

# Coast Forensic League - Congress 3

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## Official Legislative Docket

# A Bill to Increase Fire Prevention and Recovery

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** A grant of up to \$500,000,000 shall be allocated to FEMA grants to support  
2 firefighters operating in high-risk wildfire zones.

3 **SECTION 2.** The following definitions apply.

4 A. High-risk wildfire zones are defined as areas with a High National  
5 Fire Danger Rating or higher, as determined by the Wildland Fire  
6 Classification Authority (WFCA).

7 B. FEMA grants are defined as funding designated for projects  
8 addressing both pre-disaster preparedness and post-disaster  
9 recovery efforts.

10 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Homeland Security shall oversee this legislation.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on June 1, 2025. All laws in conflict with this  
12 legislation are hereby declared null and void.  
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*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Leland High School.*

# A Bill to Increase Transparency and Negotiation in Drug Prices

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1   **SECTION 1.**     The United States shall establish a Federal Prescription Drug Price Negotiation and  
2                             Transparency Program aimed at negotiating and determining fair pricing for the 50  
3                             most frequently prescribed medications in the nation.

4   **SECTION 2.**     Definitions:

5                             A. "50 most frequently prescribed medications" refers to the drugs that are  
6                             prescribed most often, as identified by the Department of Health and Human  
7                             Services (HHS).

8                             B. "Fair pricing" refers to the pricing established through negotiations between the  
9                             federal government and pharmaceutical manufacturers.

10   **SECTION 3.**    The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) shall be responsible for  
11                             implementing the FPDPN Program.

12                             A. HHS shall engage in annual negotiations with pharmaceutical companies to  
13                             determine appropriate pricing for each of the top 50 drugs. These  
14                             negotiations shall take into account the importance of access to the drug as  
15                             well as proper pricing.

16                             B. HHS shall publish an annual report detailing the negotiated prices, the factors  
17                             considered, and any differing opinions from the involved parties.

18   **SECTION 4.**    Pharmaceutical companies that refuse to engage in the negotiation process shall  
19                             be subject to a penalty not exceeding 5% of the previous year's revenue  
20                             generated by the non-compliant drug in the United States.

21   **SECTION 5.**    This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2026.

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

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## A Bill to Secure American Talent

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The annual cap for H-1B worker visas is hereby increased from 65,000 to  
3 100,000.

4 **SECTION 2.** The H-1B visa program allows US firms to temporarily employ foreign  
5 nationals for up to six years. The subject must have a bachelor's degree or  
6 the equivalent in a specialised trade such as engineering, technology, or  
7 medical science. The annual cap is the yearly quota of visas to issue.

8 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of State will oversee the implementation  
9 of this bill.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on 1 April 2025. All laws in conflict with this  
11 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pinewood School.*

## A Resolution to End Human Rights Violations in Pakistan

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   the citizens of Pakistan are governed by a legislative body that subjects  
2                   them to an alarming number of human rights violations on a day-to-day  
3                   basis; and
- 4   **WHEREAS,**   reports have shown that over 1,000 women are murdered annually in  
5                   so-called “honor killings”; and
- 6   **WHEREAS,**   the United States government has provided nearly \$1 billion in aid over the  
7                   past decade; and
- 8   **WHEREAS,**   up until this point, the United States government has expressed support for  
9                   Afghan refugees and has condemned actions taken to suppress democratic  
10                  participation; now, therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,**   That the Congress here assembled shall halt any and all forms of economic  
12                  aid and military support that it provides to Pakistan; and, be it
- 13 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this Congress will not re-establish economic or military ties  
14                  until the government of Pakistan turns its attention towards the prevention  
15                  of human rights violations.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Leland High School*

## **A Bill to Cap the Cost of College Attendance to Make Higher Education Affordable**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All state and private colleges or universities will follow a federal mandated maximum cost  
3 of attendance at \$30,000. Any colleges or universities that do not follow this mandated  
4 pricing will be subject to removal of their tax-exempt status.

5 **SECTION 2.** "Cost of attendance" shall include tuition, room and board, and other fees imposed on a  
6 student by the college.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall oversee the implementation of this bill. The Internal  
8 Revenue Service will oversee penalty enforcement.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on August 1, 2025.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bellarmine College Preparatory*

# **A Resolution to Regulate Student Cell Phone Usage in Educational Settings**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

**WHEREAS,**

We acknowledge the prevalence and impact of mobile devices on students' academic and social experiences. We also recognize the need to balance the benefits of technology with the potential disruptions caused by unrestricted cell phone usage. Lastly, we strive to ensure a productive learning environment that maximizes educational opportunities.

**WHEREAS,**

However, excessive cell phone usage has created detrimental effects on students with unforeseen consequences. There is an inherent need for a solution,

**WHEREAS,**

We are advocating for the limitations on cell phone usage on school premises; now, therefore be it, we:

- A. Advocate for restrictions on cell phone usage during instructional time to minimize distractions and promote focused learning,
- B. Advocate for consistent enforcement of cell phone usage policies with clear disciplinary measures for violations,

**RESOLVED,**

That the Congress here assembled support the resolution to regulate student cell phone usage in educational settings; and, be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED,**

That schools develop policies and practices that will restrict and outline consequences for students in the event of the violation of cell phone policies

*Submitted by Santa Teresa High School*