

District Qualifier Legislation 2022

**A Bill to Establish Normal Relations with Cuba**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States of America shall end its trade embargo of Cuba, lift all  
3 federal restrictions imposed on Cuba, and re-establish normal trade relations with Cuba.

4 **SECTION 2.** Restrictions will include any economic sanctions against Cuba, as well as  
5 any other legislative provisions that affect trade with, investment in, or travel to and from  
6 Cuba.

7 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Departments of State, Commerce, and Treasury shall oversee the  
8 implementation of this bill.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect upon passage. All laws in conflict with this  
10 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Submitted by Brandon Batham, Burbank High School, TCFL

## A BILL TO ESTABLISH A 4 DAY WORK WEEK

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1, The Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) establishment a 40-hour work week decades ago is outmoded and no longer serves the national interests;

SECTION 2, The FLSA is amended to require all employers to implement a 32-hour work week (over 4 days). All hours worked over 32 hours in a week shall be compensated at a premium rate of pay to be established by regulation;

SECTION 3, The Department Labor will oversee implementation of this legislation;

SECTION 4, This law will take effect immediately upon passage;

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

Submitted by:

School: West High School

League: WBFL

NSDA District: WLA

Bill to prohibit restricting minors from making their own medical choices.

Legislative findings:

- 1) Decisions regarding health made in adolescence can impact an individual's future;
- 2) Parents and non-adult children often have difficulty communicating and agreeing on any issue;
- 3) Such non-adult children suffer from a wide range of physical and mental health issues which require treatment;
- 4) Parents may not agree with each other, or with their non-adult children on whether medical treatment should be sought or rendered for any such issues;
- 5) State and local restrictions on non-emergency medical care for non-adult children prevents those children from receiving needed medical care which is harmful to the United States as a whole;

**Now, therefore, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

SECTION 1. Individuals who have attained the age of fifteen (15) have the right to seek that medical care they believe would benefit them best without their parent's consent or knowledge;

SECTION 2. All state laws which seek to limit or restrict medical care sought by those fifteen (15) years of age or older are hereby declared null and void;

SECTION 3. The Departments of Justice and Health and Human Services will oversee implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation is implemented immediately upon passage.

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

Submitted by: School: West High School League: WBFL NSDA District: WLA

# A Bill to Amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1                   **SECTION 1.**    The Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA) will be  
2                   amended to prohibit the conduct of offshore drilling on the outer  
3                   Continental Shelf

4                   **SECTION 2.**    The following regulation on Offshore Drilling will be added  
5                   to Section 8:

6                   A. The Secretary of the Interior shall not issue a lease or any other  
7                   authorization for the exploration or production of oil, natural gas, or  
8                   any other mineral in the following areas:

- 9                         a. the Mid-Atlantic planning area;  
10                        b. the South Atlantic planning area;  
11                        c. the North Atlantic planning area; or  
12                        d. the Straits of Florida planning area

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Granada Hills Charter High School.*

## **A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Guarantee a Right to Food**

1 **RESOLVED**, By two-thirds of 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 intents and  
3 purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of  
4 the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

### **5 ARTICLE --**

6 **SECTION 1.** "All individuals have a natural, inherent and unalienable right to grow, raise, harvest,  
7 produce and consume the food of their own choosing for their own nourishment,  
8 sustenance, bodily health and well-being" (11/04/2021 State of Maine referendum), and  
9 this right shall not be infringed.

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

## **A Bill to Stop Uranium Mining and Mitigate Its Effects on Native Reservations**

**1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:**

**2 SECTION 1.** Uranium mining is hereby forbidden on Native American Reservations unless specifically

**3** approved by the relevant tribal government and a referendum vote of the relevant tribal

**4** population. Uranium mines are also forbidden anywhere within fifty miles of any water

**5** source utilized by a Native American Reservation, whether that spot is or is not on

**6** reservation land, unless approved by the tribe in the same manner.

**7 SECTION 2.** Within five years of the passage of this legislation, all current uranium mines that meet the

**8** criteria outlined in Section 1, whether active or abandoned, must be closed and completely

**9** remediated until they pose no threat to the surrounding ecosystems or to the health of the

**10** local population as determined by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Centers

**11** for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) respectively. Any privately owned mine shall be

**12** remediated by the corporation that controls it. Any publicly owned mine shall be

**13** remediated by the EPA.

**14 SECTION 3.** Any corporation that fails to remediate a mine within the allotted timeframe shall cede

**15** ownership of the mine and be fined \$10 million. The EPA will then carry out the

**16** remediation independently within five years of federal acquisition.

**17 SECTION 4.** Funding for this bill shall be sourced from a new 5% tax on the annual revenue of uranium

**18** mining corporations and nuclear power plants owned or operated within the United States.

**19 SECTION 5.** This legislation shall be jointly overseen by the EPA, the CDC, and the Bureau of Indian

**20** Affairs (BIA).

**21 SECTION 6.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2023.

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