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# A Bill to Allow People Convicted of a Felony to Vote

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** Any person convicted of a felony will now be granted the opportunity to vote.

For persons imprisoned, an absentee ballot will be provided, and voting jurisdiction will be determined by the location of the detention facility.

**SECTION 2. A.** “Convicted felons” shall be defined as any person found guilty of a felony criminal offense.

**B.** “Imprisoned person” shall be defined as anyone confined in a prison or jail punishment for a crime.

**C.** “Absentee ballots” shall be defined as methods that include voting at a different location, postal voting, proxy voting, and online voting.

**D.** “Detention facility” refers to the location where imprisoned persons reside for the remainder of their sentence.

**SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Commission (FEC) will oversee this legislation’s implementation in conjunction with other agencies.

**A.** In addition to the FEC, each state's Secretary of State will ensure that convicted felons can register to vote and vote if they choose.

**B.** Additionally, the Secretary of State’s Office will be responsible for delivering voter registration paperwork and absentee ballots to felons currently imprisoned.

**C.** \$50 million will be allocated to the FEC to increase staffing and other needs required to implement the given legislation.

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

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**A Bill to Defund Planned Parenthood**

Section 1: Planned Parenthood shall no longer receive any funding from the federal government including mandatory expenditures or unobligated funding of individual agencies and ensure there is no reduction in overall federal funding available to support women's health by transferring these funds to federally qualified health facilities that provide women's healthcare.

Section 2: Planned Parenthood includes Planned Parenthood Federation of America and all its affiliates.

Section 3: This legislation shall be enforced by the United States Treasury Department.

Section 4: This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage.

Section 5: All laws in conflict with this legislation shall be rendered null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Notre Dame HS

## A Bill to Establish a Bureau for Endangered and Regionally Extinct Species

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1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED
2. SECTION 1. A federal bureau will be established under the United States Department of the Interior
3.                   solely dedicated to the breeding and reintroduction of endangered and regionally extinct
4.                   species in all states and territories administered by the United States government.
5.           A. Staff of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service who specialize in this niche will assist in the
6.           making of and/or be transferred over to this new bureau.
7.           B. \$500 million of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service's funding will be dedicated to the
8.           creation of this new bureau.
9. SECTION 2. To determine what constitutes as an endangered species, the bureau will follow the United
10.                   States Fish and Wildlife Service's Endangered Species Bulletin.
11.           A. They are then to research the history and status of every species on the bulletin so that they may
12.           act accordingly and determine what needs to be done to get the species back to an acceptable
13.           population and off the Endangered Species Bulletin.
14.           B. Once the species has been removed from the Endangered Species Bulletin, the bureau shall
15.           monitor the population for three years.
16.           C. If the population has remained at an acceptable population for those three years, all major
17.           operations in regards to that species will cease; if not, the operations will continue.
18. SECTION 3: The bureau will have the power to create specialized locations to achieve its goal including
19.                   breeding centers to increase the population, monitoring stations to observe population
20.                   trends of the released animals, and research institutes to gain information to the species
21.                   they are attempting to restore.
22. SECTION 4. The bureau shall be run by a director and several lower level administrators established as
23.                   is determined fit.
24. SECTION 5. Once the bureau is up and running, it shall be given an annual budget of \$1.5 billion.
25.           A. This will be provided via Congressional funding.
26. SECTION 6: Creation of this bureau shall proceed one fiscal year after its passing.
27. SECTION 7. All laws in conflict with this bill are declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted by Alex Marcin of Dallas High School.*

# A Bill to Provide Aid to Refugee Crisis in Jordan

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1                   **SECTION 1.**    This legislation will provide humanitarian aid, to aid the  
2                    refugee crisis in Jordan.

3                   **SECTION 2.**

4                    A. Jordan hosts one of the largest numbers of registered refugees per  
5                    capita in the world: 1 out of every 15 people is a refugee in Jordan.  
6                    Since the beginning of the crisis in Syria, Jordan has shouldered the  
7                    primary responsibility for hosting Syrian refugees. The presence of  
8                    refugees has put pressure on basic infrastructure and services,  
9                    affecting both Syrians and vulnerable Jordanians.

10                    B. Without assistance or aid, Jordan will have to turn down the entrance  
11                    of refugees into Jordan, leading to an international crisis.

12                   **SECTION 3.**    Jordan will receive \$15 billion in humanitarian aid in the  
13                    form of cash, supplies, building materials, food, and anything else this  
14                    congress deems appropriate.

15                   **SECTION 4.**    The United States Agency for International Development's  
16                    Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance will oversee the implementation of  
17                    this legislation, and an extra \$15 billion will be allocated to the annual  
18                    budget of the United States Agency for International Development by  
19                    Congress.

20                   **SECTION 5.**    This legislation will take effect immediately following the  
21                    passing of this legislation.

**SECTION 6.**    All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared  
null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by The Pennsbury High School.*

**A BILL TO GUARANTEE UNIVERSAL CHILDCARE**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall provide universal childcare of children aged 0 to 17 to all residents of the United States through the subsidizing of existing childcare facilities and the creation of additional ones, guaranteeing no family in the United States pay more than 7% of annual income on childcare.

**SECTION 2.** A: Childcare shall be defined as any nonparental care, including childcare centers, family childcare providers, family, friends and neighbors, and nannies, as well as after school and summer programs.

B: Subsidizing shall be defined as supporting financially.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Dallastown Area High School*

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**A BILL TO COOL OUR SOLAR PANELS**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All production of solar panels now requires photonic crystal cooling  
3 systems that reduce the amount of excessive heat emitted by 25% or more.  
4 Cooling systems should be installed by solar panel manufacturers.  
5 Manufacturers who fail to comply will be fined \$500,000 per month until  
6 compliance is achieved.

7 **SECTION 2.** “Manufacturers” include, and are limited to, all American owned and  
8 based companies.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Agency will  
10 work in collaboration to oversee the implementation of the cooling  
11 systems.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect in FY 2025.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Strath Haven*

# A Bill to Ban the Implementation of Hostile Architecture in Public Spaces

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Hostile architecture is hereby prohibited in public spaces including but  
3 not limited to streets, parks, train stations, and airports.

4 **SECTION 2.** Hostile architecture is defined as design which intends to restrict public  
5 usage of a facility.

6 • This includes, but is not limited to under-road spikes, bars on park  
7 benches, or intense lighting during late hours in subway alcoves  
8 and public bathrooms.

9 • Infrastructure designed to prevent immediate harm to individuals,  
10 which would include anti-slide knobs on escalators, are not  
11 examples of hostile architecture.

12 • Likewise, measures to prevent unnecessary damage to facilities,  
13 such as certain skateboard prevention devices, will be allowed if it  
14 does not obstruct regular use of said facilities.

15 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will assess  
16 the removal of hostile architecture.

17 A. State governments who have not removed all intentional hostile  
18 architecture in public spaces will have federal housing, community,  
19 and transportation funds temporarily withdrawn.

20 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately. Hostile architecture must be  
21 removed by January 1, 2026, unless a waiver is issued by HUD. All laws in  
22 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by The Hill School.*

## A Bill to Reduce Opioid Deaths Through Safe Injection Sites

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1.** The United States government shall legalize safe injection sites to encourage governors and mayors to implement them into neighborhoods as needed.

**Section 2.** Safe injection sites (SIS) are harm reduction interventions that allow people who inject drugs to use previously obtained substances under the supervision of health professionals. SIFs provide sterile consumption equipment and offer general medical advice and referrals to substance use disorder treatment, housing, medical care, and other community social services.

**Section 3.** State departments of health would oversee the safe injection sites and allocate applicable funds.

A. Committees will found and provide grants for these sites as earlier sites have been founded through donations and grants. Although there will be a build-out allowance for buildout costs and Governors and Mayors can use their own state and city taxes to add additional funding

B. Local nurses and police will be stationed at these safe

**Section 4.** The transition detailed in this legislation will begin on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

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

*Respectfully submitted,  
La Salle College High School*

**A BILL TO EXPAND ACCESS TO SCHOOL MEALS**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** Access to school breakfasts and lunches in all American public schools K-12 will be expanded by broadening eligibility guidelines to include families previously excluded based on unreasonably narrow income thresholds. The program will continue to be operated by the National School Lunch Program, which provides free and reduced-price meals to students who apply through their schools.

**SECTION 2.** A. Families with incomes equal to or below 250% of the federal poverty rate will now have access to reduced-price school meals, as opposed to the previous 185%.  
B. Families with incomes equal to or below 200% of the federal poverty rate will have access to completely free school meals, as opposed to the previous 130%.  
C. All public schools K-12 will be advised to inform parents of the revised income guidelines, and to give clear instructions on how a family can apply to the program.

**SECTION 3.** The National School Lunch Program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, as well as the Department of Education will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

A. It is recommended that the funds accorded to the Department of Agriculture for use by the National School Lunch program be adjusted proportionally to the influx of families applying to the program after the implementation of this legislation.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect January 1st of 2024.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Danville Area High School*

## A Bill to Decrease Innovation Espionage

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A special interagency task force shall be created to stop innovation  
3 espionage.

4 **SECTION 2.** Innovation espionage shall be defined as any activity of a non U.S. citizen  
5 that transmits intellectual property to a foreign corporation, government,  
6 or agency.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense (DoD), National Security Administration (NSA)  
8 and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will hire more  
9 cybersecurity personnel, raise cybersecurity salaries, and create incentives  
10 for cybersecurity personnel to work for the government. In addition, they  
11 will develop methods to stop cyber attacks aimed at gaining intellectual  
12 property and educate companies on how to prevent innovation espionage.

13 A. \$500 million shall be given to hire extra personnel, raise cyber security  
14 salaries, create incentives for cybersecurity personnel, and develop  
15 methods against cyber attacks.

16 B. \$10 million shall be given to increase awareness and educate  
17 companies on innovation espionage.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect three months from passage.

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

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# A Bill to Invest in Coastal Desalination Plants

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The U.S. government will invest in and develop thermal desalination plants in coastal areas.

**SECTION 2.** "Thermal desalination plants" refers to large-scale mechanisms that utilize distillation and heating processes to filter pure water. "Coastal areas" refers to local administrative units (LAUs) bordering or close to a coastline.

**SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will oversee the enforcement and implementation of this legislation.

- A.** \$14 billion will be allocated to developing desalination infrastructure
- B.** \$1 billion will be apportioned to desalination research. This includes, but is not limited to: fusion energy and waste management research.
- C.** A maximum of \$1 billion annually will be allocated from the Department of Defense FY budget to the EPA to maintain the upkeep of current and future desalination plants.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Council Rock High School North*

**A BILL TO SUPPORT SUDAN IN MITIGATING  
THEIR INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT CRISIS**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill will provide an additional \$200 million for the next three years to  
3 the United Nations to implement multifaceted humanitarian assistance to  
4 mitigate the current internal displacement crisis within Sudan.

5 **SECTION 2.** Multifaceted humanitarian assistance may include but is not limited to  
6 direct health assistance, protection, provisions of hygiene, sanitation, and  
7 nutritional assistance.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State and the US Department of the Treasury will  
9 oversee the enforcement of this bill.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be applicable for fiscal years 2025, 2026, and 2027.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Strath Haven*

# A Bill to Establish the Indo-Pacific Economic and Security Organization to Counter Chinese Influence

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**SECTION 1.** The United States of America shall establish the Indo-Pacific Economic and Security Organization (IPESO) in conjunction with other Indo-Pacific States.

A) Recommended founding nations will include, but are not limited to: Japan, Republic of Korea, Republic of the Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, Republic of Indonesia, Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Kingdom of Thailand, Republic of India, Malaysia, and Canada.

B) Additional membership will be open to all countries in the Indo-Pacific Region and all countries that border the People’s Republic of China, pending approval from the founding members.

**SECTION 2.** A) “IPESO” shall be defined as a future organization that will allow Indo-Pacific states to increase military and economic cooperation.

B) “Indo-Pacific States” shall be defined as any nations that share a coast with the Pacific or Indian Oceans that are on the continents of Asia and North America.

**SECTION 3.** A Bipartisan subcommittee shall be formed for the purposes of creating a set of rules and expectations for member states similar to that of the NATO articles by June 1, 2025, which will be recommended to interested parties after affirmation of this congress.

**SECTION 4.** “IPESO” shall be given a starting budget of \$10 Billion, and an annual budget of \$2 billion until either the organization is formed or until 2034.

A) Once the organization is formed and has 5 or more member states, the annual budget given to IPESO will be raised to \$5 billion for 5 years before being revised by Congress.

B) The money will be reallocated from the annual budget of the Department of Defense.

C) The money shall be used to incentivise other nations to join IPESO and to initiate early military and economic programs.

D) If, by 2033, the organization has not yet formed, Congress may choose to continue to fund or end the project.

**SECTION 5.** Work to establish IPESO shall begin immediately after passage.

**SECTION 6.** Any laws in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and void.

# A Resolution to Establish a Military Base in Egypt to Combat Terrorism

1           **WHEREAS**, Egypt is facing instability within their borders while dealing  
2           with increased threat of violence from terrorist groups, mainly by the  
3           Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS); and

4           **WHEREAS**, hundreds of people are being killed every year due to an  
5           increase of attacks, and the government is unable to stop them; and

6           **WHEREAS**, Egypt is an invaluable ally to the United States and it is in a  
7           prime strategic location in the center of North Africa and on the border of  
8           the Middle East; therefore be it; and

9           **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled shall encourage the  
10          construction of a joint military base in Egypt between the United States  
11          Army and the Egyptian government to provide stability to the region and  
12          nearby countries; and, be it

13          **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the United States shall provide the  
14          necessary funding to create and maintain the base to the Egyptian  
15          government.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pennsbury High School.*