

WSFA Fall Congress Legislative Packet 2022

Included in this packet are the selections of the WSFA Congress committee designated for use during the sessions of congress held between October and December 2022. The legislation is placed in random order per the decision of the committee.

The first four pieces have been designated as novice pieces as indicated by the asterisk. Novice legislation cannot be used by Varsity but has been designated by the committee if Novices choose.

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A

A Bill to End Military Retirement Age Restrictions

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Currently enlisted persons in the Military shall not be required to retire, unless retired or separated earlier, should they continue to meet physical fitness requirements, and be in good standings.

SECTION 2. Currently enlisted persons shall be defined as regular commissioned officers in grades below general and flag officer grades, permanent professors at academies, regular commissioned officers in general and flag officer grades, and warrant officers in the United States Military, excluding exceptions outlined in United States Code. Meeting physical fitness requirements shall be defined as in current sequential completion of their U.S. Military branch's physical fitness test. Good standings shall be defined as to be in a stance that would not otherwise bring discharge or probationary action.

SECTION 3. The Department of Defense shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

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

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

Introduced by University High School

B

A Bill to Mitigate Climate Impacts from Cryptocurrency Mining

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All cryptocurrency mining must use at least 50 percent renewable energy.

SECTION 2. Cryptocurrency mining is defined as activity that generates an encrypted data string that denotes a unit of currency that is monitored and organized by a peer-to-peer network. Renewable energy is energy that comes from wind, biomass, solar, geothermal, hydropower, marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy, landfill gas, biogas, or biofuels.

SECTION 3. The Department of Energy shall oversee the enforcement of this bill.

A. Individuals and entities that engage in cryptocurrency mining and fail to use at least 50% renewable energy shall be fined an amount equal to 30 percent of the total value of the cryptocurrency mined.

SECTION 4. This law will take effect within six months of passage.

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

Introduced by South Kitsap High School

C

A Bill to Prohibit Student Resource Officers in Public Schools

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Student Resource Officers may not be stationed in any public school in the United States.

SECTION 2. The following terms are defined:

- A. Public school is any educational institution that is funded with public funds from federal, state, or local governments;
- B. A student resource officer is any law enforcement officer employed by a local police or sheriff's agency and stationed in Public Schools for the purpose of creating a safe environment for students and staff.

SECTION 3. The Department of Justice will oversee the implementation and enforcement of this bill.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect on August 1, 2023.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Edmonds-Woodway High School.

D

A Bill to Require Large Corporations to Offer At-home Options for their Employees

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Large corporations not in the service industry are required to give their employees the option to work from home for at least 20% of their work week.

SECTION 2. Large corporations are defined as those with greater than 500 employees.

SECTION 3. The National Labor Board will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation will be funded by a nominal payroll tax of not more than \$50 per year from all workers included in this legislation that are given the option of working from home a minimum of 20% of their work week.

SECTION 5. This legislation will take effect on Jan 1, 2024.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mercer Island High School

E

A Resolution to Formally Ratify CEDAW to Promote Human Rights Equity

WHEREAS, the United States is one of only seven countries out of the 194 United Nation member nations that have yet to ratify the Convention for the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW);

WHEREAS, CEDAW is the only international human rights treaty that specifically addresses the rights of women, calling on States Parties to take measures to eliminate discrimination against women in all areas of life, including political participation, employment, education, healthcare, and family structure;

WHEREAS, the United States of America is significantly ranked behind other developed countries in areas including maternal mortality, gender pay gap, and intimate partner violence;

WHEREAS, we know that gender equality is critical for economic prosperity and social progress;

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled call on the President of the United States to proceed with formal ratification of this treaty.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mount Vernon High School.

F

A Bill to Allow Undocumented Immigrants to Obtain Legal Status While in the US

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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ON 1. All 2 undocumented immigrants currently in the US are eligible for green cards without needing to first leave the
entry. 3

ON 2. A. 4 Undocumented immigrants shall be defined as persons residing in the United States who do not have legal
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documentation allowing them to do so.
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A green card shall be defined as documentation allowing immigrants to reside in the US permanently.

ON 3. The 8 USCIS (U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services) and ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) shall
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10 tly be in charge of implementing this legislation.

11 1. The USCIS may interact with other organizations within the government to implement the
12 legislation.

13 2. The ICE will adjust its policies accordingly.
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SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on fiscal year 2024.

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

roduced for Congressional Debate by Eastside Prep

G

A Resolution to Instate Local Car-Free Policies to Decrease Auto Dependency

WHEREAS, America's car dependency has reached an extremely high level, and

WHEREAS, our car dependency has resulted in high pollution levels, decreased availability of public transport services, and increased urban sprawl, and

WHEREAS, car Free policy, including the banning of individual motor vehicles and established car-free days, has been shown to be beneficial in cities worldwide, and

WHEREAS, a car-free policy would be beneficial socially, economically, and environmentally, therefore, now,

RESOLVED, By the congress here assembled make the recommendation to research and invest in Car-Free legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lewis and Clark Highschool

H

A Bill to Increase School Lunch Quality and Decrease Price

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act is hereby null and void. Public schools and their associated communities are instructed to provide the best overall school lunch quality within their means, regardless of the previously set nutritional requirements.

SECTION 2.

“Overall school lunch quality” shall be defined as lunches with organic, sanitized, and fresh ingredients.

“Organic” shall be defined under the United States Food and Drug Administration guidelines of production

“Means” shall be defined as a given district’s school lunch budget

SECTION 3.

The United States Department of Education will oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

SECTION 4.

This bill will go into effect on January 1st, 2024.

SECTION 5.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Overlake Highschool

A Resolution to Reduce Space Traffic

WHEREAS, the concept of regulating space traffic has been prevalent since the early beginnings of space law; and

WHEREAS, space debris orbit around the earth at tremendous speeds in low earth orbit; and

WHEREAS, significant damage will and can be caused to satellites and spacecraft in the case of a collision; and

WHEREAS, NASA estimates that one major collision will result in an uncontrollable chain reaction, producing untold grave damage; and

WHEREAS, this reaction will lead to humankind jeopardizing its use of outer space, and its benefits for earth; and

WHEREAS, an additional 25,000 satellites are projected to launch into space by 2030, increasing the traffic issue; and

WHEREAS, there are currently no integrated systems capable of providing comprehensive domain awareness for the complex space domain; and

WHEREAS, the way to advance these systems is to expand and implement international regulation and understanding through organizations and public-private partnerships; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled recommend the creation of a new civil space traffic management organization, and encourage the sharing and coordination of space situational awareness data to address the space traffic issue internationally, and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the recommendation be made that the United States Government evaluate and reconsider how they engage with new operators in the space operations environment.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by University High School

J

A Bill to Legalize Medical LSD

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall legalize the medical use of the drug LSD

SECTION 2. Providing the following treatment requirements are met:

- A. The drug is prescribed by a certified psychiatric practitioner, who has undergone training in the prescription of LSD.
- B. The treatment takes place in a certified psychiatric ward and the subject is monitored for the duration of treatment.

SECTION 3. LSD is to be only used for the treatment of anxiety, depression and addiction symptoms.

SECTION 4. Enforcement and implementation will be overseen by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration.

SECTION 5. This bill will be implemented January 1st, 2023.

SECTION 6. All laws in conflict will be considered null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Othello High School.

K

A Bill to Provide a Universal Meal Plan to Ensure the Development of All School Age Children

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Department of Education will provide breakfast and lunch for all children enrolled in public school programs, grades Kindergarten through 12 at no charge.

SECTION 2. The following terms are defined:

A. Public school is any educational institution that is funded with public funds from federal, state and local governments;

B. Enrolled means that a students is maintaining a minimum of part time attendance at the educational institution;

C. Breakfast and lunch will meet the current definitions utilized by the Department of Agriculture.

SECTION 3. The Department of Agriculture will oversee the implementation and enforcement of this bill using the already existing means.

SECTION 4. This legislation will be implemented at the start of the 2023-2024 school year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Glacier Peak High School.

L

A Bill to Federally Recognize the Duwamish Tribe

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. This legislation provides federal recognition for the Duwamish tribe of Washington state.

SECTION 2. “Federal recognition” shall be defined as the United States government recognizes the right of an Indian tribe to exist as a sovereign entity. Federal Recognition grants native tribes of eligibility for land, health care, and revenue streams.

SECTION 3. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Financial Assistance and Social Services (FASS) program shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

1. BIAA will oversee direct funding or funding through grants, contracts, and compacts.

SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect on January 1st, 2023.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Redmond HS.

M

A Bill to Restrict Sale and Contents of Energy Drinks

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. This legislation limits the sale of energy drinks to persons ages 16 and over, and limits the amount of caffeine in them to 150mg per 24oz can.

SECTION 2. Energy drinks will be defined as any beverage with 75mg+ of caffeine per 12oz. Currently, there are no laws or regulations regarding the production and distribution of energy drinks.

Energy drinks may still be sold in any business that legally may sell non-alcoholic beverages.

The companies that produce and sell these products may not market them to anyone under the age of 18.

SECTION 3. The Food and Drug Administration will enforce these policies.

SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect on January 1st 2023.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Battle Ground High School.

N

A Resolution to Promote Composting in all Fifty States

WHEREAS, The U.S. is contributing to the climate crisis with too much food waste and the exporting of its landfill needs around the world; and

WHEREAS, the composting of food waste in the U.S. could significantly cut down landfill needs; and

WHEREAS, Composting can be used as an environmentally friendly fertilizer; and

WHEREAS, Composting is a low-cost way to dispose of food scraps and other materials safely; and

WHEREAS, Composting is only mandated in 5 States; and

WHEREAS, Composting will be an effective tool in mitigating climate change in a timely manner; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled states that every State in the U.S. should introduce a composting system that makes composting easily available to every household; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled recommend the nationwide use of Composting to aid in the fight against climate change.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mercer Island High School

O

A Bill to Establish a Mandatory Foreign Language Graduation Requirement

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The U.S Department of Education will establish a mandatory Foreign Language acquisition in all United States public schools as a graduation requirement.

SECTION 2. Foreign Language acquisition shall be measured by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) using their Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages (AAPPL)

- A. To be administered any year before graduation that the school district deems appropriate
- B. To graduate the students must have shown they have a language proficiency of intermediate mid by the ACTFL guidelines.

SECTION 3. The U.S Department of Education shall oversee and implement this legislation.

SECTION 4. Funding towards the program will start immediately but the schools will not make it an official graduation requirement until 4 years after funding has started.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mount Vernon High School

P

A Bill to Classify Plastic Nurdles as Pollutants

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Plastic nurdle beads will be classified as pollutants in the United States of America.

SECTION 2. "Plastic nurdle beads" or "nurdles" are defined as the beads of pure pre-production plastic used in manufacturing.

SECTION 3. The EPA will oversee the enforcement of this legislation and the Coast Guard will be responsible for the cleanup in the case of spills.

A. Companies shipping nurdles must provide proof of properly sealed containers equipped to prevent spills during shipment as well as implement preventative measures to ensure that nurdles are not released between steps of the production process.

B. In the case of a spill, the companies responsible will pay a fine of 5,000 dollars per 25 kilograms spilled.

SECTION 4. This legislation will be put into effect by January 1st, 2024.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mead High School

AA

A Bill to Educate Displaced Afghan Women and Girls

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Displaced Afghan Women and Girls whose domicile is in a State that receives assistance under 20 USC Ch. 28, cannot be charged tuition for attendance at a public institution of higher education in the State at a rate that is greater than the rate charged for residents of the State.

SECTION 2. Displaced Afghan Women and Girls are defined as women or girls who escaped or fled Afghanistan and entered the United States on or after July 1, 2021, and before the date that is two years after the date of the enactment of this legislation.

SECTION 3. A. The Department of Education will award a grant to each Displaced Afghan Woman or Girl attending a public institution of higher learning. The grant will be equal to the full cost of attendance at that institution each year, for up to five years of attendance.

SECTION 4. This law will take effect within 3 months of passage.

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

Introduced by WSFA

BB

A Bill to Increase Funding and Equity in Indigenous Education

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) must provide sufficient funding to all BIE schools to enable them to attain at least 125% of nationwide average per-pupil spending for each tribal member student enrolled.

SECTION 2. As necessary, the BIE shall provide funding to all non-BIE schools enrolling one or more tribal member students to ensure this same condition is met for those students.

SECTION 3. This legislation shall be overseen by the BIE and the Department of Education.

A. To meet this need, Congress shall increase the BIE's annual budget by \$1 billion.

B. On an annual basis, Congress shall review and adjust this amount to ensure it is neither excessive or insufficient to meet the needs of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This law will take effect within six months of passage.

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

Introduced by. WSFA

CC
A Bill to Tax Carbon

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All corporations that transport, sell, or using carbon-based fuels are required to pay a tax for their carbon emissions.

SECTION 2. Corporations are defined as groups of persons who are deemed in law to be a single legal entity. Carbon-based fuels are defined as crude oil, natural gas, coal, or any other product derived from crude oil, natural gas, or coal which shall be used so as to emit greenhouse gases to the atmosphere.

SECTION 3. A. Corporations will be taxed \$15 per metric ton of carbon dioxide emitted in fiscal year 2023. This number will increase by \$10 per metric ton each year unless national carbon emissions meet annual emissions targets, or if national annual emissions are reduced to 10% of 2010 total carbon emissions.

B. The emissions target for fiscal year 2023 is 95% of total carbon emissions during fiscal year 2010. The annual emissions targets for the following years are 95% of the previous year's emissions target.

SECTION 4. This law will take effect at the beginning of fiscal year 2023.

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

Introduced by. WSFA

DD

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution [to Prevent the Addition of Non-Topical Additions to Legislation in the United States Congress]

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

ARTICLE --

SECTION 1: The Congress of the United States of America shall not have the power to add provisions to a piece of legislation which are not topical to the legislation's predominate purpose.

SECTION 2: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by WSFA

EE

A Bill to Build an Infrastructure of Bullet Trains Around America

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A system bullet trains will be built to connect major cities.

SECTION 2. A major city will be defined as that with a population over 500,000.

SECTION 3. A bullet train is defined as a high-speed railway system that goes up to a minimum 175 mph.

SECTION 4. This will be paid for by a marginal income tax increase.

SECTION 5. The United States Department of Transportation will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

A. The USDOT shall not spend more than 2 trillion dollars on funding.

SECTION 6. This system of trains shall be completely functional by 2035.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by WSFA

FF

A Resolution to Sanction Israel

WHEREAS, The State of Israel has settlements in the Palestinian territories of the West Bank and Gaza; and
WHEREAS, The United Nations and other international organizations have condemned these settlements;
and
WHEREAS, The native Palestinian people have had unjust violations of human rights by the Israelis at the hand of the Israeli Defense Forces; and
WHEREAS, The territorial and historical claims of the Palestinian people have continuously been disregarded by the Israeli government despite international law violations and condemnation; be it,
RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled recommend to the State Department to create and implement appropriate economic sanctions on the State of Israel.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by WSFA