

A Bill to Require All Penal Workers to Receive Minimum Wage for Prison Labour

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall require all prisoners providing penal labor will be compensated with an hourly rate that matches the minimum wage of the state they are currently serving time in.

SECTION 2. Definitions:

Penal labor will be defined as any act of labor performed or carried out by any incarcerated or otherwise detained person.

A laborer will be defined as any person carrying out an act of labour while being detained.

SECTION 3. The Department of Justice's(DOJ) Bureau of Prisons(BOP) will be responsible for overseeing and carrying out this legislation.

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

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lily Manning of Green Canyon High School

A Resolution to De-Criminalize Drug Usage

WHEREAS, Over a million people are arrested on drug charges in America per year, and

WHEREAS, People arrested on Drug charges can spend over a year in prison for a drug charge, and

WHEREAS, This is greatly affecting the lives of those who make the decision to take drugs for any reason, and

WHEREAS, Many problems with overcrowding in American prison systems could be solved by reducing the number of arrests made for drug related charges; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that the United States de-criminalize commercial drug usage.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cameron Balinski of Woods Cross High School.

A Bill to Defederalize the United States Department of Education

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** In order to improve quality of and decrease federal power over primary
3 and secondary education, the United States Department of Education
4 shall be be defederalized.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. Definitions and abbreviations
6 United States Department of Education (USDE)
7 Defederalize: To shift the functions or powers from the jurisdiction of the
8 federal government to that of state or local governments.
9 Primary and Secondary education: Public and Private education which
10 typically consists of thirteen levels starting in Kindergarten and ending
11 with grade 12. Specifically not higher education such as college.

12 **SECTION 3.** The defederalization will be overseen jointly by the Secretary of
13 Education, the head of the Department of Education, and the White
14 House Cabinet Secretary. The data collection branch of the USDE will now
15 rejoin the Department of Health and Human Services. All other federal
16 structures previously belonging to the USDE are to be divided up among
17 the states by student population. USDE employees are to be given
18 priority when hiring employees for the new branches of the state level
19 departments of education.

20 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1 2023. All laws in conflict with this
21 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Brandon Wallis of Viewmont High School.

A Bill to Provide Base Menstruation Products to Adolescence Beginning Puberty

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The US government shall provide a base menstruation kit to youth females
2 beginning adolescence.

3 **SECTION 2.** Base menstruation kits will include but aren't limited to, reusable pads,
4 reusable cups, and a heating pad. Each youth biological female will be sent
5 a base kit when said youth turns the age of 12. If any youth begins
6 menstruation before age of 12, a form will be available to receive the kit
7 early.

8 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of Health will oversee this legislation. Each individual
9 state will be responsible for distribution. The DOH will provide supplies and
10 oversee funding.

11 A. Funding will be pulled from the fy 2024 budget of the Department of
12 Health.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2024. All laws in conflict with this
14 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Zoe Chen, Weber highschool

A Bill to Require DNA Evidence for Death Penalty Sentencing

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** No convicted criminal shall be sentenced to death unless DNA evidence linking the criminal
3 to the crime comprises a central element of that conviction, as determined by the judge
4 overseeing the case.

5 **SECTION 2.** Any inmate currently sentenced to death and awaiting the completion of that sentence
6 whose conviction was not significantly predicated on DNA evidence shall have their
7 sentence commuted to life in prison. District attorneys with jurisdiction in the court where
8 the crime was originally tried shall be responsible for making these determinations and
9 shall have one year from the passage of this legislation to do so.

10 **SECTION 3.** If a judge is found to have violated this legislation, this shall serve as compelling grounds for
11 that judge's impeachment.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Justice.

13 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2024.

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

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 Fund a Scientific Research Commision to Determine the Lines of Personhood.

1 WHEREAS, People are protected under the law and have certain unalienable rights;

2 and

3 **WHEREAS,** There is no reputable consensus on the beginning of personhood; and

4 **WHEREAS,** Crimes and abuses against human rights may be being made and the lack

5 of an answer or consensus leaves these potential persons unrepresented

6 and abused; and

7 **WHEREAS,** The lack of an answer potentially leaves the United States complacent in

8 these crimes; now, therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled fund a Scientific Research Commision to

10 evaluate the beginning of personhood; and, be it

11 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, That appropriate legislation shall be made in accordance of this

12 commission when the time comes.

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jack Gardner From Weber High.

A Bill to Require Employers Offer Paid Maternity and Paternity Leave

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Employers must offer 12 weeks of paid leave to a full-time employee if that employee is the mother or father of a newborn or newly adopted child 10 years of age or younger.

SECTION 2. The income offered by the employer during the leave shall be no less than 80 percent of the employee's salary.

SECTION 3. This legislation will be carried out and enforced by the Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Department of Labor.

SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect at the end of fiscal year 2023.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jarom Guymon of Viewmont High School

A Bill to Reinstate Dream Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall fully reinstate the DREAM Act, as introduced by the Obama Administration in 2012.

SECTION 2.

- A. The act will include every subsection that it did before being overturned by the Trump Administration in 2020.
- B. Including but not limited to applying for conditional status and eventually citizenship, protection from deportation (DACA), and ensuring work and education for every individual.

SECTION 3.

- A. The DREAM Act will be run by the United States Department of Homeland Security, specifically through the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect in fiscal year 2024.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Kyla Cox of Green Canyon.

A Bill to Promote Privacy in Federally Funded Buildings

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Any building which is administered in any part with federal funding shall convert all of its
3 restrooms into single-occupancy or single-family units within three years of the passage of
4 this legislation. All organizations, corporations, agencies, and other entities that administer
5 public spaces without federal funding are strongly encouraged to implement similar
6 changes with their own restrooms.

7 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this legislation, a single-occupancy restroom unit is defined as a
8 lockable bathroom accessible to any individual for that individual's sole and private use,
9 and a single-family restroom unit is defined as a lockable bathroom accessible to any
10 individual and that individual's family for their sole and private use.

11 **SECTION 3.** Congress shall establish a committee tasked with implementing and overseeing this
12 transition and allocate to that committee a fund of \$500 million to be dispersed to agencies
13 or organizations in need of financial support to reach compliance as the committee sees fit.

14 **SECTION 4.** Failure to comply with this legislation shall result in suspension of federal funding for the
15 agency or organization responsible for the facility in question until such time as compliance
16 is reached.

17 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Office for Civil Rights.

18 **SECTION 6.** This legislation shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

19 **SECTION 7.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Establish Mandatory Public Service

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Each U.S. Citizen born after January 1, 2006, must complete at least two years of public
3 service by the time of their 30th birthday.

4 **SECTION 2.** This requirement may be satisfied through two full years of service in one of the following:
5 the Armed Forces (including the National Guard), the Peace Corps, AmeriCorps, or the
6 National Health Service Corps.

7 **SECTION 3.** The penalties for failing to meet this requirement shall be identical to those that
8 accompany failure to register for the Selective Service when required to do so.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Selective Service System.

10 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2024.

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

A Bill to Ban Styrofoam Food Containers

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Restaurants and other providers of prepared meals are henceforth banned from using
3 styrofoam for packaging and/or serving food and/or beverages.

4 **SECTION 2.** Any establishment found to be in violation of this legislation shall be fined \$100 for each
5 violation. Should the total amount fined to a single establishment ever exceed \$10,000,
6 that establishment shall lose its license(s) to sell food and/or beverages.

7 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Food and Drug Administration.

8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2024.

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