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### FL1. Federal Legislation (AM Session), Item #1

#### **A Bill to Tax Fossil Fuels to Combat Climate Change**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Fossil Fuel imports will be taxed an additional 10%, to be increased by
3. 10% annually until at a 200% tax increase. Additionally, all current
4. extraction of Fossil Fuels within the United States will be taxed an
5. additional 5% annually until at a 150% tax increase.
6. **SECTION 2.** Fossil Fuels will be defined as “an energy source formed in the Earth’s
7. crust from decayed organic material.”
8. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy will oversee the implementation of the
9. legislation.
10. **SUBSECTION A.** The revenue gathered from this tax increase would go to a new
11. Climate Change Task Force, to be used to help promote clean
12. energy operatives by supporting other state and non-state agencies
13. in the creation of climate sustainable energy sources such as Wind,
14. Solar, Hydroelectric, Nuclear, and Thorium based energy sources.
15. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2025. All laws in conflict with
16. this legislation are hereby declared null in void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cottonwood Classical Preparatory School*

FL2. Federal Legislation (AM Session), Item #2

**The Indigenous Water Access Act**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** All interstate water distribution agreements, such as the Colorado River
3. Compact, are nullified and shall be replaced by new agreements that
4. prioritize the water access of Indigenous tribal nations first and foremost.
5. Tribes and states shall have until the effective date of this legislation to
6. reach new agreements. Existing pacts shall remain in effect until then.
7. **SECTION 2.** This legislation shall be jointly overseen by the Bureau of Indian Affairs
8. and the Environmental Protection Agency.
9. **SECTION 3.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2027.
10. **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null in void.

*Respectfully submitted by Rep. Manson of Navajo Preparatory School*

FL3. Federal Legislation (AM Session), Item #3

**A Bill to Reform the Pledge of Allegiance**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
2. **SECTION 1.** This Act may be cited as the “Pledge of Allegiance Act.”
3. **SECTION 2.** If passed, this act shall prohibit scheduled recitation of the Pledge of
4. Allegiance in schools. School boards, local government administrations,
5. and state governments shall no longer build in structured time in public
6. schools or private schools for students to recite it. If students choose to
7. recite it at school in their own time and manner, they will not be
8. prohibited from doing so.
9. **SECTION 3.** The National School Boards Association and the Congress here assembled
10. shall be tasked with the oversight of this bill.
11. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately after passage.
12. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null in void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hayden Roth of Albuquerque Academy*

FL4. Federal Legislation (AM Session), Item #4

**A Bill to Levy Taxes on Gasoline to Lower Carbon Emissions**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The federal government of these United States shall henceforth levy a tax of 10 percent
3. on the total pump purchase price at all retail fuel outlets within these United States and its
4. territories.
5. **SECTION 2.** The 6 DCO § 2901 (7) definition of a retail fuel outlet shall be applied universally within
6. these United States and its territories: “Retail fuel outlet’ shall mean a place at which
7. gasoline and oil are stored and supplied to service stations or to the public, and which is
8. operated by independent contractors or by persons in the employ of such independent
9. contractors.” “Tax evasion” shall be defined as illegal practices used to avoid paying
10. taxes. “Loophole exploitation” shall be defined as using legal gaps or ambiguities used to
11. circumvent the intent of the law without violating its explicit terms. “Fraud” or
12. “misrepresentation” shall be defined as deception used to avoid legal responsibilities.
13. **SECTION 3.** The revenue from the newly implemented taxes derived from this legislation shall be
14. distributed to The Department of Transportation (DOT) in order to fund public
15. transportation initiatives at lowered prices for the general public within the United States
16. and its territories.
17. **SECTION 4.** Fuel retail outlets or individuals convicted of fraud, misrepresentation, tax evasion or
18. loophole exploitation charges related to the federal gasoline tax shall be fined upwards of
19. \$5,000, to a maximum of \$100,000 for each instance of the violation.
20. **SUBSECTION A.** Individuals convicted three or more times of charges related to the federal
21. gasoline tax shall serve time in a federal incarceration facility for a minimum of
22. 120 days and a maximum of five years.
23. **SUBSECTION B.** In situations in which retail fuel outlets are convicted of charges related to the
24. federal gasoline tax two or more times, the legal owner of the retail outlet shall
25. take full responsibility and thus shall inherit all punishments issued by law.
26. **SECTION 5.** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) shall collect these taxes and receive a portion of the
27. tax equal to the cost of administration. The remaining revenue will be remanded to the
28. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to support the Department of
29. Transportation and state public transportation initiatives. The Department of
30. Transportation shall initiate a public service campaign of at least six months in length to
31. raise awareness of the tax initiative, public transportation initiatives, and environmental
32. concerns of carbon emissions.
33. **SECTION 6.** This legislation shall be overseen by The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
34. (FERC) and The Department of Transportation (DOT).
35. **SECTION 7.** This legislation will take effect on August 14, 2025.
36. **SECTION 8.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by John Lutz of Albuquerque School of Excellence*

FL5. Federal Legislation (AM Session), Item #5

**A Bill to Bypass the Electoral College**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
2. **SECTION 1.** Congress hereby invokes the powers vested in it by the Compact Clause
3. (Article One, Clause Three) of the Constitution to provide preemptive
4. consent for the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact (NPVIC).
5. **SECTION 2.** Congress encourages additional states to pass legislation signing on to the
6. NPVIC so that it may take effect and democratic values may be elevated
7. to their rightful place in our nation.
8. **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.
9. **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Sourced from the NSDA's September 2024 Legislation Docket*

SL1. State Legislation (PM Session), Item #1

**The Equity in Tax Act (ETA)**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The New Mexico Capital Gains tax shall be doubled for all capital gain
3. income brackets.
4. **SECTION 2.** The revenue produced by this increased tax shall be divided evenly
5. between the New Mexico Health Care Authority and the New Mexico
6. Indian Affairs Department.
7. **SECTION 3.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025, meaning that
8. taxpayers will not see a change on their tax returns until the following
9. year.
10. **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted by Rep. Alba and Rep. Jones of Navajo Preparatory School*

SL2. State Legislation (PM Session), Item #2

**A Bill to Repeal Article 21 Section 30-21-5 of the New Mexico State Legislature  
as It Encroaches on the 1st Amendment**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The New Mexico State law, in order to protect 1st Amendment rights, will
3. remove Article 21 Section 30-21-5 of the New Mexico State legislature.
4. **SECTION 2.** Article 21 is part of New Mexico Statutes Chapter 30 which lists out all
5. the criminal offenses within the state. Section 30-21-5 includes: “[The]
6. Improper use of official anthems consists of singing, playing, or rendering
7. ‘The Star Spangled Banner’ or ‘Oh Fair New Mexico’ in any public place
8. or assemblage in this state except as an entire or separate composition or
9. number. Whoever commits improper use of official anthems is guilty of a
10. petty misdemeanor” as an offense. Which is a charge completely
11. inappropriate due to its encroachment of our 1st Amendment rights.
12. **SECTION 3.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025. All laws in conflict
13. with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sydney Zellers of V. Sue Cleveland High School*

SL3. State Legislation (PM Session), Item #3

**A Bill to Reform the Alcohol Tax in New Mexico**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** This bill shall be cited as the “New Mexico Alcohol Increase of 2024.”
3. **SECTION 2.** This bill shall increase the tax on beer by \$2.60, wine by \$2.30, and liquor
4. by \$3.90 per gallon sold.
5. **SUBSECTION A.** The total tax for beer will be \$3.01 per gallon. Wine tax totals shall
6. be increased to \$4.00, and the tax on liquor and other hard alcohols
7. shall be increased to \$9.96 per gallon.
8. **SUBSECTION B.** The legislation will raise the tax in dollars per ounce of alcohol for
9. each of the following beverages to the following: \$0.02 per ounce
10. of beer, \$0.03 per ounce of wine, and \$0.07 per ounce of hard
11. liquor.
12. **SECTION 3.** Vendors for alcoholic beverages are responsible for charging the tax
13. increase as well as other taxes, including the appropriate federal and
14. municipal charges.
15. **SECTION 4.** The additional money that will be brought in from this tax increase must
16. be allocated by the New Mexico State Legislature in the following ways:
17. 15% to sobriety programs and other prisoner services in jails
18. (\$27,087,098.10), 15% to state courts (\$27,087,098.10), 25% for state
19. funds at large (\$45,145,163.50), 20% for the New Mexico Public
20. Education Department to establish alcoholism education programs in
21. schools (\$36,116,130.80 yearly) and 25% for certified alcohol treatment
22. programs and services (\$45,145,163.50).
23. **SUBSECTION A.** This bill will bring in approximately \$9,329,953.14 per month for
24. beer sales, \$1,311,309.83 per month for wine sales, and
25. \$4,407,124.85 per month for liquor sales. In total it is estimated to
26. bring in \$15,048,387.80 per month, and \$180,580,654.00 per year.
27. The current tax revenue per month is \$4,467,628.36, and currently
28. per year the revenue is \$53,611,540.30.
29. **SECTION 5.** Vendors that fail to comply with charging the tax shall be fined \$500 upon
30. the first infraction, and the fine for each gallon of any alcoholic beverage
31. sold without this tax shall be fined \$5.
32. **SECTION 6.** This bill will go into effect 90 days after passage.
33. **SECTION 7.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lizzie Dixon of Albuquerque Academy*

SL4. State Legislation (PM Session), Item #4

**A Bill to Increase Taxes to Fund Public Schools in New Mexico**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The New Mexico State Government shall uplift the education of students
3. by increasing Gross Receipts Taxes by 3% and gasoline tax by five cents
4. per gallon in order to provide higher teacher salaries as well as increased
5. resources for public schools.
6. **SECTION 2.** The following definitions apply:
7. **SUBSECTION A.** Gross Receipts Taxes, also known as turnover taxes, are applied to
8. a company's gross sales, without deductions for a firm's business
9. expenses.
10. **SUBSECTION B.** Gasoline Taxes are excise taxes imposed on the sale of fuel.
11. **SUBSECTION C.** Public schools are supported financially by the government and
12. usually provide free education.
13. **SECTION 3.** The New Mexico Taxation & Revenue Department (TRD) will administer
14. this increase in Gross Receipts Taxation and gasoline taxation. The New
15. Mexico Public Education Department will oversee the proper distribution
16. of these funds.
17. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2025.
18. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cottonwood Classical Preparatory School*

SL5. State Legislation (PM Session), Item #5

**A Bill to Increase Funding of Inpatient Mental Health Services**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** All inpatient mental health facilities in New Mexico that receive state
3. funding will be eligible to apply for supplemental state funding to improve
4. public access to mental health care facilities, strengthen the mental health
5. workforce, and improve the quality of care. Total state disbursements will
6. not exceed \$40 million per year.
7. **SECTION 2.** Inpatient care is defined as a hospital or other similar facility in which
8. patients are admitted and have a designated room in the facility where they
9. spend the night and receive around-the-clock medical care.
10. **SECTION 3.** The New Mexico Department of Health shall oversee this legislation.
11. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on July 1, 2025.
12. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Parisa Compton of Albuquerque School of Excellence*