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A Bill to Minimize College Debt

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Under passage of this legislation, taxes are to be enacted on residents to
- 2 fund public universities to pay out student debts.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** College debt currently plagues the average American student with more
- 4 money being paid in the long term per student than made. With an over
- 5 200% increase in average student debt, it is important that students can
- 6 afford their education.
- 7 A. Public universities are secondary education institutes that a high school
- 8 student/person can attend to pursue their career interest.
- 9 B. Private universities will not make money/benefit from taxes, as it has been
- 10 in general.
- 11 **SECTION 3.** The U.S Department of education will oversee all taxes paid through their
- 12 Office of Federal Student Aid.
- 13 A. More money will be given out in scholarships from public
- 14 universities in order to aid people who wish to pursue a higher
- 15 education.
- 16 B. Public universities that receive tax money should also invest a
- 17 percentage of their money made into improving educational
- 18 facilities.
- 19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1st, 2023. All laws in conflict with this
- 20 legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mars Area High School.

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A Bill to amend the Teacher's Portion of the FLSA Policy

☐ BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Teachers will be allowed to receive overtime pay in the scenario that they
2 exceed the 40 hour maximum work week.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Current FLSA policy doesn't allow for teachers to receive overtime payment
4 as they are considered salaried workers. While teachers get lumped in with
5 high earning professions such as doctors and lawyers under the FLSA policy
6 they aren't making a sustainable amount. Overtime pay will be time and a
7 half of regular pay rate.
- 8 **SECTION 3.**
- 9 A. The U.S Department of Education will be responsible for the oversight
10 of the implementation of this legislation.
- 11 B. Teachers must digitally log and submit any OT hours to administration
12 top receive the OT payment ensured by this bill. Hours must be
13 recorded by a "clock-in" system. Additionally, all work done in OT must
14 be performed in school to qualify for OT payment. School
15 administration must report all OT hours to The DOE at the end of each
16 governmental physical year to receive their additional funding.
- 17 C. Funding for this bill will come from a 50% raise in the tax on all tobacco
18 products.
- 19 D. Any school in violation of this policy will pay the appropriate OT pay to
20 the appropriate recipient(s).
- 21 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2024
- 22 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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*Respectfully Submitted,**Mars Area High School*

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A Bill to Ban the Sale of Plastic Straws and Fund Further Research for an Alternative Solution.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The sale of single use plastic straws with a circumference larger than 0.23"
- 2 will be banned. \$5 million dollars will be reallocated to fund research for a
- 3 safe disposable plastic straw alternative.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** No distributor, company, restaurant, or person will be able to purchase or
- 5 sell a straw intended for single use made from plastic materials with a
- 6 circumference larger than 0.23".
- 7 **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will oversee the enforcement
- 8 of this bill.
- 9 A. Those in violation of this bill will be fined \$200 per straw sold in
- 10 violation. The fine money collected will be pushed to private research
- 11 for an alternative to disposable straws.
- 12 B. \$5 million dollars will be reallocated from the 2023 federal research
- 13 and development budget to private research companies to find an
- 14 effective alternative solution to single use plastic straws.
- 15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2023.
- 16 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mars Area High School Speech and Debate.

#4

A Resolution to Discourage Social Media Use Among Elected Officials

- 1 **WHEREAS** Politicians at all levels have become over reliant on social media to argue
2 and communicate policy proposals online to niche audiences and
3 platforms; and
- 4 **WHEREAS** Disruption in the social media space among Twitter, Facebook, TikTok,
5 and other prominent social media platforms has made credibility and
6 trust a matter of public concern; and
- 7 **WHEREAS** The lack of fact-checking and mediation among nearly all social media
8 platforms have become inconsistent with the virtues of open
9 communication with the public; and
- 10 **WHEREAS** Political figures of all types spend disproportionate time on social media
11 platforms, either by themselves or their designees, time that could be
12 better spent governing and communicating through other channels; and
- 13 **WHEREAS** Members of this Congress have proposed to ban TikTok from all
14 government phones due to concerns over data privacy; therefore be it
- 15 **RESOLVED** By the Congress here assembled that all holders of political office
16 (federal, state, county, municipal, and local) remove social media apps
17 from their phones; and
- 18 **FURTHER RESOLVED** That Congressional and other political leaders will vow to discontinue
19 their use of public social media accounts so that public deliberation,
20 policy implementation, and enforcement no longer take place online but
21 are a part of public debate on the floors of their respective legislative
22 bodies only.

#5

A Resolution to Direct NASA to Mine the Lunar Surface

1 **WHEREAS**, There is a constant need to mine Rare Elements (such as Neodymium
2 and Cerium) in order to drive our technologically advanced society forward; and
3 **WHEREAS**, “Rare Element” is a classification of 15 elements that are more scarce
4 compared to elements such as Iron, Aluminum, Copper, etc. Rare Elements are used
5 in electric cars and phones; and
6 **WHEREAS**, Mining these will cause vast environmental damage to our Earth and
7 will hurt lesser developing nations; and
8 **WHEREAS**, Rare Element projects have been found to create toxic chemicals and
9 acids that pollute the nearby top-soil and water supplies (lakes, rivers, etc.) in the
10 areas surrounding these mining operations; and
11 **WHEREAS**, Unregulated mines in developing nations will continue to have their
12 water contaminated and their land will become unusable; and
13 **WHEREAS**, On the moon, there are large deposits of precious metals and materials
14 such as Neodymium and Cerium;
15 **Therefore, Be It RESOLVED By the Student Congress** here assembled to provide
16 the necessary funding and directive to NASA to pursue an initiative to return to the
17 moon in order to mine its plentiful resources.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

16 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2024. All laws in
17 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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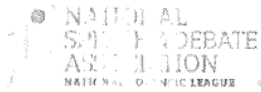
A Bill to Expand the National School Lunch Program to Alleviate Child Hunger

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** A. The U.S. Department of Defense will allocate \$1,000,000,000 annually to
2 the U.S. Department of Agriculture to support the expansion of the
3 National School Lunch Program.
- 4 B. Eligibility for free lunch will expand to students from households with
5 incomes at or below 135 percent of the Federal poverty line. Eligibility for
6 reduced lunch will expand to students from households with incomes at or
7 between 135 and 190 percent of the Federal poverty line. Students from
8 households with incomes above 190 percent of the Federal poverty line
9 can receive a full-price lunch.
- 10 **SECTION 2.** The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) is a federally assisted meal
11 program operating public and nonprofit private schools and residential
12 childcare institutions.
- 13 **SECTION 3.** This U.S. Department of Agriculture will oversee the distribution and use of
14 increased funding for free and reduced lunch.
- 15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2024. All laws in conflict with
16 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Oregon City High School

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CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE: FEBRUARY 2023 LEGISLATION DOCKET

A Bill to Ban Domestic Short-Haul Flights

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** No commercial passenger airline shall operate a regularly scheduled route between two
3 destinations that are connected by a reliable land route that can, under normal conditions,
4 be traversed in fewer than six hours, as determined by the Federal Highway Administration
5 (FHA).

6 **SECTION 2.** Any airline found to be in violation of this legislation shall be fined \$100,000 per infraction.
7 Upon the third infraction, the airline shall lose its license to operate commercial flights for a
8 period of one year.

9 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2027.

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