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AM-1. A Bill to Stop Usage of Inhumane Weapons

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1. A.** The United States shall impose economic and/or military sanctions on all nations that
3. stockpile or use inhumane weapons in any form of combat.
4. **B.** The United States shall formally join the Convention on Cluster Munitions and follow all
5. guidelines set by them.
6. **SECTION 2. A.** "Inhumane weapons" refer to Cluster munitions or Thermobaric weapons.
7. **B.** Cluster munitions are defined as any explosive weapon that releases submunitions or any
8. further definition outlined by the Convention on Cluster Munitions.
9. **C.** Thermobaric weapons are defined as any weapon that uses oxygen compounds to create
10. pressure waves or vacuum in conjunction to a high-pressured blast.
11. **SECTION 3.** The Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) and Department of Defense (DOD) are responsible for the
12. implementation of this legislation.
13. A. The Office of Naval Intelligence is to monitor usage of inhumane missiles in areas of conflict.
14. B. The Department of Defense is responsible for making sure our weapons follow in
15. accordance of guidelines set by the Convention on Cluster Munitions.
16. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on October 31 2022.
17. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Submitted for Congressional Debate by Bellaire High School



AM-2. A Bill to suspend membership on the United Nations Security Council

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The United States shall withhold its financial contributions to the United Nations
3. until such time as the U.N. General Assembly amends Articles 23 and 108 to allow
4. for the suspension of membership on the U.N. Security Council (including that
5. of permanent members) of members who are credibly accused of crimes against
6. humanity.
7. **SECTION 2.** Article 108 must be amended to remove the requirement that all permanent
8. members of the U.N. Security Council approve amendments of the U.N. Charter.
9. Article 23 must be amended to include the stipulation that “all current members of
10. the U.N. Security Council shall have their membership suspended while the
11. International Criminal Court evaluates credible allegations of crimes against
12. humanity committed by that U.N. Security Council member state.”
13. **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Treasury shall be the agent of action in regards to withholding financial
14. support to the U.N. until they enact these amendments. The U.S. State Department
15. will coordinate the efforts to rally support in the General Assembly and membership
16. of both the United Nations and the U.N. Security Council.
17. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon the passage of this bill.
18. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Submitted for Congressional Debate by Clear Falls High School



AM-3. A Bill to Increase Funding to Homeless Shelters across the United States

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will incentivize a transition to increase the funding for
3. the more than 500,000 people in homeless shelters across the United States by \$6 billion.
4. **SECTION 2.** A “homeless shelter” will be defined as a building set up to provide for the needs of homeless
5. people, often including shelter, food, and sanitation.
6. **SECTION 3.** The United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) and The Department of Health
7. and Human Services (HHS) will work in conjunction to implement this bill.
8. A. Homeless shelters judged to be violating this law will lose all federal funding until they
9. demonstrate consistent compliance for at least two consecutive years.
10. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect by January of 2022.
11. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Submitted for Congressional Debate by Elkins High School



AM-4. A Bill to Remove Systematic Racism From Justice

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2. **SECTION 1.** The United States shall make criminal justice more equal by enabling the United States

3. Department of Justice (DOJ) Civil Rights Division to remove systemic racism.

4. **SECTION 2.** A. The Criminal Justice System shall be defined as the system of procedures and institutions

5. involved in the prosecution of an individual.

6. B. Systematic racism shall be defined as the specific persecution of a demographic throughout

7. a given system.

8. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice, in coordination with the Government Accountability Office(GAO)

9. will be responsible for implementing this bill:

10. A. The DOJ's civil rights division shall oversee establishing a task force to review the criminal

11. justice system for systematic racism.

12. B. All these findings shall be reviewed by the Government Accountability Office upon

13. verification.

14. C. Following verification task force shall then use the report to recommend and then

15. implement changes to the criminal justice system.

16. **SECTION 4.** This Bill shall be implemented beginning Jan 1, 2023.

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

Submitted for Congressional Debate by Harmony School of Advancement

AM-5. A Bill to Restore Peace to Ukraine

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. The U.S. shall allocate one billion dollars in humanitarian aid to Ukraine
3 over the next five years.

4 B. The U.S. shall deploy 2,000 troops to Ukraine who will assist the
5 Ukrainian force in intelligence-gathering and special combat operations.

6 **SECTION 2.** Humanitarian aid shall include but not be limited to medicines, food, and
7 water.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State will work in conjunction with the Department of
9 Defense to oversee the implementation of this legislation.

10 A. The Department of State shall work with NGOS and international
11 organizations to distribute the humanitarian aid.

12 B. The Department of State shall submit an annual report to Congress
13 on the progress of aid distribution and military efforts in Ukraine.

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

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

Submitted for Congressional Debate by Lamar High School



AM-6. A Bill to Establish an International Olympic Committee to Vet Competitors

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** An international Olympic Review Committee shall be established to extensively
3. review and vet all Olympic athletes prior to the competition. All athletes shall be
4. required to undergo a drug and health inspection.
5. **SECTION 2.** The Olympics shall be defined as the international sports events that take place
6. every year, including both summer and winter, and involving every public sports
7. entry.
8. **SECTION 3.** The US Olympic and Paralympic Committee shall be tasked with representing the US
9. at the international level.
10. A. Two diplomatic representatives from all countries shall be sent to participate.
11. B. The committee shall act with a democratic voting system.
12. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect on January 1, 2023.
13. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Submitted for Congressional Debate by St. Agnes Academy



AM-7. A Bill to Expand the Supreme Court

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 2 **SECTION 1.** The number of justices on the Supreme Court shall increase from nine to fifteen. Any justice who currently has
3 multiple circuit assignments will have them redistributed, so that each new justice will receive one circuit
4 assignment.
- 5 A. All current Supreme Court justices will continue to serve on the bench.
- 6 B. Two nominations to fill two of the new six seats will be allowed every four years, starting after the transition of
7 power following the 2024 presidential election.
- 8 C. Any seat that opens because of death or retirement of a previous justice will be allowed to be filled
9 immediately.
- 10 **SECTION 2.** The US Congress will oversee the implementation of this bill.
- 11 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be implemented following the inauguration in January 2025.
- 12 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Submitted for Congressional Debate by the Congressional Clerk



AM-8. A Resolution to Encourage All Elections to Use Rank Choice Voting

1. **WHEREAS**, Elected officials can be elected with strong opposition from just under half of the voters; and
2. **WHEREAS**, This occurs at all levels of government, from local to national, leading to polarized candidates
3. with barely the majority, and little action on issues; and
4. **WHEREAS**, This inaction has lead to things like environmental racism, poverty, climate change, and
5. dissatisfaction thus distrust in the American government with only a simple majority being
6. represented; and
7. **WHEREAS**, This is caused by the political gridlock because of the inability to compromise in the current
8. voting system; now, therefore, be it
9. **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled encourages all elections to be done with the use of rank
10. choice voting.

Submitted for Congressional Debate by the Congressional Clerk



PM-1. A Bill to Make the United States Energy Independent

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2. **SECTION 1.** It is in the national interest to promote clean and safe development of our Nation's vast energy
3. resources, while at the same time avoiding regulatory burdens that unnecessarily encumber energy
4. production, constrain economic growth, and prevent job creation. It shall be the policy of the United
5. States to provide stable, affordable, and reliable energy prices as well as lifting regulations on United
6. States energy producers. This legislation will address the impending energy crisis caused by the
7. invasion of Ukraine by Russia.
8. **SECTION 2.** The President shall direct the Secretary of Energy, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection
9. Agency, the Secretary of Transportation, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the Interior to
10. develop a plan of United States energy independence by 2024 that results in the United States becoming
11. a net exporter of energy.
12. **SECTION 3.** The plan for United States energy independence shall include the following:
13. A. Encourage energy exploration and production, including on the Outer Continental Shelf and ANWR.
14. B. Reducing regulatory burdens on private United States entities harvesting energy through hydraulic
15. fracking.
16. C. Construct, connect, operate and maintain the Keystone XL pipeline.
17. D. Repeal regulations that have the intent or effect of substantially reducing the energy independence
18. of the United States.
19. **SECTION 4.** This legislation takes effect immediately upon passage.
20. **SECTION 5.** This law supersedes Executive Order 13990 and all other conflicting laws.

Submitted for Congressional Debate by Bellaire High School



PM-2. A Bill to Implement a National Voter ID to Ensure Universal Ballot Access In Elections

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government implement a national voter ID program to
3. ensure that all eligible voters in the 50 states, Washington D.C., and American
4. territories and possessions have access to vote in all elections.
5. **SECTION 2.** The national voter ID program will issue a photo identification card to every vote-
6. eligible U.S. citizen immediately and will continue to issue these to eligible voters
7. upon their reaching the age of voter eligibility.
8. **SECTION 3.** The Social Security Administration will be responsible for enacting this program and
9. will be funded through the regular appropriations process.
10. **SECTION 4.** This program will be enacted immediately upon the passage of this bill.
11. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Submitted for Congressional Debate by Clear Falls High School



PM-3. A Resolution Support the People of Ukraine to End Russian Aggression and Stop the Violence

1 **WHEREAS**, On February 24, 2022, Russian forces, enabled by Belarus, launched its unprovoked
2 full-scale renewed invasion of a peaceful, independent country, Ukraine; and
3 **WHEREAS**, On February 21, 2022, Vladimir Putin ordered Russian troops into the self-
4 proclaimed Luhansk People's Republic and Donetsk People's Republic after
5 recognizing their independence; and
6 **WHEREAS**, The decision to recognize the self-proclaimed Luhansk People's Republic and
7 Donetsk People's Republic as independent and order Russian troops into that
8 territory was not only in violation of international law, Ukraine's sovereignty and
9 territorial integrity, and the Minsk agreements, but also tantamount to a declaration
10 of war; and
11 **WHEREAS**, United States leadership is integral to nations around the world in condemning and
12 imposing costs on the Russian Federation for its illegal, full-scale, renewed invasion;
13 and
14 **WHEREAS**, The United States, along with allies in Europe, the Indo-Pacific, and others around
15 the world, has been actively responding to Russia's unprovoked war of aggression
16 against Ukraine with critical military and humanitarian, and support for Ukraine;
17 therefore, be it
18 **RESOLVED** by this congress here assembled that the United States deliver immediate defensive
19 security to help Ukraine address the armored, airborne, and other threats Ukraine is
20 currently facing from Russian forces.

Submitted for Congressional Debate by Elkins High School



PM-4. A Bill to end Fraud and Abuse in the Student Loan Program

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The United States Government shall require individuals to assume liability of the institutional
3. debt caused to students and taxpayers because of fraudulent Claims.
4. **SECTION 2.** a. "Financial Liability" shall be as any executive from college that closes precipitously should be
5. held responsible for any damage done to taxpayers and students and not permit college
6. executives from profiting from federal financial aid. b. "Fraudulent claims" shall be defined as
7. for-profit colleges withholding financial aid money for students for monetary gain and lack of
8. protection for taxpayers
9. **SECTION 3.** a. The US Department of Education shall work on the implementation of this bill to pursue
10. individual owners, executives, and board members of corporations and convert for-profit
11. incisions for wrongdoing. b. The U.S Department of treasury will oversee the implementation of
12. money paid to school executives in salary or bonuses to be instead used to cover the cost of
13. loan forgiveness, taxpayer dollars, and student loan debt.
14. **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2023
15. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Submitted for Congressional Debate by St Agnes Academy



PM-5. A Resolution to Urge Pharmaceutical Companies to Self Regulate to Control Inflationary Pricing Practices

1. **WHEREAS**, Pharmaceutical companies have no clear method for establishing the price of prescription
2. drugs; and
3. **WHEREAS**, The price of the same drug seems to vary wildly depending on the point of distribution around
4. the globe; and
5. **WHEREAS**, Prescription drugs such as Insulin, Lisinopril, Humira, Stelara, Enbrel, and other high cost life-
6. -saving drugs are not items that should be luxuries available only to the wealthy; and
7. **WHEREAS**, The citizens of the United States should not bear the full and complete burden of recouping the
8. Research & Development costs of these drugs; and
9. **WHEREAS**, Global price controls in other countries have been effective in keeping costs within the reach of
10. average household without a marked decrease in Research & Development; and
11. **WHEREAS**, Pharmaceutical companies remain one of the most profitable sectors in the world economies
12. for investors; now, therefore, be it
13. **RESOLVED**, By the congress here assembled that Pharmaceutical companies be urged to self-regulate and
14. reign in the costs to United States consumers of their products to within of the average
15. international market (AIM) price; and be it
16. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, That this congress put those companies on notice, that if they choose to continue
17. to take unfair advantage of the prescription drug markets in the United States there will be
18. future legislative action to curtail such behavior and protect our citizens from abusive,
19. monopolistic, market violations.

Submitted for Congressional Debate by Congressional Clerk



PM-6. A Resolution to Abolish Cash Bail System

1. **WHEREAS**, The cash bail system further puts a divide in the economic classes of America due to it is
2. unequal punishment; and
3. **WHEREAS**, Many can't afford the bail. A couple days in jail could lead to a loss of their job, house, or even
4. custody of their children; and
5. **WHEREAS**, It has been shown that those held in pretrial detention without having their bail paid are more
6. likely to be subject to rearrest and start the cycle of incarceration; and
7. **WHEREAS**, Cash bail will continue to only penalize the poor while leaving the rich unaffected and keep
8. the poor with even less opportunities.; now, therefore, be it
9. **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled should abolish any form of cash bail to make a more
- 10 equitable justice system.

Submitted for Congressional Debate by Congressional Clerk



PM-7. A Bill to Legalize Sports Gambling in the United States

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Sports gambling in all capacities shall be legalized across the entirety of the United States.

3 **SECTION 2.** Sports gambling shall be defined in this legislation as placing a wager on a prediction of the outcome of a sporting
4 event. Sports Gambling will only be permitted within the National Football League, National Basketball Association,
5 Women's National Basketball Association, National Hockey League, Major League Baseball, American Soccer
6 League, and the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing.

7 **SECTION 3.** A new government agency shall be formed entitled the United States Gambling Control Commission (USGCC), with
8 the leader of the USGCC being appointed by the President, and any needed positions below this will be appointed
9 by the leader of the USGCC. The USGCC will handle the enforcement of this legislation and will work with each
10 sports organization to ensure the betting is fair in all capacities. Funding for this legislation will be allocated in the
11 next fiscal year by the House and Senate Budget Committee.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

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

Submitted for Congressional Debate by Congressional Clerk



PM-8. A Bill to Raise the Minimum Wage in the United States

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will raise the federal minimum wage as defined in the Fair Labor Standards Act to \$15 in all
3 States and Territories.

4 **SECTION 2.** Definitions

5 A. The Federal Minimum Wage shall be defined as the lowest hourly wage that a worker may be paid, as mandated
6 by federal law.

7 B. The Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) shall be defined as the law that sets the minimum wage, overtime pay, and
8 record keeping for all applicable employees (See section 3).

9 C. The Wage and Hour Division shall be defined as the division in the U.S. Department of Labor that ensures the
10 upkeep and enforcement of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

11 D. Domestic Workers shall be defined as persons employed in domestic service in private homes.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Department of Labor shall oversee the enforcement of this bill when
13 applicable through the FLSA.

14 A. Employees of enterprises that have an annual gross volume of sales or business done of at least \$500,000 will be
15 protected under the FLSA.

16 B. Employees of smaller firms that are engaged in interstate commerce or the production of goods for commerce
17 will be protected under the FLSA. Employees who perform closely related and/or essential duties to such interstate
18 activities will also be protected by the FLSA.

19 C. Employees of federal, state, or local government agencies, hospitals and schools, and domestic workers will be
20 protected under the FLSA.

21 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2023.

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

Submitted for Congressional Debate by Congressional Clerk