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A Bill to Protect Children From Social Media

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** No social media platform shall permit citizens of the United States under the age
2 of 16 to sign up for or maintain an account on their service. It shall be the
3 responsibility of social media platforms to monitor and ensure the ages of their
4 users in order to comply with this legislation.

5 **SECTION 2.** The 42 USC § 1862w(a)(2) definition of a social media platform shall be
6 utilized: “a website or internet medium that— (A) permits a person to become a
7 registered user, establish an account, or create a profile for the purpose of
8 allowing users to create, share, and view user-generated content through such an
9 account or profile; (B) enables 1 or more users to generate content that can be
10 viewed by other users of the medium; and (C) primarily serves as a medium for
11 users to interact with content generated by other users of the medium.”

12 **SECTION 3.** Any domestic social media platform that violates this legislation shall be fined
13 \$5000 for each underaged user found to be registered and/or maintaining an
14 account on their service. Any domestic platform with more than 10 violations in a
15 365-day period shall be banned from conducting business for a period of at least
16 5 years. Any foreign social media platform that violates this legislation shall be
17 immediately and permanently blocked from all United States’ web servers and
18 devices.

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

21 **SECTION 5.** . This legislation shall take effect on January 19, 2026.

22 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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A Bill to Preserve Net Neutrality

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) shall reclassify Internet
2 service providers as common carriers under the Communications Act of
3 1934 to preserve net neutrality.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** A) “Net neutrality” is the principle that all Internet traffic be treated equally
5 by Internet service providers without discrimination or favoritism based on
6 the type of content or method of communication.
- 7 B) “Internet service providers” shall be defined as any organization
8 providing users with Internet access. C)
9 “Common carriers” shall be defined as any company that transports goods
10 for a fee and whose services are open to the general public.
- 11 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Communications Commission shall oversee implementation of
12 this bill.
- 13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 20, 2025 at 12:01pm.
- 14 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Regis High School

A Bill to Impose a Sugar Tax

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government should implement a federal sugar tax
3 on any food and/or drink items that contains more than the five percent
4 recommended daily value (DV) of added sugar.

5 **SECTION 2.** Daily value shall be defined as the percentage that shows how much of a 6
6 nutrient in a serving of food contributes to the total diet. 7 Sugar shall be
7 defined as a sweet crystalline substance obtained from 8 various plants,
8 especially sugar cane and sugar beet, consisting essentially 9 of sucrose, and
9 used as a sweetener in food and drink.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Internal Revenue
11 Service (IRS) will oversee the implementation of this bill. Any business not
12 in compliance will receive a fine of \$100,000

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Berkeley Carroll School

A Resolution to Join the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Seas

WHEREAS Successful international maritime commerce and marine activities require shared values, goals, and standards; and

WHEREAS The failure of our nation to join with and support the international community in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) amounts to an unfair abuse of our unparalleled power on the global stage and limits our neighbors from meeting their own economic potential; and

WHEREAS Becoming party to UNCLOS would also serve to benefit national security and better position us to collaborate with our neighbors to protect ocean ecosystems; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED by the Congress here assembled that the President is called upon to sign onto UNCLOS and so at long last to affirm our nation's commitment to equitable and fair maritime commerce and marine activities between nations; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that, should the President answer this call, we implore all Senators to vote to ratify UNCLOS.

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A Bill to Require Comprehensive Sexual Education in Public Schools to Decrease Sexual Violence

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2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

3 **SECTION 1.** The U.S Federal Government shall hereby create a comprehensive
4 curriculum covering Consent, Sexual Identity, Sexual Orientation, Sexually
5 Transmitted Diseases and Infections, Sexual Assault and Resources that
6 shall be implemented in all Public High Schools that receive Federal
7 Funding.

8 **SECTION 2.** The US Department of Education will work with State Departments of
9 Education to develop a unique curriculum that covers each topic in each
10 state.

11 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Education may leverage federal funding of schools
12 to enforce this legislation. Specific entities in charge of education in states
13 shall leverage state funding to enforce this legislation.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect by the 2025-26 School Year

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Syosett High School

A Bill to Reduce Corporate Emissions

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Corporations who fail to significantly decrease their carbon emissions by 2035 must purchase carbon credits to offset their excess emissions.

SECTION 2. “Carbon Credits” are tradable permits representing the right to emit one metric ton of carbon dioxide or its equivalent. These credits are typically purchased to offset carbon emissions by funding projects that aim to reduce carbon emissions elsewhere. A significant decrease in emissions shall be defined as a 25% overall reduction in a company’s carbon emissions from 2025 to 2035.

SECTION 3. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shall work in conjunction with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to oversee the implementation of this bill.

A. Corporations shall be required to submit annual reports to the EPA detailing their carbon emissions and efforts to reduce their emissions.

B. Corporations will be forced to purchase carbon credits valued at \$20 per metric ton of excess carbon emissions if they fail to significantly decrease their emissions by 2035.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Regis High School

A Bill to Ban Tackle Football From Public Schools

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall implement a ban on all organized Tackle Football in
3 Public Schools.

4 **SECTION 2.** Public school shall be defined as any Public Elementary, Middle, or High
5 school. Organized Tackle Football shall be defined as any school-organized
6 and run team or club that holds practice or competes against other schools in
7 traditional American/Gridiron football.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall oversee the implantation of this bill.

9 A. Any school or district that fails to comply with this legislation shall
10 receive 50% of its government funding until compliance is met.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect for the athletic season that most aligns with
12 the 2026-2027 School Year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by The Berkeley Carroll School

A Resolution to Encourage Recognition of Western Sahara

1 **WHEREAS** Principles of self-determination and democracy, which we in the
2 United States claim to hold dear, demand that we support Indigenous
3 peoples seeking self-government, as the Sahrawi people have long
4 been attempting to do with the state of the Sahrawi Arab Democratic
5 Republic, commonly referred to as Western Sahara; and
6 **WHEREAS** International law and cooperation similarly demands that we respect
7 and uphold the 1975 International Court of Justice Advisory Opinion
8 on Western Sahara which found that Morocco has no right to rule over
9 Western Sahara if the Sahrawi wish to govern themselves; and
10 **WHEREAS** Recognition of Western Sahara would have positive consequences in
11 terms of humanitarianism and local geopolitical stability, while also
12 opening up strategic economic and defense opportunities for the
13 United States in the region; now, therefore be it
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15 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that the Executive Branch is strongly
16 encouraged to recognize the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic and
17 to establish an embassy in El Aaiún as soon as is practicable; and be it
18 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress encourages the rest of the international
19 community to make haste in following suit.
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A Bill to Implement Desalination Plants in the United States

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The U.S Federal Government shall hereby invest in desalination plants
3 within a 50-mile radius of at-risk coastal cities.

4 **SECTION 2A.**Desalination plants shall be defined as industrial facilities that use chemical
5 or physical processes to reduce or recover salt concentrations from water
6 supplies.

7 **SECTION 2B.**Coastal cities shall be defined as cities located on the interface or transition
8 areas between land and sea, including large inland lakes with access to
9 saltwater.

10 **SECTION 2C.** “At risk” shall be defined as cities that experience drought on average of at
11 least one month per year according to data provided by the Environmental
12 Protection Agency (EPA) since 2015.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Interior (DOI) will be given 20 billion dollars to be
14 allotted to private and state entities for the creation of desalination plants.
15 The Bureau of Reclamation will be tasked with investing an additional 20
16 million dollars into research and development through grants. The
17 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will regulate the disposal of brine
18 and other waste products.

19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1st, 2026.

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

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