

A Bill to Reform the TAG Program

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN
CONGRESS ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The TAG or Talented and Gifted program will be reformed. The TAG program has excluded bright students from learning opportunities for decades due to its admission process. The program will be reformed to alter its admission process to value teacher recommendations and the student interviews more than standardized testing scores. As well as altering the program to become similar to IEPs, the program will follow students through their K-12 educational career to give students tools to help them throughout their entire life.

SECTION 2.

A. The TAG or Talented and Gifted program is a program created from a bill in 1988 called the Jacob Javits Gifted and Talented Students Education Act, intended to meet the special needs of gifted students.

B. Gifted Students are students who exhibit exemplary potential in the academic environment. This will be determined by, in order, teacher recommendation, the student's determination, and standardized testing scores.

C. An IEP is an Individualized Education Program

SECTION 3. This bill will be enforced by the United States Department of Education

SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect as of June 1st, 2022

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lauren Brenner, Oregon City High School

A Bill to Add Women to the Draft

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN
CONGRESS ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. For decades women have been left out of the draft. This has created a gender gap in the effect of wars on Americans. To achieve equality we must add women to the draft. This bill will make it so all sexes will be required to sign up for the draft at 18. Everyone will be eligible from ages 18 to 25.

SECTION 2.

- A. The Draft is compulsory recruitment to the United States military.
- B. Women are people who are assigned female on their birth certificates,
- C. Sexes are the category that is assigned at birth based on the reproductive system.

SECTION 3. The Selective Service System will enforce this bill.

- A. Men and Women will both be held to the same standard for the registration timeline once turned 18, as well as

SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect immediately once passed. Everyone eligible for the draft will be required to register by January 1st, 2024.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lauren Brenner, Oregon City High School

A Bill to Require a Stronger Check on the National Emergencies Act to Protect Our Checks and Balances

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Section 201(a) of the National Emergency Act of 1976 shall be amended to
2 state: “To declare a National Emergency, 60% of both houses of Congress
3 must vote to approve the declaration of a National Emergency before the
4 President may exercise powers under the National Emergency Act of 1976.”
- 5 **SECTION 2.** If Congress is in recess, the President may declare an Emergency for up to
6 30 days pending renewal by congress.
- 7 A. The declaration may not be renewed without Congressional
8 Approval.
- 9 B. The president may not reallocate funds in excess of \$10 million or
10 enact permanent policy until congress approves the emergency.
- 11 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will take effect immediately.
- 12 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Tara Subramaniam, Lincoln High School.

A Bill to Repeal “Buy American” Laws to Revitalize Our Economy

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** “Buy American” laws shall be repealed.
- 2 **SECTION 2.** "Buy American Laws" shall be defined as all statutes, regulations, rules, and
3 Executive Orders relating to Federal procurement or Federal financial
4 assistance—including those that refer to "Buy America" or "Buy
5 American"—that require, or provide a preference for, the purchase or
6 acquisition of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States,
7 including iron, steel, and manufactured goods.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will take effect immediately. All laws in conflict with this
9 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Tara Subramaniam of Lincoln High School.



CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE

FEBRUARY 2022
LEGISLATION DOCKET



February Docket

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A Bill to Return Mount Rushmore and the Black Hills to the Lakota Sioux

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Mount Rushmore National Monument, Jewel Cave National Monument, and Black Hills
3 National Forest are hereby returned to the Lakota Sioux, the ownership and administration
4 of these areas to be jointly determined by the Pine Ridge, Rosebud, Lower Brule, Cheyenne
5 River, and Standing Rock Reservations on behalf of the Lakota Sioux people.

6 **SECTION 2.** A fund of \$100 million shall be made available to the aforementioned reservations for the
7 purpose of remediating the returned lands, including, should tribal administration so
8 desire, the demolition of the four presidential sculptures and surrounding complex at
9 Mount Rushmore and restoration of that landmark to the mountain the Lakota Sioux know
10 as *T̥hųŋkášila Šákpe* ("The Six Grandfathers").

11 **SECTION 3.** Funding for this legislation shall be raised from a one-time annual tax increase of 1% on the
12 revenues of the oil, coal, and natural gas industries. Additional funds procured from this tax
13 shall be transferred to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to be used as that agency sees fit.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the BIA. The National Park Service (NPS) and the
15 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shall be available to support the BIA upon request.

16 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2023.

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

A Bill to Amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to Safeguard the American Economy

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Education (DoE) and the entire executive branch are hereby stripped of
3 all power to cancel student loans as enshrined in the Higher Education Act of 1965 (Pub.L.
4 89–329). This power shall become exercised exclusively by Congress.

5 **SECTION 2.** A student loan shall be defined as money a student borrows to be paid back with interest
6 for any purpose related to post-secondary education.

7 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

A Bill to Reduce Department of Defense Infringement on the First Amendment

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Defense (DoD) may no longer require filmmakers to adjust their
3 productions as a requirement of DoD cooperation.

4 **SECTION 2.** The DoD must make a good faith effort to cooperate with any U.S.-based film production
5 that seeks DoD support so long as DoD support is relevant to the production in question,
6 regardless of the way in which said production depicts the DoD or any other aspect of the
7 U.S. government. In particular, the DoD must provide support to any film production based
8 on a true story, regardless how flattering that story may or may not be with regard to the
9 DoD or the U.S. government.

10 **SECTION 3.** The DoD may charge filmmakers reasonable fees to cover the expenses associated with
11 DoD cooperation, though they may not levy these fees unfairly based on perceived bias for
12 or against the DoD or the U.S. government.

13 **SECTION 4.** Any DoD civilian employee found to be violating the terms of this legislation shall be
14 subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination. The violation of this
15 legislation by a service member shall constitute a new crime under the Punitive Articles
16 section of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) and members accused of violating it
17 shall be subject to court martial.

18 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Library of Congress, which shall receive an
19 additional \$1 million per year to pay for costs associated with this oversight. This funding
20 will be transferred from the DoD budget.

21 **SECTION 6.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

A Bill to End Discrimination in Indecent Exposure Laws

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 SECTION 1. No state may pass or enforce a law pertaining to clothing or indecent exposure that has
3 provisions that differ based on expression or appearance of gender or sex.

4 SECTION 2. Any laws of this sort currently in place are hereby overturned.

5 SECTION 3. Any state which attempts to pass or enforce a law of this sort shall lose federal highway
6 funding until such time as compliance is reached.

7 SECTION 4. This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Labor.

8 SECTION 5. This legislation shall take effect January 1, 2023.

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

A Bill to End Tax Deductions for Charitable Contributions

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** Charitable contributions shall no longer merit income tax deductions.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).
- 4 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2023.
- 5 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Resolution to Encourage the Legitimization of Place Names in the U.S.

1 **WHEREAS** most places, communities, and geographical features in the United States have
2 had meaningful names among Indigenous peoples for centuries prior to European
3 colonization; and

4 **WHEREAS** many current place names in the U.S. are ill-considered and even offensive; and

5 **WHEREAS** Indigenous place names, unlike those assigned by colonizers, are unique to the
6 United States; now, therefore be it

7 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that states, counties, and municipalities are
8 strongly encouraged to rename all places, including states, counties, municipalities,
9 townships, villages, and named public spaces such as parks, venues, and
10 geographical features over which they have jurisdiction to reflect the terms used by
11 Indigenous peoples, past and present, of the area; and

12 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that states, counties, and municipalities are instructed to work with
13 local Indigenous tribes to determine appropriate names, especially in areas where
14 there may be multiple tribes with different names for the same place or geographical
15 feature; and

16 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress celebrates those places and geographical features
17 already named according to the conventions and traditions of local Indigenous
18 people(s).

A Bill to Prohibit Disposal of Returned Products

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** No retailer may dispose of a non-defective, non-damaged, non-perishable
3 returned product. Retailers must further make every effort to repair a defective or
4 damaged returned product or, if repair is not possible, to recycle or reuse whatever
5 parts of it may be salvageable.

6 **SECTION 2.** Disposal shall be defined as destruction, abandonment, or storage without
7 intention of preservation or reuse, or as relegation to a waste disposal facility, such
8 as a landfill, for these same purposes. A returned product shall be defined as a
9 product which a customer has purchased or otherwise acquired from a retailer but
10 has then for any reason brought or sent back to the retailer to exchange for a refund
11 in any form, including an exchange or replacement.

12 **SECTION 3.** Any retailer found to be in violation of this legislation shall be fined fifty times the
13 retail price of each product found to have been improperly disposed of and ten times
14 the retail price of any defective or damaged product for which repair or reuse of
15 parts was not attempted.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

17 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2023.

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

A Bill to Protect the US Dollar from the Threat of Cryptocurrency

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** No domestic financial transaction at any level of government, including the
3 payment of a mayoral salary, may be conducted in a currency other than the United
4 States dollar.

5 **SECTION 2.** The request by a sitting politician to be paid in a currency other than the United
6 States dollar shall be viewed as a treasonous act and grounds for impeachment.

7 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of the Treasury.

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

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

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Protect LGBTQ+ Rights

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

6 **ARTICLE --**

7 **SECTION 1.** Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United
8 States or by any State on account of sex and gender orientation, identity, or
9 expression.

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

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution (Section 3 of the Fourteenth Amendment)

1 WHEREAS, The Constitution of the United States does not take into consideration electors who may be
2 considered fraudulent; Congressional committees established for the purpose of
3 investigating rebellions and insurrections; and cases of multiple impeachments; therefore
4 be it

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

9 ARTICLE--

10 SECTION 1. Include the following language from Section 3 of the Fourteenth Amendment to include the
11 following items in bold and remove the struck sentence: "No person shall be a Senator or
12 Representative in Congress, or elector of President and Vice President, or hold any office,
13 civil or military, under the United States, or under any State, who, having previously taken
14 an oath, as a member of Congress, or as an officer of the United States, or as a member of
15 any State legislature, or as an executive or judicial officer of any State, to support the
16 Constitution of the United States, shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against
17 the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof. Electors who fail to cooperate
18 with federal investigators and Congressional committees established for determining
19 whether an insurrection, rebellion, or failure to defend the Constitution of the United
20 States has taken place, will be ineligible to hold any elected office in the future. In addition,
21 any elector who has held an office and been impeached two or more times is ineligible for
22 holding that same office again.

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