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# A Bill to Mandate Free Lunches in Public Schools

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** All public school lunches in the United States shall be free. Extra food
2. that is not included in the school lunch shall be paid for separately.
3. **SECTION 2.** A school lunch consists of a main entrée, low-fat/fat-free milk, and a
4. serving of a fruit/vegetable. Extra food consists of any more food items
5. not included in the school lunch.
6. **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Education shall oversee the
7. enforcement of this bill. The Internal Revenue Service shall oversee the
8. funding of this bill.
9. A. Funds for this bill will be offset by a new 10% tax on the revenues of
10. the confectionary industry, and a new 7% tax on the revenues of the
11. fossil fuel industry.
12. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect November 1, 2023.
13. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Carsten Struck, Brookings High School*



## **A Resolution to Recommend Removing Lifetime Appointments to the Supreme Court**

1.     **WHEREAS,**     Currently there are lifetime appointments to the Supreme Court
2.                     which inhibit the introduction of new ideas; and
3.     **WHEREAS,**     The removal of lifetime appointments and replacement of them
4.                     with a set term would allow for the introduction of ideas; and
5.     **WHEREAS,**     Lifetime appointments also make it harder for new ideas to take
6.                     hold in the supreme courts, and replacing them with single term
7.                     appointments would still allow for the preservation of
8.                     Impartiality; now, therefore, be it
9.     **RESOLVED,**   By the Congress here assembled to recommend the
10.                    removal of lifetime appointments to the Supreme Court.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Alex Kidangathazhe, Brookings High School*

## A Bill to Forbid the Use of Credit Scores in Lending

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** No lender may base a decision to approve or deny a loan on  
3 an individual's credit score or credit report, nor may lenders  
4 use credit scores and reports to determine interest rates or  
5 set credit limits.

6 **SECTION 2.** A credit report is defined as an account of an individual's  
7 history of repaying debts. A credit score is defined as a  
8 statistical representation of a credit report.

9 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Consumer Financial  
10 Protection Bureau.

11 A. Any lender found to be in violation of this legislation shall  
12 be banned from engaging in lending for a period of 5  
13 years and shall be liable for civil action from the affected  
14 individual. If a lender again violates this legislation  
15 following the first 5-year ban, the ban shall be reinstated  
16 permanently.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

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



## A Bill to Cut Off U.S. Involvement and Supply in the Russian and Ukraine War

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will end its involvement financially and  
3 militarily in the Russian and Ukraine war.

4 **SECTION 2.** US involvement includes all financial and military aid.

5 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Defense will restrict all funds being  
6 directed toward the Ukraine and Russian conflict and will  
7 oversee the enforcement of this bill.

8 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect July 1, 2023.

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

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12 *Introduced for congressional debate by Josie Nold and Anika Hooda, Brookings High*  
13 *School*

# A Bill to Legalize Recreational Marijuana

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. SECTION 1. Marijuana shall be legal in South Dakota for recreational use by
2. individuals who are over the age of 21. Individuals may
3. possess one ounce or less of marijuana. They may also distribute
4. one ounce or less of marijuana without payment or other
5. consideration.
6. SECTION 2. Marijuana is defined as the plant of the genus cannabis, and any
7. part of that plant, including the seeds, the resin extracted from any
8. part of the plant, and every compound, manufacture, salt,
9. derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant, its seeds, or its
10. resin.
11. SECTION 3. The Department of Revenue shall oversee the implementation of
12. this legislation.
13. SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2023.
14. SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
15. void.

*Introduced for congressional debate by Landon Wingate, Brookings High School*

# A Bill to Require Public Schools to Teach Sex Education in the United States

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT :
2. **SECTION 1.** All public schools shall be required to educate
3. students on comprehensive sex ed.
4. **SECTION 2.** Sex ed shall include the facts about
5. sexual violence prevention, safety mechanisms, sexual orientation,
6. and relationships.
7. A. "Sex ed" is defined as information to assist people in
8. making educated decisions about sexuality and intercourse.
9. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee the
10. implementation of this legislation.
11. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect January 1, 2024.
12. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared
13. null and void.

*Introduced for congressional debate by Marylin Lopez, Brookings High School*

## A Bill to Implement a National Standard for Paid Parental Leave

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Individuals who have become legal guardians of a dependent in the four  
3 months preceding their leave are guaranteed a minimum 16 weeks of job  
4 protected parental leave, of which must be paid at 100% of the  
5 individual's salary at the time of leave.

6 **SECTION 2.** Legal dependent: natural born and adopted children, special needs  
7 individuals, household members covered by a conservatorship or  
8 guardianship, and elders living in household claimed on tax returns as  
9 dependents. Job-protected leave: time away from work wherein an  
10 individual is not at risk of losing employment due to their absence.

11 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Labor's National Labor Relations Board will  
12 oversee implementation of this legislation.

13 A. Employees can charge employers with noncompliance to this  
14 standard, and the NLRB will investigate and conduct an informal trial  
15 to render a decision regarding the matter. Employers or employees  
16 dissatisfied with NLRB's decisions may file opposition with a court of  
17 appeals and ultimately the U.S. Supreme Court.

18 **SECTION 4.** This law will go into effect October 1, 2025.

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



## A Bill to Fund Education

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall impose the following:

3 A. Upon completion of a college degree, state certified teachers,  
4 who work in public schools, will be eligible for a loan forgiveness  
5 program upon completion of a 4-year teaching contract. B. An  
6 increase of 10% property taxes and an additional 10% income  
7 taxes on large corporations shall be allocated to the Department  
8 of Education.

9 **SECTION 2.** A. "Loan Forgiveness Program" will be defined as "a debt being  
10 retired early or "forgiven" in finance parlance."

11 B. "Large Corporation" will be defined as "a corporation that had,  
12 or whose predecessor had, taxable income of \$1 million or more  
13 for any of the 3 tax years immediately preceding the 2021 tax  
14 year, or if less, the number of years the corporation has been in  
15 existence."

16 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education and the IRS will oversee the  
17 enforcement of this bill. Any certified teacher who does not finish  
18 their 4-year teaching contract will have to pay back their proration  
19 with a 10% interest.

20 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be enacted upon the day of passage.

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



## **A Bill to Make the Use of Polygraph Examination Results Admissible in Court**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The results of questioning through the use of Polygraphs will  
3 be allowed to be used in criminal proceedings.

4 **SECTION 2.** A Polygraph is a machine designed to detect and record  
5 changes in physiological characteristics, such as a person's  
6 pulse and breathing rates, used especially as a lie detector.

7 A Criminal proceeding is the adversary judicial process  
8 prosecuted by a public officer and initiated by a formal  
9 complaint, information, or indictment charging a person with  
10 an offense denominated criminal by applicable law and  
11 punishable by death, imprisonment, or a jail sentence.

12 **SECTION 3.** The implementation of this bill will be overseen by the  
13 Department of Justice.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented on December 31, 2023.

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

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18 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jean-Claude St.Pierre, Brookings High School*

# A Bill to Mandate Flu Vaccines in the United States

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1.   **Section 1.**     Annual flu vaccines will be mandatory for residents of the
2.                    United States.
3.   **Section 2.**     Flu vaccines are vaccines that protect against the
4.                    influenza virus.
5.   **Section 3.**     This bill will be implemented by the Department of Health
6.                    and Human Services.
7.                    A. On the first offense, offenders will be fined \$200. On
8.                    the second offense, they will be fined \$400. On the third
9.                    offense, they will be fined \$1000. Any further offenses
10.                   will be punished with jail time.
11. **Section 4.**     This legislation will take effect on September 1, 2023.
12. **Section 5.**     All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared
13.                   null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Xavier St-Pierre, Brookings High School*

# A Bill to Grant Puerto Rico Statehood

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS THAT:

1. **SECTION 1:** Puerto Rico will be granted statehood. As such, it will also be
2. granted the same rights as any other state and equal
3. representation in Congress. The U.S. flag and national monuments
4. that currently show 50 states will be updated to show
5. 51 states.
6. **SECTION 2:** Statehood is the status of being a state of the United States. Puerto
7. Rico is a Caribbean Island and currently an unincorporated U.S.
8. territory.
9. **SECTION 3:** This legislation shall be overseen by the Federal Election
10. Commission, Department of Revenue, the US Citizenship and
11. Immigration Services, and the Department of the Interior.
12. **SECTION 4:** This legislation shall take effect on November 10, 2023.
13. **SECTION 5:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
14. void.

*Introduced for congressional debate by Riley Schwinler, Brookings High School*

## A Bill to Ban Research into Artificial Intelligence

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Further research into artificial intelligence (AI) is hereby  
3 banned.

4 **SECTION 2.** The US strongly encourages all other nations to enact  
5 similar bans and warns those nations that fail to do so that  
6 the US will consider a variety of consequences to bring  
7 about a global end to AI research.

8 **SECTION 3.** The use of foreign AI technology is also banned. Any  
9 company, organization, or individual found to be utilizing  
10 foreign AI technology will be fined \$1 billion and the  
11 responsible party/parties shall be imprisoned for no fewer  
12 than 10 years.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of  
14 Defense.

15 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect Jan. 1, 2023.

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