

Federal Student Loan Interest Rate Cap Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The purpose of this Act is to establish a fair and predictable framework for
2 federal student loan interest rates by capping them at the average inflation
3 rate for the previous fiscal year in order to minimize financial hardship for
4 the borrower.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** The interest rates for federal student loans shall be determined annually
6 based on the monthly Consumer Price Index (CPI) as published by the
7 Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor for the
8 preceding fiscal year.
- 9 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of Education conjointly with the Federal Reserve shall take
10 necessary steps to implement and enforce the interest rate cap as specified
11 in this Act.
- 12 A. Beginning in the fiscal year following the enactment of this Act, the
13 interest rates on federal student loans shall be capped at the prior fiscal
14 year's inflation rate.
- 15 B. Should the inflation rate rise by a margin greater than 1% from the
16 previous year, the new calculated interest rate will be capped at a 1%
17 increase.
- 18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025. All laws in conflict with
19 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Wood River High School.

A Bill to Conserve the Second Amendment

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Require new gun owners to take a course to be able to own and operate a firearm safely, as well as have a psychological evaluation

SECTION 2. A. Course shall be defined as a two week long course where they learn how to disassemble and put together a weapon safely, show the purchaser what each component is and what it does in the firearm, and teach the purchasers how to shoot safely.

B. Psychological evaluation shall be defined as an evaluation to find out if the purchaser is experiencing thoughts of suicide or harming others .

SECTION 3. This piece of legislation will be enforced by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives .

A. The funding will be \$100 million and will come from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives budget.

SECTION 4. This piece of legislation will go into effect in the 2024 fiscal year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mountain Home High School.

A Bill to Provide Diapers to Needy Families

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A) The Dept. of Health and Human Services will provide block grants
3 totaling \$250 million per year for fiscal years 2025-27 to states and local
4 agencies or tribal organizations to assist with the diaper needs of low-
5 income families with infants, toddlers and adults with incontinence
6 issues.

7 B) Families may use SNAP, HSA, or HRA accounts to purchase diapers.

8 **SECTION 2.** Definitions: SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), HSA
9 (Health Savings Account), HRA (Health Reimbursement Arrangement).

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee allocation
11 and monitoring of these targeted block grants.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bishop Kelly HS.

A Bill to Ban Private Air Travel

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Upon passage of this legislation, all future private/contracted air travel currently
3 active/commissioned shall be banned from operation. This bill will not apply to
4 air travel commissioned under the purpose of emergency response.

5 **SECTION 2.** Private/contracted air travel will be defined as an aircraft that is specifically
6 designed for the purpose of transporting small groups of people under the work
7 of a private group and/or pilot. Flight will be defined as the process of travel
8 through the air, and in this legislation, will be in use when flight is conducted
9 between 41,000ft (about 12.5 km) and 45,000ft (about 13.72 km) in the air.

10 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Transportation will oversee the
11 implementation of this legislation.

12 a. All persons caught flying or riding a private jet shall be faced with civil
13 penalties of up to \$200,000. Repeat offenders may serve up to 4 years in
14 federal prison.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on May 26th, 2025.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Renaissance High School.

A Bill to Prohibit Gender-Based Prices to Ensure Price Equality

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States will institute a comprehensive prohibition against the
2 imposition of elevated prices or markups on any consumer products, based
3 upon a targeted segmentation of a particular gender demographic. Any
4 products that are targeting any gender-based demographic must have
5 identical pricing for comparable items. This legislation aims to ensure
6 equitable pricing practices and eliminate any price discrimination
7 associated with gender-specific marketing strategies.

8 **SECTION 2** Markups are defined as “the amount by which the price of something is
9 increased before it is re-sold.” Consumer products are defined as “products
10 that are bought by individuals or households for personal use” Price
11 Discrimination is defined as “The practice of charging customers different
12 prices for the same product or service” Gender-specific marketing is
13 defined as “marketing that segregates target audiences into men and
14 women, tailoring messages to assumed gender preferences based on
15 societal norms or assumptions about behavior & interests”

16 **SECTION 3.** The House Committee of Energy and Commerce will oversee the
17 implementations and regulations on markups or discriminatory pricing
18 made by any corporation associated with consumer products and services.

19 A. Companies, corporations, or any business that is affiliated with
20 retail or any type of consumer products or services are capable of
21 withstanding this bill and are liable for punishment.
22 B. Said companies that upsell products that use price discrimination
23 will be fined on the profit they make from said products. Depending
24 on how serious the upcharge is they could be fined up to the whole
25 profit.

26 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on March 8th, 2025. All laws in conflict with
27 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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A Bill to Abolish Ecclesiastical Protection for Reports of Child Abuse

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Any clauses that exempt ecclesiastical leaders from reporting child abuse
3 will be abolished. Ecclesiastical leaders will be required to report any
4 and all instances of child abuse within 24 hours of the confession and or
5 admission and will be prepared to testify in court.

6 **SECTION 2.** An Ecclesiastical leader shall be defined as any person with some form of
7 leadership position in any religious organization or denomination, usually
8 referred to as a church. This includes military chaplains.

9 Child abuse shall be defined as "Any willful act which results in death,
10 serious physical or emotional harm, sexual abuse or exploitation to a
11 person under 18 years of age."

12 **SECTION 3.** The enforcement of this bill will be overseen by the Department of
13 Justice.

14 A. Failure to make a mandatory report shall be punished with a
15 misdemeanor charge and a \$1,000 fine.

16 B. Ecclesiastical leaders who have reason to believe that a child has
17 been abused, abandoned, or neglected and, acting upon that belief,
18 make a mandatory report, shall have immunity from any liability, civil
19 or criminal, that might otherwise be incurred or imposed.

20 **SECTION 4.** This law will go into effect at the start of the fiscal year of 2025.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Skyview High School.

A Bill to Dissolve the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The dissolving of the ATF will cause the responsibilities and budgets
3 thereof go to local law enforcement and other government agencies. This
4 means that the ATF will lose all power, but their responsibilities will still
5 be taken account of.

6 **SECTION 2.** Government agencies include the Drug Enforcement Association, United
7 States Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Central
8 Intelligence Agency, and any others that may better fit the roles and
9 responsibilities delegated to them.

10 **SECTION 3.** The parent agency, Department of Justice, shall oversee the dissolving of
11 the ATF and the assigning of their duties.

12 A. The budget of the ATF will be returned to the Department of Justice
13 and spread into the other departments overseeing the responsibilities
14 of the ATF or returned to the United States Treasury if not needed.

15 B. Any and all indecision in the Department of Justice after the
16 dissolving of the ATF will cause local law enforcement to oversee the
17 previous indecisions and an increase in their budget until the
18 Department of Justice can finalize their decisions.

19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on the start of Fiscal Year, 2025.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Columbia High School.

A Bill to Reallocate Funds to Support the Distribution of Naloxone to American Citizens

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will reallocate 5% of the Department of Defense's budget to
3 finance the distribution of the overdose reversal drug Naloxone. With the
4 Passage of this legislation, Naloxone will be available to all American Citizens
5 upon request, whether that be online via the Department of Health and Human
6 Services website or in person at any medical office or clinic.

7 a) When requested each citizen will be given a maximum of 5 nasal spray
8 devices.

9 b) Medical clinics will be allotted a separately enforced supply of Naloxone
10 to distribute to the public. The clinical director will submit a request for
11 any amount of Naloxone to be supplied to their facility on a monthly
12 basis. Requests will be submitted via the Department of Health and
13 Human Services Website.

14 **SECTION 2.** Naloxone; a life-saving medication that can reverse an overdose from opioids—
15 including heroin, fentanyl, and prescription opioid medications

16 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the
17 implementation of this Bill.

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

20 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rocky Mountain High School*

A Bill to Regulate Antibiotics

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This law will ban the prescription and/or distribution of antibiotics
3 without a physician's diagnosis of a specific bacterial infection.

4 **SECTION 2.** This law will also ban the sales of over the counter antibiotics and, in
5 addition, antibiotics cannot be used on farm animals.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services, in conjunction with the
7 U.S. The Department of Agriculture will oversee the implementation and
8 regulation of this legislation.

9 A. Each violation of this law will result in a minimum fine of \$5,000,

10 B. Additionally, each violation will result in a minimum one year prison
11 sentence.

12 **SECTION 4.** This law will go into effect on January 1, 2025.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ridgevue High School

A Bill to Restore Voting Rights of Felons

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** A. Any disqualification from voting arising from a felony
2 conviction, excepting those offenses listed in Section B, shall terminate and
3 voting rights shall be restored upon completion of all terms of sentence
4 including parole or probation.
5 B. No person convicted of murder or a felony sexual offense shall be
6 qualified to vote until restoration of civil rights through state or federal
7 clemency.
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9 **SECTION 2.** A. Voting rights are the citizens' right to vote for any level of
10 office.
11 B. Felony is the highest level of offense in the eyes of the law.
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14 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of Justice will oversee the functions of
15 this bill.
16 A. Shall the functions of this bill not be followed 10% of state court
17 funding will be revoked
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19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025. All laws in
20 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Borah High School

A Bill to Repeal the Reapportionment Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States will repeal the Reapportionment Act of 1929, also known
2 as the Permanent Apportionment Act.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** The Reapportionment Act established the number of House seats at 435
4 after the 1910 census. By repealing this act, the system for determining
5 seats in the House of Representatives reverts to the system outlined in the
6 Constitution. House of Representatives, and other pieces of government
7 determined by the number of seats, like the electoral college, shall be
8 determined by population taken at the census every ten years.
- 9 A. Article I Section II Clause III of the Constitution states, “The Number of
10 Representatives shall not exceed one for every thirty Thousand, but
11 each State shall have at Least one Representative”.
- 12 B. For every 30,000 people counted in the census, the state will gain a
13 representative in the House of Representatives
- 14 **SECTION 3.** Congress will oversee the implementation of this bill. Congress shall form a
15 bipartisan committee to determine seats in the House.
- 16 A. The U.S. Census Bureau will continue to conduct the census every ten
17 years. Population data will come from the most recent ccensus.
- 18 B. State Executives are responsible for redistricting their respective states
19 and determining representatives and the election process.
- 20 C. The Executive Branch will oversee the consequent readjustment of the
21 Electoral College after House seats are determined.
- 22 **SECTION 4.** Any necessary funding to implement this bill will be reallocated from the
23 Department of Defense.
- 24 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026. All government
25 processes necessary to implement this legislation must occur prior to the
26 date of effect and the 2026 election. All laws in conflict with this legislation
27 are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mountain View High School.

A Bill to Require Audible Shutter Sounds on all Cameras to Prevent Voyeurism and Cyberbullying

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Manufacturers of cameras and camera-enabled electronic devices shall code an
3 audible sound to play when a photo is taken, or else prove that this sound is
4 inherent in the hardware of the device.

5 **SECTION 2.** Cameras and camera-enabled electronic devices shall be defined as a device,
6 mechanical or electronic, which is capable of capturing visual information as a
7 physical photograph and/or digital image file. Audible sound shall be defined as
8 a sound which can be heard with certainty by a fully hearing person at a
9 distance of one-hundred fifty (150) feet.

10 **SECTION 3.** This bill shall be enforced by Federal Communications Commission, henceforth
11 referred to as the FCC. If a manufacturer is not in compliance with this bill, the
12 FCC shall not provide any electronic device produced by that manufacturer with
13 a certification to be sold in the United States of America.

14 A. If a device which does not comply with this bill is used to commit the crime
15 of voyeurism, an additional fine of one-hundred dollars (\$100) shall be
16 assigned to the perpetrator at the sentencing hearing.

17 **SECTION 4.** On approval of this bill, manufacturers shall have one (1) year to update devices
18 which are currently in circulation, unless such an update is determined to be
19 technologically impossible by the FCC. Additionally, on approval of this bill, no
20 certifications shall be provided by the FCC for products which are not in
21 compliance.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Nampa High School.

A Bill to Legalize Medically Assisted Death to Preserve the Quality of Life of Those That Are Terminally Ill

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Medically assisted death will be legal for those that have been diagnosed with a terminal illness, and believe their quality of life is deteriorating. A request for such assistance must be submitted in written form. This must be done by either the patient or their acting Power of Attorney. This request must be completed in the presence of two people, one a medical professional, to ensure the patient's decision is fully autonomous. This request will be further assessed by the patients' physicians, and if it is found to be humane, they will be legally allowed to medically interfere.

SECTION 2. Medically Assisted Death will be defined as, a physician providing, at a patient's request, a prescription for a lethal dose of medication that the patient can self-administer by ingestion, with the explicit intention of ending life.

Terminal Illness will be defined as, an illness or condition which cannot be cured and is likely to lead to someone's death

Quality of life will be defined as, the standard of health, comfort, and happiness experienced by an individual or group

SECTION 3. The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect of January 1, 2025.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Owyhee High School.

A Resolution to Improve the First Amendment

1 **WHEREAS,** The people of the United States have been abusing their right
2 of free speech, endangering the life and well-being of others,
3 therefore, be it

4 **RESOLVED,** By two-third of the Congress here assembled, that the
5 following article is proposed as an amendment to the
6 Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all
7 intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified
8 by the legislature of three-fourths of the several states within
9 seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:
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12 **SECTION 1.** Article three of the 1st amendment shall now read, "Congress shall
13 make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the
14 free exercise thereof. They shall not abridging the freedom of speech, or of
15 the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition
16 the Government for a redress of grievances; unless the aforementioned is
17 threatening the safety and security of other people."

18 **SECTION 2.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
19 appropriate legislation.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Caldwell High School.