

## 2024 IHSSA STATE STUDENT CONGRESS AGENDA

The Chair will open each session by calling for the orders for the day. A representative of the school in the house, or if no school representative is present, any member may claim authorship for the Bill/Resolution.

Only the bills/resolutions listed for a session may be used in that session. However, a member may call for a Suspension of the Rules to move a bill/resolution up the agenda. Members should note the different intent of a bill and resolution, which will affect the way they are debated.

### **Bills/Resolutions for session IA Friday afternoon. 1:30-4:30**

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| 1. Johnston | A Bill to Establish Postal Banking in the United States                                |
| 2. Dowling  | A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Lower the Age of Candidacy for the President |
| 3. CAM      | A Resolution to use Bamboo as an Alternative to Hardwood                               |
| 4. Okoboji  | A Bill to Make Citizenship More Accessible                                             |
| 5. Ames     | A Bill to Reduce Gun Deaths                                                            |
| 6. DM North | A Resolution to fix the Digital Divide in Schools                                      |
| 7. Carroll  | A Bill to Require Paid Parental Leave                                                  |
| 8. IC West  | A Bill to Reinstate Basic Reproductive Rights                                          |

### **Bills/Resolution for session IB Friday evening. 5:30-8:00**

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| 1. Hempstead      | A Bill to Increase Pay for First Responders                                            |
| 2. Heelan         | A Bill to Establish a Universal Basic Income                                           |
| 3. DM Roosevelt   | A Bill to Increase Funding to Nuclear Fusion Programs                                  |
| 4. Norwalk        | A Bill to Protect the Ownership of Pitbulls, Rottweilers, and Other Dog Breeds in Iowa |
| 5. Atlantic       | Death with Dignity Act                                                                 |
| 6. Hampton-Dumont | A Bill to Legalize Psychedelic Therapy                                                 |
| 7. DM Hoover      | A Bill to Legalize Horse Meat for Human Consumption                                    |

### **Bills/Resolution for session II Saturday morning 8:00-10:30**

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| 1. DM North    | A Bill to make ASL taught in high schools                                 |
| 2. Ames        | A Bill to Reform Cash-Bail System                                         |
| 3. Carroll     | A Bill to Federally Allow the Ownership of Backyard Chickens              |
| 4. Norwalk 9th | A Bill to Ban TikTok                                                      |
| 5. Hempstead   | A Bill Relating to Disability Education in Iowa Secondary Schools         |
| 6. Dowling     | All Sports Resting Act                                                    |
| 7. Okoboji     | A Bill to Provide Safe Houses to Support People Struggling with Addiction |

### **Bills/Resolution for session III Saturday afternoon 12:30-4:00**

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| 1. Atlantic       | A Bill to Abolish the Death Penalty                                     |
| 2. Norwalk        | A Bill to Ban Sale/Use of Sports Drinks                                 |
| 3. Hampton-Dumont | Zero Act of 2024                                                        |
| 4. IC West        | A Bill to Federally Monitor Cryptocurrency                              |
| 5. Johnston       | A Bill to Establish a Federal Cap and Trade System for Carbon Emissions |
| 6. CAM            | A Bill to Change the Start Time of Public Schools                       |
| 7. DM Roosevelt   | A Bill to Limit Domestic Government Surveillance                        |
| 8. Heelan         | A Bill for the Single Transferable Vote                                 |

**IMPORTANT:** In the IHSSA state congress tournament, the 3-minute Authorship speech and the 1<sup>st</sup> Negative speech is followed by 2 minutes of cross-x. The c-x time may not be amended. All other speeches are 3 minutes followed by a 1-minute cross-x with the timing starting at the end of the speech.

**STUDENTS ARE ASKED TO MAKE A PAPER NAME PLAQUE FOR THEIR DESK.**

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# A Bill to Establish Postal Banking in the United States

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** To provide affordable and accessible financial services to all residents, the  
2 United States Postal Service (USPS) shall establish a postal banking system.

3 **SECTION 2.** "Postal Banking System" shall refer to basic financial services, including  
4 small savings accounts, check cashing, remittance services, and small-dollar  
5 loans, through USPS post offices.

6 **SECTION 3.** The USPS shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining the postal  
7 banking system, in collaboration with the Department of the Treasury and  
8 the Federal Reserve System.

9 A. The USPS shall also establish rules and regulations for the operation of the system,  
10 including risk management and consumer protection measures.

11 B. The USPS shall also be subject to the provisions of Article 4 of the Uniform  
12 Commercial Code, and shall not be granted a bank charter or become an insured  
13 depository institution.

14 C. The USPS shall have the authority to assess fees for its services, subject to  
15 approval by the Postal Regulatory Commission.

16 D. The USPS shall also have the authority to issue postal banking bonds, backed by  
17 the full faith and credit of the United States, to finance its operations.

18 E. Savings accounts are not to exceed \$20,000 per account and small-dollar loans  
19 shall not exceed \$500 at a time. The USPS may not issue more than \$1000 in small  
20 dollar loans per person per year.

21 **SECTION 4.** The funding for this bill shall be \$10 billion as a startup cost, and then shall  
22 fund itself through fees generated.

23 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect on Jan 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with this  
24 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Johnston High School*

# A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Lower the Age of Candidacy for the Presidency of the United States

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

## **ARTICLE --**

**SECTION 1:** That Article II, Section 1, paragraph 5 shall be amended to read: "No Person except a natural born Citizen shall be eligible to the Office of President; neither shall any Person be eligible to that Office who shall not have attained to the Age of twenty five Years or have exceeded the age of seventy five Years unless they shall have been elected before attaining the age of seventy five years, and been fourteen Years a Resident within the United States."

**SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dowling Catholic High School.*

# A Resolution to Use Bamboo as an Alternative to Hardwood

THIS CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED BELIEVES THAT:

1. **WHEREAS**, Deforestation has become an increasing issue.
2. **WHEREAS**, The entire world is affected by this problem and something needs to be
3. done.
4. **WHEREAS**, Deforestation has been increasing the issue of the climate crisis, harming
5. animal habitats, and creating environmental issues for humans.
6. **RESOLVED**, By this congress here assembled that: the future use of hardwood ought to
7. be replaced with the use of bamboo.

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## **ARTICLE:**

9. **SECTION 1.** The United States Department of Agriculture(USDA) shall oversee 13 the
10. import of bamboo. The United States Department of 14 Agriculture(USDA), the U.S.
11. Forest Service, and the U.S. 15 Environmental protection agency(EPA) shall oversee the
12. use and 16 farming of bamboo.

*Introduced By CAM High School.*

# A Bill to Make Citizenship More Accessible

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** A. The United States Government shall reduce the Citizenship Application processing fee from \$640 to \$300, bringing the total cost of applying for citizenship to \$385.

B. 50% of this new application fee shall go to establishing free citizenship preparation classes at local community colleges.

C. The Civics section of the Naturalization Test shall also be revised to replace arbitrary questions with more relevant logic-based questions.

**SECTION 2.** A. Free citizenship preparation classes shall cover all things an applicant would need to know in order to participate as a citizen in the United States.

This includes:

1. A basic understanding of how to speak, read, write, and listen to the English language, and
2. A knowledge of U.S civics which includes history, government, and current events.

B. "Arbitrary questions" on the Naturalization Test shall be defined as any question that requires an applicant to recall specific dates, irrelevant historical figures, or unimportant facts about U.S. history and the government. Questions should instead focus on why events or government systems were put in place instead of when.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security will be in charge of funding, overseeing, and enforcing this bill.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect July 4th, 2024. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Okoboji High School.*

# A Bill to Reduce and Prevent Gun Deaths in the United States

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The sale, manufacture, modification, and possession of fully automatic and semi-automatic firearms for civilians
2. will be prohibited. High-capacity magazines will be banned. Semi-automatic (but not fully automatic) handguns, such as
3. pistols or revolvers, shall be exempt from this ban. Hunters, sport shooters, or others participating in activities using the
4. firearms banned will be allowed to for a special license from the ATF to possess/use the firearms banned.
5. **SECTION 2.** Semi-automatic and fully automatic firearms will be defined as any rifle, shotgun, or other firearm capable of one
6. round or a burst of several rounds fired with each trigger depression or a constant discharge of rounds as long as the trigger is
7. depressed. The modification or use of attachments on previously non-automatic firearms into semi-automatic or fully
8. automatic firearms will also be prohibited (such as the use of “bump stocks”, gun “switches”, or any other methods).
9. High-capacity magazines will be defined as any magazine, belt, drum, feed strip, or similar device that has the capacity of, or
10. that can be readily restored or converted to accept, more than 10 rounds of ammunition.
11. **SECTION 3.** This bill will be enforced by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF), in
12. cooperation with local law enforcement.
13. **3A.** \$2 billion will be transferred from the defense budget and moved to the ATF to fund this bill.
14. **3B.** Prohibited firearms or magazines already owned by the time the bill comes into effect will be repurchased from
15. owners by the ATF and disposed of. The purchases will be made at police stations.
16. **3C.** The formation of a committee, board, or other such organization in order to further define banned or acceptable
17. firearms by specific gun models will be overseen by the ATF.
18. **3D.** In order to obtain a special license for firearms, the applicant must prove a need for such a firearm in their activity,
19. have a mental health examination a background check, and will be required to renew the license annually. Further
20. details will be decided by the organization as stated in Section 3C.
21. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2024. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
22. void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ames High School.*

## A Resolution to Fix the Digital Divide in Schools to [Provide Equal Internet Access to Students]

1. **WHEREAS**, While technology is advancing, there are still many students in our education
2. system who lack access to the internet.
3. **WHEREAS**, According to Harvard Business Law, the digital divide is defined as "... the gap
4. between those who have access to reliable internet service and those who don't, the
5. true nature and extent of the divide is often under-appreciated. Students all over the
6. United States are not getting equal access to the internet like they should.
7. **WHEREAS**, Thousands of students do not have access to wifi or even the technology to
8. be able to do their schoolwork and be successful in school because resources are not
9. being allocated equally.
10. **WHEREAS**, In the status quo, education is continuously becoming more and more
11. digital especially after the Covid-19 era.
12. **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled should increase the affordability of
13. internet for school districts, and allocate 40,000 dollars from the United States
14. education budget to school districts in need.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by North High School*



# A Bill To Require Paid Parental Leave

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Businesses shall be federally required to provide paid family leave for both  
3 part-time and full-time employees for a minimum of 6 weeks.

4 **SECTION 2.** Definitions

5 A. A business is defined as any employer with 10 or more employees.

6 B. A part-time employee is defined as any employee who works under 40 hours per  
7 week, and/or any seasonal employee. A full-time employee is defined as any employee  
8 who works 40 or more hours per week.

9 C. Parental leave is defined as any time taken off of work due to the birth of a child for  
10 either the employee or their spouse, or adoption of a child.

11 D. Paid leave will be determined by the average hourly wage received within the last  
12 month. For reference, an employee who works 40 hours per week for a wage of \$15 per  
13 hour who takes 6 weeks of leave would receive \$3,600 over the course of the leave.

14 **SECTION 3.** Businesses who do not comply with this requirement will be fined an amount  
15 equivalent to 200% of said unpaid employee's weekly earnings per week of unpaid leave.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislature shall take effect at the start of the next fiscal quarter. All laws  
17 in conflict with this legislation will be declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Carroll High School*

# A Bill to Reinstate Basic Reproductive Rights

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   All of those with female reproductive organs in the United States shall be  
2                   guaranteed the right to a safe and medically supervised abortion.
- 3   **SECTION 2.**   Those with female reproductive organs can include but is not limited to  
4                   those who identify as women, as well as:
- 5                   A. Trans men
- 6                   B. Intersexed individuals
- 7   **SECTION 3.**   The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will insure:
- 8                   A. Training programs for doctors will include standardized information on  
9                   safe and humane abortion procedures
- 10                  B. Each abortion will be performed in a safe and sanitary clinic or health  
11                  office and will be performed by a licensed professional
- 12   **SECTION 4.**   The National Association of Insurance Commissioners will insure:
- 13                  C. That every legal abortion performed will be free of cost to the patient  
14                  and will be paid for by insurance companies
- 15                      a. Each abortion that is covered by insurance must be performed  
16                      on a patient that has health insurance
- 17                  D. If a company is found in violation they will be charged a fine of 100,000  
18                  USD for every instance
- 19   **SECTION 5.**   The provisions of this bill shall be in effect by January 1st 2025.
- 20   **SECTION 6.**   All laws in conflict with the provisions of this bill shall be declared null and  
21                   void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Iowa City West High School.*

## A Bill to Increase Pay for First Responders

Be it enacted by the IHSSA Student Congress assembled that:

1. **Section 1:** All First Responders in Iowa will have their pay increased equally by the
2. increase of the Iowa sales tax of 1% (b) This increase of pay shall apply to all workers
3. considered First Responders, including but not limited to Fire, Police, and EMS.
4. **Section 2a:** First Responders shall be defined as, someone designated or trained to
5. respond to an emergency, including but not limited to Fire, Police, EMS, Lifeguards, and
6. DNR officer. Does not include privately funded businesses or corporations.
7. **Section 2b:** Equal pay increase shall be defined as, a 5% increase in the hourly pay of
8. the worker.
9. **Section 2c:** Government funded shall be defined as, a service, business, or institution
10. receiving money from the local, state, or federal government.
11. **Section 2d:** Temporary cut in funding shall be defined as, a 1-3 month period without
12. the use of funding provided by the local, state, or federal government.
13. **Section 3:** The Iowa Treasury Department shall be responsible for enforcing the
14. provisions of this Act.
15. The Iowa Department of Treasury shall have the authority to oversee the pay of the First
16. Responders and ensure all government funded First Responders receive the equal \
17. increase of pay without without discrimination Institutions found in violation of this
18. prohibition shall be subject to the following penalties:
19.     i. Temporary cut in funding without affect to the workers pay till pay is fixed
20.     ii. Retraining of proper procedures to be completed before work can continue
21. **Section 4:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
22. **Section 5:** This Act shall take effect 1st January 2025.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hempstead High School.*

# A Bill to Establish a Universal Basic Income to Eliminate Poverty in the United States

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 Section 1. Every United States citizen residing in the United States above the age of  
3 eighteen years, shall receive one thousand dollars per month. This will be  
4 paid for by a ten percent value added tax.

6 Section 2. Value added tax shall be defined as a consumption tax on goods and  
7 Services that is levied at each stage of the supply chain where value is  
8 added, from initial production to the point of sale.

9 Section 3. The United States Department of the Treasury will oversee the collection  
10 of the revenue from the value added tax (VAT). The United States  
11 Department of the Treasury will oversee and be responsible for the  
12 distribution of the universal basic income.

13 Section 4. This legislation will take effect starting in Fiscal Year 2025. All laws in  
14 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Representative Camdyn Meier*

# A Bill to Increase Funding to Nuclear Fusion Research

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **Section 1**      The United States federal government shall begin funding
2. nuclear fusion program.
3. **Section 2**      Nuclear Fusion is defined as the process of two smaller atoms
4. combining into a larger atom that produces a considerable amount of energy.
5. **Section 3**      The Nuclear Regulatory Commision will oversee the
6. implementation of this piece of legislation.
7.            **A:** An allocation of 20,000,000,000\$ USD will be given for research
8.            funding.
9.            **B:** The Nuclear Regulatory Commision will use the monetary funding in
10.           accordance with private researchers.
11.           **C:** Once the Nuclear Regulatory Commision is prepared to build a
12.           prototype fusion reactor an additional 15,000,000,000\$ USD will be
13.           allocated to finance the creation of such a prototype.
14. **Section 4**      This piece of legislation will be implemented January 1st 2025.
15. **Section 5**      All other laws in conflict are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Theodore Roosevelt High School*

# A BILL TO PROTECT THE OWNERSHIP OF PIT BULLS, ROTTWEILERS, AND OTHER DOG BREEDS IN IOWA

By Norwalk High School

BE IT ENACTED BY THE IHSSA STUDENT CONGRESS:

1 **Section 1:** A city in the state of Iowa shall not adopt, enforce, or otherwise administer  
2 an ordinance, motion, resolution, or amendment that restricts or hinders a person's  
3 right to own or keep a dog based on the breed, perceived breed, or physical  
4 characteristics of the dog. This section does not inhibit the authority of a city to adopt,  
5 enforce or administer an ordinance, motion, resolution, or amendment that applies to all  
dogs.

6 **Section 2:** This act is effective June 30, 2024.

# Death with Dignity Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **Section 1:** If the congress assembled here today decides to pass this bill then physicians will be able to
2. prescribe a lethal dose of sodium thiopental and cisatracurium besylate to patients who are mentally
3. competent, 18 or older, terminally ill with 6 or fewer months to live, have gone through all other available
4. options, and have requested the procedure.
5. **Section 2:** Sodium thiopental is a barbiturate anesthetic, which is supposed to induce deep
6. unconsciousness in around 20 seconds. (National Library of Medicine). Cisatracurium besylate is an
7. intermediate-acting no-depolarizing neuromuscular blocking drug (NMBD)(National Library of Medicine). A
8. dose is the measured quantity of a therapeutic agent to be taken at one time (Merriam-Webster) Lethal is
9. defined as deadly, mortal, and fatal (Black Law's Dictionary). Mental competence is defined as the ability to
10. understand the nature and effect of the act in which a person is engaged. (Black Law's Dictionary) A
11. physician is a practitioner of medicine. (Black Law's Dictionary)
12. **Section 3:**
13. **3A:** If passed the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will oversee and enforce this legislation:
14. \$5,000,000 will be allocated to the FDA for, enforcing the scientific studies pertaining to the
15. drugs and production of the drugs
16. **3B:** As well as this, The National Institute of Health, will oversee the protection of a patient's right to
17. the procedure based on if they meet all of the requirements.
18. **Section 4:** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2025. All laws in conflict with this legislation are
19. hereby null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional debate by Atlantic High School.*

# A Bill to Legalize the Use of Psychedelic Therapy

Be it enacted by the IHSSA Student Congress assembled here that:

1. **Section 1:** Psychedelic Therapy will be legalized for medical use only.
2. **Section 2:** Psychedelic Therapy may consist of any of the following: Psilocybin, MDMA,
3. LSD, and Ayahuasca
4. **Section 3:** All therapies must be done in a controlled environment such as an accredited
5. hospital or clinic.
6. **Section 4:** Prior to starting psychedelic therapy, a person must try at least two other
7. types of therapies first, and they must have referrals from two doctors for psychedelic
8. therapy.
9. **Section 5:** The FDA and the CDC will oversee these programs.
10. **Section 6:** Any doctor who refuses to perform psychedelic therapy will have their license
11. revoked and fined \$1,000.
12. **Section 7:** Any hospital that refuses to perform psychedelic therapy will be fined
13. \$50,000.
14. **Section 8:** Insurance companies will cover the psychedelic therapy based on what that
15. the specific insurance company would cover any other type of therapy.
16. **Section 9:** Current laws still apply to the use of psychedelic therapy outside of these
17. controlled environments.
18. **Section 10:** Any laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby null and void.
19. **Section 11:** This bill will go into effect January 1st, 2025

Respectfully submitted by Hampton-Dumont-CAL



# A Bill to Legalize Horse Meat for Human Consumption to Provide an Alternative Meat Source for Lean Protein

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All bans in place on the slaughter, sale, and human consumption of horse  
3 meat within the United States are hereby lifted; federal inspections of  
4 horse-meat slaughterhouses are hereby mandated and shall require the  
5 use of federal funds for these mandatory inspections.

6 **SECTION 2.** “Human consumption” means processing meat in a manner consistent  
7 with established federal procedures for edible products for humans.

8 “Federal inspections” means monitoring the manufacturers of  
9 FDA-regulated products.

10 “Alternative Meat Source” means a source of meat not generally  
11 consumed in the United States.

12 “Lean” is defined by the USDA as having less than 10 grams of total fat  
13 per 3.5 ounce portion.

14 “Protein” is an essential macronutrient that is a key part of any diet and  
15 can be plant- or animal-based.

16 **SECTION 3.** The Food and Drug Administration will oversee inspections and  
17 enforcement.

18 A. Federal funding for horse-meat slaughterhouse inspections will be  
19 allocated from the current FDA inspections budget.

20 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect for FY 2028. All laws in conflict with this  
21 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hoover High School DSM.*

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## A bill to make ASL taught in high-schools

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** All public high schools should offer American sign-language

2 as a graduation requirement for world languages.

3 **SECTION 2.** ASL is American Sign Language, which is the primary language

4 of the deaf community in North America.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will Enforce this bill.

6 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect in January 1 2025.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by North High School*

# A Bill to Reform the Cash-Bail System

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The United States Justice System will reform the cash-bail system so that
2. only defendants charged with a felony will participate in the cash-bail system.
3. **SECTION 2.** The cash-bail system is described as the process in which defendants are
4. given a certain monetary value to pay that allows them to leave jail before their trial and
5. also guarantees their appearance at trial. Those not able to pay are obligated to wait in a
6. jail facility before their trial. A felony is defined as the highest degree of crime with
7. punishments that can include execution, prison, or probation. All degrees of crime below
8. felonies are known as misdemeanors and infractions. Misdemeanors are second-degree
9. crimes that can lead to incarceration, probation, or fine. Infractions are the lowest
10. degree of crime and are generally through fines.
11. **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Justice will oversee this bill.
12. **A.** The U.S. Marshals Service will be responsible for the execution and
13. protection of this bill
14. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2024. All laws in conflict with this
15. legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ames High School.*

# A Bill to Federally Allow the Ownership of Backyard Chickens

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

2 **SECTION 1.** The keeping of chickens on residential property within city limits shall be  
3 permitted provided the habitat and enclosure meet the requirements set forth in section 2 of this bill

4 **SECTION 2.** Requirements

5 A. Owners shall be required to have a coop of no smaller than 3 square feet per chicken at minimum

6 B. Owners shall be required to allocate a minimum of 8 square feet per chicken of enclosed grass space.

7 C. Owners shall be required to possess a well-tended compost bin.

8 D. Owners shall not be permitted to keep a rooster unless both of the following requirements are met

9 a. They have 10 or more chickens.

10 b. They live in a town of no more than 1000 people.

11 E. Owners shall be required to obtain a permit every 5 years through the United States

12 Department of Agriculture. To obtain a permit they must provide documentation that their place of

13 residence meets the requirements outlined in section 2A, 2B, and 2C.

14 **SECTION 3.** Definitions

15 A. A coop is defined as a small enclosed area in which chickens are kept, which includes nesting boxes.

16 B. Enclosed grass space is defined as a level grassy area free of large objects which is enclosed by a fence

17 **SECTION 4.** If any one person is found in violation of any of the requirements listed in

18 section 2, they will be subject to a minimum fine of \$150 up to a maximum of \$500 per

19 violations. Repeated violations can result in the revocation of licensure, at the discretion of

20 local law enforcement.

21 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2025. All laws in conflict with

22 this legislation will be declared null and void.

*Entered for Congressional Debate by Carroll High School*

# A BILL TO BAN TIKTOK IN IOWA

By Norwalk High School (9th Grade)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE IHSSA STUDENT CONGRESS:

1 **Section 1:** TikTok may not operate within the territorial jurisdiction of Iowa. An entity violates  
2 this prohibition when any of the following occurs within the territorial jurisdiction of Iowa:

3 (A) the operation of TikTok by the company or users; or

4 (B) the option to download the TikTok mobile application by a mobile application store.

5 **Section 2:** An entity that violates a provision in Section 1 is liable in the amount of \$10,000 for  
6 each discrete violation and is liable for an additional \$10,000 each day thereafter that the violation  
7 continues.

8 **Section 3:** Penalties in Section 2 do not apply to the users of TikTok.

9 **Section 4:** This act is void if TikTok is acquired or sold to a company that is not incorporated in  
10 any other country designated as a foreign adversary in 15 C. F. R. 7. 4 at the time TikTok is sold  
11 or acquired.

12 **Section 5:** As used in this act, the following definitions apply:

13 (A) “Discrete violation” means each time that a user accesses TikTok, is offered the ability to  
14 access TikTok or is offered the ability to download TikTok.

15 (B) “Entity” means a mobile application store or TikTok.

16 (C) “Mobile application” means a type of software program designed to run on a mobile  
17 device.

18 (D) “TikTok” means the social networking service owned by the Chinese company  
19 ByteDance limited or any successor.

20 **Section 6:** This act is effective January 1, 2025.

## A Bill Relating to Disability Education in Iowa Secondary Schools

Be it enacted by the IHSSA Student Congress assembled that:

1.     **Section 1:** The purpose of this bill is to promote awareness and understanding of disabilities among
2.     secondary school students in Iowa and to create an inclusive and accepting environments for all
3.     students, including those with disabilities. This bill aims to foster empathy, tolerance, and the inclusion
4.     of individuals with disabilities in the secondary school community.
5.     **Section 2a:** All public secondary schools in the state of Iowa shall include disability education as part of
6.     the curriculum, to be completed annually within the first 60 days of the school year.
7.     **Section 2b:** Disability education shall cover a wide range of topics, including but not limited to the
8.     following: Understanding various types of disabilities. Promoting empathy, respect, and inclusion of
9.     individuals with disabilities. Learning about available resources and support services for students with
10.    disabilities. Practical skills to interact with and assist individuals with disabilities.
11.    **Section 3:** Schools shall incorporate disability education into an advisory time during the first 60 days
12.    of the school year. The Iowa Department of Education shall develop guidelines and resources to
13.    support the implementation of disability education in secondary schools.
14.    **Section 4:** The Iowa Department of Education shall establish a system for monitoring and reporting
15.    on the implementation of disability education programs in secondary schools. Schools shall report
16.    on their disability education activities and outcomes, including data on student participation and the
17.    impact on the school community.
18.    **Section 5:** The state shall allocate funding specifically for the development and implementation of first
19.    disability education programs in secondary schools. (b) Funding shall be allocated annually within the
20.    60 days of the school year to support teacher training, curriculum development, and the purchase of
21.    educational materials related to disability education.
22.    **Section 6:** All laws in conflict will become null and void.
23.    **Section 7:** This bill shall take effect at the beginning of the academic year following its passage

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hempstead High School.*

# All-Sport Resting Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1     **SECTION 1.** Any Sports organization or sports entertainment company shall provide of  
2                               every athlete or performer an offseason minimum of 8 weeks or 56 days.

3     **SECTION 2.** Definitions

4                               “Sports organizations” shall be defined as a corporation, club, federation,  
5                               unions, associations, or other groups organized in the United States which  
6                               sponsors or arrange any athletics competition.

7                               “Sports Entertainment” is defined as a type of spectacle which presents a  
8                               competitive event using a level of theatrical flourish and extravagant  
9                               presentation.

10                              “Offseason” shall be defined as a time of the year (56 days or 8 weeks)

11                              Where a person is not engaged in a competitive event or official training  
12                              for the event/athletic organization.

13    **SECTION 3.** The National Labor Relations Board shall oversee enforcement of this bill.

14                              A. Any Sport organization or Sport entertainment company that fails to comply  
15                              with this law, shall be punished by having to forfeit revenue made for the days  
16                              a athlete works during there offseason time, and \$25,000 for every one of those  
17                              days.

18    **SECTION 4.** The legislation will take effect May 1st 2026. All laws in conflicts with this  
19                              legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dowling Catholic High School.*



## A Bill to Provide Safe Houses to Support People Struggling with Addiction

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1:** The state shall provide safe houses for the purpose of helping
2. citizens fighting addiction.
3. A safe house is defined as a non-judgmental, non-punishing home-like
4. environment that seeks to help people overcome addiction.
5. **SECTION 2:** Safe houses serve as a pathway to sobriety by providing:
6. **A.** Observation of clients to prevent the risk of overdose to reach a drug-free life,
7. **B.** Safer solutions for drug consumption,
8. **C.** Therapeutic rehab opportunities so that those suffering from addiction can
9. reach a drug-free life,
10. **D.** Shelter to homeless people suffering from addiction because
11. **A.** A history of homelessness increases risk of relapse,
12. **B.** And social support decreases risk of relapse,
13. **E.** An environment with no punishment.
14. **SECTION 3:** Money will be provided by the Department of Health and Human
15. Services.
16. There will be a minimum of one safehouse per county or
17. One for every community with a population at or above 10,000.
18. **SECTION 4:** This legislation will take effect on March 1, 2024. All laws in
19. conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted by Okoboji Community Schools.*

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## Abolishing the death penalty

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** death penalty will be federally abolished
3. **SECTION 2.** **A.** The death penalty is defined as the punishment or execution
4. administered to someone legally convicted of a capital crime
5. **B.** Capital crime is defined as a criminal charge that is punishable by
6. the death penalty. These crimes are defined as extreme danger
7. to life,burglary,trainwrecking (attempting to derail a train) and
8. arson.
9. **C.** The primary ways of execution in the U.S are hanging
10. (1996),electrocution (last used in 2020),gas chamber (last used
11. in 1999),firing, squad (last used in 2010) and lethal injection
12. (last used in 2021).
13. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will oversee the enforcement of this
14. legislation
15. **I.** Any court enforcing the death penalty or issuing it will be fined \$250,000
16. and the judge who issued the punishment will have their certification removed
17. and additionally be fined \$25,000
18. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025. All laws in
19. conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Atlantic High School.*

# A BILL REQUIRING STATE GOVERNMENTS TO BAN THE SALE AND USE OF ENERGY DRINKS TO INDIVIDUAL 18 YEARS OF AGE AND YOUNGER

By Norwalk High School

BE IT ENACTED BY THE IHSSA STUDENT CONGRESS:

1 **Section 1:** Effective January 1st, 2026, all state governments must ban the sale and use of energy  
2 drinks to individuals 18 years of age and younger.

3 **Section 2:** Energy drinks are defined as a beverage with a blend of caffeine, taurine,  
4 glucuronolactone, guarana, L-carnitine, and added sugars.

5 **Section 3:** State governments out of compliance with this law will lose 8% of federal funding for  
6 the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and Medicaid.

## A Bill for the Creation of the Zero Act of 2024

Be it enacted by the IHSSA Student Congress that:

1. **Section 1:** All therapies for human trafficking victims will be free of charge.
2. **Section 2:** Insurance companies will cover the same percentage of all therapies in
3. regard to human trafficking victims as they would for anyone prescribed these therapies.
4. The percentage paid for human trafficking victims must be at least 50%. This will not
5. increase the insurance premiums for anyone.
6. **Section 3:** All prisoners convicted of human trafficking will be required to work some
7. kind of 40 hr/week job, where they will donate at least 50% of their paycheck to a fund to
8. cover the remainder of human trafficking victims' therapies.
9. **Section 4:** When a human trafficking ring is discovered and dissolved, the money that
10. the trafficking ring stored to further its trafficking will automatically be placed into this fund.
11. **Section 5:** Anyone has the ability to donate money to this fund by contacting DHS.
12. **Section 6:** The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee this program.
13. **Section 7:** Any insurance company that doesn't comply with these standards will be
14. imposed a \$100,000 fine for each session not paid for, which will go into this therapy fund.
15. **Section 8:** All laws in conflict will become null and void.
16. **Section 9:** This bill will go into effect July 1st, 2024.

Respectfully submitted by Hampton-Dumont-CAL

# A Bill to Federally Monitor Cryptocurrency

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1    **SECTION 1.**    The United States Federal Government will begin the process of
- 2                    authenticating and monitoring the use of digital wallets by expanding the
- 3                    Bank Secrecy Act (BSA).
- 4    **SECTION 2.**    Expansion of BSA will include :
- 5                    A.   Eliminating unhosted wallets which bypass Anti-Money Laundering
- 6                    sanctions.
- 7                    B.   Verify customers by requiring registration with FinCEN, SEC, and
- 8                    CFTC, depending on the nature of the assets.
- 9                    C.   Requiring all cryptocurrencies to file as exchange institutions with
- 10                   the Federal Reserve System to be monitored by the FDIC.
- 11   **SECTION 3.**    The monitoring funding will come from the Department of Defense :
- 12                   A.   The Federal Reserve System and the FDIC will receive two billion
- 13                   dollars a year to authenticate and monitor cryptocurrency.
- 14                   B.   This funding may also be used by FinCEN, SEC, and CFTC in the
- 15                   issuance of licensing to cryptocurrency vendors.
- 16                   C.   The funding may not be used to invest in cryptocurrencies or any other
- 17                   form of digital currency.
- 18                   D.   Offshore exchanges over \$10,000.00 USD must be filed with the FDIC
- 19                   and Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts FBFA.
- 20   **SECTION 4.**    The provisions of this bill shall be in effect by January 1st 2025.
- 21   **SECTION 5.**    All laws in conflict with the provisions of this bill shall be declared null and
- 22                   void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Iowa City West High School.*

# A Bill to Establish a Federal Cap and Trade System for Carbon Emissions

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   A federal cap and trade system shall be established for all carbon emissions to
- 2                   combat climate change.
- 3   **SECTION 2.**   (a) "Covered entities" means agricultural companies, electrical power
- 4                   companies, and commercial properties that are subject to this bill.
- 5                   (b) "Commercial properties" means real estate used for business activities,
- 6                   including but not limited to warehouses, office buildings, and large hotels.
- 7   **SECTION 3.**   (a) The EPA shall oversee enforcement of the cap and trade system, set the cap
- 8                   limit for individual companies, and shall establish further regulations around this
- 9                   system.
- 10                  (b) Covered entities may trade remaining cap space on a public marketplace
- 11                  with other covered entities. The public marketplace shall be contracted by the
- 12                  EPA to a third-party vendor with experience in operating a carbon market, and
- 13                  shall operate in a transparent manner.
- 14                  (c) Covered entities must make sure that offsets are real and verifiable, the
- 15                  validity of which will be checked by the SEC, in coordination with the EPA.
- 16                  (d) The SEC shall regulate the trading of carbon allowances and offsets to ensure
- 17                  transparency and prevent fraud.
- 18   **SECTION 4.**   This piece of legislation will not preempt any state or local law that regulates
- 19                   greenhouse gas emissions, so long as that law is more stringent than bill.
- 20   **SECTION 5.**   The funding for the bill shall come from the general revenue, and then shall be
- 21                   funded by the capital gains taxes on trades, and auction revenues on allowances
- 22                   made on the cap and trade market.
- 23   **SECTION 6.**   This legislation will take effect on FY 2026. All laws in conflict with this legislation
- 24                   are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Johnston High School.*

## A Bill to Change the start time of all public schools

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SHALL MANDATE ALL FEDERALLY FUNDED

2 SCHOOLS TO START NO EARLIER THAN 9:30 A.M. LOCAL TIME.

3 **SECTION 2.** THE START BELL WILL RING NO EARLIER THAN 9:30 TO BENEFIT STUDENTS' SLEEP

4 SCHEDULES AND ALLOW EARLY MORNING WEATHER TO CLEAR

5 **SECTION 3.** THE US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL OVERSEE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF

THIS

6 BILL WHO SHALL THEN PASS THE RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE STATE DEPARTMENTS.

7 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2024 All laws in conflict with this

8 legislation is hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced By CAM High school.*



## A Bill to Limit Domestic Government Surveillance

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1                   **SECTION 1.**    The United States will hereby dissolve the National
- 2                   Surveillance Agency and hold no existence in the United States
- 3                   government.
- 4                   **SECTION 2.**
- 5                   A. 50% of funding for the National Surveillance Agency will be
- 6                   forwarded to medicaid.
- 7                   B. 50% of funding for the National Surveillance Agency will be
- 8                   forwarded to medicare.
- 9                   **SECTION 3.**    This legislation will take effect on January 1st,2024.
- 10                  All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Theodore Roosevelt High School*

## A Bill to Require the Single Transferable Vote System

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **Section 1.** The voting system will be changed to the single transferable vote system  
3 rather than the current voting system.

4 **Section 2.** The single transferable vote is defined as a type of voting system that  
5 involves the voter ranking candidates on a list rather than voting on a single candidate.

6 A. The voter may rank as many people as there are on the ballot, and cannot put a  
7 candidate's name twice on a ballot.

8 B. The voter does not have to rank every candidate, and can choose not to put two  
9 or more candidates on the ballot.

10 **Section 3.** This policy will be enforced and the votes will be counted by individual  
11 state governments. If any city uses a different voting system, they will be fined 100 U.S.  
12 Dollars for every vote counted, and the votes will not be used in any way by any party.

13 A. The votes will be counted as such: A quota will be used to determine the  
14 number of votes needed to be elected into an office. The process for counting the  
15 votes are divided into stages based on the number of candidates. In the first stage  
16 the candidate that is on the top of each voter's ballot is counted, and all other  
17 rankings are ignored. If a candidate does not reach the quota, the second stage of  
18 counting will begin, in which the candidate with the least number of votes will be  
19 excluded, and any voter that had ranked that candidate's name on the top of their  
20 ballot will have their vote changed to the person below that candidate (if they  
21 have a name below that). The counting process will be the same in the second  
22 stage as it is in the first stage. If a candidate does not reach the quota in the second  
23 stage, the vote counting process will continue as it did in the second stage, until  
24 the quota is reached.

25 B. The quota is the number of votes divided by the number of seats plus one.

26 C. If the number of votes is even, one extra vote will be added to the quota to  
27 avoid a tie.

28 **Section 4.** This legislation will take effect on November 30, 2023. All laws in  
29 conflicts with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.