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Note: It is okay (and encouraged) to nominate and vote on an agenda order that does not align with this order.
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A Resolution Advocating for the Expansion of Voting Rights on Native American Reservations

- 1 **WHEREAS,** States are recently implementing laws which suppress Native American
2 voting rights; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Native Americans are U.S. citizens and federal reservations are held in trust
4 by the U.S. government,
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The U.S. has a constitutional duty to uphold voting rights for United States
6 citizens; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Voting rights play a key role in United States citizen ship and the U.S.
8 democratic process; therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the U.S. congress here assembled encourage every state to reevaluate
10 its voting laws and policies, so that they may better include citizens of
11 Native American reservations.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Finn Bartlett - Brookings High School.

A Bill to Raise the Federal Minimum Wage

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal minimum wage shall be increased to \$15 per hour by 2030.

3 A. On July 1, 2025, the federal minimum wage will increase to \$11 per
4 hour and will continue to increase in \$0.50 increments every six
5 months until it reaches \$15 per hour on January 1, 2030.

6 **SECTION 2.** The implementation of this legislation will be overseen by the Wage and
7 Hour Division of the United States Department of Labor.

8 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2025

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Keira Steffen - Milbank High School.

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Revoke the Presidential Power to Pardon

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

6 ARTICLE --

7 **SECTION 1:** The power of the President to “grant Reprieves and Pardons for Offenses against
8 the United States” (as described in Article II, Section 2, Clause 1 of the
9 Constitution) shall be unconditionally revoked.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Amanda Martin - Brookings High School.

A Resolution to Reduce Alcohol-Related Tragedies

- 1 **WHEREAS,** More than 13,000 people died in alcohol-related crashes in the United
2 States in 2024; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Approximately one million arrests are made in the United States for
4 driving under the influence (DUI) every year; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The cost of drunk driving in the U.S. is estimated to be over \$132 billion
6 dollars per year; therefore, be it
- 7 **RESOLVED,** That the U.S. congress here assembled encourage every state to reduce
8 the legal limit for alcohol consumption while operating a motor vehicle to
9 .05% Blood Alcohol Content (BAC); and, be it
- 10 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Congress here assembled calls for all cities and
11 municipalities to double the number of random driver sobriety
12 checkpoints and the number of times checks are conducted within a year.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Huron High School.

A Bill to Ban the Manufacturing of LED Headlights

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All automotive manufacturing companies will terminate the
3 manufacturing of light emitting diode (LED) headlights on vehicles.

4 A. All vehicles manufactured before 2026 are exempt from this
5 legislation.

6 **SECTION 2.** LED headlights are defined as any light emitting diode headlights used on
7 vehicles for brightness and road visibility.

8 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will be overseen by the U.S. Department of Transportation
9 (USDOT).

10 **SECTION 4.** Any company found in violation of this bill will be fined \$10,000 on the
11 first offense, with fines rising by \$10,000 per violation.

12 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026

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

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Madelyn Powers – Watertown High School.

A Resolution to Bring Fairness to Female Consumers

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Many states grant non-sales tax necessity status to personal products
2 such as groceries and personal medical items; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Necessary feminine hygiene products are taxed as nonessential items,
4 resulting in a 'pink tax' that only woman pay for necessary personal
5 hygiene items; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Most health insurance plans cover Viagra and like sexual dysfunction
7 prescriptions but not birth control; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Birth control serves necessary medical functions for women beyond just
9 birth control; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** Women pay more than men for similar products on everything from
11 razors to clothing to loans and mortgages; now, therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** that the Congress here assembled calls for companies to eliminate all
13 unfair economic practices that over charge or unfairly penalize women.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Huron High School.

A Bill to Increase the Security of American Military Sites

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The U.S. Congress shall appropriate \$100 million dollars to the U.S.
3 Department of Defense, for the express purpose of increasing security,
4 specifically with regard to U.S. military sites.

5 **SECTION 2.** An additional \$10 million dollars shall be appropriated to the U.S.
6 Department of Homeland Security for the vetting of foreign nationals and
7 their possible ties to non-U.S. military agencies.

8 **SECTION 2.** Definitions:

9 **Military Sites:** any base, camp, post, station, yard, center, or other
10 location under the jurisdiction or operational control of the secretary of a
11 military department or the Secretary of Defense.

12 **Foreign National:** an individual who is (1) not a citizen of the United
13 States and (2) not lawfully admitted for permanent residence.

14 **Non-U.S. Military Agency:** any group featuring armed individuals, whose
15 weaponry features non-civilian gear, or is being used for non-civilian
16 purposes, funded by private parties or non-U.S. governments.

17 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be jointly overseen by the Departments of Defense
18 and Homeland Security. The Department of Defense's funding will be
19 equally reallocated from the budget of the Army, the joint budget of the
20 Navy, Marine Corp, as well as the joint budget of the Air Force and Space
21 Force. The Department of Homeland Security's funding will be
22 reallocated from the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Health
23 Security.

24 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on October 1, 2025

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Finn Bartlett – Brookings High School.

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Provide Senatorial Representation for Inhabited Territories

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

6 **ARTICLE --**

7 **SECTION 1:** The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each
8 State and one Senator from each inhabited Territory, to be elected in accordance
9 with the 17th Amendment of the Constitution.

10 **SECTION 2:** The following territories shall gain one Senator: Puerto Rico, Guam, U.S. Virgin
11 Islands, American Samoa, and Northern Mariana Islands.

12 **SECTION 3:** Puerto Rico and Guam shall elect their first Senators in the next general election
13 practicable following ratification. The U.S. Virgin Islands and American Samoa
14 shall elect their first Senators two years later and Northern Mariana Islands shall
15 elect its first Senator two years following.

16 **SECTION 4:** Should the United States acquire additional inhabited Territories following
17 ratification, Senatorial representation shall be bestowed accordingly.

18 **SECTION 5:** Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

A Resolution to Remove the Profit Motive and Increase the Reliability of News Coverage

- 1 **WHEREAS,** News reporting used to be a non-profit public service provided to inform
2 the public; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The introduction of the profit motive in news reporting has led to biased
4 news coverage designed to get viewers/clicks for advertising revenue
5 rather than educating the public with facts; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Bias news coverage has led to untrustworthy news stories, fake news,
7 alt-news, and rumors masquerading as news; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Such profit driven news coverage has led to such problems as
9 misinformation, confirmation bias, and a more polarized electorate; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** Polls are showing an increasing distrust of the media; therefore, be it
11 **RESOLVED,** that the Congress here assembled calls for all major news outlets to
12 maintain a separate, nonprofit, news division and, be it
- 13 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That said news division will prioritize reporting facts over opinions
14 and strive to educate the public based on facts rather than focusing on
15 revenue.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Huron High School.

A Bill to Protect Americans from Gun Violence

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1. Prohibition of Semi-Automatic Assault Rifles:**

3 A. It shall be unlawful for any person or entity to manufacture, sell, offer for
4 sale or transfer ownership of any semi-automatic assault rifle within the
5 United States.

6 **Prohibition of High-Capacity Magazines:**

7 B. It shall be unlawful for any person or entity to manufacture, sell, offer for
8 sale, or transfer ownership of any high-capacity magazine capable of holding
9 more than 10 rounds of ammunition.

10 **Exceptions to the Prohibitions:**

11 C. Sales and transfers to law enforcement agencies, military personnel, or other
12 government entities where necessary for official duties.

13 D. Weapons manufactured and designed for use by persons with disabilities,
14 including those with specialized grips or other assistive features.

15 **SECTION 2.** The following terms are defined for the purposes of this Act:

16 **A. Semi-Automatic Assault Rifle:** Any firearm capable of firing a cartridge for each
17 pull of the trigger, designed for rapid fire and possessing features commonly
18 associated with military or tactical rifles. This includes, but is not limited to, rifles
19 with detachable magazines, pistol grips, folding stocks, or flash suppressors.

20 **B. High-Capacity Magazine:** A magazine capable of holding more than 10
21 rounds of ammunition.

22 **SECTION 3.** Violation of this legislation will include 1 year in federal prison and a fine of
23 \$10,000 for each violation.

24 **SECTION 4.** This Act shall be enforced by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and
25 Explosives (ATF), in coordination with state and local law enforcement agencies.

26 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2025.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Emersen Lee - Lennox High School

A Bill to Incentivize Ag Methane Capture

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** To incentivize American farmers and ranchers to implement methane
3 capture technologies on their operations the following will be available to
4 agricultural operations:

5 A. Grants will be made available to cover up to 50% of the cost of
6 purchasing and installing the technology, with a cap of \$500,00 per
7 operation. The total amount of grants provided shall not exceed \$1
8 billion.

9 B. Farmers and ranchers who invest in methane capture technologies
10 may be eligible for a tax credit of up to 30% of the installation costs,
11 with a maximum credit of \$200,000 per operation.

12 **SECTION 2.** The following terms are defined for the purposes of this Act:

13 A. Methane Capture Technology: Any technology, process, or system
14 that captures methane emissions from agricultural operations,
15 including, but not limited to, livestock waste management systems,
16 manure digesters, and anaerobic digesters.

17 B. Eligible Agriculture Operations: Farms, ranches, and other agricultural
18 operations that engage in the raising of livestock or other activities
19 that produce methane emissions, such as cattle, pigs, or poultry
20 farming.

21 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) shall oversee the
22 implementation and administration of the financial incentives program.
23 This includes the approval of applications for grants, loans, and tax
24 credits, as well as monitoring and evaluating the success of the program
25 in achieving methane reduction goals.

26 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Tyler Stasser - Lennox High School

A Bill to Reform U.S. Elections

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The length of Federal US election campaigns will be limited to a start date
3 of 6 months prior to the scheduled election date.

4 **A.** No campaign-related events may be done outside of the specified 6-
5 month time period.

6 **SECTION 2.** Campaign events are defined as rallies and campaign speaking events,
7 campaign commercials and print ads, calls and robo-calls on behalf of
8 candidates, and mailing of campaign literature.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Commission (FEC) shall oversee the implementation
10 and enforcement of this legislation.

11 **SECTION 4.** This bill will become law immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Huron High School.