Monitor of the National Integrated
5 Drought Information System (NIDIS) . The filling of pools shall be banned in all areas
6 experiencing categories D2-D4 of drought. Outdoor water use for vegetable and fruit
7 gardening is protected.

8 **SECTION 2.** Any citizen found to be in violation of this legislation shall be fined \$200 for the first
9 infraction, with this amount doubling for each repeat infraction.

10 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by local law enforcement in conjunction with NIDIS.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

A Bill to Mandate Speed Governors

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** All automobiles manufactured and/or sold new in the United States must possess
3 functioning speed governors that restrict them from traveling at speeds above 85 miles per
4 hour.

5 **SECTION 2.** A speed governor is defined as a device installed within an automobile which monitors,
6 regulates, and limits the automobile's speed.

7 **SECTION 3.** Within ten years of the passage of this legislation, states, territories, and the federal district
8 shall enforce this same requirement as a condition of registration of any automobile
9 regardless of year of manufacture. Any jurisdiction that fails to do so shall lose its federal
10 highway funding until such time as compliance is reached.

11 **SECTION 4.** Any manufacturer or dealership in violation of this legislation shall be fined \$10,000 for
12 each automobile produced or sold without a required speed governor.

13 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall be overseen by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
14 (NHTSA).

15 **SECTION 6.** This legislation shall take effect on June 1, 2023.

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

A Resolution to Acknowledge and Apologize for Genocide Against the Philippines

- 1 **WHEREAS** The United States government and military willfully and repeatedly carried out many
2 atrocities against the people of the Philippines over nearly a half century of colonial rule,
3 particularly during the Philippine-American War of 1899-1902; and
- 4 **WHEREAS** These atrocities easily meet a variety of definitions of genocide, a judgment supported by a
5 wide range of scholars; and
- 6 **WHEREAS** The United States has never formally apologized for or even acknowledged the shameful
7 depths of this history; now, therefore be it
- 8 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that, on behalf of the entire nation of the United States,
9 Congress confesses to having perpetrated genocide and other crimes against humanity
10 against the people of the Philippines; and
- 11 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that, on behalf of the entire nation of the United States, Congress humbly and
12 sincerely apologizes for this flagrant abuse of power and disregard for human rights, as well
13 as for the damage these transgressions have caused and continue to cause the people of
14 the Philippines and their families worldwide; and
- 15 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress endeavors to mitigate this wrong to the greatest extent possible
16 through increased compassionate collaboration with the Philippines and through an
17 absolute and eternal commitment to preventing genocide and protecting human rights
18 globally.

A Bill to Safeguard the Rights of Anchor-Outs

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** No state, district, territory, county, or municipality may make or enforce any law that limits
- 3 the amount of time a vessel may anchor in an area otherwise open to anchoring, nor may
- 4 any other law be made or enforced that limits the right to live aboard a vessel.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** This legislation shall be overseen by the US Coast Guard (USCG).
- 6 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2023.
- 7 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Ban Political Parties

- 1 **RESOLVED,** That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United
2 States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
3 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from
4 the date of its submission by the Congress:
- 5 **ARTICLE 1.** No organization shall exist which strives to tie together multiple political candidates or
6 elected officials based on supposed ideological commonalities.
- 7 **ARTICLE 2.** No political affiliation may be printed alongside a candidate’s name on a ballot.
- 8 **ARTICLE 3.** The suggestion of allegiance to a political party, whether real or imaginary, by an elected
9 official shall be grounds for impeachment and removal from office.
- 10 **ARTICLE 4.** The suggestion of allegiance to a political party, whether real or imaginary, by a political
11 candidate shall be grounds for deletion from the ballot and ineligibility to hold office.
- 12 **ARTICLE 5.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

A Bill to End Network Distinctions in Healthcare

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** No healthcare company may charge a policyholder differently depending on whether a
3 provider is in-network or out-of-network. Each policyholder and that policyholder's
4 dependents (if applicable) shall be free to patronize any licensed provider.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** Any healthcare company found to be in violation of this legislation shall be responsible for
6 paying the difference in any illegally differentiated charges and shall also pay a fine equal to
7 twice that amount.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).
- 9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2023.
- 10 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.