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Congressional Debate Legislation Packet

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Session 1 Legislation

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Limit the Presidential Power to Pardon

RESOLVED, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

ARTICLE --

SECTION 1: The President's power to grant judicial pardons and commutations, outlined in Article 2 Section 2 of the Constitution, shall now read "they shall have Power to grant Reprieves and Pardons for Offences against the United States, except in Cases of Impeachment, themselves, or any with verifiable connection which may be deemed influential to the President's decision to pardon".

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Millburn High School.

A Bill to Limit the U.S. De Minimis Provision to Slow the Spread of Chinese Fast Fashion

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All imports from nations with non-market economies,
3 including China, will no longer be eligible for exemptions under the U.S.
4 De Minimis provision.

5 **SECTION 2.** The U.S. De Minimis provision is defined as the exemption
6 of imports valued at a maximum of \$800 from all duties and U.S. Border
7 Customs and Protection procedures, including the collection of data on
8 product origin and manufacturing.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security shall oversee the
10 implementation and enforcement of this bill.

11 A. \$50 million shall be allocated to the Department of Homeland
12 Security for the purpose of funding the customs procedures initiated
13 by this bill.

14 B. The U.S. Border Customs and Protection is charged with releasing a
15 report on the effectiveness of its customs procedures every 6 months.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Olivia Woo.

**A BILL TO INCENTIVIZE THE PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED PLANT SPECIES TO
PRESERVE BIODIVERSITY**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED
THAT:

SECTION 1. Any person who is found collecting endangered plant species on private property will be fined up to \$100 for each plant taken or destroyed.

SECTION 2. An “endangered species” will be defined as a species that is proposed or listed as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

SECTION 3. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service will oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

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

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

*Respectfully submitted,
Council Rock High School North*

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Session 2 Legislation

Bill #3082

A Bill to End Partisan Gerrymandering

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Independent redistricting committees shall be formed to redraw the United
2 State's congressional district maps for their respective states to prevent the
3 act of partisan gerrymandering.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Gerrymandering is defined as the process of redrawing legislative
5 boundaries for the purpose of benefiting the political party in power, or to
6 achieve a result by manipulating the boundaries of an electoral
7 constituency.
- 8 A. Independent committees shall be defined as committees which do not
9 consist of a local, state, or federal government official.
- 10 B. The redistricting committees shall be selected randomly from the adult
11 population of each state.
- 12 **SECTION 3.** The United States Census Bureau will oversee the implementation of this
13 legislation.
- 14 A. Committees will be re-selected immediately following the results of the
15 U.S. Census every 10 years.
- 16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2025.
- 17 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Representative Lily McBride

A Resolution to Modify the UN Security Council Veto Process

1 **WHEREAS,** The system which currently governs vetoes within the
2 United Nations Security Council (UNSC) is undemocratic; and
3 **WHEREAS,** One member state out of 15 voting member states can
4 destroy a solution for peace by exercising an insurmountable veto; and
5 **WHEREAS,** Many permanent member states of the UNSC are operating
6 from a purely self- interested position and, in turn, often fail to work for
7 global progress; now, therefore, be it
8 **RESOLVED,** That the United States urges the United Nations to revise
9 the Security Council veto process to ensure a two-thirds majority vote can
10 override any veto within the UNSC.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bartosz Foremny.

A BILL TO TAX UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENTS

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (TCJA) shall be amended to increase
3 the tax on investment income for private colleges & universities and lower
4 the threshold for being subject to said tax.

5 **SECTION 2. (A)** Private colleges with endowments in excess of \$250,000 per student
6 shall be subject to an annual excise amounting to 10% of their net
7 investment profits.

8 **(B)** This tax shall replace the tax established by the TCJA of 1.4% on
9 institutions with endowments in excess of \$500,000 per student.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of the Treasury shall be tasked with the enforcement of
11 this legislation.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect January 1st, 2025.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Xavier High School

A Bill to Criminalize All Production and Consumption of Meat

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Production and Consumption of all Meat for human consumption
3 will be declared federally illegal. This extends to production by private individuals
4 as well as commercial organizations. Consumption by any human outside of a
5 provable emergency context will be illegal. Proven producers of meat will be
6 sentenced to a mandatory minimum of 5 years in prison and up to life depending
7 on the severity of the offense. Proven consumers of meat will receive a mandatory
8 minimum sentence of 1 year in prison for every separate conviction.

9 **SECTION 2.** Production is defined as, “Harvesting of any animal products that
10 involve lethal methods to procure the product.”
11 Consumption is defined as, “Any usage of animal product in which
12 the product required an animal death to be utilized.”
13 Emergency Context is defined as, “A scenario in which animal
14 consumption was required to save the life of a human and where no
15 suitable alternative product was reasonably available.”
16 Commercial Organization is defined as, “Any public or private
17 entity.”

18 **SECTION 3.** This law will be enforced by The Office of Agricultural Law
19 Enforcement (OALE) as well as The United States Department of
20 Justice

21 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect no later than August 11th 2024

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

Introduced by Sen. Angeloni, John I Leonard High School

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Session 3 Legislation

A Bill to Reduce the United States' Military Presence in Germany

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 Section 1: The US shall reduce its military presence in Germany to 12,000 troops

3 Section 2: A reduction of its military presence would mean to decrease the number of
4 military personnel in the country from about 35,000 to 12,000. This is
5 consistent with the number of US troops in every other European country.

6 Section 3: This legislation shall be implemented in the fiscal year 2024

7 Section 4: The US Department of Defense shall oversee the implementation of this
8 legislation.

9 Section 5: All other laws in conflict with this legislation shall be null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suncoast High School

A Bill to Allocate Long-Term Funding for CHIP

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program, otherwise known as CHIP, will be given \$200 billion in federal funding.

SECTION 2. Long term funding will be defined as a 10 year span from the implementation of this bill.

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

A. Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services will determine state share of program funding.

B. Funding for this program will be taken out of the defense budget.

SECTION 4. Implementation will occur immediately upon passage

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

Respectfully submitted,

A Bill to Prohibit the Production of Autonomous Automobiles

1 Be it enacted by this Student Congress here assembled that:

2 Section I: Automobile manufacturers shall be prohibited from producing
3 autonomous vehicles.

4 Section II: Autonomous automobiles are any form of transportation that functions
5 without human input, for example, self-driving cars. Manufacturing is
6 the production and assembling of products. Any business or company
7 that manufactures automobiles shall be prohibited from manufacturing
8 autonomous vehicles.

9 Section III: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) will
10 oversee the implementation of this legislation.

11 Section IV: This bill will go into effect starting January 1, 2024

12 Section V: All other laws in conflict with this new policy shall be null and void.

Submitted for Congressional Debate by Wellington High School

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Semifinal Round Legislation

A RESOLUTION TO RESTRUCTURE THE EPA

WHEREAS, The Environmental Protection Agency is widely recognized as one of the most corrupt government organizations; and

WHEREAS, the environment is at stake due to major climate change issues; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency is underfunded so that, even if it was not corrupt, it cannot operate effectively; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Environmental Protection Agency be placed under a designated committee formed by congress to examine the effectiveness of the Environmental Protection Agency with biannual comprehensive investigations and;

FURTHER RESOLVED, That Congress will instate comprehensive investigations to develop candor within the Environmental Protection Agency and;

FURTHER RESOLVED, That guilty parties found will be removed from the Environmental Protection Agency and a substitute found by congress will replace the latter and;

FURTHER RESOLVED, That in the year 2023, Congress will increase the Environmental Protection Agency's funding by a total between 50 and 100 billion to account for environmental issues, such as (but not limited to), non-renewable energy usage, rising global temperatures, and rising water levels.

Respectfully submitted,

Council Rock North High School

A Resolution to Offer NATO Membership to Asian Countries at risk of Chinese Encroachment and Interference

1 **WHEREAS,** China is actively encroaching on the territory of countries
2 bordering it within areas such as the South China Sea and the Himalayas;
3 and

4 **WHEREAS,** Using their military and economic powers, China puts other
5 countries in a position where they either submit to having their land taken
6 over or risk fighting and territory being used either way because China is
7 much more powerful than smaller countries; and

8 **WHEREAS,** This hurts the sovereignty of these countries, many of which
9 are allied with the United States and present military and economic
10 advantages due to their positioning around China; now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled recommend that NATO
12 offers membership to Asian countries at risk of Chinese encroachment and
13 interference.

14 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** Involvement in programs that help meet
 requirements for membership will also be extended to countries interested
 in joining.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rachel Ruggeri

Bill #3084

A Bill to Decriminalize Marijuana

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States will decriminalize the use of marijuana in all states by
2 removing it from the list of scheduled substances under the Controlled
3 Substance Act.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Marijuana refers to the dried flowers, leaves, stems, and seeds of the
5 cannabis plant. Marijuana is commonly used to treat many medical
6 conditions and symptoms. Such as anxiety, nausea, pain, inflammation, and
7 muscle spasms.
- 8 B. Decriminalization is defined as the action of ceasing to treat something
9 as illegal or as a criminal offense. The legalized amount that is fit for
10 consumption is one ounce.
- 11 C. The Controlled Substance Act is defined under Title 21 of the United
12 States Code. It places all substances which were in some manner regulated
13 under existing federal law into one of five schedules.
- 14 **SECTION 3.** The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will oversee the
15 decriminalization and implementation of this bill.
- 16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2024.
- 17 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Representative Cassidy Donohoe.

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Super Session Legislation

A Bill to Repeal the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act shall
3 be repealed, and all institutions created by it shall be dissolved.

4 **A.** All regulation created in reference to The Dodd-Frank Wall Street
5 Reform and Consumer Protection Act shall be hereby repealed, and
6 any institutions created by such regulation shall also be dissolved.

7 **B.** All institutions whose powers were expanded by The Dodd-Frank Wall
8 Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act or any regulation related
9 to it shall have such powers revoked.

10 **SECTION 2.** A regulation created in reference to The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform
11 and Consumer Protection Act is any piece of legislation whose meaning is
12 changed by this bill.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and The Federal Reserve shall
14 be tasked with implementing this bill.

15 **A.** The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation shall be charged with
16 implementing this bill as it pertains to Commercial Banks.

17 **B.** The Federal Reserve shall be charged with implementing this bill as it
18 pertains to all other financial institutions.

19 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect on January 1, 2024, and all laws in conflict
20 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Tab.

Bill #3085

A Bill to Forgive Student Loan Debt for Impoverished People

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The Biden-Harris Administration student loan forgiveness plan will be
2 extended for 3 more years after its scheduled deadline, until
3 December 31, 2025.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Borrowers are eligible for debt relief if their individual income is less than
5 \$125,000, and \$250,000 for married couples.
6 A. These individuals can have up to \$20,000 in qualifying student loan debt
7 forgiven if they received a Pell Grant, and up to \$10,000 if they didn't.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Education and the Office of Federal
9 Student Aid will provide debt cancellation to those eligible recipients.
- 10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2025.
- 11 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Representative Ruby Rivera

A BILL TO REQUIRE CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATIONS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1: Children in the United States shall receive all childhood immunizations at the appropriate ages. However, children with cancer or children taking drugs that lower the body's immunization shall be exempt until their immunities are back to normal.

SECTION 2: Children shall be defined as "a person between birth and full growth; anyone between the ages of 1 month to the day before their 18th birthday." Childhood immunizations shall be defined as, "vaccines that protect children from more than a dozen childhood diseases."

SECTION 3: The United States Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) shall oversee the implementation of this bill

- A. All parents/guardians who do not vaccinate their children will be charged with felony child endangerment and shall be imprisoned for between 1-10 years.
- B. Children who do not receive vaccines will not be allowed to attend school until they receive said vaccinations.
- C. Vaccines will be subsidized for those who are unable to afford it and are in the lowest tax bracket.

SECTION 4: This law shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

Respectively Submitted,