

# **CONGRESSIONAL BILL BOOK**

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**SESSION 1** shall consider Legislation A, B, C, G, and H in whatever order the Chamber determines.

**SESSION 2** shall consider Legislation D, E, F, I, and J in whatever order the Chamber determines.

**The proposed legislation contained herein is reprinted exactly as submitted to the JCFL Moderator with the following exceptions:**

- (1) reformatting for clarity and consistence;
- (2) addition of any missing portion of the standard preamble stating "BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:", and
- (3) addition of any missing portion of the standard postscript stating "*Introduced for Congressional Debate by [name of school].*"

**All other diction, spelling, punctuation, grammar, and syntax are the same as that which appears in the original submission.**

# LEGISLATION – A

## Bail Equity Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1     **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall base bail on the monthly wage  
2                   of the defendant. Bail shall be set based on the fiscal class of the defendant  
3                   based on their federal tax bracket. The appointed judge of the trial will set  
4                   bail based on the percentage that would be extracted based on the  
5                   defendant’s IRS tax bracket. Bail for those accused of violent crimes can be  
6                   augmented based on the severity of the crime.

7     **SECTION 2.** Bail shall be defined the amount of money defendants must post to be  
8                   released from custody until their trial.

9                   Annual wage shall be defined as the total value of income earned during a  
10                  fiscal year.

11                 Tax brackets shall be determined through the I.R.S.’s filing of which bracket  
12                 the defendant is classified.

13                 Bail Rate: 10 percent - \$0 to \$11,600;

14                                 12 percent - \$11,601 to \$47,150;

15                                 22 percent - \$47,151 to \$100,525;

16                                 24% - \$100,526 to 15 \$191,950;

17                                 32 percent - \$191,951 to \$243,725;

18                                 35 percent - \$16 243,726 to \$609,350;

19                                 37 percent - \$609,351 or more

20     **SECTION 3.** The Judicial Conference of the United States shall oversee the implementation  
                    of this bill; the Department of Justice shall enforce the legislation.

21     **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately after passing. All laws in conflict  
22                   with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Madison Central High School.*

## LEGISLATION – B

### The Interstate Trucking Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1     **SECTION 1:** This Act shall add a new tax, the Interstate Trucking Tax, which will apply  
2                   to trucks that pass state lines. The tax shall be 2% of the value of the goods  
3                   that the truck is carrying. The tax shall only be calculated once per trip, even  
4                   if the truck passes multiple state lines.

5     **SECTION 2:** This Act shall create the Interstate Trucking Agency which shall oversee the  
6                   implementation of this legislation.

7     **SECTION 3:** If any company violates this Act, they shall pay 10,000\$ per violation and will  
8                   add another 1,000\$ dollars per additional violation.

9     **SECTION 4:** The Interstate Trucking Agency shall establish areas to collect the tax.

10    **SECTION 5:** Truck shall be defined by The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration  
11                   and shall not consist of a vehicle by a small business, which is defined by the  
12                   US Small Business Administration and shall not consist of cars that belong to  
13                   individuals. Trip shall be defined as one planned route that the truck will use,  
14                   stopping for no longer than 5 hours.

15    **SECTION 6:** The Interstate Trucking Agency shall create posts to stop and tax trucks  
16                   passing through different states.

17    **SECTION 7:** The Interstate Trucking Agency shall receive 100 million dollars to build these  
18                   posts.

19    **SECTION 8:** Any part of any other legislation that is in conflict with this legislation shall be  
20                   considered, null and void. This legislation shall go into effect 2 years after this  
21                   legislation passes.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Germantown High School*

## LEGISLATION – C

### A Bill to Create Battery Energy Storage Systems

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1     **SECTION 1.** The United States shall hereby allocate 500 million USD towards creating  
2                     utility-scaled Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) nationwide to strive  
3                     toward a more consistent and efficient energy supply.

4     **SECTION 2.** A utility-scaled BESS is defined as a large-scale system that stores excess  
5                     energy generated by renewable sources like wind, solar, and hydro in  
6                     rechargeable batteries.

7     **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Energy will oversee the implementation of  
8                     this bill.

9                     A. System construction will be distributed evenly across all states,  
10                     regardless of population or demand.

11    **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on October 1, 2025. All laws in conflict with  
12                     this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by St. Andrew's Episcopal School.*

## LEGISLATION – D

### The Free Trade Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1     **SECTION 1.**     The United States Federal Government will repeal all its embargos and  
2                             economic sanctions on foreign nations.
- 3     **SECTION 2.**     Economic sanctions are a form of economic restriction to other nations  
4                             that exist to limit trade between powers.  
5                             Embargoes are a form of economic sanctions that can limit all or most of  
6                             another nation's trade of resources.
- 7     **SECTION 3.**     The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), a division of he United States  
8                             Department of Treasury (USDOT), will implement and enforce this  
9                             legislation.
- 10    **SECTION 4.**     This legislation will take effect on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2027. All laws in conflict  
11                             with this legislation are considered null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Madison Central High School.*

## LEGISLATION – E

### A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Reform the Senate

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 seven  
5                   years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

6                                                             **ARTICLE --**

7                   **SECTION 1:** The method of Senate apportionment shall be changed as  
8                                                             follows: A) Each state shall be initially apportioned one  
9                                                             senator. B) The remaining seats in the Senate shall be allocated  
10                                                            using the priority value method used by the Census Bureau to  
11                                                            apportion House seats, with the provision that no state shall be  
12                                                            allocated more than four senators. Derivation of the formula  
13                                                            and implementation will be achieved through the Census Bureau.

14                   **SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by  
15                                                            appropriate legislation.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by St. Andrew's Episcopal School.*

## LEGISLATION – F

### A Bill to Support Multi-Child Families to Encourage Increased Birth Rates

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1    **SECTION 1.** The Congress of the United States will hereby support the presence of Multi  
2                   Child Families.
- 3    **SECTION 2.** Multi-Child families will be defined as families with more than 1 child.
- 4    **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the Department of Education (ED), and  
5                   the US Census Bureau shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.
- 6                   A. Benefits under the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit shall be  
7                   increased by 75% for families with 2 or more children.
- 8                   B. Funding for childcare facilities in locations where there are many  
9                   Multi-Child families will be increased as decided by the  
10                  Department of Education.
- 11                  C. Areas defined as hosting “many Multi-Child families” will be classified  
12                  by the US Census Bureau.
- 13   **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2026. All laws in conflict with this  
14                   legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Oxford High School.*



## LEGISLATION – G

### A Bill to Establish Universal Preschool

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1     **SECTION 1.** The United States Department of Education will integrate universal preschool  
2                   into the public school system.

3     **SECTION 2.** Universal Preschool is a publicly funded and tuition-free program for  
4                   age-eligible children. Age eligible children are children who are between the  
5                   ages of 2-5 years old.

6     **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Education will oversee and enforce this  
7                   legislation.

8                   A. The DOE shall have a budget of \$40 billion per annum.

9                   B. Subsidies shall be given to the early childhood providers within the \$40  
10                  billion budget.

11                  C. Construction and educational material costs such as furniture,  
12                  assessments, and books will be paid for within the \$40 billion budget.

13    **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2027. All laws in conflict with this  
14                  legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by anonymous.*

# LEGISLATION – H

## A Bill to Ban Planned Obsolescence

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1     **SECTION 1.** The United States will hereby ban the business practice of planned  
2                   obsolescence on all products made or sold commercially in the U.S.
- 3     **SECTION 2.** Planned obsolescence will be defined as the practice of producing  
4                   consumer goods that are designed to degrade quickly and require  
5                   replacement.
- 6     **SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) will oversee the implementation of  
7                   this legislation.
- 8                   A. The FTC will receive 835 million dollars in funding from the Department  
9                   of Commerce.
- 10                  B. Organizations in violation of this legislation will be fined from a range of  
11                   60% to 90% of their profits for the next 3 to 7 years. Exact numbers in  
12                   those ranges will be decided upon by a U.S. Federal Court.
- 13    **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2027. All laws in conflict with  
14                   this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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## LEGISLATION – I

### A Bill to Reinstate the Fairness Doctrine

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1     **SECTION 1.** The Fairness Doctrine shall be reinstated to Section 315 of the  
2     Communications Act of 1934, as it was in effect on January 1, 1987.
- 3     **SECTION 2.** Broadcasters shall:
- 4                 A. Devote a reasonable amount of their programming to controversial  
5                 issues of public importance.
- 6                 B. Provide contrasting viewpoints on these issues.
- 7     **SECTION 3.** Broadcasters who do not provide contrasting viewpoints shall be subject to  
8                 fines and other penalties.
- 9     **SECTION 4.** This law shall be enforced and overseen by the Federal Communications  
10                Commission.
- 11    **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect January 1, 2026.
- 12    **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by anonymous.*

## LEGISLATION – J

### **A Bill to Standardize Regulations on Passenger Cars and Light Trucks for the Environment and Community Safety**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1    **SECTION 1.** The Energy Policy and Conservation Act, including later amendments, is  
2                   hereby amended to no longer require the Department of Transportation to  
3                   establish standards separately for passenger cars and light trucks; and shall  
4                   require such federal fuel economy standards to be uniform among passenger  
5                   cars and light trucks.
- 6    **SECTION 2.** Nonpassenger vehicles/light trucks shall be defined as “any motor vehicle  
7                   having a gross vehicle weight rating of no more than 8,500 pounds either  
8                   designed primarily for purposes of transportation of property, transportation  
9                   of persons with a capacity of more than 12 persons, or has special features  
10                  enabling off-street or off-highway operation and use.”, and references  
11                  vehicles such as pickup trucks, sport utility vehicles, vans, and minivans.
- 12   **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be enforced by the Department of Transportation and  
13                  National Traffic Safety Administration.
- 14   **SECTION 4.** This bill shall come into effect 1 year after the passage of this bill.
- 15   **SECTION 5.** All laws and policies in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null  
16                  and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by anonymous.*