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# Internet Accountability Act of 2024

- SECTION 1.** Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act of 1996 (47 U.S.C. § 230) is hereby repealed, thereby holding online platforms accountable for content published on their platforms and addressing the modern responsibilities of internet service providers in regulating harmful and unlawful content.
- SECTION 2.** Online platforms, internet service providers, and social media companies will no longer be granted blanket immunity from liability for third-party content on their platforms and will be subject to federal and state laws governing defamation, privacy, intellectual property infringement, and other harms related to user-generated content, similar to traditional publishers.
- SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Department of Justice (DOJ) shall oversee the enforcement of this Act. The FTC, in collaboration with the Department of Justice, shall conduct a study on the impact of this Act on the digital economy, small businesses, and user protections. This study shall be completed within two years of enactment and presented to Congress.
- SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on April 1, 2025.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted for Congressional Debate by East Ridge High School.*

# A Bill to Ban Red 40

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** Red 40, also known as Allura Red AC or Red No. 40, is hereby banned from use in all food, beverages, medications, and cosmetic products sold or manufactured within the United States.

**SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this legislation:

- A. Red 40 refers to the synthetic dye derived from petroleum known as Allura Red AC or Red No. 40, commonly used as a color additive in food, beverages, and personal care products.
- B. Manufactured products include any items produced within the United States that contain Red 40 as an ingredient.
- C. Sold products include any products sold within U.S. borders, regardless of country of origin.

**SECTION 3.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will oversee the regulation and enforcement of this ban, and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) will manage marketing and advertisement compliance regarding products that previously included Red 40.

**SECTION 4.** Funding for this legislation will be appropriated from the Department of Health and Human Services budget and allocated to the FDA and FTC as necessary.

**SECTION 5.** This law shall take effect on January 1, 2026, allowing companies a one-year transition period to reformulate or discontinue affected products.

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

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# Capital Gains Tax Abolition Act of 2024

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1:** The Capital Gains Tax shall be repealed as follows:

- A. Sections of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, specifically Section 1222, which outlines definitions and provisions for capital gains, shall be amended to remove any distinction between ordinary income and capital gains for taxation purposes; and
- B. Subchapter P of Chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, titled "Capital Gains and Losses," is hereby repealed in its entirety; and
- C. Section 1201, regarding alternative taxes on capital gains, is repealed to remove any reference to a separate taxation rate for capital gains.

**SECTION 2.** Within two years after the effective date of this Act, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) and the Joint Committee on Taxation (JCT) shall conduct and publish a report assessing the economic and fiscal impacts of the repeal of the capital gains tax.

**SECTION 3.** THE Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will oversee the implementation of this Act.

**SECTION 4.** This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2025, and apply to all taxable years beginning or after this date.

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

*Respectfully submitted for Congressional Debate by Eagan High School.*

# A Bill to Increase the Minimum Wage for Servers

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1    **SECTION 1.**   Servers across the U.S. will have an increased wage of \$17.00 an hour.
- 2    **SECTION 2.**   A server is someone who works in a restaurant taking orders from
- 3                      customers and delivering them to them.
- 4                      A.        A “restaurant” must be a physical location;
- 5                      B.        With the exception of food ordering platforms such as Uber Eats
- 6                                      and Grubhub.
- 7    **SECTION 3.**   The Department of Labor will be tasked with overseeing the
- 8                      implementation of this legislation.
- 9    **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026.
- 10   **SECTION 5.**   All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bloomington Debate.*

# A Bill to Open the Southern Land Border

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   The U.S. will abolish all southern land borders in the United States of  
2                                   America.
- 3   **SECTION 2.**   Any nonviolent individual may enter the country and be initially granted  
4                                   one of the following:
- 5                                   A.   Work Visa;  
6                                   B.   Greencard;  
7                                   C.   Permanent residency;  
8                                   D.   Asylum; or  
9                                   E.   Citizenship
- 10  **SECTION 3.**   The Department of Homeland Security will be in charge of implementation  
11                                   and oversight. Upon approving plans, the Department of Defense will  
12                                   allocate 100 billion dollars to fund this bill.
- 13                                   A.   Everyone currently living in the U.S. without documentation must  
14                                   obtain formal documentation to further reside in the United States  
15                                   of America.
- 16  **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect on April 1, 2027.
- 17  **SECTION 5.**   All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Edina High School.*

# **Inclusive Special Education Reform Act**

- SECTION 1.** Beginning in Fiscal Year 2026, the federal government shall incrementally increase funding for IDEA to meet 40% of the average per-student expenditure for all eligible students with disabilities within five years of enactment, as initially authorized in IDEA.
- SECTION 2.** The Secretary of Education shall establish grants for Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to hire and retain specialized staff and offer competitive salaries and benefits to reduce turnover among specialized staff.
- SECTION 3.** This legislation will be funded by repealing the following two fossil fuel subsidies: Intangible Drilling Costs (IDC), codified under IRC § 263(c), and Percentage Depletion Allowance (PDA), Codified under IRC § 613 and § 613A. Repealing these two subsidies will generate about \$1 billion annually or \$13 billion over 10 years.
- SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect October 1, 2025.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted for Congressional Debate by East Ridge High School.

## A Bill to Implement a Policy of Engagement with Afghanistan

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1     **SECTION 1.**     The U.S. federal government will gradually enter restricted diplomatic  
2                             activities with the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan.
- 3     **SECTION 2.**     Engagement does not entail legitimizing the Taliban, standardizing  
4                             diplomatic relations with the Taliban, or realizing full relations. Engagement  
5                             will include collaboration on projects that improve the human rights  
6                             conditions of refugees and oppressed peoples within Afghanistan and  
7                             negotiations to stabilize Afghanistan and the wider region.
- 8     **SECTION 3.**     The Department of State and the Under Secretary for Global Affairs will  
9                             oversee the implementation and enforcement of this bill.
- 10                         A. The Under Secretary of Global Affairs will lead the enforcement of this  
11                             bill, emphasizing the United States of America's focus on human rights.
- 12    **SECTION 4.**     This legislation will take effect upon passage.
- 13    **SECTION 5.**     All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Edina High School.*



# A Bill to Decriminalization All Drugs

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** To change the United States' war on drugs policy, the following  
3 actions will be taken:

4 A. The use and possession for personal use of all drugs will be  
5 decriminalized.

6 B. The Federal Government will establish drug rehabilitation centers  
7 throughout the United States. Access to these programs will be  
8 free under existing Affordable Care Act plans or other federal  
9 programs.

10 C. The Federal Government will set up safe injection sites throughout  
11 the United States.

12 **SECTION 2.** Decriminalization shall be defined as the removal of criminal  
13 sanctions against an action. Drugs shall be defined as medicine or  
14 other substances that have a physiological effect when ingested or  
15 otherwise introduced into the body.

16 **SECTION 3.** The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), in tandem with the  
17 Department of Justice, will work to ensure the implementation of this  
18 legislation. Funding of this legislation is through the discretionary  
19 budget of the Department of Defense and a 1% income tax on the top  
20 5% of all income earners.

21 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on September 1, 2025.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Robbinsdale Cooper High School.*