



# CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE LEGISLATION PACKET

*Note:*

- All pieces of legislation are eligible to be debated in both the House and the Senate
- There will be no preset docket; students will determine in chamber

# **A Bill to Halt The Federal Government From Giving Additional Funds to Public Institutions in States Which Have Banned African American Studies in Public Institutions**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   The United States Federal Government shall halt the ability for public high  
2                   schools (and or other public educational institutions) from asking for  
3                   additional funding if the respected state has any restrictions or bans on  
4                   African American Studies. This will help stop African American Studies  
5                   classes from being banned at a local and or state level.
- 6   **SECTION 2.**   African American Studies class is defined as any class which is the study of  
7                   people of African descent in the United States with linkages to Africa and  
8                   the African diaspora.
- 9   **SECTION 3.**   The government agency that will oversee enforcement are the following:  
10                  A. Any local, state, or federal court from any of the fifty states shall dismiss  
11                  any court case in which one party wants to ban an African American  
12                  Studies course specifically.
- 13                  B. “Dismissal” of a court case in which one party wants to ban an African  
14                  American Studies course shall not interject with other court cases  
15                  which deal with mistreatment or misconduct in the classroom etc.
- 16   **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect on the school year 2024-25. All laws in  
17                  conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Beechwood High School.*

## A Resolution to Impose Sanctions on Surveillance States

- 1   **WHEREAS**, Adversarial nations such as China have increased surveillance  
2                   on US military and security sites; and
- 3   **WHEREAS**, These surveillance attempts pose substantial threats to  
4                   national security, safety of US citizens, and a potential  
5                   compromising of classified information; and
- 6   **WHEREAS**, Such aggressive actions have increased despite peaceful  
7                   diplomatic negotiation on the behalf of the US;
- 8   **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled will strongly encourage the  
9                   imposition of economic sanctions on any countries and state  
10                  parties from here on engaged in surveillance of the US. These  
11                  include, but are not limited to, tampering with government  
12                  secrets, physical encroachment on US territory, and  
13                  unwarranted espionage on US citizens.
- 14 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, That formal reprimands and diplomatic statements  
15                  be issued in conjunction with the imposed sanctions.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Paul Laurence Dunbar High School.

# A Bill to Establish Net Neutrality and Ensure Equal Access to the Internet for All Users

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   It shall be unlawful for a Internet service provider, insofar as the provider is  
2                   engaged in providing fixed broadband Internet access service, to engage in the  
3                   restriction, blocking, or discrimination of users and of lawful internet content  
4                   based on but not limited to source, destination, content, or application
- 5   **SECTION 2.**   (1) The term "internet service provider" or "ISP" means any person or entity  
6                   providing internet access services to the public for a fee.  
7                   (2) The term "net neutrality" means the principle that all data transmitted over the  
8                   internet should be treated equally, without discrimination or preference given to  
9                   any particular websites or services.  
10                  (3) "Paid prioritization" means the offering of enhanced or prioritized transmission  
11                  of any content, application, or service over the internet in exchange for payment  
12                  or other consideration.
- 12   **SECTION 3.**   Prohibiting discrimination by ISP's  
13                   (a) No ISP shall block, slow down, or otherwise discriminate against any lawful  
14                   internet traffic based on its source, destination, or content.  
15                   (b) No ISP shall prioritize or charge differently for internet access based on the type  
16                   of content, service, or application being accessed by the user.
- 17   **SECTION 4.**   ISPs must be transparent in their network management practices and must  
18                   disclose such practices to the public and the Federal Communications Commission
- 19   **SECTION 5.**   ISPs are prohibited from offering or engaging in paid prioritization, or offering  
20                   enhanced or prioritized transmission of any content, application, or service over  
21                   the internet in exchange for payment or other consideration.
- 22   **SECTION 6.**   The Federal Communications Commission shall have the authority to enforce the  
23                   provisions of this Act and may impose penalties on ISPs that include but are not  
24                   limited to monetary fines, cease and desist orders, revocation of licenses, and  
25                   court injunctions
- 26   **SECTION 7.**   This Bill shall take effect on the date of its enactment

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Beechwood High School.*

# A Bill to Improve Public and Livestock Health

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The usage of preventative antibiotics on livestock will be prohibited.

2 **SECTION 2.**

3 a. Let “livestock” be defined as farm animals being raised for human consumption Let

4 b. Let “antibiotics” be defined as a medicine that inhibits the growth of or destroys  
5 microorganisms.

6 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of Agriculture will be in charge of enforcing this  
7 operation.

8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2024. All laws in conflict with  
9 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rowan County Senior High School.*

# A Bill to Recognize the Independence and Sovereignty of the Republic of Somaliland

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2       **SECTION 1.**     The United States will officially recognize the independence and  
3                             sovereignty of the Northern Territory of Somalia known as Somaliland. The  
4                             United States will set up an official embassy in the de facto capital of  
5                             Hargeisa and begin diplomatic relations with the new nation.

6     **SECTION 2.**   Republic of Somaliland- A unrecognized breakaway state in the northern  
7                   region of Somalia.

8 Sovereignty- The authority of a state to govern itself or another state.

9       **SECTION 3.**   The United States State Department will handle the process of setting up  
10                   new diplomatic relations with the Republic of Somaliland and will handle  
11                   any conflicts with the current government in charge of Somalia that may  
12                   come from this bill.

13     **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will go into effect on June 1, 2024.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Larry A. Ryle High School*

1     **WHEREAS,**     The year of twenty twenty-two concluded with six hundred forty-seven  
2                     mass shootings within the United States, and  
3     **WHEREAS,**     Firearm induced self harm continues to rise, and  
4     **WHEREAS,**     The right of the people to bear arms has been used for harm rather than  
5                     security,  
6     **RESOLVED,**    By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is  
7                     proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which  
8                     shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when  
9                     ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within  
10                    seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:  
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12 **ARTICLE --**

13 **SECTION 1:** The second article of amendment to the Constitution of the

14 United States is hereby repealed.

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

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# A Bill to Establish a Tax on Agricultural Carbon Emissions to Restrict Greenhouse Gas Production

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1   **SECTION 1.**

2       (1) A tax is hereby imposed on agricultural carbon emissions from farms located in the  
3       United States at a rate of \$10 per metric ton of carbon dioxide equivalent emitted  
4       from such farms during any taxable year. The tax shall be paid by the owner or  
5       operator of such a farm at the time and in the manner prescribed by the Secretary  
6       of the Treasury.

7       (2) Exemptions from this tax include emissions resulting from natural disasters or  
8       other extraordinary events beyond the control of the owner or operator of the  
9       farm, activities conducted pursuant to a permit issued under applicable state and  
10      federal law, and activities conducted pursuant to an approved conservation plan  
11      developed by a State agency or other qualified entity.

12   **SECTION 2.**   Applicable state and federal law is defined as the law governing the  
13                      territory enclosing the farm in question.

14   **SECTION 3.**   The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) shall be responsible for the  
15                      implementation of this bill through the administration and regulation of  
16                      these agricultural carbon emission taxes.

17   **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2024. All laws in conflict with  
18                      this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Beechwood High School.*



**A bill to create an overall health, physical education, and sexual wellness curriculum across public schools in America to maximize consistency in adolescent health.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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2     **SECTION 1.**     Currently, in the United States, each school district and county decide what  
3                             and when students learn regarding sex health and wellness. This creates an  
4                             inconsistency across the nation, and the bill presented today eliminates  
5                             that confusion by adhering to one curriculum. In it, there will be specific  
6                             requirements for elementary, middle, and high school, and each student  
7                             will take Health and Physical Education to graduate.

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9     **SECTION 2.**   No ambiguous terms that are not obviously clear were used in this bill; all  
10                   language and vocabulary falls under common knowledge. .

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12 **SECTION 3.** This bill partners with the U.S. Department of education in setting the  
13 standards used to teach health, physical education, and sexual wellness for  
14 K-12 public schools.

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16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on August 1 2024. All laws in conflict with  
17 this legislation are hereby declared null and void. Public schools and their  
18 educators forfeit previous lesson plans that interfere with this new  
19 curriculum.

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## A Resolution to Normalize Responsible Recreational Cannabis Use

- 1   **WHEREAS** Being transparent about responsible use of recreational drugs provides a valuable and  
2                   instructive alternative to abusive and unhealthy habits and models mature life choices; and
- 3   **WHEREAS** Cannabis has been shown to be no more dangerous than alcohol or nicotine and is in many  
4                   respects safer than these more socially acceptable drugs; and
- 5   **WHEREAS** Nearly half of all U.S. citizens now live in states where it is legal to purchase and consume  
6                   cannabis recreationally, and it is likely just a matter of time before recreational cannabis  
7                   use is legal nationwide; now, therefore be it
- 8   **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that this body encourages responsible users of cannabis  
9                   who consume the drug in jurisdictions where doing so is legal, especially when those users  
10                  are government employees or officeholders such as members of the Congress, to speak  
11                  openly and tactfully about their use in much the same way as responsible users of alcohol  
12                  and nicotine do in the status quo.

## A Resolution to Protect Virtual and Augmented Reality Users

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **WHEREAS,** Virtual and augmented reality blurs the line between the digital and  
3 physical worlds creating a sense of being present in the virtual world; and  
4 **WHEREAS,** Global virtual reality is steadily growing and the market size is expected to reach  
5 \$22.9 billion by the end of 2020, with the United States' market size projected  
6 to be \$18.8 billion; and  
7 **WHEREAS,** The demand for virtual reality applications is increasing in the healthcare  
8 sector, gaming, and entertainment media, automotive, manufacturing, and  
9 other industries. Of these, gaming and entertainment media covers a 40.5% of  
10 the global virtual reality market share; and  
11 **WHEREAS,** Steam, an online video game distribution service, reported in June of 2019 that  
12 the monthly-connected VR headsets on Steam surpassed 1 million for the first  
13 time; and  
14 **WHEREAS,** Virtual reality offers the potential to revolutionize education and training  
15 in numerous professional fields; and  
16 **WHEREAS,** Without established community norms and regulations, virtual reality  
17 can become an area for increased virtual assault and harassment; and  
18 **WHEREAS,** According to Pew Research Center, 41 percent of Americans were subjected  
19 to harassing behavior online, while 66 percent witnessed this behavior. For  
20 more severe forms of harassment, such as physical threats, sexual harassment  
21 or stalking, nearly 18 percent of Americans were targets; now, therefore, be it  
22 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that Congress will create a commission  
23 comprised of representatives from the Entertainment Software Rating Board,  
24 Federal Communications Commission, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation  
25 to oversee the establishment of codes of conduct for virtual and augmented  
26 reality users in the United States.