

# D6 District Debate Docket 2023



# **A Resolution to Recommend that the Death Penalty and Life Sentence be Interchangeable by Choice of the Defendant Once Convicted Guilty**

1   **WHEREAS,** As it stands the rest of a defendant's life, and end there-of, is put in the  
2                   hands of a randomly elected jury or judge without any input or choose  
3                   thereof by the defendant; and

4   **WHEREAS,** Because both sentences are life defining without the consideration of the  
5                   choice over one's own autonomy, considering both further determines  
6                   the remaining course of where and how a person's body will be treated  
7                   without self-input; and

8   **WHEREAS,** Considering over 4% of death Row inmates have been found to be  
9                   innocent this would allow the innocent on death row to advocate and  
10                  have their cases appealed; This also corrects the fact that each person  
11                  who is not given this decision is denied their freedom of autonomy and  
12                  refused the ability for correction; now, therefore, be it

13   **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled shall advocate unto the states to  
14                  change sentencing policies regarding a life sentence and the death  
15                  penalty to allow a convicted individual the choose between the two  
16                  sentences upon sentencing in a court of law; and

17   **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That Congress shall implement the policy into all federal courts  
                under its jurisdiction.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rigby High School.*



# A Bill to Legalize Alcohol Consumption from the Age of 18

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Alcohol consumption is now legal from the age of 18. Once you reach the age of  
2 18, a person would have the ability to buy and consume light alcohol in a  
3 regulated environment with supervision until the age of 21. Hard alcoholic  
4 beverages will not be included in this bill or sold to persons under the age of 21.  
5 Individuals under 18 remain subject to current underage drinking laws.

6 **SECTION 2.** Light alcohols will include beer, wine, or other beverages made through  
7 fermentation. Hard alcoholic beverages include whisky, gin, rum, brandy, tequila,  
8 vodka, distilled spirits, or alcoholic beverages produced by distilling grains,  
9 vegetables, or fruits.

10 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st 2024.

11 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Madison High School.*



# A Resolution to Recognize the Growing Loneliness Epidemic in America to Better the American Population

- 1     **WHEREAS,**       Loneliness is an epidemic growing throughout American society; and
- 2     **WHEREAS,**       As of 2020, according to the National Library of Medicine, 60% of
- 3                   Americans report being lonely, as well as experiencing issues regarding
- 4                   the ability to interact with others. This percentage is a 13% rise from the
- 5                   report published two years prior in 2018. With growing suicide rates in
- 6                   America, especially in America’s youth, it becomes imperative for the
- 7                   U.S. Government to properly address this issue.
- 8     **WHEREAS,**       The need for the US government to address this epidemic grows
- 9                   further after looking into the growing consequences an individual faces
- 10                  because of severe loneliness, such as, but not limited to, earlier mortality
- 11                  rates, physical and emotional problems, anxiety, heart disease, and
- 12                  substance abuse, which were all found in a study published by Harvard
- 13                  medical in 2021; and
- 14     **WHEREAS,**       It is important that the US government addresses loneliness as an
- 15                  epidemic growing throughout America to better the lives of the Americans
- 16                  who are suffering from this issue and will hopefully be able to find help
- 17                  through future government legislation and policy; now, therefore, be it
- 18     **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled shall hereby publicly address
- 19                  Loneliness as an epidemic that is a growing concern for American society;
- 20                  and, be it
- 21     **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the US government will make future efforts to
- 22                  implement impactful legislation that will aid in putting a stop to this
- epidemic.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hillcrest High School.*



# **A Bill to Prohibit the Execution of Unnecessary and Cruel Veterinary Procedures**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** No veterinary practitioners shall be allowed to perform any unnecessary  
2 and cruel procedures on animals suggested by either their own wills or  
3 the wills of the customers, punishable by state and federal courts.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. Unnecessary and cruel procedures shall be defined as any procedures  
5 that are not medically necessary to preserve the animal's life or  
6 wellbeing, excluding those essential to population control like spaying  
7 and neutering. Procedures under this bill include but are not limited to  
8 debarking, declawing, tail docking, ear cropping, etc. Any procedures  
9 called into question that were not previously listed shall be reviewed by  
10 the overseeing agencies specified under Section 3.

11 B. Any creature brought in to be treated by the veterinarians by a  
12 customer shall be considered an animal with protection under this law  
13 including but not limited to cats, dogs, birds, rodents, etc.

14 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen jointly by the United States Department  
15 of Agriculture (USDA) and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service  
16 (APHIS).

17 A. Any necessary funding for the implementation of this bill shall be  
18 delegated by congress through a case by case basis after a request  
19 from both overseeing departments.

20 B. If the overseeing departments have disputes over what specific  
21 procedures shall be outlawed by this legislation, the Secretary's  
22 Advisory Committee on Animal Health (SACAH) shall be called on to  
23 settle the dispute, introducing any necessary changes to this bill  
24 following the meeting.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Idaho Falls High School.*



# A Bill to Rename the Space Force

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1    **Section 1**    The United States of America shall rename their currently existing Space Force:  
2                    “Star Fleet”
- 3    **Section 2**    The Department of Defense shall oversee this bill and the budget for this bill.  
4                    The amount of \$ 1 million dollars will be set aside for this bill.
- 5    **Section 3**    This legislation will be overseen by the Department of Defense  
6                    A. All funding will be taken from the Department of Defense.
- 7    **Section 4**    This Bill will go into effect on December 20, 2024.
- 8    **Section 5**    Any and all laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Teton High School*



# A Bill to Outlaw the Usage of Omegle

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1    **SECTION 1.** The usage of Omegle will be made illegal for all citizens.
- 2    **SECTION 2.** Omegle is a video chat that is accessible to anyone with an internet connection.
- 3    **SECTION 3.** Internet service providers shall block anyone from being allowed to access
- 4                      Omegle. Any internet service providers in noncompliance with this bill will be
- 5                      charged \$100 per violation. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) will be in
- 6                      charge of overseeing compliance.
- 7    **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2023. All laws in conflict with this
- 8                      legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hillcrest High School*



## A Resolution to Redesign State Flags

1   **WHEREAS,**       By the congress here assembled, the 50 US states will be encouraged to  
2                       redesign their states flag; and

3   **WHEREAS,**       To promote diversity and uniqueness among the flags and make them  
4                       more recognizable; and

5   **WHEREAS,**       Since most state flags have a similar design, the state seal over a (usually)  
6                       blue background it makes them hard to tell apart from a distance; now,  
7                       therefore be it,

8   **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the US will encourage new designs for  
9                       state flags.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Skyline High School*





# **A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Remove the Exception for Slavery in Prisons from the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment**

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

## **ARTICLE 13**

6                   **SECTION 1:** The Following amendment “Neither slavery nor  
7                   involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime  
8                   whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall  
9                   exist within the United States, or any place subject to their  
10                  jurisdiction.” Shall be changed to “Neither slavery nor  
11                  involuntary servitude shall exist within the United States,  
12                  or any place subject to their jurisdiction under any  
13                  circumstances.”

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Brock Johnson Rigby High School.*



# A Bill to Require a License for the Ownership of Firearms

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.** In order to purchase and own a firearm of any type, an individual will be  
2                   required to have a gun owner's license. Current owners of guns without a  
3                   license are required to obtain a license within six months after enactment.  
4                   Failure to do so will result in a minimum fine of \$1,000, and seizure of  
5                   unlawful firearms. This legislation will take effect in every state.
- 6   **SECTION 2.** Firearms being defined as every type of gun including muzzleloaders.
- 7   **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms will oversee the issue of  
8                   firearm licenses. The Bureau of Tobacco, Alcohol, and Firearms will issue  
9                   licenses to any individual having no criminal record of domestic violence,  
10                  as well as having passed a psychiatric evaluation, ensuring the individual is  
11                  mentally fit to safely own a firearm. A license will need to be renewed  
12                  every four years.
- 13       A.           One who has purchased a gun without a license will be fined a  
14                   minimum of \$1,000 and their gun(s) will be taken.
- 15       B.           Distributors of firearms without requiring a license will be fined a  
16                   minimum of \$5,000, their Federal firearms license will be revoked, and  
17                   their business will be taken down.
- 18       C.           One in possession of a gun without a license or permit will be fined a  
19                   minimum of \$1,000 and if they own said gun, their gun(s) will be taken.
- 20   **SECTION 4.** Funding for the legislation will come from the Bureau of Tobacco,  
21                   Alcohol, and Firearms's annual budget, a \$25 fee for license issue and  
22                   renewal, as well as from fines violators of this law will pay.
- 23   **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect on 9/1/2030.
- 24   **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Madison High School.*



# **A Bill to Modify the Life Sentence to Include the Entire Duration of the Accused's Lifespan**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Any life sentences prescribed by state or federal courts shall be legally  
2 mandated to last the full duration of the sentenced lifespan, instead of  
3 the 15 to 25-year current policy.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** In all cases where the accused is deemed to serve a life sentence for their  
5 crimes, the accused will remain in prison for the remainder of their life  
6 until death, unless otherwise stated.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be adopted by the U.S. Congress and the Department of  
8 Justice.
- 9 A. Those who do not adapt to this bill after January 31, 2024, will face a  
10 fine of \$2,500 and a year of prison.
- 11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 31, 2024. All laws in conflict  
12 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Idaho Falls High School.*



# **An Amendment to the U.S. Constitution to Implement a Maximum Age for the President of the United States**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1:** Any Candidates for the presidency of the United States shall not exceed the age of 70 years old at the age of candidacy. If you are beyond this age, you are not eligible for office. This will ensure that our leader is fit to run at any given time, as well as make it easier for the next generations to have a chance at the presidency.

**Section 2:** Any individual who is sworn into office before they hit the age cap of 70, but turn said age whilst in office, may remain in office for their four year term. However, they are not eligible to run for the office of the presidency again.

**Section 3:** This legislation also applies to the office of the vice president. However, state governments will not have this age cap implemented for any state offices. .

**Section 4:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Teton High School.*



# A Bill to Reform Animal Treatment in the Food Industry to Reduce Animal Cruelty

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1           **SECTION 1.** Inspections of large-scale industrial animal farms will  
2           occur randomly every six months to ensure that animals are treated  
3           correctly in their environment.

4           **SECTION 2.** Animal cruelty is defined as depriving an animal of food,  
5           water, shelter, and veterinary care. Torturing, maiming, or killing animals is  
6           also animal cruelty. The food industry denotes a complex global industry  
7           that clusters many small- to large-scale industries or businesses that are  
8           related to food item production, processing, supply, and distribution.

9           **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) will  
10          conduct inspections and take action as needed to ensure the proper  
11          treatment of the animals. Inspectors who notice that the animals are being  
12          mistreated will require the offender to take courses to learn how to have a  
13          safe environment for the animals. While taking these courses, the company  
14          will be forced to cease selling all products. Then they will be fined 30% of  
15          all earnings they had made. Fines will go to inspectors and animal cruelty  
16          awareness companies.

17          **SECTION 4.** January 1st, 2024

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# A Bill to Instate a Standardized Speed Limit on All Interstates

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All United States rural interstates will have a standardized speed limit of  
3 70 mph and all Urban interstates will have a standardized speed limit of  
4 65 mph unless marked otherwise on concerns of safety.

5 **SECTION 2.** Interstate is defined as one of a system of expressways covering the 48  
6 contiguous states. A rural interstate is defined as an interstate highway  
7 outside an urbanized area of 50,000 or more population. A Urban  
8 interstate is defined as an interstate with connections through and  
9 around cities.

10 **SECTION 3.** The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) will oversee  
11 enforcement in which any state who fails to change or remove current  
12 signs set over the standardized limit will be fined 5000 dollars per sign for  
13 each fiscal year the change hasn't been met. The NHTSA will also provide  
14 \$1.5 million dollars towards the purchase of replacement signs.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2025. All laws in conflict with this  
16 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rigby High School.*



# A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Replace the Presidential Electoral System

**RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is 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 purpose of this Article is to replace the Electoral College system with an Instant-Runoff Voting system (IRV system), to ensure that a fair vote of the people elects the President of the United States.

**SECTION 2:** The Article amends the Constitution of the United States to replace the current Electoral College system with an IRV system, under which voters shall rank candidates in order of preference, and the candidate who receives a majority of votes shall be elected President. In the event no candidate receives a majority of more than 51% of the total vote, the lowest ranked candidate will be eliminated and their votes redistributed based on the voters' second choice. The process repeats until a candidate reaches a majority.

**SECTION 3:** The Article also establishes new procedures for the administration of the IRV system, those being the use of ranked-choice ballots, the creation of a new independent commission to oversee the administration of the IRV system, and the establishment of new time limits for the resolution of disputes.

**SECTION 5:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Idaho Falls High School.*



# A Bill to Abolish Private Prisons

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

## Section 1:

1. Removes the Government's ability to contract private companies to make and manage private prisons.
2. All private prisons ownership and management will be placed in the hands of the United States government.
3. All necessary funds needed will be taken from The United States Military.

## Section 2:

1. Private Prisons are defined as prisons owned and operated by a third party that the government contracts.

## Section 3:

1. The switching of the prisons from private to public status will be handled by The Bureau of Prisons.
2. All private companies who are currently operating prisons but will no longer be allowed to do so under the law will be compensated 1.5 million dollars.

## Section 4:

1. This bill will be taken into effect on January 1, 2026.

## Section 5:

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Teton High School.*





# **A Bill to Build a Space Elevator to Achieve Sustainable Space Exploration**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1           **SECTION 1.** The US will construct a space elevator in the Pacific  
2           Ocean within US jurisdiction to achieve sustainable space exploration.
- 3           **SECTION 2.** A space elevator is defined as a transportation system that  
4           connects the Earth's surface to space and enables vehicles to travel either  
5           to orbit or space without the use of rockets.
- 6           **SECTION 3.** NASA will be in charge of the construction,  
7           planning, maintenance, and any other required responsibilities.
- 8           A. NASA will have a budget of \$2,500,000,000 annually until the  
9           competition of the elevator. This budget is separate from their annual  
10          budget.
- 11          B. Following the completion of the elevator, \$500,000,000 will be allocated  
12          annually for the upkeep and maintenance of the space elevator.
- 13          C. Funding will be provided by an annual wealth tax of 2% on total wealth  
14          exceeding 1 billion for private citizens. Any excess funding will be  
15          allocated toward government welfare programs.
- 16          **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the beginning of the next  
17          fiscal year.
- 18          **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and  
            void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Skyline High School.*



# **A Bill to legalize NOR- Human Composting nationwide for better death care.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.** The 50 states will accept NOR as a full death alternative and service.  
2                               Implied that a licensed business, company, or funeral home can provide  
3                               the means of administering decomposition service with proper means.
- 4   **SECTION 2.** Full rights to composting humans includes the independent company to  
5                               choose the process method as long as the end compost is obtained, along  
6                               with the family having full custody of the now fertile soil just made.
- 7   **SECTION 3.** All the involved agencies will include the U.S. Department of Health  
8                               and Human services, U.S. Department of State, and the United States  
9                               Environmental Protection Agency.
- 10    A.               These benevolent firms will oversee and enforce the accessibility of this  
11                               death administration to the public.
- 12    B.               This bill has already been enacted in the following states: California,  
13                               Colorado, New York, Oregon, Vermont, and Washington.
- 14   **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2024. All laws in conflict  
15                               with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.  
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*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rigby High School.*



## **A Resolution to Aid in the Protection and/ or evacuation to assist the Uyghur population**

2   **WHEREAS,** members of the group are having serious human rights violation imposed  
3                                   upon the society; and

4   **WHEREAS,** the scope of the problem follows upon the lines of undertaking serious  
5                                   bodily or mental harm, having the Chinese Government deliberately  
6                                   inflicting conditions to bring the group's physical destruction, forcibly  
7                                   transferring children to another group, and imposing measures intended  
8                                   to prevent births within the group; and

9   **WHEREAS,** Between the years of 2015 and 2018 the Uyghur population fell by 84%;  
10                                  and

11   **WHEREAS,** at least 80 percent of women of childbearing age in the rural south had  
12                                  to undergo intrusive birth prevention surgeries such as IUDs or  
13                                  sterilizations procedures; now, therefore, be it

14   **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled that the United States would provide  
15                                  protection and/ or evacuation for the Uyghur population over the human  
16                                  rights violations imposed by the chinse government.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rigby High School.*



# A Bill to Raise the Income Of Teachers

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1                   **SECTION 1.** A bill to implement a one-time increase of \$2,000 to all  
2                   career steps for every public school teacher in the nation.

3                   **SECTION 2.** Career steps amount to the money teachers are paid because of their  
4                   experience. Public teachers are defined as teachers that work in schools  
5                   where education is free for the students.

6                   **SECTION 3.** This bill will be overseen by the Department of Education. Funding for  
7                   this legislation will come from the Department of Homeland Security. 6  
8                   billion dollars will be allocated to the Department of Education per year  
9                   from the Department of Homeland Security budget..

10                  **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025. All laws in conflict  
11                  with  
                          this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hillcrest High School.*



# A Bill to Legalize Polygamy on a Federal Level.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill will legalize polygamy on the federal level. All parties involved  
3 must consent to the relationship and may not be forced.

4 **SECTION 2.** Polygamy will be defined as the practice or custom of having more than  
5 significant other at a time. Practices or customs include but are not  
6 limited to marriage, religious or cultural customs.

7 **SECTION 3.** The FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation) will oversee enforcement of this  
8 bill along with the specific enforcement mechanism.

9 A. If all parties do not consent or if one is unaware the violator will be  
10 charged with a felony for adultery.

11 B. If charged with adultery the violator will be prosecuted in Federal  
12 Court.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Blackfoot High School.*

