

A Bill to Support the Chesapeake Bay

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The Chesapeake Bay restoration effort is unprecedented in scale and scope.
2 A saved Bay will provide an estimated \$130 billion annually in natural
3 resource benefits to the region and model a path for national and global
4 environmental restoration.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** The Trump administration reversed dozens of clean air and water
6 regulations.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** Multiple indicators of the Bay's health demonstrate substantial work is still
8 necessary.
- 9 **SECTION 4.** Therefore, be it resolved by this Congress, the Environmental Protection
10 Agency will fund conservation measures for farmers in the Bay States
11 (Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York) and
12 Washington, D.C
- 13 A. The EPA will determine qualifications and fund's received
14 B. Bay farmers will apply for conservation funding
- 15 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect on July 1st, 2022. All laws in conflict with this
16 legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Shady Side Academy.

A Bill to Include LGBTQ+ Voices in American Public Schools

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The role of LGBTQ+ history in shaping American culture, including its
2 major political figures, activists, artists, and writers, is rarely given a
3 voice in American public school curricula, despite its significant
4 contributions to American culture and society. Likewise, the
5 contributions of major figures in the LGBTQ+ community are often
6 ignored, overlooked, or silenced.

7 This bill would require American public schools to include the historical 8
 significance of LGBTQ+ individuals and historical events as part of the
9 school curriculum to create a more inclusive environment for students.

10 **SECTION 2.** “Voices” shall be defined as “the right of expression; influential power.”
11 “LGBTQ+ shall be defined as “non-heterosexual or non-cisgender.”

12 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be put into effect and enforced by the U.S. Department of
13 Education.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hampton High School

A Bill to Prevent Future Damage to Ecosystems on the Colorado River by Controlling Water Held Back by Dams

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A limit shall be enacted on both the water taken from the colorado river, and the water held back from passing through the might colorado monthly to assist the ecosystems and their respective habitats.

SECTION 2.

A. Held back shall be defined as water prevented from reaching the Colorado River for any given time without at minimum 75% or maximum of 125% of the amount of water being allowed to pass through.

B. An extreme event shall be defined as any event that is projected to put human life, or property at risk on a large scale.

SECTION 3. This bill shall be enforced through the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

A. This 25% held back buffer shall be distributed along the Colorado River dams as the EPA sees fit to accommodate dam filling, dam draining, droughts, and other events that may occur to the dam.

B. In case of any extreme events such as floods, droughts, or flash floods, this buffer of 25% shall be increased to 50% to be spread out amongst the Colorado River dams to allow for a minimum total of 50%, or a maximum of 150% water held back from the river.

SECTION 4. Implementation of this bill shall begin in the fiscal year 2025

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Upper Saint Clair High School

A Bill to Promote Self-Driving Vehicles to Reduce Travel Times and Congestion

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The U.S. Government shall distribute a total of 2 billion dollars across
2 various self-driving car companies to assist in research and development
3 self-driving cars to assist their entrance into the land vehicle market.

4 **SECTION 2.** Let it be hereby known that human drivers are the main cause of traffic a
5 congestion to form, thus to efficiently reduce travel times they cannot
6 continue to drive cars.

7 **SECTION 3 .** Self-driving shall be defined as a land bound vehicle used to either haul
8 passengers, or freight that can be used without need for a driver present t
9 steer the vehicle.

10 **SECTION 4.** The passage of this bill shall be managed by the Department of
11 Transportation and the money shall be spread out as the DOT sees fit.

12 A. The money for this bill shall be allocated from the Highway Trust
13 Fund.

14 B. The payments from this bill shall be spent as the following, 1billi
15 throughout the first year of the passage of this bill,

16 C. 500million shall be allocated each year following the end of each
17 year following year 1.

18 **SECTION 5.** This bill shall pass January, 1, 2023

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

20. *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Upper St. Clair School District.*

A Resolution to teach High school Youth about Antisemitism

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The U.S has seen an epidemic of Antisemitism over the past several
2 decades; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Antisemitism is very much on the rise as, according to the ADL, “The
4 United States recorded more than 2,100 acts of assault, vandalism, and
5 harassment over the past year, a 12% increase from previous years
6 ; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Antisemitism in the U.S is currently the highest its been since 1979; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** The deadly attacks in synagogues such as the Tree of Life in Pittsburgh,
9 and the Chabad of Poway in Poway, as well as situations such as the
10 Hostage situation at temple Beth Israel in Texas have left the American
11 Jewish population fearful of their own country
- 12 **WHEREAS,** One of best ways to combat the ignorance that creates hate is by
13 education; and
- 14 **WHEREAS,** By educating people on the very present harms antisemitism brings to
15 our people we can start to change this issue in our country; now
16 therefore be it
- 17 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation
18 for the Department of Education to work collaboratively with states on
19 creating a curriculum that includes instruction on Antisemitism and the
20 harms it brings; and, be it
- 21 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That States are highly recommended to implement said
22 |curriculum by the start of 2023/2024 school year.
- 23 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Upper St. Clair High School.*

A Bill to Enforce Transparency in Capital Police Operations to Guarantee Citizen Safety

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Security information held by the United States Capitol Police must be released
3 to another entity, including an individual, in a manner pursuant to the
4 Freedom of Information Act (5 USC §552).

5 **SECTION 2.** Security Information will be defined as in 2 U.S. Code § 1979: “information
6 that is sensitive with respect to the policing, protection, physical security,
7 intelligence, counterterrorism actions, or emergency preparedness and
8 response relating to Congress, any statutory protectee of the Capitol Police,
9 and the Capitol buildings and grounds; and is obtained by, on behalf of, or
10 concerning the Capitol Police Board, the Capitol Police, or any incident
11 command relating to emergency response.”

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice and Capitol Police Board will oversee the
13 enforcement of this legislation.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation goes into effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced to Congressional Debate by Pennsbury High School

**A BILL TO EXPAND UPON EXISTING LIGHT RAIL CAPABILITIES IN WESTERN
PENNSYLVANIA**

In the Pennsylvania High School Speech League
by Fox Chapel Area High School

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PHSSL DISTRICT 16 SENATE THAT:

1. **Section I.** The “Golden Triangle Railway” (GTR) will be established as a corporation owned entirely by the State of Pennsylvania initially.
2. **Section II.** The GTR will provide for the construction of extensions to the existing Pittsburgh Light Rail System, the building of new stations along the extended lines, and the facilitation of transportation along these lines.
3. **Section III.** The State of Pennsylvania will provide an initial investment to begin corporate function.
 - a.) A 2% increase in current tolls across state turnpikes is hereby authorized in order to raise funds for the GTR.
 - b.) \$6 billion will be allocated from the Pennsylvania State Budget to the GTR.
 - c.) The State Liquor Tax will be increased for a term of 10 years by 3% in order to raise funds for the GTR.
4. **Section IV.** The GTR will, when the Secretary of Transportation deems appropriate, open itself for equity investment from private companies.
 - a.) The equity share of the State of Pennsylvania will never decrease below 50.1% of outstanding voting shares.
5. **Section V.** The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation will oversee the GTR, facilitate its growth, and manage it with the goal of high-functionality and greater transportation access.
6. **Section VI.** This bill will take effect immediately upon passage.

A Resolution to Merge the state of West Virginia into Virginia to Revitalize the West Virginian Economy

- 1 **WHEREAS,** West Virginia's economy is floundering due to a lack of infrastructure to
2 export goods from its state and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** West Virginia's GDP from 2010 to 2019 increased only 6.6% while the US
4 saw a 42.9% increase in the same time period indicative of West Virginia's
5 stunted economic growth and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** This has led to a steady decline in West Virginia's population since the
7 previous national census
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Virginia's wealth, the potential for infrastructure construction, and access
9 to ports would help West Virginia catch up economically to the rest of the
10 United States; therefore be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled promote the merger of West Virginia
12 into Virginia to close the economic gaps in the United States

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