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## A Bill to End Federal Recognition of Columbus Day

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** Columbus Day, designated as October 12 and observed on the second Monday in the  
3 month of October, shall no longer be recognized or observed as a federal holiday.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** On the second Monday in October, all federal government offices shall remain open, stock  
5 market trading shall continue as normal, and federal government employees shall not be  
6 eligible for any special leave.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** State and local governments and private businesses may choose to continue recognizing  
8 and observing Columbus Day, if desired.
- 9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2024.
- 10 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

## A Bill to Modernize and Revitalize the Airship Industry

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall establish an annual fund of \$10 billion to be used to promote research,  
3 development, and implementation of improved technology to support the use of airships  
4 for shipping, emergency medical and disaster support, and transportation.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** An airship is defined as an engine-powered, steerable aircraft that is fueled by gasses that  
6 are lighter than air.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Aviation Administration shall oversee this legislation and be responsible for the  
8 effective disbursement of these funds.
- 9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect at the start of the next fiscal year.
- 10 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

## A Bill to Darken Our Skies

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall allocate an additional \$500 million per year to the United States Fish and  
3 Wildlife Service (USFWS) to empower them to work more closely with the International  
4 Dark-Sky Association (IDSA) on their Dark Skies Initiative, focusing on the goals of reducing  
5 light pollution in cities and vastly increasing the number of International Dark Sky  
6 Communities in the United States.

7 **SECTION 2.** This legislation shall be overseen by USFWS.

8 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall take effect at the start of the next fiscal year.

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

## A Bill to Require Recess

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** Any school that receives federal funding and serves students at any level up to and  
3 including 8th grade must provide those students with at least 30 minutes of recess during  
4 each school day.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** Recess is defined as supervised but unstructured time during which students are provided  
6 an area in which they have sufficient space to engage in physical play and activity.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** Any school or district that fails to meet this minimum shall lose federal funding until such  
8 time as compliance is reached.
- 9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Education.
- 10 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect on July 1, 2025.
- 11 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

## A Bill to Strengthen the Anti-Fraud Measures of the Social Security Administration

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Social Security Administration (SSA) is directed to reimagine and redesign their systems  
3 for assigning and maintaining identification credentials, as well as the cards they provide as  
4 verification of those credentials, with the goal of preventing and addressing fraud.

5 **SECTION 2.** Congress shall apportion an extra \$500 million per year for the next five years to the SSA to  
6 support them in achieving this goal, with the expectation that they succeed in doing so no  
7 later than five years from the date this legislation takes effect.

8 **SECTION 3.** The SSA shall oversee this legislation, though they are directed to work with the  
9 Department of Justice (DOJ) to leverage that agency's expertise in preventing and  
10 addressing fraud.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2024.

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

## A Bill to Allow for Consumption of Horse Meat

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** All bans in place against the slaughter, sale, and consumption of horse meat within the  
3 United States are hereby lifted, as are bans preventing the use of federal funds for  
4 mandatory inspections of horse meat slaughterhouses.

5 **SECTION 2.** Congress shall transfer \$5 billion in annual beef subsidies to the horse meat industry to  
6 promote the consumption of horse meat as an alternative to other meat products.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) shall oversee this legislation.

8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

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

## A Resolution to Apologize for the Iraq War

- 1   **WHEREAS** The Downing Street Memo and other sources that have become available in the last two  
2                   decades have provided a concerning amount of evidence that the United States’  
3                   motivations in going to war with Iraq were a severe breach of the country’s values; and
- 4   **WHEREAS** The accusations the United States made concerning the Saddam Hussein regime’s secret  
5                   accumulation of weapons of mass destruction and collusion with the perpetrators of the  
6                   September 11 attacks have proven to be wholly unfounded and arguably even fabricated  
7                   by design; and
- 8   **WHEREAS** This war resulted in incalculable damage, trauma, and hardship in the region, including the  
9                   deaths of thousands of U.S. soldiers and hundreds of thousands of Iraqis, as many of  
10                  200,000 of whom were civilians; now, therefore be it
- 11 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that this body sincerely and humbly apologizes to the  
12                  Republic of Iraq and the Iraqi people for the immense pain and damage the United States  
13                  has caused them and the fact that no remotely ethical justification can be made for any of  
14                  it; and be it
- 15 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress further apologizes to the other nations and people of the region for  
16                  the chaos and violence that has erupted beyond the borders of Iraq owing to this conflict;  
17                  and be it
- 18 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress further apologizes to the remaining nations and peoples of the  
19                  world for the dishonesty that our government employed in attempting to establish a  
20                  coalition to join us in these atrocities, and for the damages and losses those who did join us  
21                  also incurred; and be it
- 22 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress apologizes to the people of the United States for the sacrifices they  
23                  were forced to endure to enable their government to wage this abominable war, and for  
24                  the doubt and disappointment these decisions sowed in the perspectives of U.S. citizens  
25                  toward their government; and be it
- 26 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that from this day forward Congress commits to use its power to prevent actions  
27                  such as those expressed in the immorality of the Iraq War.



## A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Immunize a Sitting President from Incarceration

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 —**

6 **SECTION 1.** Any person duly elected to the Office of President while imprisoned shall be released from  
7 prison immediately upon the date of inauguration.

8 **SECTION 2.** Any portion of an elected President's prison sentence remaining at the time of inauguration  
9 shall be served out by that person upon leaving office.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

## A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Protect Miranda Rights

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 —**

6 **SECTION 1.** Any person being detained by law enforcement as a criminal suspect must be informed of  
7 their right to silence and protection from self-incrimination, popularly known as Miranda  
8 Rights, per the 1966 Supreme Court case *Miranda v. Arizona* and the 1984 Supreme Court  
9 case *Berkemer v. McCarty*.

10 **SECTION 2.** Any detainee or suspect whose rights are deprived of them through a law enforcement  
11 officer's failure to inform them explicitly of these rights in a timely manner may pursue  
12 legal action against the negligent officer, that officer's employer, or both.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

## **A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Establish Personhood for Rivers**

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 —**

6 **SECTION 1.** All rivers, streams, and other natural waterways are recognized as having legal personhood.

7 **SECTION 2.** Any federally recognized Native American Tribe with a current or historical claim to a  
8 relationship with a given river, stream, or natural waterway is entitled to pursue legal  
9 action in defense of the rights of that entity.

10 **SECTION 3.** No legal proceedings may be brought in which a river, stream, or natural waterway is  
11 named as a defendant.

12 **SECTION 4.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

# A Bill to Ban Laser Pointers for Non Medical and Military Use

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** This bill would ban laser pointers for any use other than medical and  
2 military use. Laser pointers should no longer be available for cat toys or for  
3 other incidental or entertainment use.

4 **SECTION 2.** According to the Federal Aviation Administration there were 9,457 laser  
5 incidents in 2022. The FAA reports, “ Laser strikes on aircraft remain a  
6 serious threat to aviation safety. Intentionally aiming lasers at aircrafts  
7 poses a safety threat to pilots and violates federal law. Many high-powered  
8 lasers can incapacitate pilots flying aircraft that may be carrying hundreds  
9 of passengers.” Many people think pointing a laser pointer at a plane won't  
10 make it to the plane, but they can and do according to the FAA. USA  
11 Today.com reports 269 incidents with injuries so far. It is time to remove  
12 laser pointers from public use. After this bill is passed all people will  
13 surrender laser pointers at local police stations and they will be destroyed.

14 **SECTION 3.** Enforcement: Local and state police backed up by the fbi and the Federal  
15 Aviation Administration will oversee enforcement along with the specific  
16 enforcement mechanism. All people will be ordered to surrender laser  
17 pointers within 72 hours of this Bill’s passage. Any who are caught in  
18 violation of this order will be fined \$50 on the 1st offense. On a second  
19 offense the owner or user of the laser will be fined \$500. And on a third  
20 offense, the offender will receive 5 Days in jail and a \$1000 fine. If the  
21 owner of a laser points it at the sky and causes a crash, fines could be  
22 exponential and the person could be charged with murder or attempted  
23 murder depending on loss of life.

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

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bonneville High School.*

# A Bill to Abolish the Selective Service System

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The Military Selective Service Act is repealed.

2 **SECTION 2.** All assets and records under the Selective Service System will be  
3 transferred to the General Services Administration no less than 180 days after enactment.

4 **SECTION 3.** The Office of Personnel Management will assist in relocating officers and  
5 all employees formerly under the Selective Service System to other appropriate federal  
6 agencies

7 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2025. All laws  
8 in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Century High School.*

# A Resolution to Amend Article one of the Constitution to Include an Age Limit for Congressional Representatives

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:** Any person that has achieved the age of 65 cannot run in a  
8 new election for Congressional Representative.

9 **SECTION 2:** Any representative that is currently in office when this  
10 amendment passes, can finish their term in office, but  
11 cannot run again.  
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13 **SECTION 3:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by  
14 appropriate legislation.  
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# **A Bill to Implement a Five-Cent Tax on Plastic Bags**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** Any single-use plastic bag consumed or distributed in the United States shall be taxed five cents
- SECTION 2.** Distributed: when bags are given to companies intended for consumption  
Consumed: any bag taken by the consumer that is not reusable  
Reusable: anything (specifically bags in this instance) that can be used multiple times for a longer time, ex. Canvas, thick plastic, any biodegradable material, etc.
- SECTION 3.** The IRS (Internal Revenue Service) will oversee the implementation of this bill.
- A. IRS enforces taxes that are instated by Congress so Congress will pass this and then hand it off to the IRS to oversee and enforce
  - B. Corporations or Businesses will pay excise tax to the IRS and file a 720 form. They can pass on the cost to the consumer.
- SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the start of the next fiscal year. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Idaho Falls High School.*

# A Bill to Cap the Retail Price of Epi-Pens

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   Congress shall place a price cap on the sale of epi-pens; price shall not  
2                   exceed ninety-five dollars per two-pack.
- 3   **SECTION 2.**   Retail Price is defined as the price the customers pay for the final product  
4                   that is sold. Epi-pen is defined as a prescription medication used in case of  
5                   an allergic reaction
- 6   **SECTION 3.**   The Food and Drug Administration will oversee the implementation of this  
7                   bill.
- 8   **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect at the start of the next fiscal year. All laws in  
9                   conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Idaho Falls High School.*



# **A Bill to Require all US Health Insurance Agencies to Provide Coverage for Mental Health Expenses**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All US health insurance agencies will be mandated to provide coverage for  
2 any expense concerning mental health either prescribed or officially  
3 recommended by a doctor.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** US health insurance agencies shall be defined as any company providing  
5 health insurance to citizens of the United States.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** Any insurance agency found to be in violation of this law will be fined  
7 \$600,000 per offense.
- 8 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be overseen by the Federal Insurance Office under the U.S.  
9 Department of the Treasury
- 10 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2025. All laws in conflict with this  
11 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Idaho Falls High School*

## A Resolution to Emphasize Veteran Recognition by Implementing A Federal Month of Honor

- 1   **WHEREAS,**    In the United States, Post and Current personnel in the military receive very  
2                                little respect and honor, and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**    The people who serve in the military and serve our country are not  
4                                recognized to the fullness they deserve; now, therefore, be it
- 5   **WHEREAS,**    Other groups of people have a full month of recognition, including Black  
6                                History Month, Pride Month, and Asian American and Pacific Islander  
7                                Heritage Month, Veterans receive only three days a year, and deserve much  
8                                more than that; now, therefore, be it
- 9   **Resolved,**    That the Congress here assembled name the month of May as a Federal  
10                             Holiday Month in honor and recognition of Veterans all around the country.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Idaho Falls High School.*

# A Bill to Make Selective Service Sign up Mandatory for Everyone

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All US citizens between the ages 18-25 will be required to sign up for  
2 Selective Service within the US military.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** All US citizens means no discrimination and will include everyone of every  
4 gender, race, religion, ethnicity, etc.
- 5 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be overseen by the US Census Bureau and US Armed Forces  
6 Divisions to make sure everyone has accounted for and signed up for  
7 selective service.
- 8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the start of the next fiscal year.
- 9 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hillcrest High School.*

# A Resolution to Recognize National Handwriting Day to Promote Handwriting Legibility

1           **WHEREAS,**    the rates of legibility and use of traditional pen and paper  
2           handwriting among both adults and children have decreased; and  
3                        is most commonly found within academic and working institutions,  
4           home environments, and professional settings proving that the situation is  
5           not controlled; and  
6           **WHEREAS,**    the unnecessary risks of causing bad grades in school due to  
7           teachers not understanding the student’s work, misunderstanding  
8           important dates, events, notes, etc. within the workplace, and the  
9           unintelligible notes made by doctors, as put by the National Society of  
10          Medicine, resulting in medical mishaps, patients given wrong medications,  
11          slow diagnosis, treatment, and recovery plans, and sometimes death from  
12          the misunderstood deciphering of doctors’ bad handwriting; and  
13          **RESOLVED,**   That the Congress here assembled ought to recognize  
14          National Handwriting Day to its fullest extent of doing and practicing pen  
15          and paper writing to better oneself; and, be it  
16          **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That it is emphasized in workplaces, schools, and  
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*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hillcrest High School.*

# A Bill to Provide Funding for Deployed Members to Come Home for a Two-Week Period During Deployment

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1           **SECTION 1.**    The government shall provide financial funding for deployed  
2           members who have the option to visit during any period of their deployment  
3           for a consecutive 14-day or 2-week period to spend time with family and  
4           friends (or as the deployed member chooses fit).

5           **SECTION 2.**    Deployment is defined as the act or movement of deploying  
6           or the state of being deployed: such as placement or arrangement (as of  
7           military personnel or equipment) in position for a particular purpose.

8           **SECTION 3.**

9           A. The two-week visitation period does not count towards the time of being  
10          on active duty during deployment.

11          B. Before the military member gets sent to deployment, they will pick out  
12          which days they would like to be home.

13          C. The funding will only go to those who serve for 7 months or more.

14          D. Each designated branch will determine what percentage of deployed  
15          members go at once. This will ensure that everyone is not gone at the  
16          exact same time.

17          **SECTION 4.**    This bill will be overseen and funded by the Department of  
18          Defense.

19          A. There will be \$1,200 – \$10,000 per military member to fly to and back  
20          from their visitation. If flight is running on more than a 5 plus hour delay,  
21          then funding will also go into buying a hotel room for the military  
22          member to stay in for that day.

23          B. Funding for hotel rooms will be from \$186-330 per military member to  
24          stay in hotel room for the time being (unless they choose to stay in the  
25          USO-provided lounges instead).

26          **SECTION 5.**    This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2024. All laws in  
27          conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

# A Bill to Require Firearm Safety in School

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1           **SECTION 1.**    The goal of this proposal is the mandate a firearm safety  
2           class in all public schools.

3           **SECTION 2.**    Firearm Safety: the study and practice of using, transporting,  
4           storing, and disposing of firearms and ammunition, including the training  
5           of gun users, the design of weapons, and formal and informal regulation of  
6           gun production, distribution, and usage, for the purpose of avoiding  
7           unintentional injury, illness, or death.

8           **SECTION 3.**    The Department of Education will be overseeing and  
9           funding this bill.

10          **SECTION 4.**    This legislation will take effect on August 1, 2025.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Kimberly High School*

# A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Repeal the Second Amendment

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:

## ARTICLE --

7                   **SECTION 1:**   The second article of amendment to the Constitution of the  
8   United States is hereby repealed.

9                   **SECTION 2:**   The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by  
10   appropriate legislation.  
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*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Madison High School.*

# A Bill to Ban Backyard Breeding of Dogs Without Licensing Nationwide

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The backyard breeding of dogs will be banned nationwide unless licensed.
- 2 **SECTION 2.** Backyard Breeding will be defined as an amateur animal breeder whose  
3 breeding is considered substandard, with little or misguided effort towards  
4 ethical, selective breeding.
- 5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of agriculture and the AWA will oversee this bill:
- 6 A. To be able to backyard breed the USDA will have to send an agent to do  
7 a thorough inspection of your backyard breeding operation.
- 8 B. To be approved for the license you will have to have the following; 1) A  
9 significant amount of backyard or outdoor area to accommodate the  
10 amount of dogs and dog breeds. 2) Ethical sleeping accommodations  
11 for the dogs I.E. no Kennels, crates, or cages. 3) Chains, ropes, or shock  
12 collars can not be used. Including choke chains, barbed collars, or long  
13 periods of tethering. 4) All dogs should be fed the correct diet and  
14 necessary nutrients needed to live healthily. Meaning clean water and  
15 enough food. 5) Good and reliable veterinary services for the dogs.  
16 Along with ethical labor Practises. If all requirements are met then one  
17 may obtain a license. The license must be renewed every two years  
18 having another inspection and if requirements or license is not  
19 renewed the license will be revoked.
- 20 C. Funding for the USDA and AWA will come from the \$40 fine for the  
21 inspection and the \$15 fine for the license. AWA approved merchandise  
22 sales will be added to the funding
- 23 D. Practicing backyard breeding without license is punishable by a fine of  
24 \$7500 and up to 3 years of prison.
- 25 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2025. All laws in conflict with  
26 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Madison High School*



# A Bill to Require all Public Spaces to have Accessibility Features to Accommodate Physical Disability

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1     **SECTION 1.**     The United States government would legally require that accessibility accommodations be  
2                             in all public places for disabilities including but not limited to the blind, deaf, paralyzed,  
3                             amputees and other physical disabilities.

4     **SECTION 2.**     A physical disability for purposes of this bill will be defined as an impairment that affects  
5                             a person's ability to move or navigate through a space safely.

6     **SECTION 3.**     The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the implementation of this  
7                             bill.

8                             A. Accommodations may include but are not limited to wheelchair accessibility,  
9                             braille for the blind, and sensory designs to help aid those with a lack of sensory  
10                            development.

11                            B. Public spaces include but are not limited to parks, stores, theaters, schools and  
12                            courthouses.

13    **SECTION 4.**     This Bill will go into effect at the beginning of the next calendar year.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Snake River High School*

# A Bill to Require Teachers to take Crisis Management Courses

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1                   **SECTION 1.**    Teachers are now required to take courses in crisis  
2                    management to receive their teaching license.

3                   **SECTION 2.**    Crisis Management shall be defined as “A credit or course  
4                    provided by a college or university that teaches crisis management.”

5                   **SECTION 3.**    This bill will be overseen by states' individual departments  
6                    of education in collaboration with the United States department of  
7                    education.

8                    A. Teachers who already have received their license will be required to get  
9                    the credit within two years of this bill's passage.

10                  **SECTION 4.**    This legislation will take effect on July 28th, 2024. All laws in  
                     conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pocatello High School.*

# A Bill to Set a Federal Minimum Salary for Teachers

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1                   **SECTION 1.**    Teachers must be given a minimum starting salary of at least  
2                    \$65,000.

3                   **SECTION 2.**    Teacher will be defined as “A teacher, instructor, principal,  
4                    or administrator.”

5                   **SECTION 3.**    This will be enforced and overseen by the Department of  
6                    Labor and Industries.

7                    A. The funding for the teachers salary will come from the states at their  
8                    discretion.

9                    B. States may not pay the salaries by reallocating current educational  
10                    funds.

11                   **SECTION 4.**    This legislation will take effect on July 28th, 2025. All laws in  
12                    conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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# A Bill to Expand Directive No. 15 to Include Indigenous Peoples

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1   **SECTION 1.**    Directive No. 15 of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) will be  
2                    expanded to include a sixth racial/ethnic category that would provide  
3                    representation for the collective identities of all indigenous peoples  
4                    through tribal affiliation or community recognition.

5   **SECTION 2.**    **Directive No. 15** provides standard classifications for record keeping,  
6                    collection, and presentation of data on race and ethnicity in Federal  
7                    program administrative reporting and statistical activities. These include,  
8                    but are not limited to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' (BLS) monthly  
9                    unemployment report, the Department of Education's (DoE) higher  
10                   education data, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC)  
11                   life expectancy data.

12 **SECTION 3.**    The OMB will oversee implementation and enforcement and shall provide  
13                    sanctions for those found in violation of this legislation. Furthermore:

14                    A. The term "**Indigenous identity**" shall be included in the OMB Directive  
15                    No. 15 to contain all *574 tribes* in a separate census question, rather  
16                    than as only one option among several races.

17                    B. Any federal reporting and statistical administration is hereby *required*  
18                    to comply with this legislation for the purposes of collecting statistical  
19                    data.

20 **SECTION 4.**    This legislation will take effect on January 1, FY2029. All laws in conflict  
21                    with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Highland High School.*

# A Resolution to Prioritize the Learning of Foreign Languages in the United States

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1     **SECTION**     In the United States we emphasize a focus on the learning of foreign languages.

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3     **SECTION**     A foreign language will be referred to as any recognized language other than the

4     **2.**             most common American language of English.

5     **SECTION**     The Department of Education will oversee the implementation and upholding of

6     **3.**             this Resolution.

7                     A.   Increase communication options, prepare our future citizens for  
8                     a global world, increase knowledge and appreciation for other  
9                     cultures, and improve understanding of our own language as  
10                    well.

11                    B.   This bill would provide the American public sufficient means to  
12                    learn a new language through teachers, tutors and online  
13                    resources.

14    **SECTION**     Legislation will take effect January 1st 2024.

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

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*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Snake River High School*