

PRELIM BILLS
A Bill to Create a Two-Track Education System

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall require all students in the public
3 school system to take a nation-wide standardized test at the grade 10 level
4 to assess critical thinking skills and academic subject mastery.

5 Students who do not receive a passing score will be placed on a track to
6 advance towards middle-skill and skilled trades jobs training, preparing
7 students to attend trade schools and middle-skill jobs certification programs
8 after high school rather than universities.

9 **SECTION 2.** This legislation shall be implemented and overseen by the U.S. Department
10 of Education.

11 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be implemented September 1, 2026.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by YG, Bay Area Speech and Debate Academy.

A Bill to Set an Age Limit on the Purchase of Energy Drinks

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The sale of energy drinks to any persons under the age of 18
- 2 is hereby banned.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Energy drinks are defined as any beverage containing more
- 4 than 150 milligrams of caffeine per liter.
- 5 **SECTION 3.** All states and territories as well as the Federal District are
- 6 instructed to levy the same criminal penalties on violators of this law as
- 7 would be applied for the sale of alcohol to minors in that jurisdiction. Any
- 8 jurisdiction that fails to comply with this directive shall lose 50% of federal
- 9 highway funding until such time as compliance is reached.
- 10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Food and Drug
- 11 Administration.
- 12 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2025.
- 13 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared
- 14 null and void.
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A Bill to Beef Up Lab-Grown Dairy

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall cease all subsidies to the
3 American dairy industry and redirect those funds to support the lab-grown
4 dairy industry.

5 **SECTION 2.** “The American dairy industry” shall be defined as all individuals and
6 companies in the business of producing dairy products from cows for
7 consumption; “subsidies” shall be defined as payments, tax breaks, or other
8 forms of economic support given by government to an industry; the “lab-
9 grown dairy industry” shall be defined as all individuals and companies in the
10 business of producing dairy products using the same cell matter as
11 traditional dairy, produced through precision fermentation.

12 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be implemented and overseen by the U.S. Department
13 of Agriculture (USDA).

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented October 1, 2025.

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

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A Bill to Invest in Sonic Firefighting

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall provide \$2 billion in funding to
3 private companies to develop sonic firefighting technology capable of
4 combating forest fires.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Sonic firefighting technology” shall be defined as technology that uses
6 soundwaves and vibrations to extinguish and contain large-scale blazes.

7 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be implemented and overseen by the U.S. Office of
8 Management and Budget (OMB).

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented October 1, 2025.

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

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A Resolution to Invest in Plastic Eating Bacteria

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Humans produce plastic at an astronomical rate, with the Organisation for
2 Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) estimating the global
3 output of plastic production in 2019 at 460 million tons; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Plastic pollution has been linked to a host of health risks to human beings,
5 including the death of up to one million people each year caused by illnesses
6 and diseases linked to plastic waste pollution; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Plastic pollution also poisons our environment, in particular our oceans,
8 leading to the deaths of upwards of 100,000 marine mammals and turtles
9 and one million seabirds every year; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** Plastic waste takes anywhere from 20 to 500 years to decompose, and even
11 then, it never fully disintegrates, it merely turns into microplastic particles;
12 now therefore be it
- 13 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled invest substantial funds to fast-track
14 plastic eating bacteria research, so as to enable the United States to begin
15 using this technology at a large scale by 2050.

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FINALS BILLS

A Bill to End the Military Presence in Hawaii

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. Congress directs the Department of Defense to permanently close all

3 military bases currently operating in the State of Hawaii within five years

4 of the passage of this legislation.

5 SECTION 2. Also within five years of the passage of this legislation, all land owned by

6 the Department of Defense within the State of Hawaii shall be turned

7 over to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs

8 SECTION 3. This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Defense.

9 SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

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From the NSDA September 2024 Legislation Docket

A Resolution to Fast-Track Food Tracing

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Economically Motivated Adulteration (EMA - also known as “food fraud”)
2 affects at least 1% of the global food industry at a cost as high as \$40 billion a
3 year, according to the Food and Drug Administration; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Food fraud defrauds consumers and can lead to health issues, including lead
5 poisoning from adulterated spices and allergic reactions to unlisted
6 ingredients; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The federal government passed a law in 2011 called the Food Safety
8 Modernization Act to protect the quality and safety of American food with
9 the final key piece of the law (known as the Food Traceability Rule, or FSMA
10 204) not fully coming into effect until January 30, 2026; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** Multiple legislative challenges have recently emerged that, if passed, would
12 considerably weaken FSMA 204 and stymie the FDA’s ability to oversee the
13 traceability of the food supply chain in our country; now, therefore be it
- 14 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled, to fast-track the full implementation of
15 FSMA 204, requiring full compliance at the start of fiscal year 2025; and be it
- 16 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That Congress shall guarantee an additional \$2 billion of funding to
17 support the implementation of FSMA 204.

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A Bill Establishing the “Right to Disconnect”

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The U.S. Labor Code will be amended to include an
2 employee’s “right to disconnect” from their employer during non-working
3 hours, unless in the case of emergency or scheduling.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** The following definitions shall apply:
- 5 A. “Emergency” shall be defined as an unforeseen situation that
6 threatens an employee, customer, or the public; disrupts or shuts down
7 operations; or causes physical or environmental damage.
- 8 B. “Employer(s)” include the public and private sector.
- 9 C. “Non-working hours” means hours before and after an employee’s
10 assigned hours of work, whether stated in their job description or stated
11 otherwise.
- 12 D. “Scheduling” means changes to a schedule within 24 hours.
- 13 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Labor will be responsible for
14 enforcing this legislation.
- 15 A. Infractions may be reported to State Labor Commissioners, who will
16 escalate patterns of violation to the Department of Labor.
- 17 B. “Patterns of violation” means three or more documented instances of
18 violating the right to disconnect.
- 19 C. If a company is determined to have committed a pattern of violation,
20 they will be subject to a fine of no less than \$1,500 per subsequent
21 violation.
- 22 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage.
23 All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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