

Saving Children from Manipulative Video Games Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- Section 1.** Microtransactions in video games shall be forbidden, except in games rated “M for Mature” or “AO for Adult Only” according to the ESRB. In-store purchases of video games rated M or AO shall require a valid photo identification from the purchaser indicating an age of no less than 18 years.
- Section 2.** “Microtransactions” shall be defined as transactions wherein the user receives a randomized or partially randomized reward in return for monetary value (so-called "loot-boxes"), or which grant user a benefit which eases their progression in the game in a manner not directly attainable without said transaction.
- (A) This legislation shall not be deemed to affect sequels or expansion packs to games.
- Section 3.** The Federal Trade Commission shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation and all other committees involved. A violation of this Act shall be treated as a violation of a rule defining an unfair or deceptive act or practice prescribed under section 18(a)(1)(B) of the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 4 57A(a)(1)(B)). Offenders will be subject to a civil penalty of no less than \$1500 per unit sold in violation of this Act.
- Section 4.** This law shall go into effect six months from the date of passage.
- Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*James Abruzzo
Kellenberg HS*

A Bill to Provide Research Grants to Organizations Researching a Cure to Alzheimer's

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A one-time \$150,000 grant can be applied for, for any organization
3 seeking to find a cure for Alzheimer's.

4 **SECTION 2.** A research grant will be defined as a sum of money given by a
5 government or other organization for a particular purpose. An
6 organization will be defined as an organized group of people with a
7 particular purpose, such as a business or government department.

8 **SECTION 3.** This will be implemented by the U.S. Department of Health and Human
9 Services (DHH). The money for the grants will be drawn from the current
10 DHH annual budget.

11 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented on January 1st, 2023. All laws in conflict with
12 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Syosset High School.

A Bill to Protect Taiwan From Invasion

Section 1. The United States shall recognize Taiwan as an independent nation. As such, formal and open diplomatic relations shall be established with the Republic of China government. The U.S. shall send 50,000 United States soldiers to Taiwan who shall fight militarily to protect the island in the event of war. The United States shall supply any weapons to Taiwan at the request of Taiwan.

Section 2. Taiwan shall be defined as any and all areas controlled by the Republic of China government as of November 2022.

Section 3. The U.S. State Department will oversee only parts of this legislation related to recognition of Taiwan and establishing diplomatic relations. The U.S. Department of Defence shall oversee the implementation of all other aspect of this legislation.

Section 4. This legislation will go into effect immediately after passing.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. David Abrams

Half Hollow Hills High School East

A BILL TO DECRIMINALIZE DRUGS IN THE UNITED STATES

1. **Section 1.** All drug use in the United States shall be decriminalized and the
2. funds used for jailing people with drug histories will be put towards increasing
3. funding to existing residential rehabilitation facilities for former drug users
4. **Section 2.** “Decriminalize” is defined as the removal of criminal penalties;
5. “drugs” is defined as narcotics, depressants, stimulants, hallucinogens, and
6. anabolic steroids as listed under the Controlled Substances Act.
7. **Section 3.** The Drug Enforcement Agency and The Justice Department will carry
8. out the decriminalization of penalties of drug use in the United States
9. **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 1st, 2023.
10. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Spencer Friedland

Half Hollow Hills High School East

A Bill to Ban Fracking

1 BE IT ENACTED BY STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

2 Section 1. This bill prohibits federal agencies from issuing permits for the
3 expansion of fracking or fracked oil and natural gas infrastructure,
4 including infrastructure intended to extract, transport, or burn natural
5 gas or oil. By 2030 all fracking permits will be revoked. By 2030 the
6 United States will be fracking free.

7 Section 2. “Hydraulic fracturing or fracking is a process to extract underground
8 resources such as oil or gas from a geologic formation by injecting
9 water, a propping agent (e.g., sand), and chemical additives into a
10 well under enough pressure to fracture the geological formation.”

11 Section 3. The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Agency
12 shall be deemed responsible for implementing this bill

13 Section 4. Upon passage, this legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2023

14 Section 5. All laws that conflict with this will be declared null and void

Respectfully submitted, Representative Krishiv Dhupar from Syosset High School

A BILL TO COMBAT CHINESE INFLUENCE IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA

1. **Section 1.** The United States will increase its funding of the countries close to the
2. South China Sea (Japan, South Korea, Philippines, Indonesia, Australia, India,
3. and Pakistan) from a total of 6 Billion dollars to 20 Billion Dollars. This money
4. will also be used to improve American Military bases in these countries, increase
5. American presence in the South China Sea, as well as to help subsidize the armies
6. of these various countries to combat China. Also as part of this bill the United
7. States will formally recognize the Republic of China as an independent state.
8. **Section 2.** “Recognize” is defined as formal acknowledgment of the political
9. existence of a government or nation.
10. **Section 3.** The State Department will be in charge of allocating the extra 14
11. billion dollars given to the US military as well as how much money will be given
12. to each country in Asia.
 - A. The Defense Department must use the money allocated by this bill in the South China Sea and not allocate it to other areas of concern
 - B. The other countries receiving aid must use all money allocated to them on improving their militaries and be subject to review by US State Department and Defense Department officials
13. **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 1st, 2024.
14. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Shabnam Pahrani
Half Hollow Hills High School East

A RESOLUTION TO REMOVE TURKEY FROM NATO TO

SAVE LIVES

1 **WHEREAS**, Turkey invaded a foreign sovereign state Syria with imperialistic
2 intentions,

3 **WHEREAS**, Attacking a foreign state that has recently been through a civil war
4 puts stress on their people and their government which may lead to loss of life,

5 **WHEREAS**, Allowing The Republic of Turkey to attack Syria and collaborate
6 with Russia can lead to a former ally aligning themselves with our greatest enemy,

7 **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled make the following
8 recommendation to The North Atlantic Treaty Organization to remove Turkey
9 from NATO.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Shabna

Half Hollow Hills High School East

A Bill to Outlaw Citizens Arrest

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Ordinary civilians should not be in charge of arresting other civilians. Citizen's arrests are lawful in certain limited situations and in certain states, such as when a private citizen personally witnesses a violent crime and then detains the perpetrator. However, this act may be unsafe to the person being arrested and the person arresting the civilian.

SECTION 2. Citizen's arrest is an arrest made by a private citizen, in contrast to the typical arrest made by a police officer.

SECTION 3. The United States Department of Justice will oversee this piece of legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall go into effect on January 1, 2024.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Sabrina Gizzi
Half Hollow Hills High School East*

1 **WHEREAS,** The current number of 9 SCOTUS justices is too low.

2 **WHEREAS,** It is unrepresentative of the judicial experience of all 50 of the states and the
3 District of Columbia to have a limited number of Justices that are
4 nominated by the executive.

5 **WHEREAS,** With a limited number of Justices it is not unrealistic for the executive to
6 threaten the non partisanship of the SCOTUS.

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

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13 **ARTICLE --**

14 **SECTION 1:** “Judges of the Supreme Court” shall be removed from
15 Article II Section 2 Clause 2 of the Constitution.

16 **SECTION 2:** Chapter XXII Section 1 of the Judiciary Act of 1869 will be
17 repealed and replaced with “There shall be one Chief Justice
18 nominated by the Council of the District of Columbia and
19 fifty Associate Justices each nominated by the individual
20 state legislatures, any thirty four of whom shall constitute a
21 quorum.”

22 **SECTION 3:** The current 9 SCOTUS justices will be dismissed upon this
23 legislation’s passing

24 **SECTION 4:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
25 appropriate legislation.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. David Jojan of Chaminade High School

A Bill to Implement a Carbon Tax

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** A carbon tax shall hereby be imposed of initially \$60 per metric ton of CO₂
2 emitted by for-profit companies, which shall initially only be applied to
3 companies that emit greater than 30 metric tons of CO₂ per year. However,
4 after 2035, the tax shall be applied to all for-profit companies and shall be
5 \$100 per metric ton of CO₂ emitted. The tax revenue generated shall go to
6 The Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) of the
7 United States Department of Energy to aid the transition from fossil fuels to
8 environmentally sustainable energy.

9 **SECTION 2.** “Company carbon emissions” is defined as carbon gas emissions that are
10 influenced by the direct decisions of for-profit corporations (which do
11 business in the U.S., onshore or offshore) for each calendar year. Direct
12 emissions includes, but is not limited to, all emissions from the supply
13 chain, logistics, usage phase, transportation, and which the company
14 directly oversees and is directly responsible for.

15 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service shall implement a tax of \$60 per metric ton of
16 carbon emitted per calendar year (above the threshold of 30 tons of CO₂)
17 for U.S. based for-profit organizations

18 A. After 2035, there shall not be a threshold of 25 tons of CO₂, and every
19 metric ton of CO₂ which for-profit companies emit will be taxed

20 B. After 2035, the tax per metric ton of CO₂ emitted by each company per
21 calendar year shall be raised to \$100

22 The taxes will go toward the The Office of Energy Efficiency and
23 Renewable Energy (EERE) of the United States Department of Energy

24 A. the EERE will use these taxes to aid the transition away from fossil
25 fuels to renewable, environmentally sustainable energy

26 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2025. All laws in conflict with this
27 legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Greg Coppola of Chaminade High School