



## **CAROLINA EAST DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE LEGISLATION PACKET**



**PACKET A**  
**HOUSE – PRELIMINARY LEGISLATION**  
**SENATE – LEGISLATION WITH PRIORITY**

## **A Bill to Ban Pharmaceutical Advertising**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All advertising for prescription pharmaceuticals will be prohibited.

3 **SECTION 2.** Advertising shall be defined as any measure in communication media  
4 designed to persuade consumers. Advertising shall apply to television,  
5 radio, print and all other media designated relevant by the agencies  
6 outline in Section 3.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission and Food and Drug Administration shall  
8 oversee the implementation of this legislation.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cary Academy*

## **A Bill to Institute a Carbon Tax**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall impose a tax on all covered entities producing  
3 covered fuels at a rate of \$15 per ton of CO<sub>2</sub> (carbon dioxide) emitted.

4 **A.** This rate will increase by \$5 every succeeding year.

5 **SECTION 2.** A covered entity, in this case of this piece of legislation, is defined as any  
6 energy company that is emitting greenhouse gases into the atmosphere.

7 A covered fuel is defined as crude oil, natural gas, coal, or any derived  
8 product that emits greenhouse gases.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Treasury and the Department of Energy will enforce  
10 the tax in Section 1 of this piece of legislation.

11 **A.** 25% of revenues gained from this tax will be invested into the Rural  
12 Energy for America Program (REAP).

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the start of FY 2024.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Durham Academy*

## The Pacific CREST Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The United States Government shall work with the state of California and Amtrak to build and extend the California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) from San Diego to Seattle, with the goal of an average speed no less than 170 mph and average one-way travel time no more than eight hours. The route shall be completed by July 1, 2033.

**SECTION 2.** The CHSRA shall be responsible for completing the section of rail currently under construction from Merced to Bakersfield, however all stops along this route and the route at large must travel through established Amtrak stations. All locomotives and train cars shall be purchased by Amtrak.

**A.** The route shall connect San Diego and Los Angeles before traveling through the Central Valley along the current CHSRA route. Once the route is north of Mercer it shall return to the coast and connect Oakland, Portland, Tacoma, and Seattle, along with any number of regional stops.

**B.** CHSRA may request additional federal funds in the form of block grants, which shall be subject to the approval of USDOT. If CHSRA declines to participate in this project all federal funding for CHSRA shall be revoked and the project shall be established along parallel tracks.

**SECTION 3.** Amtrak and the US Department of Transportation shall oversee the implementation of this act with participation from CHSRA and CADOT.

**A.** \$500 billion dollars shall be allocated over a ten-year period to Amtrak under USDOT for the implementation of this bill. This bill shall be funded by an additional ten percent tax on all flights under two hours in the Domestic United States. Any additional funding shall be allocated from the existing USDOT budget.

**SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by East Chapel Hill HS*

## **A Bill to Criminalize Child Marriage in the United States**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** For the purpose of this bill, the federal legal definition of “child abuse and  
3 neglect” shall be defined to include “child marriage.”

4 **SECTION 2.** For the purpose of this bill, the following definitions apply:

5 **A.** “Child” shall be defined as “a person who has not attained the  
6 minimum age of 18”.

7 **B.** “Child abuse and neglect” shall be defined as “any recent act or  
8 failure to act on the part of a parent or caretaker, which results in  
9 death, serious physical or emotional harm, sexual abuse or  
10 exploitation” or “an act or failure to act which presents an imminent  
11 risk of serious harm.”

12 **C.** “Child marriage” shall be defined as “as a parent or caretaker,  
13 facilitating any formal marriage or informal union between a child  
14 under the age of 18 and an adult or another child.” This shall include  
15 any marriages officiated outside of the United States.

16 **D.** “Informal union” can include, but is not limited to: engagement,  
17 religious betrothal, handfasting, or common law marriage.

18 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of Health and Human Services, the Administration of  
19 Children and Families, the Children’s Bureau, will enforce this bill.

20 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jack Britt HS*

## **A Bill to Eradicate Taxes Imposed on USDA Organic Farms**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall remove any and all taxes  
3 imposed on USDA certified organic farms and businesses in order to  
4 create a cheaper, larger, and healthier array of food products.

5 **SECTION 2.** The following definitions apply:

6 **A.** USDA certified organic is defined as compliance with all the necessary  
7 steps, fees, or inspections laid out by the US Department of  
8 Agriculture in order to receive an organic certification.

9 **B.** An organic farm or business defined as a company whose entire  
10 products are individually certified and listed on the organic certificate  
11 issued to them by the United States department of Agriculture.

12 **SECTION 3.** The US Internal Revenue Service will work in coordination with the US  
13 Department of Agriculture to oversee which farms qualify for the tax  
14 incentive and enforce such regulations accordingly.

15 **A.** The US Internal Revenue Service shall work to ensure that only those  
16 certified by the USDA as organic farms receive the tax cut laid out in  
17 this bill.

18 **B.** The United States Department of Agriculture shall work to credit the  
19 produce of farms as certified organic and to collaborate with the IRS  
20 on which farms are completely organic and, thus, qualify for the tax  
21 cut laid out in this bill.

22 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be put into effect on the first of January of the year 2024.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by North Raleigh Christian Academy*

## **A Bill to Create the Division of Adolescent Driving Safety**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall create the Division of Adolescent Driving Safety (DADS) in  
3 order to curb and prevent adolescent driving accidents and deaths.

4 **SECTION 2.** DADS will standardize drivers' education programs across the United  
5 States, the territories, and the District of Columbia:

6 **A.** States, territories, and the District of Columbia will retain the right to  
7 determine when the new educational program is taught, tested, and  
8 if state, territory, or district specific requirements are added to the  
9 curriculum.

10 **B.** DADS will retain the right to revise the standardized drivers'  
11 education program based off of compiled data from the National  
12 Highway Safety Traffic Safety Administration.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Transportation will offer categorical grants to the  
14 states, territories, and the District of Columbia in return for implementing  
15 the DADS program.

16 **A.** A categorical grant shall be defined as federal grants given to state  
17 and local governments to encourage their cooperation in  
18 implementing specific purposes and programs.

19 **B.** Grants will be offered to local Departments of Transportation to help  
20 implement and enforce the DADS drivers' education program.

21 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be put into effect on July 1, 2023

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pinecrest HS*



**PACKET B**  
**HOUSE – FINALS LEGISLATION**  
**SENATE – RESERVE LEGISLATION**

## **A Bill to Require that Fees for Curbside Garbage Collection be Levied by Weight**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Municipalities and companies which provide curbside garbage collection  
3 services must charge for these services proportionally based on the  
4 amount (measured by weight) of garbage each household or business  
5 needs to have taken away. Municipalities and companies may set their  
6 own rates for these services.

7 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this legislation, garbage is defined as any waste  
8 product put out by households or businesses to be taken to a landfill.  
9 Curbside recycling and composting pickup shall not be impacted.

10 **SECTION 3.** Congress shall allocate \$1 billion to create a fund to support  
11 municipalities and companies in installing scales and any other  
12 equipment and technology necessary to enable garbage trucks to weight  
13 waste promptly and reliably.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation, including the disbursement of funds as described in  
15 Section 3, shall be overseen by the Environmental Protection Agency  
16 (EPA).

17 **SECTION 5** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Carolina East District Committee*

## **A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to End Penal Slavery**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

7 **ARTICLE --**

8 **SECTION 1.** The phrase “except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall  
9 have been duly convicted” shall be stricken from the Thirteenth  
10 Amendment of the Constitution.

11 **SECTION 2.** Henceforth, neither slavery nor involuntary servitude shall exist in any  
12 form within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate  
14 legislation.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Carolina East District Committee*

## **A Bill to Invest in Namibia's Oil Fields**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** For the next ten years, Congress shall direct \$1 billion annually to  
3 Namibia to be utilized to help that nation take advantage of its recently  
4 discovered offshore oil reserves.

5 **SECTION 2.** The Department of State will oversee this legislation and in particular to  
6 work actively and carefully with Namibia to promote the equitable  
7 distribution of the wealth produced from these oil fields among the  
8 Namibian people.

9 **SECTION 3.** Funding for this legislation shall be drawn from a 0.5% tariff increase on  
10 imports of oil and petroleum products.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect at the start of the next fiscal year.

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

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