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## A Bill to Prohibit Judges from Sentencing Juvenile Offenders as Adults

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Judges in the state of South Dakota are hereby prohibited  
3 from sentencing anyone who is a minor as an adult. Those  
4 minors already sentenced as an adult shall be granted a  
5 resentencing hearing.

6 **SECTION 2.** A minor is defined as any individual under the legal age of  
7 18.

8 **SECTION 3.** The South Dakota Unified Judicial System shall oversee the  
9 implementation of this legislation.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill will become law on January, 1, 2024.

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

# A Bill to Lower the Drinking Age to 18

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The legal drinking age of alcohol will be lowered from 21 to 18.
2. **SECTION 2.** Alcohol includes beverages 0.05 percent or higher alcohol by  
3. volume (ABV).
4. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will oversee implementation of this bill.
5. **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect at the beginning of the next fiscal year.
6. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and  
7. void.

*Introduced for congressional debate by Kennedy Lofgren, Mitchell High School*

## A Resolution to Abolish the Electoral College

1. **WHEREAS,** There is a grossly unequal distribution of political campaign alignment;
2. and
3. **WHEREAS,** The electoral college has the authority to overpower the people's vote;
4. and
5. **WHEREAS,** The presidency can be won without a majority of the popular vote; and
6. **WHEREAS,** "Swing states" are nearly the only places presidential candidates
7. currently campaign; now, therefore, be it
8. **RESOLVED,** By this Congress that the Electoral College should be abolished.

*Introduced for congressional debate by Finn Schulte and Christ Bwangy-Banzanka, Brookings High School*

## A Bill to Restructure the School Year

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All states, territories, and the Federal District must ensure  
3 that the public schools over which they have jurisdiction  
4 neither remain in session for more than six weeks without a  
5 break of at least one week, nor institute a break of longer  
6 than four weeks at any point.

7 **SECTION 2.** Any state, territory, or district that violates this legislation  
8 shall lose federal education funding until compliance is  
9 reached.

10 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of  
11 Education.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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



## A Bill to Combat Hate Crimes and Domestic Terrorism

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall take a multipronged approach to combat  
3 domestic terrorism and hate crimes and help ensure all Americans  
4 are safe.

5 **SECTION 2.** Rather than falling under state and local authorities, cases  
6 involving civil rights violations shall go to federal authorities, be  
7 investigated by the FBI, and the FBI shall be required to submit an  
8 annual report to Congress regarding the current state of civil rights  
9 violations. Additionally, \$20 million shall be allocated from the  
10 Defense Budget annually to help local police departments collect  
11 and report accurate data.

12 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will be carried out by the DOJ, FBI, National  
13 Counterterrorism Center, DOD, and DHS. \$1.5 billion shall be  
14 allocated to the FBI annually from the Defense Budget annually for  
15 the purposes of this legislation.

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

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

# A Bill to Stop the Minting of the U.S. Penny

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** Minting of the U.S. penny will cease in the United States.
2. **SECTION 2.** Minting is the creation of a coin from the stamping of metal. The
3. U.S. penny is a type of currency that equals one hundredth of a
4. dollar.
5. **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Treasury shall oversee the
6. discontinuation of the U.S. penny production.
7. **SECTION 4.** This Legislation shall take effect on July 4, 2024
8. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
9. and void.

*Introduced for congressional debate by Jonathan Kahler and Preston Cordes, Brookings High School*

## **A Resolution to Abolish Dress Codes in Public Schools**

1. **WHEREAS,**      Ninety three percent of schools have dress codes; and
2. **WHEREAS,**      School dress codes are often arbitrary, suppressive and poorly
3.                      communicated with the student body; and
4. **WHEREAS,**      Dress codes often reinforce systemic violence; now, therefore, be
5.                      it
6. **RESOLVED,**      By the Congress here assembled that all dress codes in public  
                                 schools should be abolished.

*Introduction for congressional debate by Mallory Wells and Maya Hansen, Brookings High School*



## A Bill to Increase Equity in School Extracurricular Competitions

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall fund 100% of travel expenses (including but  
3 not limited to airfare, hotel lodging, and ground  
4 transportation) and other fees and costs related to  
5 participation (including but not limited to registration fees,  
6 meal costs, and expenses for required equipment and/or  
7 apparel) for any public-school student who qualifies for an  
8 extracurricular competition at the state level or above and  
9 whose household income is at or below 250% of the federal  
10 poverty level.

11 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Education shall establish a sub agency  
12 tasked with making the process of applying for and receiving  
13 these funds speedy, efficient, and equitable.

14 **SECTION 3.** Funding for this legislation shall be sourced from a 0.1%  
15 reduction of the annual Department of Defense budget.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of  
17 Education.

18 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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



## **A Bill to Implement Automation in Hospitals to Aid with Understaffing in Healthcare**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. The United States Department of Health and Human Services shall  
3 make \$10 billion in grants available to understaffed public and nonprofit  
4 hospitals.

5 B. These grants will be used to apply for the implementation of robotics  
6 and automation at no cost to the facilities.

7 C. Each facility will be allocated an amount of money depending on size  
8 and location. The maximum allocation per facility shall be \$400,000.  
9 Facilities who are eligible for this grant and will be selected based on  
10 need by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

11 **SECTION 2.** A. Automation is defined as systems that are able to operate or  
12 accomplish tasks without human intervention.

13 B. Understaffed Hospitals are defined as public or nonprofit hospitals that  
14 exceed a nurse to patient ratio of 1:5 and/or public or nonprofit hospitals  
15 that do not meet a doctor to patient ratio of 1:14.

16 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Health and Human Services shall  
17 oversee the implementation of this legislation

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2024.

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



## 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 Ban Library Late Fees

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Public libraries in the United States, both those serving  
3 communities and those in public schools, may no longer  
4 charge or collect fees or fines for books or other materials  
5 that are returned late, nor may they attach any other  
6 financial repercussion to perceived negative patron behavior.

7 **SECTION 2.** Patrons are still encouraged to return books and other  
8 materials to public libraries in a timely manner, and libraries  
9 are welcome to provide positive incentives to motivate  
10 patrons to do so.

11 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be jointly overseen by the Institute of  
12 Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and the Department of  
13 Education.

14 **A.** Any jurisdiction or school district found to be in violation  
15 of this legislation shall lose federal funding until such time  
16 as compliance is reached.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2023.

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



# 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.