

An Act to Recognize The Sovereignty of Atlantis

1 **WHEREAS,** There is a confederation of kings, of great and marvelous power, which hold
2 sway over all the island known as Atlantis; and

3 **WHEREAS,** This confederation has self-described itself as the empire of Atlantis; and

4 **WHEREAS,** Atlantis once ruled over all islands in the Atlantic ocean, centuries before
5 other empires and eventually nation-states took these islands for their
6 own, undermining Atlantean sovereignty; and

7 **WHEREAS,** This occurred because since the times of ancient Greece, the empires and
8 then nation-states of the world all failed to recognize the leadership and
9 peoples of Atlantis as valid, true, and just, with rights to exist as other
10 countries do; and

11 **WHEREAS,** The Atlantean empire is still today under threat from having its
12 sovereignty undermined, or ignored, with its economic well-being and
13 social welfare all impacted and harmed because many other countries of
14 the world refuse to recognize its right to exist; and

15 **WHEREAS,** These problems may cause additional harm to the rest of the world, as
16 countries do not benefit from trading with Atlantis, and it is additionally
17 also possible other confederations of leaders and governed people, old
18 and new, may also have their rights to exist as sovereign powers
19 undermined; now, therefore, be it

20 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled officially recognizes that Atlantis is
21 sovereign, and, be it

22 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That Atlantis be treated with fairness, justice, validity, and every
23 right to exist as other empires and nation-states, which certainly came
24 into existence long after, in ancient times, the confederation of kings of
25 great and marvelous power began to hold sway over the island of
26 Atlantis.

A Bill to Further Enact Manifest Destiny

1. **SECTION 1.** The United States shall claim and defend all ocean territory west of California between
2. 30° north and 50° north to further expand west. All ocean life within this territory will be
3. deemed United States citizens.
4. **SECTION 2.** Claim and defend shall be defined as considering all territory within a part of the United
5. States and forcing visitors to abide by United States laws.
6. **SECTION 3.** The United States Customs and Border Protection and the United States Navy will
7. oversee the implementation of this legislation.
8. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect at the beginning of the fiscal year 2024.
9. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation shall be declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Samuel Nankerivs, Cedar City High School

A Bill to Ban the Sale of Live Christmas Trees

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All sale of Live and Fresh-Cut Christmas Trees within the U.S. is Banned.
- 2 This includes imports and exports to and from other countries.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Live and Fresh-Cut Christmas Trees shall be defined as any species of
- 4 Non-Deciduous or Conifer tree that has been cut for the purpose of
- 5 becoming a Christmas tree.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** The Annual Rockefeller Christmas Tree in NYC shall be exempt from this
- 7 legislation.
- 8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the United States Forest Service
- 9 (USFS).
- 10 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2023.
- 11 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Annalise Johnson of Salem Hills High School.

A Bill to Decriminalize Piracy

1. **SECTION 1.** The United States shall decriminalize piracy and only confiscate stolen goods when found.
2. The United States shall auction off any stolen goods confiscated will be auctioned off in a
3. public government auction.
4. **SECTION 2.** decriminalize piracy shall be defined as considering piracy a misdemeanor punishable by
5. confiscating all stolen goods.
6. **SECTION 3.** The United States' customs and border protection and the united states navy will oversee
7. the implementation of this legislation.
8. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect at the beginning of the fiscal year 2024.
9. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation shall be declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Samuel Nankerivs and Samuel Palmer, Cedar City High School

A Bill to Ban Microplastics to Reduce Ocean Pollution

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States will begin taking steps to ban the
2 production of microplastics. This includes polyethylene, polypropylene,
3 acrylic, and polyamide, as well as polymers which can be derived from
4 synthetic paints, packaging, and rope, as well as other commodities using
5 such microplastics. All microplastics added to detergents, cosmetics,
6 pesticides, medicines, and other commercial products are hereby banned.

7 **SECTION 2.** Any industries producing these and other materials will
8 cease doing so immediately. All industries reliant on microplastics in their
9 commercial production will use alternate materials, or begin taking
10 demonstrable steps to do so. Any business or agency found in violation
11 after December 30th, 2024 will incur fines of up to \$10,000, to be
12 determined & collected by the U.S. Chemical Safety & Hazard Investigation
13 Board (CSB).

14 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. CSB shall oversee the plastic waste management of
15 current microplastics, implementation of new materials in production, and
16 any fines collected due to infractions committed in violation of the
17 microplastics ban.

18 A. Money from fines will proceed towards plastic waste management, as
19 well as yearly harvesting sea ice polluted by microplastics, particularly
20 in the Antarctic sea zones, in collaboration with other international
21 chemical safety & oceanographer agencies.

22 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on December 30th, 2024. All
 laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Impose Universal Military Conscription in the United States

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. All able-bodied men and women with United States citizenship between the ages of 18-29 shall be required to serve within the United States military for a term of at least 1 year. Citizens may submit a request for a service branch to designated military recruitment centers.

Section 2. Able-bodied shall be defined as sufficient demonstration of physical fitness as defined by the Army Combat Fitness Test, the Navy PRT, the Air Force PFA, Marine Corps PFT, or United States Coast Guard PFA. Military conscription shall be defined as mandatory enrollment in an active duty military career.

Section 3. The United States Army, Navy, Coast Guard, and Air Force as well as their respective recruiting commands shall oversee implementation of this legislation. The Congressional budget office shall cooperate with the Department of Defense to determine the proper budget allocation that is necessary for this bill.

Section 4. This legislation shall take effect at the beginning of the fiscal year 2024. This law shall not apply retroactively.

Section 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation shall be declared null and void.

A Bill to Ban the Sale of Trawled Seafood

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall ban the sale of seafood caught by trawling.

SECTION 2 Trawling will be defined as the dragging of nets, bags or chains through ocean bodies for the purpose of catching fish or other marine animals, regardless of depth.

SECTION 3. Oversight and enforcement

- A. This legislation will be enforced by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in collaboration with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).
- B. Entities in violation of this bill will be subject to fines that are a minimum of 5% of the violators yearly gross income. For repeated violations this fine will increase by an additional 5% based on yearly income per case. Fines will be carried out by the FDA.
- C. To aid in carrying out this legislation the FDA will be provided with additional funding equaling 15 million USD annually. Funding will be taken out of the US National Defense Budget and will be reassessed if necessary. Any excess funding will be spent at the FDA's discretion.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect the fiscal year of 2023.

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

Submitted for Congressional Debate by Kellen Sowder-Sinor of Logan High School

A Resolution to Decriminalize Drugs and Prioritize Addiction Treatment

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall decriminalize all drugs and prioritize
2 addiction treatment.

3 **SECTION 2.** Definitions

4 **A.** Decriminalization: stop treating (something) as illegal or as a criminal
5 offense. (Oxford Dictionary)

6 **B.** Addiction treatment: therapeutic interventions and therapy to help
7 cure addiction.

8 **SECTION 3.** Oversight and Funding

9 **A.** Primary oversight shall be carried out by the Bureau of Alcohol,
10 Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF).

11 **B.** Addiction treatment shall be carried out by Substance Abuse & Mental
12 Health Service Administration (SAMHSA).

13 **C.** Funding shall come directly from the defense budget.

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.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Catalina Giraldo of Corner Canyon High School.

A Bill to Repeal Estate Taxes

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Chapters 11 and 12 of the U.S. Code authorizing a tax on transfers made by citizens and legal residents in the United States are repealed.

SECTION 2. Transfers shall be defined as giving property to another individual, either while alive or after death. Property shall be defined as anything that an individual may own, either tangible or intangible, that has value.

SECTION 3. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will oversee the implementation and enforcement of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2023.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Emily Templin of Canyon View High School.

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Revoke the Presidential Veto Power

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.** The President shall no longer have the right to veto bills sent to them by Congress.

7 **SECTION 2.** As the Constitution stipulates, a bill that the President does not sign within ten days
8 (Sundays excepted) will become law anyway.

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

A Resolution to Commend Art Vandalism in the Name of Stopping Climate Change

- 1 **WHEREAS** Climate change poses an existential threat to human life and the future of civilization; and
- 2 **WHEREAS** The nations of the world, including our own, continue to fall woefully short of making the
- 3 changes necessary to save our species from climate change, or even to mitigate its impacts;
- 4 and
- 5 **WHEREAS** The value of even the most celebrated works of art pales in comparison to these deadly,
- 6 catastrophic, and potentially irreversible perils; now, therefore be it
- 7 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that this body commends the recent and growing trend of
- 8 vandalizing art in order to draw attention to the threat of climate change and to the failure
- 9 of global leaders to act appropriately to stop it; and
- 10 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that states, territories, the federal district, counties, and municipalities ought to
- 11 consider light sentencing, or not pressing charges at all, for perpetrators of these sorts of
- 12 acts; and
- 13 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress urges global leaders to take whatever measures are necessary to
- 14 save our planet so that the less powerful no longer feel compelled to vandalize art in order
- 15 to draw attention to the tragic absurdity of this crisis and their helplessness in the face of it.

A Resolution to Condemn Monarchy

- 1 **WHEREAS** Monarchies are the oldest adversary of representative democracy and its existence
2 fundamentally continues to negate democratic ideals; and
- 3 **WHEREAS** Monarchies require a significant amount of funding to function, funding which is generally
4 raised through taxing average citizens who receive little to no direct benefit from
5 monarchy's existence; and
- 6 **WHEREAS** Many modern monarchies have failed to apologize meaningfully for the history of violence,
7 abuse, greed, and racism they represent, let alone to begin making up for it; now, therefore
8 be it
- 9 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that this body sincerely condemns those nations which
10 continue to frame themselves around a single unelected individual and/or that individual's
11 family, however ceremonially; and
- 12 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress urges the governments of these nations to do away with any
13 vestiges of monarchy and embrace representative democracy with wholehearted sincerity.