

# Capitol City Classic

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## 1. A Resolution to Encourage the Executive Branch to Recognize Taiwan as a Fully Sovereign State

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   The Republic of China has long been an ally in the South Pacific; and  
2   **WHEREAS,**   The Republic of China is not currently fully recognized by the United States  
3                   Government; and  
4   **WHEREAS,**   The Republic of China is not fully diplomatically supported by the United  
5                   States Government; and  
6   **WHEREAS,**   The People’s Republic of China has been increasingly hostile towards the  
7                   United States; so be it  
8   **RESOLVED,**   That the Congress here assembled encourage the President to fully  
9                   recognize The Republic of China as a Sovereign State; and, be it  
10 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That any informal arrangements with the Republic of China be seen  
11                   as fully fledged agreements and treaties.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Millard North High School*

## 2. A Bill to Ban Hostile Architecture

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **Section 1.** The United States shall encourage cities to remove hostile architecture.

2 **Section 2.** For the sake of this legislation, the following will be defined as:

3 **A.** “Hostile Architecture” refers to design elements of public buildings and  
4 spaces that are intended to stop unwanted behavior, ex: spikes on flat  
5 surfaces and ridges in the middle of benches to stop people from sleeping  
6 there.

7 **Section 3.** \$1 million in grants will be given to every city that chooses to remove their  
8 hostile architecture.

9 **A.** Money for the grants will come from the existing military budget

10 **Section 4.** The Department of Housing and Urban Development will be in charge of  
11 overseeing this legislation.

12 **Section 5.** This legislation will take effect in 2025. All laws in conflict with this  
13 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln East.*

### 3. A Resolution to Promote Solar Punk Ideals

1. **WHEREAS**, Environmental unsustainability continues to harm ecosystems and
2. public morale; and
3. **WHEREAS**, This issue affects the well-being of current and future generations in
4. myriad ways while discouraging collective environmental action, and it has
5. caused people to develop a feeling of what is classified as doomerism because
6. of things like psychological, economic, resource, and inevitably environmental
7. collapses; and
8. **WHEREAS**, Embracing Solar Punk ideals can inspire innovation and solutions
9. that harmonize human society with nature and bring back a feeling of hope in
10. society and humanity; now, therefore, be it
11. **RESOLVED**, By this Congress that the United States government should adopt
12. measures to advance Solar Punk principles and practices to promote
13. sustainability and hope.

*Submitted for Congressional Debate by Hastings Senior High School*

## 4. A Bill to Welcome Palestinian Refugees

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.**

- A. There will be a new program modeled after the UNRWA (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees in the Near East). The UNRWA provides resources, assistance, and protection for Palestine refugees in the countries surrounding Palestine and the Middle East region. Our program would be the USRAPR (United States Relief Agency for Palestinian Refugees) providing the same support but in the U.S.
- B. The program will get 150 million dollars every fiscal year.

**SECTION 2.** A refugee will be defined as a person who has been forced to leave their country to escape war, persecution, or a natural disaster.

**SECTION 3.** The United States Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP) will implement and enforce this legislation.

- A. Violation of this legislation will result in a 2A felony charge.
- B. Any U.S. Immigration agent who denies a Palestinian refugee based on race, religion, nationality, or without a valid reason will be charged a fine of up to 25,000 dollars or 2-5 years imprisonment.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect once the bill is passed.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Millard South High School.*

## 5. A Bill to Implement a Sweet Tax

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   Any food or drink with added sugar or sugar substitutes will be taxed 1.0  
2                   cents per product ounce.
- 3   **SECTION 2.**   Added sugar as defined by the Food and Drug Administration “includes  
4                   sugars that are added during processing of foods (such as sucrose or  
5                   dextrose), foods packaged as sweeteners (such as table sugar), sugars from  
6                   syrops and honeys, and sugar from processed vegetable or fruit juice.”  
7                   Sugar substitutes include aspartame, monk fruit extract, saccharin,  
8                   sucralose, stevia, acesulfame potassium (ace-K), and cyclamate.
- 9   **SECTION 3.**   The United States Food and Drug Administration will be in charge of  
10                  implementing this bill.
- 11   **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026.
- 12   **SECTION 5.**   All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln Southwest High School.*

## 6. A Bill to Increase US Aid to Ukraine

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The *Stand with Ukraine Act of 2024* is hereby passed.
- 2 **SECTION 2.** The aforementioned Act will take effect immediately upon passage.
- 3 **SECTION 3.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln Southeast High School.*



## 7. A Resolution to Eliminate Unfunded Mandates in Education

- 1     **WHEREAS,**     the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) of 1995 has failed to reduce  
2                     unfunded mandates on PK-12 schools; and  
3     **WHEREAS,**     unfunded mandates force school districts to increase local taxes to meet their  
4                     federal requirements ; and  
5     **WHEREAS,**     the inequity in funding and mandates result in significantly different education  
6                     opportunities; now, therefore, be it  
7     **RESOLVED,**    By this Congress that the state and federal government and their subsidiary  
8                     agencies be prohibited from imposing unfunded mandates on local and  
9                     independent school districts.

*Introduced by Norfolk High School*

## 8. A Bill to Improve Assisted Living Facilities

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.**
3. A. All states are required to have state-funded assisted living facilities for elderly with disabilities.
4.           a. These facilities are required to have a psychologist and psychiatrist on staff.
5.           b. There will be a mandated ratio in these homes of 4 nurses to 1 resident.
6. B. States will be given 100 million dollars per every 1 million people above the age of 60 in their
7. state to fund the assisted living facilities.
8. C. All requests to transfer to another facility must be reviewed by an independent review board,
9. medical professionals, and social workers.
10.           a. If every other private facility is deemed unsafe, a state home is required to make a
11. place accessible to said resident.
12.                   i. Unsafe shall be defined as not having suitable or proper care available for said
13. resident to ensure proper care.
14. D. "Endangerment of others" in the Retirement Home Reform Act of 1987 will now be defined by
15. a tier list based on frequency, containability, severity, and intent.
16. E. Facilities will have the right to ban anyone from a section of the home if a patient jeopardizes
17. the safety of staff or other residents.
18. F. 1 billion dollars shall be allocated to pay for raises and hiring bonuses to encourage the
19. acquisition of more nursing staff for homes.
20. **SECTION 2.**           Assisted living facilities shall be defined as any place housing and giving daily
21. assistance to elderly people with disabilities.
22.           a. The elderly shall be defined as all people over the age of 65.
23. **SECTION 3.**           This bill shall be enforced by the Department of Justice and the Department of
24. Health and Human Services. Any home in violation of this bill will be under investigation and will
25. be shut down after 3 infractions. Each infraction will result in paying a tax of 1,000 dollars per
26. resident. Any state in violation of this review will have its highway funding taken away.
27. **SECTION 4.**           This bill shall go into effect 5 years after the passage of this bill.
28. **SECTION 5.**           All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced by Marian High School*

## 9. A Bill to Eliminate Dangerous Preservatives And Additives

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill will ban a list of preservatives and additives in the United  
3 States that can cause health issues.

4 A. A preservative is a substance used to preserve foodstuffs, wood, or other  
5 materials against decay.

6 B. An additive is a substance added to something in small quantities to  
7 improve or preserve it.

8 **SECTION 2.** The list of additives and preservatives being banned include  
9 titanium dioxide, any artificial food dye, brominated vegetable oil,  
10 BHA and BHT, and rBST.

11 **SECTION 3.** The United States Food and Drug Administration will oversee the  
12 enforcement of this bill. Any company that does not remove the  
13 listed additives and preservatives from their products will receive a  
14 yearly tax equal to 15% of their total net income.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 1st, 2026. All laws in conflict  
16 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Millard West High School.*

## 10. A Bill to Regulate Generative Artificial Intelligence Art

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **Section 1.** The United States will regulate generative artificial intelligence art by
3. establishing a set of guidelines that AI art generators must follow if they are
4. headquartered within the 50 states or any U.S. territories.
5.       A. The companies behind the AI art generators must provide a database
6.       of all the art they have collected to generate new pieces from said art.
7.       The database needs to provide attribution data (e.g. name of artist,
8.       source) for each piece of art. This database must be easily
9.       accessible/navigable for the public to view in a designated area of their
10.      website.
11.      B. Copyright holders must be notified within a month of the art being
12.      acquired by the company and provide proof of notification.
13.      C. The companies behind AI art generators must remove any piece of art
14.      they have in the database if a copyright holder requests its removal
15.      through an official form the company must provide. The company has
16.      two weeks from receiving the form to remove the piece from its
17.      database. The company must also blacklist the art to prevent its
18.      addition to the generator.
19.      D. If the company fails to remove the piece of art from their database after
20.      two weeks, they will be fined \$100 for every piece they failed to remove
21.      by the request of the copyright holder. If the same copyright holder
22.      requests additional removals after two weeks from their last request of
23.      removal, the fine will increase by \$100 for each removal.
24.      E. The company must also document the method they use to receive the
25.      data and art for the generators and release quarterly reports through
26.      the website database. These reports must at least include the sources
27.      used for the data and the method of collecting the data.
28. **Section 2.** AI art generators shall be defined as tools, software, or platforms that
29. utilize artificial intelligence algorithms to analyze and synthesize visual or
30. graphical outputs by referencing existing works, particularly those created by
31. humans.
32. **Section 3.** The United States Copyright Office will oversee this legislation. The
33. annual budget of the Copyright Office will be increased by \$125 million in order to
34. hire and pay more employees.
35. **Section 4.** This shall be fully implemented by the fiscal year October 1, 2026.
36. **Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
37. void.

*Respectfully submitted by Hastings Senior High School*

## 11. A Resolution for the United States to Intervene in Haiti

1. **WHEREAS,** In 2021, the democratically elected President Jovenel Moïse
2. was assassinated in Haiti; and
3. **WHEREAS,** A 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck the country weeks
4. later leading to more political disarray; and
5. **WHEREAS,** A violent gang insurrection has grown in Haiti; and
6. **WHEREAS,** The Haitian Government has collapsed as a result of the
7. instability; and
8. **WHEREAS,** It has led to major humanitarian crises, violence across the
9. country, the death and kidnapping of thousands of Haitians; and
10. **WHEREAS,** The United Nations requires more support from member nations
11. to stop the violence in Haiti; now, therefore, be it
12. **RESOLVED,** By this Congress assembled here that the United States
13. initiates military intervention and aids the United Nations' effort to bring
14. peace and stability in Haiti; and, be it
15. **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the United States should strive to help the people
16. of Haiti and create a path to strengthen relations with the nation.

*Introduced by Marian High School*

## 12. A Bill to Fix the Foster Care System

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal government will allocate 10 billion dollars to the Department  
3 of Health and Human Services to improve the foster care system.

4 **SECTION 2.** Improvements/use of the funds would include:

5 a.) Routine healthcare checks on the children in the foster homes.

- 6 ● Regular medical, dental, and mental health screenings for all  
7 children in foster care, with mandatory reporting of results to case  
8 managers,
- 9 ● Establishment of a universal healthcare record system accessible  
10 to authorized CPS agents for real-time updates

11 b.) The hiring of more CPS agents & case managers.

- 12 ● Hiring and training an additional 20,000 CPS agents and case  
13 managers nationwide to ensure lower caseloads per agent, aiming  
14 for a maximum of 15 cases per worker,
- 15 ● Instituting a nationwide database for CPS agents to track foster  
16 care placements, case histories, and family reunification efforts,
- 17 ● Increasing funding for continuous professional development of  
18 CPS agents to ensure trauma-informed care practices

19 c.) Stricter background checks on foster parents.

- 20 ● Mandatory nationwide criminal background checks,  
21 fingerprinting, and interviews with all household members over  
22 age 12 in prospective foster homes,
- 23 ● Periodic re-evaluation of foster homes every two years, including  
24 unannounced visits, to ensure compliance with federal and state  
25 standards,
- 26 ● Creation of public accountability and review system for foster  
27 homes with repeated complaints

28 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the  
29 enforcement of this bill. States that refuse to use the funds as directed  
30 will not receive the additional funds.

31 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2026.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Millard West High School.*