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A Bill to Promote Honest Journalism

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All forms of news, whether live on air or in a newspaper, are
2 now federally required to distinguish between news and opinion sections.
- 3 A. Live news channels must verbally state if what they are reporting is
4 opinion along with clearly showing it by displaying the word "opinion"
5 on at least 7% of the screen.
- 6 B. News blogs or newspapers must place in the top left corner whether it
7 is a news or opinion piece
- 8 **SECTION 2.** "Opinion News" shall be defined as a judgment, viewpoint,
9 or statement that is not conclusive and may be misleading.
- 10 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission shall oversee the
11 implementation of this bill and determine fines and punishment on a
12 case-by-case basis.
- 13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect two weeks after the bill's
 passage. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
 and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hillcrest High School.

A Bill to Incentivize Sustainable Infrastructure to Encourage Green Infrastructure Development in the U.S.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** A federal policy incentivizing the construction and retrofitting of
2 sustainable infrastructure, including but not limited to renewable energy
3 integration, energy-efficient buildings, public transit electrification, and
4 green stormwater management systems.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** “Sustainable Infrastructure” in the context of this legislation will refer to
6 infrastructure that reduces environmental impact through energy
7 efficiency, renewable energy, and low-carbon materials.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** This policy will be overseen and enforced by The Department of Energy
9 (DOE) and The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- 10 A. A total of \$1 trillion over the span of 20 years allocated after the
11 passage of this bill. This funding will come in equal parts from the
12 following US government departments: Department of Veteran Affairs,
13 Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Defense,
14 and the General Services Administration
- 15 B. These agencies will provide financial incentives, including grants, tax
16 credits, and low-interest loans, to state and local governments as well
17 as private entities that develop or retrofit infrastructure projects using
18 sustainable practices.
- 19 C. The agencies shall establish reporting systems to track progress on
20 sustainability targets and energy savings.
- 21 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with
22 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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A Bill to Require Schools to Install Walk-Through Metal Detectors to Help Prevent School Shootings.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Schools must be required to put walk-through metal detectors at the front entrance to detect any suspicious materials.

SECTION 2. Suspicious materials shall be defined as any contraband prohibited from being on school grounds that poses a threat to the well-being of students and staff.

Walk-through metal detectors shall be defined as a security device that uses electromagnetic fields to detect any objects containing metal on people passing through.

SECTION 3. The Department of Education and the Department of Homeland Security shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

A. States shall be required to adopt and implement this legislation in its entirety and will receive funding directly proportional to the size and quantity of public school districts located within the state.

B. Schools must be required to implement at least 2 walk-through metal detectors per main entrance.

C. Schools must also be required to increase the number of school resource officers present.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2025.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Century High School.

A Bill to Require all Books to Include a Maturity or Content-Specific Rating

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All books must be reviewed and labeled with a National Maturity and
2 Content-Specific Rating prior to professional publication.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this bill, "books" shall be defined as all physical reading
4 material exceeding 5,000 words.
- 5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education, in collaboration with a newly established
6 Literary Content Review Board will oversee the enforcement of this bill.
- 7 A. Funding for the implementation of this bill would be provided by
8 Public-Private Partnerships with organizations and foundations that
9 focus on education and literacy.
- 10 B. The review process will be completed by a panel of qualified literary
11 experts assembled by the Literary Content Review Board who will
12 develop and apply criteria for assigning ratings.
- 13 C. Any books already published or currently being published will be
14 reviewed and labeled with a stamp of the assigned Ratings.
- 15 D. All ratings will be made readily available online to ensure constituents
16 can access information about books and libraries.
- 17 a. Personal collections and private libraries will not require
18 labeling. However, if such books are sold through secondhand
19 bookstores or any commercial means, the rating stamp will be
20 required.
- 21 E. Existing libraries and bookstores will be provided with the necessary
22 stamps and rating information to label all books in their collections.
- 23 F. Authors or publishers who wish to contest a maturity or content rating
24 assigned to their publication may appeal to the Literary Content Review
25 Board.
- 26 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect as a pilot program beginning in FY 2026
27 and
28 shall be fully implemented by FY 2027. Any and all revisions will be made
29 prior to full implementation. All laws in conflict with this legislation are
hereby declared null and void.

A Resolution to Address the Crisis of Homelessness in Urban Areas

- 1 **WHEREAS,** the number of homeless individuals in urban areas is rising, reflecting
2 broader social and economic challenges; and
3 **WHEREAS,** homelessness often results in severe physical and mental health issues,
4 lack of access to basic services; and
5 **WHEREAS,** homelessness disproportionately affects vulnerable populations such as
6 veterans, low-income families, and those with disabilities;
7 **RESOLVED,** that the Congress here assembled encouraged state and local governments
8 to collaborate on developing and implementing strategies to combat
9 homelessness, with a focus on providing necessary resources and support
10 systems to affected individuals.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Skyline High School.

A Bill to Repeal the NWPA and Allow Nuclear Facilities to Recycle

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** To immediately repeal the NWPA of 1982 and any other laws in conflict with
2 the United States' ability to reuse used nuclear fuel in nuclear power plants.

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4 **SECTION 2.** The United States is currently storing nuclear waste in facilities across the
5 country instead of using/finishing the NNWR (National Nuclear Waste
6 Repository) or reusing nuclear waste as fuel for breeder reactors or general
7 nuclear reactors, said waste is currently being stored in repositories across
8 the country. Upon passage of this bill, nuclear power facilities will be able
9 to reuse their nuclear waste to provide energy for the United States and
10 will repurpose the yet incomplete NNWR.

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12 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Dept of Energy will carry out this bill on October 1, 2025. This bill
13 will be funded by the previous budget of the NWF (nuclear waste fund) set
14 aside for storing nuclear fuel.

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16 **SECTION 4.** All laws or sections of laws in conflict with this legislation are here-forward
17 declared null and void.

18 Introduced for Congressional Debate by Snake River High School.

A Bill to Ban Roadway Billboards to Limit Distractions on The Road

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Congress will adopt Hawaii's anti-billboard law §445-112 which states, " no
2 person shall erect, maintain, or use a billboard or display any outdoor
3 advertising device." the outdoor advertising may not be visible from a highway
4 or high traffic road, and enforce this law on a national level.
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6 **SECTION 2.** Definitions are outlined as such:

7 A. Billboard - shall be defined as "a large outdoor advertising structure,
8 typically found in high-traffic areas such as alongside busy roads.
9 Billboards present large advertisements to passing pedestrians and
10 drivers."

11 B. Highway - a main road

12 C. High Traffic Road - a road is carrying is more than 1000 vehicles per day

13 **SECTION 3.** The federal highway administration will enact this bill whilst highway patrol will
14 enforce it.

15 A. Funding will be proportioned by the yearly budget of the federal highway
16 administration

17 B. Highway patrol will enforce this bill making sure there is no billboard in sight
18 of a highway.

19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2030. All laws in conflict with legislation
20 are hereby declared null and void.
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22 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rigby High School.*

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Remove Financial Power from Political Power

RESOLVED, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

ARTICLE --

SECTION 1: We the People have compelling sovereign interests in the freedom of speech, representative self-government, federalism, the integrity of the electoral process, and the political equality of natural persons.

SECTION 2: Nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to forbid Congress or the States, within their respective jurisdictions, from reasonably regulating and limiting contributions and spending in campaigns, elections, or ballot measures.

SECTION 3: Congress and the States shall have the power to implement and enforce this article by appropriate legislation and may distinguish between natural persons and artificial entities, including by prohibiting artificial entities from raising and spending money in campaigns, elections, or ballot measures.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by ___Blackfoot High School___.

A Bill to Increase the National Driving Age to 18

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** To reduce the frequency of fatal accidents, The United States Congress shall
2 increase the minimum legal age to obtain a permit to drive from 16 years to
3 18
4 years old.

5 **SECTION 2.** A national driving age shall be defined as the minimum legal age limit required
6 to
7 get any permit (including learning permits) to drive in the United States.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Transportation shall oversee the implementation of this
9 legislation.

10 A. States voluntarily adopting the new legal national driving age limit shall
11 be
12 eligible for the financial incentive, the specific amount will be decided by
13 the
14 Department of Justice based on state population size and
15 implementation
16 plans.

17 B. The National Vital Statistics System shall conduct a comprehensive
18 evaluation of the impacts.

19 C. Based on the findings and recommendations provided in the report
20 required
21 under subsection B, Congress shall reevaluate the provisions of this Bill
22 and
23 determine whether any modifications, extensions, or repeals are
24 warranted
25 no later than 10 years after date of enactment.

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

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rock Hill High School

A Bill to Hold Social Media Companies Liable for Scams

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Social media companies shall henceforth be held liable for the financial harm caused by

3 scamming that occurs on their platform when that scamming was carried out by a user
4 who
5 was demonstrably in violation of the company's terms of use and/or the fraud statutes
6 of
7 any relevant criminal jurisdiction(s). That is, when such scamming occurs, a social
8 media
9 company shall be required to reimburse the victimized user for any financial losses
10 resulting from the scam.

11 **SECTION 2.** The 42 USC § 1862w(a)(2) definition of a social media company shall be utilized: "a
12 website

13 or internet medium that— (A) permits a person to become a registered user, establish
14 an
15 account, or create a profile for the purpose of allowing users to create, share, and view
16 user-generated content through such an account or profile; (B) enables 1 or more user
17 to
18 generate content that can be viewed by other users of the medium; and (C) primarily
19 serves as a medium for users to interact with content generated by other users of the
20 medium."

21 **SECTION 3.** Any social media company found to be in violation of this legislation shall be fined
double

 the amount they ought to have reimbursed, with half of that fine to be given over to
the
affected user and the other half retained to finance enforcement.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall be jointly overseen by the Federal Communications Commission
(FCC)

and the Department of Justice.

SECTION 5. This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

Super Session Legislation

A Bill to Enhance ADA Accessibility Features Within Educational Institutions

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Educational Institutions shall be required to add more ADA accessibility features to allow for more accessibility to schools.

SECTION 2. Accessibility Features shall be defined as any architectural development for Physical disabilities.

Physical disabilities shall be defined as any condition of the body or mind (impairment) that makes it more difficult for the person with the condition to do certain activities.

Public educational institutions shall be defined as any school, college, or university that receives government funding.

ADA shall be defined as the American Disability Act of 1990.

SECTION 3. The Department of Education and The Department of Health and Welfare shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

A. States shall be required to adopt and implement this legislation in its entirety and will receive funding directly proportional to the size and quantity of public educational institutions located within the state.

B. The construction shall take place only when students and teachers are not present within the educational institution. Chair lifts along with more elevators and ramps shall be included within the construction.

C. Both The Department of Education and The Department of Health and Welfare shall fund schools to include ramps, chair-lifts, and elevators based on the size and needs of the Educational Institutions.

D. Funding shall come and be split between both the Department of Education and The Department of Health and Welfare based on what each school needs. If schools do not follow suit they shall be fined based on how much they were supposed to get to add the resources.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on June 3, 2025.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Century High School.

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A Bill to Eliminate America's ICBMs to Promote World Peace

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All of America's stock pile of intercontinental ballistic
2 missiles (ICBM) shall be dismantled; and no further production or resear
3 into ICBMs shall occur.
- 4 A. The U.S will also encourage all NATO members to follow at the p
5 of Russia in their dismantling of ICBMs.
- 6 **SECTION 2.** An intercontinental ballistic missile shall be defined as: a
7 ballistic missile with a range greater than 5,500 kilometers, primarily
8 designed for nuclear weapons delivery.
- 9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Department of Defense will oversee t
10 implementation of this bill.
- 11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect in the fiscal year 2028 All l
12 in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hillcrest High School.

A Resolution Encouraging the Observation of a National Napping Hour

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Napping is a universally cherished activity that promotes relaxation and
2 improves overall well-being; and
3 **WHEREAS,** a designated National Napping Hour would encourage individuals to take a
4 break and recharge, leading to increased workplace morale and happier,
5 more rested citizens; and
6 **WHEREAS,** naps improve cognitive function, enhance mood, and reduce stress;
7 **RESOLVED,** that the Congress here assembled encourages businesses, educational
8 institutions, and local governments to observe a National Napping hour,
9 fostering a culture of rest and productivity.

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Skyline High School.

A Bill to Increase Federal Minimum Wage to Better Sustain life in the US

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall increase the federal minimum wage to \$14.42 an
2 hour to reflect the national average cost of living.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Federal minimum wage is a national rule for the lowest hourly wage an
4 employer can pay their employee, currently set at \$7.25 an hour. Cost of
5 living shall be defined as the amount of money a person needs to spend to
6 cover the cost of all items essential to life.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** This bill shall be overseen and enforced by the US Department of Labor.
- 8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2026. All laws in conflict with this
9 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Idaho Falls High School.

A Bill to Ban the Use of Harmful Chemicals in the Preservation of Produced, Packaged, and Processed Foods

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States will remove and regulate the use of harmful chemical
2 preservatives from foods, imported and locally sourced, to help prevent
3 death and diseases that may be caused by ingesting these chemicals.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** The list of chemical preservatives to be banned in commercially produced,
5 packaged, and processed food includes, but is not limited to, butylated
6 hydroxytoluene, potassium bromate, sodium nitrates, and some parabens.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** The FDA's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN) will oversee the
8 enforcement of this bill.
- 9 A. No more than 2% of taxpayer dollars will go into the manufacturing of
10 testing labs to help create safer food preservatives.
- 11 B. Foods produced before the passing of this bill will still be sold or given to
12 community food banks to help prevent food waste.
- 13 C. All foods produced, packaged, and processed within the United States will
14 be required to meet these guidelines before being sold commercially.
- 15 D. All foods produced, packaged, or processed as imports outside of the
16 United States will be required to meet these guidelines in order to be sold
17 commercially.
- 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 West Plains High School

The Congressional Salary Accountability Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Federal senators and representatives shall henceforth be paid an annual salary equal to the
3 average per capita income of the state they have been elected to represent.

4 **SECTION 2.** The amount of this salary shall be updated at the start of each fiscal year and shall be
5 determined using the most recent figures acquired by the Census Bureau's annual
6 American Community Survey (ACS).

7 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of the Treasury.

8 **SECTION 4.** Per the Twenty-seventh Amendment to the Constitution, this legislation shall take effect at
9 the start of the first full fiscal year that follows the 2024 election.

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

A Bill to Encourage NATO Allies to Increase Defense Investment

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall temporarily cease funding to the North Atlantic Treaty
2 Organization (NATO) until other member countries demonstrate a commitment
3 to increasing their defense investment.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Member countries will be considered committed once they spend at least 2.5%
5 of their GDP towards defense spending.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Defense shall annually assess each NATO member's
7 defense expenditure to ensure compliance with the investment target.
- 8 A. The U.S. government shall engage in diplomatic efforts to encourage allies to
9 fulfill their defense spending commitments which will include but is not limited
10 to bilateral meetings, public statements, official dialogues with leaders, and
11 more.
- 12 B. If a country is unwilling to show their commitment to increasing investment
13 within 2 years of the implementation of this legislation, the US will advocate for
14 the removal of this country from NATO.
- 15 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect FY 2025.
- 16 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Prosper High School.

A Bill to Ban Political Action Committees (PACs)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** To strengthen the United States’ governmental institutions and reduce corporate
 2 spending in federal management, the United States Congress shall:
 3 A. Ban all variations of Political Action Committees, including, but not limited to,
 4 Corporate PACs, Leadership PACs, Super PACs, and Hybrid PACs.
 5 B. Legislatively overrule *Citizens United v. FEC* to eliminate corporate and non-profit
 6 money expenditures that directly advocate for the election or defeat of
 candidates.
- 7 **SECTION 2.** A. The term “Political Action Committee” or “PAC” shall be defined as a
 8 tax-exempt organization under IRS Section 527 that receives campaign contributions
 9 from its members to provide campaign funding for or against
 10 candidates, ballot initiatives, or legislation.
 11 B. *Citizens United v. FEC* refers to a 2010 Supreme Court case that overturned *Austin*
 12 *v. Michigan State Chamber of Commerce*, which prohibited independent expenditures
 13 by corporations.
 14 The Federal Election Commission (FEC) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) shall
 15 be responsible for the enforcement and implementation of this legislation.
- 16 **SECTION 3.** A. The FEC shall be responsible for investigating violations and imposing civil
 17 penalties,
 18 among other measures on a case-by-case basis, to ensure compliance with the ban.
 19 B. The IRS shall be responsible for revoking the tax-exempt status and deregistering
 20 all PACs.
 21 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage. All laws in conflict with this
 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by The Village School.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lake Travis High School.