

**Congress Bills – Peninsula
Invitational**

Round 1

A Bill for Bail Reform

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The US shall eliminate the payment of money as a condition of
3. pretrial release.
4. **SECTION 2.** Individuals currently facing charges for a misdemeanor or
5. non-violent felony will be granted release without bail as they await their
6. court date, unless it is proven that specific conditions are necessary to
7. ensure their appearance in court. Any release conditions imposed must be
8. non-monetary and designed to be as minimally restrictive as possible to
9. reasonably guarantee their return to court.
10. **SECTION 3.** Individuals charged and released to await trial in the
11. community may potentially be subjected to bail or pretrial detention at a
12. later point if they persistently and willfully fail to appear in court, violate a
13. protection order, engage in witness tampering or intimidation, or face
14. additional charges while awaiting trial.
15. **SECTION 4.** The Department of Justice will oversee the
16. implementation of this bill.
17. **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025. All
18. laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by The Harker School.

A Bill to Define the Sovereign Territory of the United States of America to Include All Airspace from the Surface of the US Vertically to the Beginning of Outer Space

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1, The people of the United States of America are entitled to be protected from, and
3 remain secure from the effects of objects floating and flying above them.

4 However, current law is unclear as it does not specify the height to which the
5 United States claims sovereignty over its airspace;

6 SECTION 2, Therefore, 49 U.S.C. §40103 is hereby amended to define sovereign US airspace
7 to extend from the surface of any part of the United States vertically to the
8 beginning of Outer space.

9 SECTION 3, The Departments of State and Defense will oversee implementation and
10 enforcement of this legislation;

11 SECTION 4, This law will take effect and be implemented immediately on passage;

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by West Torrance High School

Round 2

The No More Meat Act

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. SECTION 1. The United States Congress shall gradually phase out all subsidies and
3. financial incentives to meat and dairy manufacturers.
4. SECTION 2. All funding currently allocated to meat and dairy industries shall be
5. redirected to fruit and vegetable agriculture.
6. SECTION 3. Subsidies to meat and dairy industries will be phased out by 20% each year,
7. to be fully reallocated 5 years after the date of enactment of this act.
8. SECTION 4. The implementation of this bill shall be overseen by the United States
9. Department of Agriculture.
10. SECTION 5. This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2025.
11. SECTION 6. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Arcadia High School

A Resolution Requiring the United States to Ensure That All Drones Strikes Are Legally Conducted

1 **WHEREAS**, The war in Afghanistan has ended; and

2 **WHEREAS** The United States government has committed to continuing “over the horizon”
3 drone strike attacks on Afghanistan, as well as on other countries, and

4 **WHEREAS** These drone attacks have increasingly resulted in civilian casualties;

5 **RESOLVED** by this Student Congress here assembled that:

6 All drone strikes conducted by or in the name of the United States of America

7 shall be limited to those which comply with all applicable laws

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Round 3

A Bill to Modernize American Road Infrastructure

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. SECTION 1. The United States federal government will invest \$100 billion dollars into
3. American infrastructure with the purpose of improving the quality of roads and
4. highways.
5. SECTION 2. The funding for this legislation will come from a federal gas tax hike of
6. \$0.25/gallon.
7. SECTION 3. All additional revenue generated by this gas tax will be given to subsidize
8. the production of EV infrastructure including electric vehicle chargers and increase
9. federal rebates for the purchase of electric vehicles.
10. SECTION 4. The Department of Transportation will be in charge of implementation of
11. today's legislation.
12. SECTION 5. This legislation will go into effect on January 1st, 2025.
13. SECTION 6. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Ban to Hydraulic Fracturing

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Fracking shall be prohibited by federal agencies by ending
3. permits for the expansion of fracking or fracked oil and natural gas
4. infrastructure, including infrastructure intended to extract, transport, or
5. burn natural gas or oil across all 50 states and U.S. territories.
6. **SECTION 2.** Hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, shall be defined as a
7. process that provides access to reservoirs of natural gas and petroleum by
8. opening rocks deep underground. U.S territories shall be defined as
9. administrative districts overseen by the Federal government of the United
10. States without national status.
11. **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency and Department of
12. Energy shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation.
13. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2025.
14. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Audrey Huang of University High School.

Final Round

A Bill to End International Arms Sales

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** No individual or corporation shall engage in the sale of
3. military technology, military intelligence, or weapons to any foreign
4. government, corporation, individual, or any other entity.
5. **SECTION 2.** Every sale of United States arms must be considered and
6. approved by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.
7. **SECTION 2.** Any violation of this legislation shall be prosecuted in a federal
8. court as treason.
9. **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Industry and Security and the Department of
10. Justice shall jointly oversee the implementation of this legislation.
11. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage.
12. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby
13. declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by The Harker School.

A Bill to Permit Truck Drivers to Make Their Own Choice Regarding Employment Status

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1, The relevant sections of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as
3 amended (29 USC §§201, et. seq.) are hereby amended to require truck
4 drivers to have the decision of being classified as either employees or
5 independent contractors upon completing a thousand hours of work for a
6 trucking company. Truck drivers will be entitled to change or renew this decision
7 at each one year anniversary of their employment.

8 SECTION 3, The Department of Labor will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

9 SECTION 4, This law will take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by West Torrance High School

The Mission for Advancing NASA's Aerospace Science (MANAS) Act

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The National Aeronautics Space Administration (NASA) will redirect
3. \$10 billion dollars from private space corporations for fiscal year 2024 and each
4. subsequent fiscal year for the purpose of improving NASA's facilities and
5. infrastructure in support of the development and construction of a permanent
6. Moon base.
7. **SECTION 2.** A. The term "Moon base" means a self-sustaining, habitable facility
8. constructed on the surface of the Moon, capable of supporting human life and
9. scientific research activities.
10. B. Private corporations shall be defined as companies such as SpaceX and Blue
11. Origin or space companies worth over \$30 billion dollars.
12. **SECTION 3.** NASA shall be tasked with the implementation of this legislation.
13. A. \$10 billion dollars shall be redirected from private corporations every year to
14. support the implementation.
15. B. Annual audits shall be carried out to ensure that research and development is
16. making significant progress.
17. C. If it is determined that after 10 years enough progress has not been made,
18. this legislation will be declared null and void.
19. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025.
20. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
21. void.

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