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# A Bill to Implement a Carbon Tax

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.** A carbon tax of \$10 per metric ton of CO<sub>2</sub> emitted by for-profit companies  
2                   will be imposed. The tax will initially apply to companies that emit more  
3                   than 30 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> per year, but will be applied to all for-profit  
4                   companies after 2035. The tax revenue will go to the Office of Energy  
5                   Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) of the United States Department  
6                   of Energy to aid the transition from fossil fuels to environmentally  
7                   sustainable energy.
- 8   **SECTION 2.** “Carbon emissions” is defined as carbon gas emissions that are influenced  
9                   by the direct decisions of for-profit corporations (which do business in the  
10                  U.S., onshore or offshore) for each calendar year.
- 11   **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service shall implement a tax of \$10 per metric ton of  
12                  carbon emitted per calendar year (above the threshold of 30 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>)  
13                  for U.S. based for-profit organizations
- 14                  A. After 2035, there shall not be a threshold of 30 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>, and every  
15                  metric ton of CO<sub>2</sub> which for-profit companies emit will be taxed
- 16                  B. After 2035, the tax per metric ton of CO<sub>2</sub> emitted by each company per  
17                  calendar year shall be raised to \$30
- 18                  The taxes will go toward the The Office of Energy Efficiency and  
19                  Renewable Energy (EERE) of the United States Department of Energy
- 20                  A. the EERE will use these taxes to aid the transition away from fossil  
21                  fuels to renewable, environmentally sustainable energy
- 22   **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2025. All laws in conflict with this  
23                  legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Owen Casey of Packer Collegiate Institute*

# A Bill to Ban Medical Patents to Fix Big Pharma

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   All medical patents shall hereby be nullified, and the U.S. Patent and  
2                   Trademark Office shall be restricted from issuing any and all medical  
3                   patents in the future. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) shall be  
4                   allocated an additional fifty billion dollars per year to finance the research  
5                   and development done by the pharmaceutical industry.
- 6   **SECTION 2.**   Medical patents shall be defined as patents on any medication, medical  
7                   device, or medical process that prevent other competitors from producing  
8                   similar medications, devices, or processes.
- 9   **SECTION 3.**   The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, the Department of Commerce, and  
10                  the Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee the  
11                  enforcement of this legislation.
- 12 **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2025.
- 13 **SECTION 5.**   All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Harsh Vijay, Olentangy High School.*

# A Bill to Establish Stability in Venezuela

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**       The United States federal government shall officially increase efforts to  
2                               stabilize Venezuela.
- 3   **SECTION 2.**       Stability efforts shall include undermining the Nicolás Maduro regime,  
4                               specifically through economic sanctions.
- 5   **SECTION 3.**       The United States Department of State will oversee the implementation  
6                               of this legislation.
- 7                               A. The United States will no longer purchase oil from Venezuela
- 8                               B. The United States Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) program will no  
9                               longer invest in Venezuelan projects.
- 10 **SECTION 4.**       This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2025.
- 11 **SECTION 5.**       All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.  
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*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Durham Academy.*

# The S.A.D Resolution: Saudi Arabian Defense Resolution

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1                   **WHEREAS,**      Saudi Arabia has been aided in the murder of Yemeni people by
- 2                    the United States congress,
- 3                   **WHEREAS,**      Congress has sold arms to Saudi Arabia in exchange for oil and
- 4                    other commodities,
- 5                   **Whereas,**      These weapons have been used in the murder of Yemeni
- 6                    citizens,
- 7                   **Resolved,**      This congress shall halt any funding towards arms sales to Saudi
- 8                    Arabia and shall call for an end to the United States military alliance with Saudi
- 9                    Arabia.
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*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Racel Barold.*

# A Bill to Require Military Emissions Reporting to Invest in Clean Energy

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   The DOD Office of the Inspector General will be tasked with annually  
2                   reporting the United States military’s carbon emissions. For every 5 million  
3                   metric tons emitted, 2 million dollars will be redacted from the Defense  
4                   Budget and invested into renewable energy.
- 5                   A.   The Program/Budget organization will be tasked with removing 2  
6                   million dollars from the defense budget per 5 million metric tons of  
7                   carbon emitted.
- 8   **SECTION 2.**   Carbon emissions will be reported using greenhouse gas emissions data  
9                   and as specified under 40 CFR Part 98. Renewable energy includes but is  
10                  not limited to solar energy, wind energy, and geothermal energy.
- 11                  A.   40 CFR Part 98 is the EPA’s code of federal regulations for emissions  
12                  reporting as implemented in the Greenhouse Gas Reporting  
13                  Program.
- 14                  B.   The EPA will use all collected funds to invest in renewable energy.
- 15                  a.   The EPA Office of the Inspector General will conduct an annual  
16                  audit to ensure that renewable energy is progressing and  
17                  money is being used effectively.
- 18   **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025. All laws in conflict with  
19                   this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Loyola School.*

# A Resolution to Modify the UN Security Council Veto Process

- 1    **WHEREAS,**    The system which currently governs vetoes within the United Nations  
2                                Security Council (UNSC) is undemocratic; and  
3    **WHEREAS,**    One member state out of 15 voting member states can destroy a solution  
4                                for peace by exercising an insurmountable veto; and  
5    **WHEREAS,**    Many permanent member states of the UNSC are operating from a purely  
6                                self- interested position and, in turn, often fail to work for global progress;  
7                                now, therefore, be it  
8    **RESOLVED,**    That the United States urges the United Nations to revise the Security  
9                                Council veto process to ensure a two-thirds majority vote can override any  
10                                veto within the UNSC.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Amelia Weinhouse of Packer Collegiate Institute.*



# **A Bill to Phase Out Wasteful Carbon and Enter Renewables**

## **(P.O.W.E.R)**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2           **SECTION 1.** All United States subsidies currently going towards the  
3 fossil fuel industry will be transferred over to renewable energies in a  
4 span of 3 years.

5           A. 50% of these subsidies shall be designated towards research in  
6 private companies.

7           B. 50% of these subsidies shall be designated towards construction  
8 of different infrastructure needed to produce and transport  
9 renewable energies.

10          **SECTION 2.** Renewable energies shall be defined as sources of energy  
11 that harness energy from the environment without depleting energy  
12 sources including, but not limited to, solar power, hydro power, and wind  
13 power.

14          **SECTION 3.** The US Department of Energy (DOE) in conjunction with  
15 the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shall be responsible for  
16 implementing this legislation.

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

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Southlake Carroll High School.*

## **A Bill to Decriminalize Recreational Drugs**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1           **Section 1:** All recreational drugs will be decriminalized.

2           **Section 2:** A drug is defined as a medicine or other substance which has a

3           physiological effect when ingested or otherwise introduced into the body.

4           A recreational drug is defined as a drug taken for enjoyment, rather than for

3           strictly medicinal purposes. Decriminalization, not

6           legalization: While recreational drug possession for personal use is

7           decriminalized, the production and sale of recreational drugs remain illegal.

8           **Section 3:** The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will be dissolved and all

9           employees, funding, and resources will be allocated to the Department of Health

10          and Human Services (HHS).

11          **Section 4:** The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will oversee the

12          implementation of this bill.

13          **Section 5:** This legislation will be implemented immediately upon passage. All

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hudson McBride of Loyola School*

# The Military Reinvestment Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The US Defense Budget shall be reduced to \$500 Billion.

A. 50% of the funding difference shall be reallocated towards the Department of Education (DOE) to fund grants to schools for the purpose of renovating, constructing, or repairing school facilities.

B. 50% of the funding difference shall be reallocated towards the US Department of Transportation (USDOT) for public transportation grants aimed at repairing infrastructure or expanding pre-existing rail lines connecting residential areas to business.

C. The US Department of Defense (DOD) is to undergo a financial audit and be fiscally restructured until no less than 80% of DOD funds are accounted for.

**SECTION 2.** This legislation shall be overseen by the US Department of Treasury.

A. School Districts and Public Transit Authorities shall directly apply for these funding grants from the DOE and USDOT.

**SECTION 3.** This bill shall go into effect in FY 2026.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Southlake Carroll*