

# Coast Forensic League - Congress 2

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## Official Legislative Docket

# **A Bill to Ban Private Prisons to Prioritize Rehabilitation**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** The use of private prisons shall now be prohibited. Neither the federal government nor any state shall house prisoners in a private facility. Any state noncompliant with this legislation will lose 50% of the federal funding given to their state police departments. Funding will resume should a state become compliant.
- SECTION 2.** A private prison is defined as any facility used to house prisoners that is owned by a private corporation/ A prisoner is defined as anyone being detained as part of a conviction or while awaiting trial.
- SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice (DOJ) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) shall be responsible for enforcing this legislation.
- SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2027.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bellarmine College Preparatory.*

# A Bill to Protect Housing Affordability

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1           **SECTION 1.** A grant of up to \$25,000 will be available to help first-time  
2           homebuyers with their down payments, closing costs, and other related  
3           expenses.

4           **SECTION 2.** Eligibility for the grant will be based on:

5                   A. The buyer's income, which must be under the area's Annual Median  
6                   Income.

7                   B. The buyer being a first-time homeowner.

8                   C. The home being used as the buyer's only primary residence.

9           **SECTION 3.** The amount of the grant will depend on

10                   A. The buyer's income level, with those earning less receiving more.

11                   B. The price of the home, so that the grant does not cover too much of  
12                   the total cost.

13                   C. The cost of living in the area where the home is being purchased.

14           **SECTION 4.** To make sure the grant is used properly, buyers must live in the home  
15           for at least five years

16           **SECTION 5.** This law will take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Archbishop Mitty High School.*

## **A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Grant all Inhabited U.S. Territories the Right to Vote in the Presidential Election**

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 United States Federal Government will grant all inhabited U.S.  
8   territories the right to vote in the presidential election.

9                                     A.   The Electoral College will be expanded to include each of  
10   the inhabited territories, with the distribution of their  
11   electoral votes designated by their population size. Each  
12   territory must get at least one electoral vote.

13                     **SECTION 2:**   A. U.S. Territories are the sub-national unincorporated  
14   geographical areas that belong to the United States government.  
15   They are neither states nor countries.

16                                     B. The presidential election is defined as the election occurring  
17   once every 4 years in which the United States citizens cast ballots  
18   in favor of a presidential (and vice-presidential) candidate, who is  
19   selected through the Electoral College.

20                                     C. The permanently inhabited U.S. territories include the  
21   American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana  
22   Islands, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

23                     **SECTION 3:**   The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by  
24   appropriate legislation.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Leland High School.*

## **A Bill to Promote Economic Expression**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1.** Citizens of the United States may destroy their currency.

**Section 2.** United States Currency is defined as any legal tender such as dollar bills as well as coins.

**Section 3.** The Department of Justice shall oversee this legislation.

**Section 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025. The existence of this law shall not be referenced as an affirmative defense against any other charges.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pinewood School.*

# **A Resolution to Create a Green New Deal to Combat Climate Change**

**WHEREAS,** The effects of a global temperature increase above 2 degrees C would be catastrophic to the people of the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** Both domestic and global inequality have increased at unprecedented levels; and

**WHEREAS,** Stagnation and inequality in wages put workers at a systemic disadvantage; and

**WHEREAS,** The United States has the highest concentration of wealth, geopolitical power, and is one of the largest contributors to carbon emissions in the world; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled recognize the duty of the federal government to:

- A.** Achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions;
- B.** Preserve and protect the nation's natural beauty;
- C.** Guarantee economic security for all people in the United States through the creation of sustainable jobs;
- D.** Upgrade the nation's crumbling infrastructure; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** That these goals be accomplished through a 10-year national mobilization

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# A Bill to Give Felons the Right to Vote

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1           **SECTION 1.**    The United States shall hereby require all states to allow  
2           felons the right to vote in state and federal elections

3                 A. Expanding the right to vote aims to minimize felony  
4                 disenfranchisement and promote constitutional equity

5           **SECTION 2.**    The following definitions apply:

6                 A. Felonies shall be defined as crimes punishable by one year or more  
7                 in custody

8                         a. The classification of crimes as felonies is susceptible to  
9                         interpretation depending on state law

10                B. Felons shall be defined as citizens who either are currently  
11                incarcerated for a felony or possess a prior felony conviction

12           **SECTION 3.**    The United States Department of Justice shall be tasked with  
13           the enforcement of this legislation.

14                B. Any funding required to expand ballot access will come from a 2%  
15                increase in the federal corporate tax rate

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

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