

22nd Annual Lincoln Southwest Silver Talon Debate Tournament Congress Docket



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1. A Bill To Lower The Voting Age To 16 In Federal Elections

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The voting age in the United States shall be lowered to 16 for all federal
3 elections.

4 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this act, voting age shall be defined as the minimum
5 age in which U.S. citizens are permitted to vote in federal elections.

6 For the purposes of this act, federal elections shall be defined as including
7 all presidential elections and congressional elections.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Commission shall have the power to enforce the
9 provisions of this bill by ensuring 16 and 17-year-olds are able to register
10 and successfully vote and shall have the power to punish states that are
11 preventing 16 and 17-year-olds from voting in federal elections.

12 A. Congress shall encourage and incentivize state and local governments
13 to lower their voting ages to 16 as well.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect as soon as it is passed. All laws in conflict
15 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Millard West High School

2. A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Protect the Right to Healthcare

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
3 shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
4 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within
5 seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

6 **ARTICLE --**

7 **SECTION 1:** Healthcare, including the treatment and prevention of
8 illness shall hereby be the right of all persons lawfully
9 residing within the United States.

10 **SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
11 appropriate legislation.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln Southwest High School.

3. A Bill to Eradicate All Billionaires

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A tax called the End Billionaire Wealth Tax will be imposed on those
3 whose net worth is more than \$999 million.

4 **A.** The tax rate between \$999 million and \$1 billion will be 100%.

5 **B.** For those with a net worth of \$1 billion or more, the tax rate will be
6 100% on the amount that is more than \$1 billion.

7 **SECTION 2.** The revenue collected from the End Billionaire Wealth Tax shall be
8 allocated to future congressional legislation as follows:

9 **A.** 50% will be used to fund health care, including the switch to universal.

10 **B.** 30% will be dedicated to education, including free tuition for high
11 education and increased funding for public schools.

12 **C.** The remaining 20% will be used in infrastructure projects.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) shall enforce this piece of legislation.

14 **A.** The IRS will be tasked with creating a specialized unit who will monitor
15 and verify the net worth of those deemed as taxable.

16 **B.** Punishments for not complying with the IRS will include large fines and
17 criminal prosecution as the IRS sees fit.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the start of the 2026 FY. All laws in
19 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln East

4. A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Establish Congressional Term Limits

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2 RESOLVED, by two thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following
3 article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States,
4 which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
5 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven
6 years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

7 ARTICLE

8 **SECTION 1:** Article I Sections 2 and 3 of the Constitution will be amended to
9 include term limits for members of Congress. Members of the Senate will be
10 limited to two terms. Members of the House of Representatives will be limited
11 to six terms. These terms will be cumulatively exclusive, meaning members must
12 serve their terms in one house only, and upon expiration of the term, they will be
13 excused from Congress.

14 **SECTION 2:** Members of Congress Serving when this amendment is ratified will
15 complete their current term in office. If the current term reaches the new limits,
16 they will not be able to run again.

17 **SECTION 3:** Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate
18 legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln Southeast High School.

5. A Bill to End Extraordinary Rendition

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The United States will end all acts of extraordinary rendition
3. A. All departments and agencies with budgets that fall under the Department of
4. Defense, Central Intelligence Agency, Department of Homeland Security, National Security
5. Agency, and the Department of State shall develop internal training and protocols for monitoring,
6. investigating, and reporting any acts of extraordinary rendition.
7. B. Any reports of extraordinary rendition shall be exempt from the prohibition of including
8. classified material as part of a whistleblowing report.
9. **SECTION 2.** Extraordinary rendition shall be defined as the transfer—without legal
10. process—of a detainee to the custody of (a) a foreign government or (b) a US overseas facility for
11. purposes of detention and interrogation.
12. **SECTION 3.** The Office of Policy and Evaluation (OPE) shall enforce this legislation.
13. A. Each agency shall be required annually to provide and document employee training on
14. extraordinary rendition. Funding for training shall come from current operational budgets. Failure
15. to conduct and document training will result in a 3% reduction in budget for the following fiscal
16. year.
17. B. After receiving a whistleblower report, the involved agency or agencies and the OPE shall
18. jointly conduct an investigation into the allegation. Confirmed allegation shall result in the
19. immediate dismissal of any involved employees, agents, independent contractors, and those
20. serving in a supervisory capacity over involved individuals. Dismissal shall also include the
21. revocation of any retirement or pension benefits.
22. C. Individuals who submit a whistleblower report shall receive all federal protections for
23. whistleblowers under the Civil Service Reform Act.
24. **SECTION 4.** Agencies will have twelve months from the passage of this legislation to conduct
25. the first annual training. Whistleblower protections and the removal of the prohibition on
26. classified material shall begin immediately after passage.
27. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Norfolk High School

6. A Bill to Address the Housing Crisis

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.**
3. A. For each number of single-family residences over three (3) that an individual or company owns, a
4. federal tax will be imposed. That tax, called the Fourth Home Tax, will be 40% of the assessed value of
5. the residence. The assessed value of the residence will be based on the value determined for state
6. property tax purposes.
7. B. A new nonimmigrant visa category for home construction laborers called the W Visa will be created. W
8. visa holders can only work in construction of single family homes. There is a cap of 100,000 workers per
9. year allotted for this visa. The system for administering the W visa will be modeled after the process
10. used for H1B visas.
11. C. The Housing and Urban Development budget for Extremely Low-Income Housing Supply Subsidy will
12. be increased from \$15 billion to \$50 billion to provide \$25 billion for critically needed new
13. Project-Based Rental Assistance (PBRA) contracts to encourage housing production that is affordable to
14. the lowest-income households, and \$25 billion to modernize, substantially rehabilitate, and preserve
15. existing, distressed public housing. Funding to make housing vouchers available to all veterans with
16. extremely low incomes will be increased from \$13.1 billion to \$50 billion, and funding to provide
17. guaranteed housing voucher assistance for all youth aging out of foster care beginning in 2026 will
18. be increased from \$9.2 billion to \$30 billion.
19. **SECTION 2.** Single family home is defined as all real property with dwellings designed for occupancy by
20. one family or duplexes designed for occupancy by two families.
21. **SECTION 3.** This shall be enforced by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Any person or
22. company in violation of owning more than three single family homes without paying the Fourth Home
23. Tax must pay 200% of each house's original price to the Housing Trust Fund. Any person or company in
24. violation of owning more than 3 homes without paying the fine will additionally be subject to 6 months
25. jail time.
26. **SECTION 4.** This shall be implemented one year after the passage of this legislation. All laws in conflict
27. with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Marian High School

7. A Resolution to Increase Tax Funding Going Towards Medical Research

1. **WHEREAS,** The United States should increase tax funding going towards
2. medical research because we don't give enough and this is overall affecting our
3. research towards finding cures for diseases and viruses; and
4. **WHEREAS,** Medical research can help to find cures or can get more
5. information on diseases every single day; and
6. **WHEREAS,** Medical research can help to find out treatments that will work
7. best for everyone; now, therefore, be it
8. **RESOLVED,** By this Congress that we increase tax funding going towards
9. medical research.

Introduced by Millard South High School

8. A Bill to Require and Promote Native and Drought-Resistant Vegetation

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1a:** All new residential developments and major renovations to existing homes
2. involving more than 25% of the property are required to dedicate 25% of
3. their outdoor lawn space to native vegetation or drought-resistant plants.
4. **SECTION 1b:** Homeowners living in regions identified by the Environmental Protection
5. Agency (EPA) as experiencing a natural wildlife habitat crisis must
6. dedicate 15% of their outdoor lawn space to native vegetation. These
7. areas are identified based on wildlife population decline, loss of habitat, or
8. significant ecological disruption. The homeowners will still be able to
9. receive the tax credit, but compliance is mandatory. Compliance will be
10. monitored by local environmental agencies. Homeowners in these areas
11. who fail to meet this requirement will be subject to fines starting at \$300
12. annually until compliance is achieved.
13. **SECTION 1c:** Existing homeowners outside of Section 1a and 1b will be incentivized to
14. convert 10% of their current lawn space into native vegetation or
15. drought-resistant plants. These homeowners will receive a federal tax
16. credit of up to \$1,500 per property for the cost of conversion.
17. **SECTION 2:** Definitions:
18. Native vegetation is defined as plants naturally occurring in a region prior
19. to human intervention, contributing to local biodiversity. Drought-resistant
20. plants are defined as species requiring significantly less water than
21. conventional lawns, reducing water consumption.
22. **SECTION 3:** This bill will be overseen by the Department of Housing and Urban
23. Development (HUD), in partnership with the EPA and local environmental
24. agencies. HUD will allocate:
25. - \$1 billion annually for the tax credit and incentive programs.
26. - \$500 million annually for program oversight, community grants,
27. and environmental education.
28. **SECTION 4:** This legislation will go into effect on January 1, 2026.
29. **SECTION 5:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted by Hastings Senior High School

9. A Bill to Create a New Space Shuttle

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is hereby
2 authorized and instructed to develop a new reusable launch “spaceplane”
3 type vehicle and platform for human spaceflight.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** The reusable craft must be more capable than the previous Space Shuttle
5 Orbiter, and any auxiliary components must be built to such a standard that
6 they will be usable for future human spaceflight operations. NASA will
7 submit to this body the technical standards to which the new vehicle will
8 be built within 5 years, and shall only construct the vehicle upon further
9 approval by this body. The term “spaceplane” is a technical term, which is
10 defined as a vehicle which can fly and or glide in atmospheric conditions
11 while being able to simultaneously operate like a spacecraft once beyond
12 the confines of the earth. The Commercial Crew Program will end upon
13 completion of the new vehicle.
- 14 **SECTION 3.** The National Aeronautics and Space Administration will be responsible for
15 enacting this legislation.
- 16 A. The Department of Defense (DoD) is encouraged, but not required, to
17 support the development of this vehicle. If they do so, it is at their
18 discretion- both monetarily and technically. Should the DoD require any
19 technical modifications to NASA’s ideal model in order to achieve their
20 mission objectives, they will be required to fund the changes which
21 need to be made from their budget.
- 22 B. In order to accomplish this task, NASA will be allocated 10 Billion
23 Dollars for the initial development costs, with a further reallocation of
24 whatever funds are deemed appropriate in 5 years once this house
25 approves the technical standards and plans. The funding will come from
26 a new tax, which will increase the tax rate of the highest bracket by
27 0.5%, which should generate 30 Billion Dollars in Revenue for the
28 Government.
- 29 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Millard North High School

10. A Bill to Limit the Number of Guns to Reduce School Shootings

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** US households will be limited to three firearms.
- 2 **SECTION 2.** A US household is defined as those who dwell under the
3 same residential roof. A household is also defined on the city level as a
4 single residential building - multi-family units would be evaluated based on
5 the number of families residing within them.
6 A firearm is defined by US Federal Code (18 U.S. Code § 921) as (A) any
7 weapon (including a starter gun) which will or is designed to or may readily
8 be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; (B) the
9 frame or receiver of any such weapon; (C) any firearm muffler or firearm
10 silencer; or (D) any “destructive device” (see § 921-4 for more
11 information).
- 12 **SECTION 3.** The ATF would be in charge of enforcement of this law.
- 13 A. Violations would be charged as illegal possession of a firearm with a
14 sentence of 5-10 years.
- 15 B. The state gun registries would be used for the purposes of counting
16 weapons.
- 17 C. If someone is charged with a crime and during the course of
18 investigation, a federal, state, or local law enforcement officer discovers
19 more than three weapons on the property,
- 20 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2026. All laws
21 in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Omaha Central Debate.

11. A Bill to Make the Rio Grande a National Park

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Rio Grande river on the United States side of the United States and
3 Mexico border, is hereby the Rio Grande National Park.

4 **A.** The Park shall include the US side of the Rio Grande and shall extend
5 10 miles into United States territory from the river.

6 **SECTION 2.** The establishment of the Park shall not alter Mexico's water rights as laid
7 out by international treaties.

8 **A.** The management of water within the Park shall consider Mexico's
9 water needs and comply with international agreements.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of the Interior shall be tasked with overseeing this piece
11 of legislation.

12 **A.** Border patrol and security within the Park shall be assigned to federal
13 law enforcement

14 agencies such as the U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the
15 Department of

16 Homeland Security.

17 **B.** State law enforcement agencies, including those under the Texas
18 Governor's authority, shall not carry out missions or exercise authority
19 within the Park under any circumstances.

20 **SECTION 4.** To ensure the protection of human rights, the Federal Border Patrol shall
21 collaborate with humanitarian organizations in the handling of any
22 migrants or undocumented foreign persons in the park boundaries.

23 **SECTION 5.** Congress will allocate all necessary funding needed, as indicated by the
24 Department of the Interior, at the start of the next budget cycle.

25 **SECTION 6.** This legislation will take effect at the beginning of the 2026 FY. All laws in
26 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln East