

**Student Congress Legislation for
McMinnville HS Speech Invitational**

January 27, 2024

A Resolution to Remove the “under God” from the United States’ Pledge of Allegiance

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The term “under God” in the United States pledge of allegiance is not
2 inclusive to polytheistic religions and non-religious persons of the United
3 States; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** This addition of the term adds an inherent endorsement of monotheistic
5 religion by the U.S. government and suggests that the nation is united
6 under a god, and only one god; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** It goes against the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment, which
8 states that during religious matters, the government must remain neutral;
9 and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** It forces a personal affiliation with monotheistic religions that not everyone
11 within the vast diversity of the U.S. has; now, therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled remove the term “under God” from the
13 United States pledge of allegiance.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Isaiah Dalrymple.

A Bill to establish the maximum age of the President of the United States of America to ensure mental and physical fitness of the President

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** This bill will establish the maximum age that the holder of the office of the
2 President of the United States can be. This age will ensure that the
3 President can be mentally and physically fit.

4 **SECTION 2.** The President must be 65 years old or younger on inauguration day and
5 may run for a consecutive second term.

6 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be enforced by the Federal Election Commission and will
7 report to the House Oversight Committee that will oversee this bill.

8 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be Passed and Approved on January 27, 2024. But will take
9 effect after the 2025 Presidential inauguration on January 21, 2025. All
10 laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Require Personal Finance Education In Public Schools

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** All public high schools will be required to provide a personal finance
2 education class accessible to all students and require that their students
3 take at least one semester or two trimesters of tax education credit courses
4 in order to graduate

5 **SECTION 2.** Personal Finance education credit courses refer to a class centered around:
6 basic personal tax payments and completion, basics of budgeting a salary,
7 basic investment knowledge and strategy, and psychology of money and
8 personal finance.

9 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Education shall oversee the enforcement
10 of this bill, and noncompliance with the bill shall result in a reason for the
11 United States Department of Education to limit funds to state public
12 schools.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be enacted starting July 15, 2024. All laws in conflict with this
14 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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27 Introduced for Congressional Debate by Owen Brooks, Beaverton High School.

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A Bill to Impeach, Convict and Remove from Office Supreme Court Justices; Clarence Thomas, Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh, Amy Coney Barrett, and Samuel Alito.

1	Section 1	This bill addresses the allegations of misconduct and violation of the
2		Constitutional amendments 7th, 9th and 14th. Along with knowingly
3		putting pregnant people in danger.
4	Section 2	Allegations of misconduct are as followed but not limited to;
5		a) Acting against the promise of equal justice under law.
6		b) Knowingly putting people in danger.
7		Violation of Constitutional Amendments;
8		9th Amendment - The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights,
9		shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the
10		people.
11		14th Amendment - No State shall make or enforce any law which shall
12		abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor
13		shall any State deprive any person within its jurisdiction the equal
14		protection of the laws.
15		7th Amendment - In Suits at common law, where the value in controversy
16		shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved,
17		and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of
18		the United States, then according to the rules of the common law.
19	Section 3	Impeachment trials will be held by the House of Representatives* following
20		normal impeachment processes; all facing trials will do so collectively
21		(meaning it will only be one trial for all)
22		Conviction trials will be held by the Senate* following normal conviction
23		processes; all facing trials will do so collectively (meaning it will only be
24		one trial for all)
25	Section 4	Implemented immediately when affirmed by Congress
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Griffin Childs, West Linn High School.

**Or this chamber, as best as student Congress can approximate.*

A Resolution to Restrict the Sale of Nicotine Products

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Nicotine is an addictive substance found both naturally in tobacco leaves
2 and manufactured synthetically; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Approximately 50 million people in the United States are addicted to some
4 sort of nicotine product; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Nicotine products are the leading cause of preventable disease, disability,
6 and death in the United States; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Control jurisdictions have been found to effectively reduce use of other
8 addictive products, such as liquor, in the past; now, therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled urge states to revoke the ability to sell
10 or distribute nicotine products to non-government entities from all
11 companies; and, be it
- 12 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That state government agencies are the only remaining commercial
13 bodies with the ability to sell or distribute nicotine products to the public.
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A Bill to Democratize Redistricting to Prevent Gerrymandering

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall implement a combination of automated redistricting, Independent redistricting commissions and statewide referendums in order to redraw congressional district lines every 10 years following the U.S. Census.

SECTION 2. Automated redistricting is defined as the use of computerized software to draw electoral district borders.

A. This software must be optimized for compactness and must minimize county splits, partisan bias, and racial bias

B. This software must be open-source.

A major party is defined as a party which holds or has held at least 10% of the seats in the state legislature for the state in which the redistricting is occurring in the last 6 years.

The Independent Redistricting Commission(IRC) shall have its members selected through a lottery, with an option for citizens to opt-out.

A. The IRC shall be made up of a number of randomly selected citizens representing the different major parties.

a. Each major party shall approve exactly 4 of these citizens.

Those citizens exclusively represent that party and may not be approved by any other party.

B. The IRC shall also be made up of a number of independent citizens, who are subject to approval by at least $\frac{2}{3}$ of the major parties.

a. The number of independent IRC members shall be 2 times the number of major parties and shall be selected randomly.

C. No member of any IRC may have been in office or may run for elected office within 10 years of their membership.

Referendum is defined as a general vote by the electorate on a single political question that has been referred to them for a direct decision.

- 31 **SECTION 3.** The process for redistricting is outlined below
- 32 A. The automated redistricting system shall be used to create 100
- 33 potential electoral maps. The IRC shall then consider all the
- 34 potential electoral maps and select a portfolio of 5 maps. This
- 35 portfolio shall be approved by a majority vote within the IRC. After
- 36 these 5 maps are selected, the final map shall be selected through a
- 37 statewide referendum, using approval voting.
- 38 B. This redistricting process shall begin within 60 days of the release of
- 39 the U.S. census redistricting data summary file. The redistricting
- 40 process shall take no more than 730 days.
- 41 C. States not compliant with Section 3B will have 20% of their
- 42 transportation funding withheld for each fiscal year of
- 43 noncompliance.
- 44 D. States not compliant with Section 3A will have 50% of their
- 45 transportation funding and 10% of their education funding withheld
- 46 for each fiscal year of noncompliance.
- 47 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2030. All laws in conflict with
- 48 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sunset High School(Nirvaan Gupta) .

A Bill to Remove the Tax Exempt Status from Politically Active 501(c)(4) Organizations

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** 501(c)(4) organizations who are politically active will no longer be
2 exempt from United States' Federal Income taxes. 501(c)(4)
3 organizations that are not politically active will still maintain their tax
4 exempt status.

5 **SECTION 2.** 501(c)(4) organizations are defined as not-for-profit civic
6 organizations who exist to promote social welfare or local
7 associations of employees dedicated to charitable, educational, or
8 recreational purposes.
9 Political activity is defined as endorsing or opposing a particular
10 candidate, referendum, or recall. This includes, but is not limited to
11 advertising a political position and spending money to support a
12 campaign or political agenda.

13 **SECTION 3.** The enforcement of this bill will be overseen by the Internal
14 Revenue Service.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on April 16, 2024.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Freya Steed, Oregon City High School



CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE

JANUARY 2024

LEGISLATION DOCKET



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A Bill to Adopt the Holocene Calendar

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal government shall adopt the Holocene Calendar and utilize it instead of the
3 Gregorian Calendar for all purposes.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Holocene Calendar refers to the universalist, inclusive framework proposed by
5 Cesare Emiliani in 11193 HE (1993 CE/AD) and utilizes the simple conversion of adding
6 10,000 to any CE/AD year from the Gregorian Calendar. Conversions from BCE/BC years
7 in the Gregorian Calendar that are more recent than 10001 BCE/BC may be calculated by
8 subtracting the year from 10000. Years under this system may be followed by the
9 abbreviation HE, which stands for Human Era. Conversions from BCE/BC years more
10 distant than 10000 BCE/BC may be calculated by subtracting 10000 from the year and
11 then following it with the abbreviation BHE, which stands for Before the Human Era.
12 Months and dates are unaffected.

13 **SECTION 3.** Other governmental bodies and agencies are encouraged to enact similar measures, as
14 are the rest of the nation and the world.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 12025 HE (2025 CE/AD in the Gregorian
16 Calendar).

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

A Bill to Establish Freedom of Dress in Congress

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Neither chamber of federal Congress shall impose any restrictions or requirements
3 related to dress or apparel for elected officials and their guests.

4 **SECTION 2.** Any elected officials who address the apparel of their fellow congresspeople or their
5 guests to ridicule or criticism shall be subject to censure.

6 **SECTION 3.** Other governmental bodies and agencies are encouraged to enact similar measures.

7 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

A Bill to Promote the Construction of Ring Routes in Public Transit Systems

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Over the course of the next decade, Congress shall apportion an additional \$10 billion to
3 the Department of Transportation for the express purpose of supporting the nation's
4 urban areas in adding ring routes to their public transit systems.

5 **SECTION 2.** A ring route is defined as a line of urban rail transit that connects non-central
6 neighborhoods of a city without traversing the city center.

7 **SECTION 3.** Funding for this legislation shall be sourced from a 0.5% tax increase on the annual
8 revenue of the fossil fuel industry.

9 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Transportation shall be tasked with implementation of this legislation,
10 including setting up a process by which local public transit systems may apply for and
11 receive these funds. The Internal Revenue Service shall oversee the implementation of
12 Section 3.

13 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect at the start of the next fiscal year.

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

A Bill to Ban Homework

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** All K-12 schools that receive federal funding are hereby prohibited from assigning
3 homework.

4 **SECTION 2.** Homework is defined as any assignment that will result in a consequence, whether
5 academic or behavioral, if not completed and yet which students are not given a
6 reasonable amount of time to complete during the normal hours of the school day.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall oversee the implementation of this legislation, which
8 shall include creating and managing a system for assessing, monitoring, and promoting
9 compliance.

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

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

A Bill to Mandate Veterinarians to Report Suspicions of Animal Cruelty

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Any licensed veterinarian who comes to suspect that an animal may be the victim of
3 criminal abuse or neglect must report that suspicion to appropriate law enforcement
4 within 48 hours. It is the responsibility of each licensed veterinarian to understand what
5 conduct rises to the level of criminal abuse or neglect where they practice.

6 **SECTION 2.** State veterinary medical boards, as well as those in U.S. territories and the federal
7 district, are called upon to suspend or revoke the licensure of any veterinarian found to
8 have failed in this duty, with the decision to suspend or revoke depending on context,
9 severity, and recidivism. Any veterinary medical board that fails to hold its veterinarians
10 accountable may become subject to federal overhaul.

11 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Justice, which will coordinate with
12 local law enforcement agencies to promote its enforcement.

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

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

A Bill to Establish National Languages

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** English and Spanish are hereby jointly declared the Official National Languages of the
3 United States and its territories.

4 **SECTION 2.** All governmental bodies and agencies at all levels are henceforth directed to publish
5 official materials in both languages and to conduct all affairs in both languages when and
6 where appropriate.

7 **SECTION 3.** Congress encourages the President to establish a Department of Language that will be
8 tasked with facilitating this transition, supporting the new status quo, and working to
9 create and provide translations of contemporary materials and records. Congress shall
10 make available to this new agency a starting budget of \$500 million per year.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

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

An Act to Award a Posthumous Congressional Gold Medal to Henry Kissinger

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall make appropriate arrangements for the posthumous award, on behalf of Congress, of a gold medal of appropriate design to Henry Kissinger, in recognition of his exceptionally consequential service to the United States as Secretary of State and National Security Advisor for two separate administrations, as Chair of the 9/11 Commission, and in many other capacities.

SECTION 2. As soon as may be arranged, this award shall be presented to Henry Kissinger's widow, Nancy Kissinger, at a ceremony planned for this purpose.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of the award referred to in Section 1, the Secretary of the Treasury (referred to in this Act as the "Secretary") shall strike a gold medal with suitable emblems, devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the Secretary.

SECTION 4. There is authorized to be charged against the United States Mint Public Enterprise Fund such amounts as may be necessary to pay for the costs of the medals struck under this Act. The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in bronze of the gold medal described in Section 2 under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, at a price sufficient to cover the cost thereof, including labor, materials, dyes, use of machinery, and overhead expenses, and the cost of the gold medal. The amounts received from the sale of duplicate medals shall be deposited in the United States Mint Public Enterprise Fund.

A Resolution to Condemn Federal Public Land Order No. 7923

- 1 **WHEREAS** Many of this nation's Indigenous tribes rely on resource extraction to support their
2 economies; and
- 3 **WHEREAS** Federal Public Land Order No. 7923 for Public Lands Withdrawal Surrounding Chaco
4 Culture National Historical Park Boundary (FPLO 7923) robs the affected tribes of their
5 right to decide what amount of resource extraction, if any, is appropriate and necessary
6 in their territories; and
- 7 **WHEREAS** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), in carrying out this order, is adding to centuries
8 of paternalism and condescension against this nation's Indigenous Peoples; and
- 9 **WHEREAS** It is particularly ironic and insulting for an agency of the United States federal
10 government to make environmental decisions on behalf of Indigenous Peoples; and
- 11 **WHEREAS** This order has consequently met much criticism and controversy from Indigenous
12 Peoples of the Southwest; now, therefore be it
- 13 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that FPLO 7923 is condemned, not for its efforts to
14 protect cultural heritage, but for its failure to afford Indigenous Peoples critical autonomy
15 over their tribal lands; and be it
- 16 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress implores the BLM to rescind this order immediately; and be it
- 17 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress calls on all federal agencies to work harder to avoid exercising their
18 powers relative to Indigenous Peoples in paternalistic ways; and be it
- 19 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress also condemns and calls for the rescission of New Mexico
20 Executive Order No. 2023-002 Extending the Moratorium on New Oil and Gas and
21 Mineral Leasing in Greater Chaco Area for similar reasons.

A Resolution to Encourage Municipalities to Adopt Cute, Charismatic Mascots

- 1 **WHEREAS** Cute, charismatic mascots that represent municipalities, such as Japan's *yuru-chara*
2 (ゆるキャラ), have provided enormous boosts to hometown pride and resulted in
3 incredible economic opportunities for those locales; and
- 4 **WHEREAS** Many municipalities in the United States and its territories could stand to benefit
5 enormously from such a phenomenon; now, therefore be it
- 6 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that municipalities throughout the U.S. and its
7 territories are strongly encouraged to design and adopt cute, charismatic mascots as
8 representatives and to employ those mascots to generate pride and enthusiasm and to
9 promote economic activity; and be it
- 10 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress suggests municipalities reach out to Japanese prefecture
11 governments such as that of Kumamoto for support in designing compelling mascots and
12 marketing them tactfully and effectively.

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Clarify Presidential Powers Relative to Treaties

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

ARTICLE —

6 **SECTION 1.** Although, per Article II, Section II, of the Constitution, the President shall still require the
7 consent of two-thirds of the Senate to make or enter a treaty, no such Congressional
8 consent shall be required should the President wish to withdraw from a treaty.

9 **SECTION 2.** The President is, nevertheless, encouraged to seek and heed the advice of the Senate
10 when considering withdrawal from a treaty.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.