



NSDA – Arizona District Congressional Debate Docket 2024

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A - A Resolution to Expand Mexican Manufacturing

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Our current economy relies on China's manufacturing which is becoming
2 more expensive because of increasingly strict regulation and tariffs; and
3 **WHEREAS,** these increased production costs are increasing prices and limiting access
4 to necessary resources for Americans; and
5 **WHEREAS,** at the same time, Mexico's manufacturing sector is booming, becoming
6 the most productive it has ever been; and
7 **WHEREAS,** production costs in Mexico are extremely low creating a unique
8 opportunity to produce goods at a much cheaper price; now, therefore,
9 be it
10 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled invest funding into Mexico's
11 manufacturing sector to allow for its expansion and modernization, and
12 aid expansion by providing more tax benefits with the United States-
13 Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA); and, be it
14 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the United States begins to lessen its trade dependence on
15 China and expand our trade relationship with Mexico.

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B - A Bill to Aid Jordan

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government shall provide \$500 million worth of
3 humanitarian aid through USAID and military aid to Jordan. US troops
4 shall be deployed to deliver aid successfully then immediately leave the
5 nation.

6 **SECTION 2.**

7 **A.** Humanitarian aid shall include but not be limited to agricultural supplies,
8 food, clean water, medical supplies.

9 **B.** Military aid shall include military technology, munitions, weapons, and
10 intelligence.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense (DOD), Department of State (DOS), and
12 United States Agency for International Development (USAID) shall be in
13 charged with oversight and implementation of this legislation

14 **A.** These departments will conduct an investigation of our aid's efficiency
15 every 6 months and report back to congress. If our aid is deemed to be
16 inefficient, the United States federal government shall stop providing aid.

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

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

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C - A Resolution to Remove the Russian Federation from the United Nations to Help Solve International Crises

1 **WHEREAS,** Russia has illegally invaded Ukraine and continually violated international
2 law; and,

3 **WHEREAS,** They still have a Permanent Seat on the United Nations Security Council
4 and are a voting member of the United Nation's General Assembly; and

5 **WHEREAS,** This power has allowed them to obstruct the proper function of the
6 United Nations; and

7 **WHEREAS,** This has prevented the United Nations from taking proper action against
8 Russia; now, therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States should plan to
10 withdraw from the United Nations unless Russia is removed from the
11 Security Council and is relegated to an observer status in the United
12 Nation General Assembly, by 180 days upon the passage of this
13 resolution; and, be it

14 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the United States will encourage all of its allies to follow this
15 policy and these nations and the United States should only rejoin the UN
16 if the above conditions are met.

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D - A Bill to Fix American Education

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 is hereby repealed.

3 **SECTION 2.** Repealed shall be defined to mean that any programs created by the No
4 Child Left Behind Act of 2001 are hereby undone, defunded, and their
5 employees are directed to other responsibilities and affairs.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education and the Department of Treasury shall
7 oversee the enforcement of this law.

8 **SECTION 4.** This article shall take effect January 1st, 2025

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

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E - A Bill to Help Stop Overfishing in the United States by Gridding Fish

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) will be divided into a 10
3 square by 10 square grid system, with each square having an area of
4 43830 sq mi.

5 **SECTION 2.** At any time, no more than one quarter of the squares on the grid may be
6 used for fishing, and the agencies responsible for this bill's enforcement
7 shall determine which sectors may be used for fishing, and the total
8 quantity of fish that may be extracted from each sector.

9 **SECTION 3.** The sectors used for fishing shall be reassigned every 24 months.

10 **SECTION 4.** Companies, organizations, or individuals caught fishing in areas in the EEZ
11 that are not designated fishing grid spaces will be fined based upon the
12 number of fish caught, in fines which shall be determined by the agencies
13 responsible for this bill's enforcement.

14 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall be overseen by the EPA and the National Oceanic
15 and Atmospheric Administration.

16 **SECTION 6.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1st, 2025.

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

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F - A Bill to Repeal Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal government will repeal section 230 of the
3 communications decency act.

4 **SECTION 2.** Section 230 is defined as Title 47's provision of immunity for online
5 computer services with respect to third-party content generated by its
6 users.

7 **SECTION 3.** This Act will be overseen and enforced by the Federal Communications
8 Commission.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Desert Vista High School

G - A Bill to Invest in American Defense

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Department of Defense should be allocated \$30 billion
3 per year till fiscal year till 2055 to construct and develop Autonomous
4 weapon systems and hypersonic missiles.

5 **SECTION 2.** Autonomous weapon systems are defined as weapons that use artificial
6 intelligence to apply force to a selected target. Hypersonic Missiles are
7 defined as cruise guided missiles that go a speed mach 5 or above

8 **SECTION 3.** The DOD (Department of Defense) shall be in charge of the
9 implementation of this legislation

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Desert Vista High School

H - A Bill to Reform the Drug Patent System

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** To prevent drug companies' use of evergreening to monopolize drugs,
3 this bill will preclude abuse of the patent system by eliminating the
4 continuation of patents on essential medicines.

5 **SECTION 2.** Essential medicines will be defined as those found on the World Health
6 Organization's Essential Medicines lists. Evergreening will be defined as
7 the act of producers extending the lifetime of patents to retain profit.

8 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be overseen by the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) and
9 the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be enacted on January 1st, 2025

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Arizona College Prep High School

I - A Bill to Form the Sash and Street Substantive

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Government shall spend 1 trillion dollars over the next
3 20 years to formally invest in developing nations.

4 **A.** A minimum of \$500 billion dollars must be invested into Mexico

5 **SECTION 2.** Investment shall be defined as foreign direct investments directly to the
6 governments of the nation, with the intention to be utilized to construct
7 infrastructure, start new firms, and fund education.

8 **SECTION 3.** Developing nations shall be defined as nations that are currently in
9 economic transition. Nations with a high level of Chinese investment will
10 be prioritized.

11 **SECTION 3.** USAID and the US Department of Treasury will oversee the
12 implementation of this legislation.

13 **SECTION 5.** After seven years of the passage of the Bill, USAID will conduct a formal
14 review of the nations' progress. If sufficient progress is not made, the
15 contract with the country will be severed and force the nation to repay
16 the investment in full.

17 **SECTION 6.** This bill will go into effect January 1st, 2025.

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

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J - A Bill to Enact a Federal Maximum Wage

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A federal maximum wage shall be implemented

3 **SECTION 2. A.** Personal incomes over \$800,000 a year shall be subject to a
4 90% tax

5 **B.** All public and private businesses will be subject to a 10%
6 surcharge tax if the CEO to worker wage ratio exceeds 5:1

7 **SECTION 3.** This policy is to be overseen by the Internal Revenue Service
8 (IRS)

9 **A.** The revenue generated shall be split between the
10 Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the
11 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Internal
12 Revenue Service (IRS).

13 **SECTION 4.** This will come into effect on January 1st, 2025.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mountain Ridge High School

K - A Bill to Protect Sex Workers

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The rising violence against sex workers disproportionately affects the
3 LGBTQ+ community, with 42% of Black transgender people working in
4 the sex industry in order to gain financial stability. Many sex workers are
5 discriminated against by law enforcement, who take advantage of the
6 “criminalization of sex work in order to extort workers into sexual acts.”
7 Protecting all of the people of the United States should be the priority of
8 the US government. To ensure this, this Congress shall decriminalize the
9 act of consumption and sale of sex-based commodities.

10 **SECTION 2.** Decriminalization shall be defined according to the National Institutes of
11 Health: “removing criminal sanctions against an act, article, or behavior”

12 **SECTION 3.** The enforcement of this bill shall be overseen by the Department of
13 Health and Human Services and the Department of Justice.

14 **A.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee the
15 healthcare costs of sex workers, amounting to one billion dollars
16 yearly. This will be taken out of the DoD spending.

17 **B.** The Department of Justice shall oversee the investigation and
18 prosecution of all law enforcement who take advantage of the
19 criminalization of sex workers.

20 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hamilton High School

L - A Resolution to Place Age Limits on Presidential Candidates

1 **WHEREAS,** President Joseph Biden and President Donald Trump were sworn into
2 office at over 70 years of age; and

3 **WHEREAS,** The age of retirement in the United States is 70 years old and the ; and

4 **WHEREAS,** Presidential candidates over the age of 70 represent only 16% of 54
5 million people of the United States; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Representing all of the people of the United States should be the priority
7 of the US government.; and

8 **WHEREAS,** The federal government must interfere with federal processes in order to
9 best represent the majority of the people, those aged under 70;
10 therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled place age limits of under 70 on
12 presidential candidates.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hamilton High School

M - A Bill to Halt the Transportation of Munitions through the Gulf of Aden

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress orders an immediate halt of the transportation of any and all
3 munitions through the Gulf of Aden for at least one year and until such
4 time as the geopolitical situation in and around that area becomes more
5 peaceful and amenable to such conduct. This halt shall apply to
6 munitions manufactured in the United States being transported on any
7 marine vessel and to all United States marine vessels carrying munitions,
8 regardless of their origin.

9 **SECTION 2.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Defense, which shall
10 act in conjunction with the President after one year to determine
11 whether it is safe and appropriate to resume transportation of munitions
12 through this seaway.

13 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

14 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Thunderbird High School

N - A Bill to Protect Personal Privacy and Restrict Invasive Photography Practices

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Recognizing the need to safeguard personal privacy, this legislation aims
3 to impose restrictions on invasive photography practices and ensure
4 safety for our more famous citizens.

5 **SECTION 2. A.** For the purposes of this legislation, "Invasive Photography Practices"
6 refer to the intrusive and persistent capturing of images without the explicit consent of
7 individuals. This includes capturing images in non-public and public spaces.

8 **B.** Famous citizens will be defined as a person who has 1 million or more
9 followers on any single social media platform.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice (DOJ) shall oversee the enforcement of
11 measures to restrict invasive photography practices, including the imposition
12 of penalties on individuals and entities engaged in such activities.

13 **A.** Fines of 5,000 usd per photograph will be imposed on any person or
14 company caught participation in invasive photography practices or
15 benefiting from them.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Thunderbird High School

Final 1 - A Resolution to Ratify the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty to Strengthen US Leadership Over Nuclear Technology

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States signed the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty
2 (CTBT) in 1996, the treaty itself has never been formally ratified by the
3 United States; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** The United States was one of only eight of the forty-four ‘Annex 2’ or
5 “nuclear-capable countries” countries that have not ratified the treaty
6 along with China, Egypt, India, Iran, Israel, North Korea, and Pakistan and
7 is undoubtedly the most influential of the countries that have not ratified
8 the treaty; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Lack of United States ratification of the CTBT hurts international efforts to
10 curb nuclear testing and hinders the legitimacy of the treaty; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** Lack of United States’ ratification of the treaty has been repeatedly cited
12 by Iran and North Korea as justifications for their continued expansion
13 and testing of nuclear technology; and
- 14 **WHEREAS,** Russia just recently voted to withdraw from the CTBT citing lack of the
15 United States ratification as a justification for their withdrawal; now,
16 therefore, be it
- 17 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled vote to demand Senate ratification of
18 the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Reagan High School, Texas Forensic Association

Final 2 -A Bill to Place Limits on the Strategic Petroleum Reserve

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Withdrawals from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve shall now be limited.

3 A. Oil may not be removed from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve for the
4 purpose of lowering consumer gas prices.

5 B. Oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve may not be sold to any other
6 country, including but not limited to Russia, China, Iran, or North Korea.

7 C. Withdrawals from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve will only be allowed
8 in the 7 event of supply disruption of oil imports.

9 **SECTION 2.** Supply disruption of oil imports will be defined as an event in which US
10 domestic production of oil cannot offset the usage of domestic oil.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy will oversee this legislation and ensure that
12 the proper requirements are met before oil is taken from the Strategic
13 Petroleum Reserve.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bellaire High School, Texas Forensic Association

Final 3 -The Compassionate Housing Act of 2024

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Commercial buildings in states of long-term disuse or abandonment shall
3 be requisitioned by the federal government. Once acquired, these
4 buildings shall be converted into free housing for those in need.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Commercial buildings” shall be defined as any privately-owned location
6 built for commercial leasing purposes, including office buildings, strip
7 malls, or malls. “Long-term disuse” shall be defined as rentable
8 properties having leasing rates which fall consistently below 10% of units
9 for a given fiscal year.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Housing and Urban Development shall implement this
11 legislation, in collaboration with the Department of Health.

12 **A.** The Department of Housing and Urban Development shall offer
13 payments to the owners of said unused buildings in exchange for the
14 requisitioning of their properties. If property owners reject the terms of
15 purchase, the buildings may be seized under eminent domain if deemed
16 necessary.

17 **B.** The Department of Health shall establish and enforce standards of
18 cleanliness and safety in the housing facilities during their construction
19 and after their completion.

20 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on June 1, 2024.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Memorial High School, Texas Forensic Association