

# **SESSION 1: SOCIAL JUSTICE**

# A Bill to Limit the Usage of AI to Combat Environmental Degradation

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall establish regulations on the development and use  
3 of artificial intelligence (AI) to limit the usage of this tool to enhance our  
4 current environmental circumstances.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. "Environmental degradation" shall be defined as harm or damage to  
6 the Earth or living beings caused by human activity, including but not  
7 limited to, water scarcity, air and water pollution, toxic hardware waste,  
8 and excessive energy consumption.

9 B. "Limiting the usage of AI" shall be defined as implementing  
10 restrictions, to prevent excessive or harmful utilization of AI systems that  
11 negatively impact environmental sustainability.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the National Institute of  
13 Standards and Technology (NIST), shall work together to oversee the  
14 enforcement of this legislation.

15 A. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), shall ensure that there  
16 are regulations in place to ensure the development of AI systems while  
17 considering environmental conservation.

18 B. The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), shall  
19 oversee the efficiency and effectiveness of this bill. The NIST shall also  
20 enforce standards for integrating environmental metrics into AI  
21 frameworks. These efforts would aim to ensure data transparency from  
22 AI businesses.

23 C. Any business that breach these regulations will face a fine of \$50,000  
24 for each violation.

25 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with  
26 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

# A Bill to Establish Ranked Choice Voting in Congressional Elections

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congressional Elections in both the House of Representatives and the  
3 Senate shall be conducted using ranked choice voting.

4 **SECTION 2A.** Ranked Choice Voting involves the voter ranking all candidates on the  
5 ballot, with their initial vote going to the candidate they rank highest.  
6 Once the votes are tallied, if no candidate receives a majority, the  
7 candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated. The ballots for this  
8 candidate are then redistributed to the next highest-ranked candidate on  
9 each of those ballots.

10 **SECTION 2B.** This repeats until the number of remaining candidates reaches the  
11 number of available seats, and votes will always be transferred to the  
12 next-ranked candidate when one is eliminated.

13 **SECTION 2C.** Voters are permitted to rank as many or as few candidates as they would  
14 like. If all the candidates they vote for are eliminated, their vote becomes  
15 null.

16 **SECTION 3A.** The Election Assistance Commission (EAC) will oversee these changes and  
17 ensure they are carried out in a swift and just manner.

18 **SECTION 3B.** Congress shall establish in the Treasury the “Election Modernization  
19 Fund” and appropriate \$5 billion to it. This fund will assist states in voter  
20 education and coming into compliance with the bill, including acquiring  
21 RCV-capable ballot machines, training volunteers, etc. The funds will be  
22 distributed to states by a formula based on voting-age population, with a  
23 guaranteed minimum of \$10 million per state.

24 The fund shall also receive revenue from a \$5,000 annual surcharge on  
25 the renewal and registration of federal lobbying licenses to provide  
26 continued support for education, maintenance, and upgrades.

27 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect by FY 2026, with the intention to use  
28 RCV in the 2030 election.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Davis Medsker.*

# A Bill to Restrict the Use of AI in Healthcare

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The utilization of Artificial Intelligence and Large Language Models is  
3 prohibited in healthcare settings unless a human operator maintains  
4 decision-making authority throughout the entire process. Proper control  
5 measures must be in place at all times in case the technologies  
6 mentioned above are implemented.

7 **SECTION 2.** "Artificial Intelligence" refers to any system that can decide on its own  
8 without any involvement from humans. "Large Language Models" are the  
9 chatbot systems that can understand human language and create  
10 answers by themselves.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will be responsible for the  
12 enforcement of this legislation. Violations of this bill by healthcare  
13 providers will result in fines of at least \$150,000 for each infraction.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Council Rock North.*

# A Bill to Allow Mobile Voting in Federal Elections to Expand Secure Ballot Access

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Mobile voting (voting by phone) shall hereby be permitted and available  
3 in all federal elections for all registered voters.

4 **SECTION 2.** Mobile voting will be in addition to standard voting options. The  
5 definitions and Scope of Mobile Voting Access are as follows:

- 6 A. "Mobile voting" shall be defined as the act of casting a federal  
7 election ballot electronically via a secure application on a personal  
8 mobile device.
- 9 B. "End-to-End Verifiability (E2E-V)" shall refer to a voting protocol that  
10 uses cryptographic techniques enabling individual voter verification  
11 and system-wide auditability without compromising ballot secrecy.
- 12 C. This option shall be mandatory for availability to all registered voters,  
13 with emphasis on accessibility for voters facing significant barriers to  
14 traditional voting.

15 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Elections Commission will oversee the enforcement of this  
16 legislation.

- 17 A. Tusk Philanthropies, in cooperation with its partners, including the  
18 National Cybersecurity Center and the National Federation of the  
19 Blind, will oversee the implementation and funding of mobile voting  
20 and monetary compensation for federal election officials.

21 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect in FY 2026. All laws in conflict with this  
22 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bettina Gannon, Oxbridge Academy.*

# A Resolution to Grant Puerto Rico Independence

1   **WHEREAS,** Puerto Rico is a effectively a colony of the United States, entirely denied  
2                   meaningful political representation in the Federal government; and  
3   **WHEREAS,** one-sided exploitative policies such as the Jones Act and FOMBPR have  
4                   been used to extract economic value from the Puerto Rican people, stifling  
5                   prosperity and financial stability; and  
6   **WHEREAS,** the United States has a history of suppressing Puerto Rican independence  
7                   movements throughout the 20th century, including by banning  
8                   independence parties and opposition to Federal mandates; and  
9   **WHEREAS,** statehood and the accompanying political representation is insufficient to  
10                  change the systematic exploitative and illiberal policies enforced by the  
11                  U.S. Federal Government; now, therefore, be it  
12                  **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that Puerto Rico be granted  
13                  independence from the United States of America. Puerto Rico shall be  
14                  recognized as a sovereign nation and state free from the plenary  
15                  constitutional authority of congress and the federal government.  
16                  **FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Puerto Rico be invited to join the United States  
17                  in a compact of free association.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by FAU High School.*

# The R.A.P. (Refugee Admissions Program) Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall reinstate a cap of 110,000 refugees which the  
3 United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) may admit  
4 annually.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. The refugee admissions cap is defined as the limit placed on how many  
6 people may be granted asylum as refugees in the United States,  
7 determined by the executive branch.

8 B. \$5 billion shall be reallocated annually from US Immigration and  
9 Customs Enforcement (ICE) to USCIS for the purposes of processing the  
10 current asylum backlog.

11 C. \$5 billion shall be reallocated annually from US Customs and Border  
12 Protection (CBP) to the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) for the  
13 purposes of enhanced refugee resettlement.

14 **SECTION 3.** The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), in  
15 conjunction with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will  
16 oversee this legislation.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with  
18 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by FAU High School.*

# **SESSION 2: FOREIGN POLICY**

# A Bill to Aid Egypt

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall hereby donate and deliver \$400 million in  
3 humanitarian aid to the citizens of Egypt through Egypt's maritime border  
4 with Saudi Arabia. US troops will be allotted as necessary to deliver the  
5 aid to USDOS representatives at the border.

6 **SECTION 2. A.** Humanitarian aid shall consist of a combination of agricultural  
7 supplication, temporary housing, bottled water, and medical supplies,  
8 including but not limited to; vaccines and first aid equipment.

9 **B.** The Maritime Border shall be defined as the Red Sea that is part of  
10 Egypt's territorial waters.

11 **C.** US troops allocation shall include but not be limited to: arming ships  
12 use for transport.

13 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of State will be responsible for the implementation  
14 and oversight of this bill.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented immediately upon passage. All laws  
16 in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Western High School.*

# A Bill to Incentivize Allied Production of AI Hardware and Protect U.S. AI Innovation from Adversary Imports

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall incentivize allied nations to co-produce AI  
3 hardware and data center components while applying strategic tariffs on  
4 imports from adversary nations, including China and Russia, to safeguard  
5 U.S. AI innovation, domestic infrastructure, and national security.

6 **SECTION 2.** *Allied nations* are countries formally partnered with the U.S. to produce  
7 AI hardware and data center infrastructure. *Adversary nations* are those  
8 posing economic, technological, or security risks. *AI hardware and data*  
9 *center components* include GPUs, servers, storage, and memory essential  
10 for AI computation.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR), in coordination with  
12 the Departments of Commerce, Defense, and Energy, shall oversee  
13 funding and enforcement. Up to \$1 billion annually shall support allied  
14 production, domestic data center expansion, and tariff implementation.  
15 Program effectiveness shall be measured by the percentage of AI  
16 hardware sourced from allied nations, reduction of imports from  
17 adversary nations, growth in domestic data center capacity, and speed of  
18 AI research and deployment in critical sectors.

19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2027. All conflicting laws  
20 are null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ira Kumar, Westglades Middle School.*

# A Bill to Protect East-African-American Coprosperity and Engagement (P.E.A.C.E. Act)

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will hereby attempt to negotiate bilaterally beneficial  
3 free trade agreements, public investments, and humanitarian and civil  
4 compromises to further democracy and quality of life in East Africa.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. 'East Africa' shall be defined as the current seven member states of the  
6 East African Community.

7 B. 'Free trade agreements' shall be defined as formal contracts ensuring  
8 the free movement of goods.

9 C. 'Compromises' shall be defined as dealings between the United States  
10 and the East African Community made to bolster democracy and  
11 freedom.

12 D. 'Public investment' shall be defined as the facilitation of private  
13 investment in members of the EAC paired with, unless otherwise advised  
14 by the DOC, federal investment to a maximum of \$15 billion dollars.

15 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor, the Department of State, and the Department  
16 of Commerce shall be responsible for the implementation and oversight  
17 of this bill after benchmarks of liberty set by the Department of State are  
18 met.

19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Western High School.*

# A Bill to Redirect Surplus U.S. Food Waste to Combat Global Hunger

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall implement a program to redirect surplus food  
3 waste from farms, manufacturers, and retailers to other nations who are  
4 experiencing severe food insecurity through a streamlined aid  
5 distribution system.

6 **SECTION 2.** Surplus food waste shall be defined as excess, safe-to-consume food  
7 which is discarded due to oversupply, cosmetic imperfections, or nearing  
8 expiration but still meeting USDA food safety standards.

9 **SECTION 3.** The United States Agency for International Development or better known  
10 as USAID and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) shall oversee  
11 the processing, collection, and distribution of surplus food.

12 A. Incentives would be put in place such as 30% federal tax credit based  
13 on the food's fair market value and liability protections ensure food  
14 donors from legal responsibility if donated food, given in good faith,  
15 later causes harm, if it meets safety standards.

16 B. A logistics framework shall be established in coordination with  
17 international aid organizations to facilitate efficient delivery to  
18 recipient nations.

19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect in July 1, 2027. All laws in conflict with  
20 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Westglades Middle School.*

# A Resolution to Establish Peace for Nepal

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   The Government of Nepal has been overthrown and new permanent  
2                    leadership has not yet been established; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**   The Republic of China has been seeking control of Nepal to further their  
4                    Belt Road Initiative; and
- 5   **WHEREAS,**   The Republic of China’s extension of political and economic partnership  
6                    poses a significant threat to US influence in Nepal; now, therefore, be it
- 7   **RESOLVED,**   That the Congress here assembled will provide \$1 billion dollars to Nepal  
8                    contingent on Nepal drawing out of the Belt Road Initiative; and, be it
- 9   **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled will invest half of the aid into  
10                   helping facilitate the democratic establishment of a new government in  
11                   Nepal, and half of the aid towards Foreign Direct Investment in Nepal; and,  
12                   be it
- 13   **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That all funding should come from the Department of Defense and  
14                   the implementation will be supervised by the US Department of State in  
15                   conjunction with the temporary Nepalese Government; and, be it
- 16   **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this legislation will go into effect immediately.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Illinois Math and Science Academy.*

# A Bill to Bolster Colombian Counternarcotics Enforcement

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall condition sanctions on Colombia pertaining to the  
3 narcotics trade on the following terms. All remaining sanction on the  
4 country shall be lifted.

5 **SECTION 2.** The conditional sanctions shall be lifted once the Department of State  
6 determines that the Colombian government has reached the following  
7 standards:

8 A. 50% reductions in the planting of coca crops via manual eradication by  
9 Colombian security forces;

10 B. Militarized operations to combat FARC activity related to drug  
11 production and trafficking;

12 C. Military training programs to train neighboring Latin American forces  
13 in effective counternarcotics techniques to obstruct trafficking routes.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State in conjunction with the US Ambassador to  
15 Colombia will oversee the implementation of this legislation. The U.S.  
16 Embassy in Colombia shall publish a report on the state of the drug war  
17 every 3 months to monitor compliance with this legislation's standards  
18 for reimplementation.

19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passing. All laws in  
20 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by FAU High School.*

# A Bill to Support Venezuelan Migrants

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Government shall allocate \$500 million to the Peruvian  
3 government to supplement their efforts to support Venezuelan migrants  
4 within Peru's borders.

5 **SECTION 2.** The Department of State will be responsible for distributing aid to the  
6 Republic of Peru. Aid will be distributed in the following allocations:

7 A. \$250 million will be earmarked for building infrastructure related to  
8 resettlement, including housing and transportation infrastructure.

9 B. \$150 million will be earmarked for training and resources to the  
10 National Police of Peru to combat Tren de Aragua.

11 C. \$100 million will be allocated for direct payments to refugee support  
12 organizations operating in Peru.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State, in conjunction with the Department of  
14 Government Efficiency, will deploy a monitoring and evaluation  
15 framework to determine the efficacy of the aid. The framework should  
16 include spot checks and financial auditing to ensure that aid is being used  
17 to its maximum efficiency.

18 **SECTION 4.** Enforcement of this legislation is entrusted to the Department of State  
19 and the Department of Government Efficiency. Congress may terminate  
20 aid early if reports indicate that it is being used for illegitimate purposes.

21 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with  
22 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sebastian Blasdel, American Heritage School - Broward.*

# A Resolution to Recognize Climate Refugees Under U.S. Immigration Law

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   Rising sea levels, extreme weather, and drought caused by climate change  
2                   are displacing millions of people worldwide; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**   Current U.S. immigration law does not recognize “climate refugees” as a  
4                   protected category; and
- 5   **WHEREAS,**   The United States has both a moral obligation and strategic interest in  
6                   addressing climate migration; now, therefore, be it
- 7   **RESOLVED,**   That the Congress here assembled recommend the United States legally  
8                   recognize climate refugees as a distinct protected group eligible for  
9                   asylum.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Council Rock North High School.*

# A Bill to Sanction Qatar

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall sanction Qatar by limiting all  
3 forms of trade conducted with Qatar until improvements are made  
4 regarding human rights in Qatar.

5 **SECTION 2.** Improvements include but are not limited to providing safe working  
6 conditions, eliminating gender segregation, and terminating persecution  
7 of the LGBTQ+ community. Sanctions are defined as economic and trade  
8 restrictions placed on a country. Human rights are rights inherent to all  
9 human beings, regardless of race, sex, nationality, ethnicity, language,  
10 religion, or any other protected status ensuring the protection of these  
11 rights.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State (DoS) and the Department of Commerce (DoC)  
13 will oversee enforcement of this legislation. The Department of State will  
14 provide reports every six months to check if requirements are met in  
15 order to lift sanctions.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with  
17 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mia Munoz, West Broward High School.*

# **SESSION 3: ECONOMY**

# A Bill to Ban Fracking in the United States

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Hydraulic fracturing for the extraction of oil or natural gas shall be  
3 banned nationwide, and all new permits for hydraulic fracturing  
4 operations shall be prohibited.

5 **SECTION 2.** Hydraulic fracturing (fracking) shall be defined as the process of injecting  
6 high-pressure fluids, chemicals, or proppants into subterranean rock  
7 formations to create fissures that release oil or natural gas. Oil and  
8 natural gas extraction operations shall include drilling wells, fracking  
9 wells, reinjection wells, and all associated well-site infrastructure. Existing  
10 wells shall refer to any fracking well that is currently active as of the  
11 effective date of this legislation.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shall enforce this legislation.

13 A. All existing fracking wells must cease operations within five years of  
14 this bill's enactment.

15 B. The EPA shall oversee the safe plugging, sealing, and restoration of all  
16 decommissioned well sites.

17 C. A \$10 billion transition fund shall be created to support energy-sector  
18 workers and communities economically dependent on fracking.

19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2027. All laws in conflict with this  
20 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Council Rock High School North.*

# A Bill to Implement Blind Recruiting to Combat Hiring Bias

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will comprehensively reform its employment process  
3 through the following:

4 A. Federal agencies and private employers holding government  
5 contracts exceeding \$1 million annually are required to implement  
6 blind recruiting in initial candidate screening, removing identifying  
7 information to promote fair evaluation based on skills.

8 B. Publicly traded companies not holding such federal contracts are  
9 encouraged to adopt blind recruiting voluntarily.

10 C. Employers subject to the mandate shall submit annual anonymized  
11 reports on applicants, interviews, and hires by demographic  
12 categories.

13 **SECTION 2.** “Blind recruiting” is defined as redacting details including but not limited  
14 to names, gender, age, race, address, and education from resumes and  
15 applications during early review. “Participating employers” shall be  
16 defined as any employer complying with or voluntarily adopting blind  
17 recruiting as defined. “Personally identifying information” includes any  
18 detail revealing identity or protected characteristics.

19 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor (DoL) shall oversee implementation and  
20 provide guidance.

21 A. The DoL shall publish aggregated data for transparency and  
22 improvement.

23 B. The DoL will develop training and resources for effective  
24 implementation.

25 C. A federal task force will advise on best practices and technology  
26 support.

27 **SECTION 4.** This legislation takes effect January 1st, 2026. All laws in conflict with this  
28 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Council Rock North High School.*

# A Bill to Invest in Nuclear Energy to Expand America's Clean Energy Capacity

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government shall construct 25 nuclear reactors  
3 and develop deep geological repositories to securely store nuclear waste.

4 A. The DOE shall oversee the construction of at least one federally  
5 operated deep geological repository, designed for long-term  
6 underground containment of nuclear waste.

7 B. Site selection shall prioritize geologically stable regions, minimal  
8 groundwater intrusion risk, and compliance with environmental and  
9 safety standards.

10 C. Construction shall include excavation, engineered containment  
11 barriers, environmental monitoring systems, and long-term access  
12 controls.

13 **SECTION 2.** Nuclear reactor shall be defined as an electrical generation facility that  
14 utilizes the controlled fission of uranium molecules to produce electricity.  
15 Deep geological repository shall be defined as a storage facility for the  
16 purpose of securely containing nuclear waste underground for a  
17 minimum period of 1,000 years.

18 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy (DOE) shall oversee all construction, siting,  
19 licensing, and operation of the reactors and repositories.

20 A. \$50 billion annually shall be appropriated over ten years for the  
21 construction of reactors and geological repositories.

22 B. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) shall ensure safety  
23 compliance and streamlined permitting.

24 C. The DOE shall manage transportation of nuclear waste to the  
25 repository and monitor long-term environmental safety.

26 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2026. All laws in conflict with this  
27 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Council Rock High School North.*

# A Bill to Restrict Patent Thickets

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall restrict the number of patents a pharmaceutical  
3 company can claim during litigation with a biosimilar or generic  
4 developer in order to boost competition and lower costs.

5 **SECTION 2.** "Patent thickets," also known as thick patents, shall be defined as  
6 overlapping patents on a singular product used to maintain exclusivity  
7 and prevent the formation of lower costing generics.

8 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and the Food and Drug  
9 Association (FDA) shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2028. All laws in conflict  
11 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Western High School.*

# The Climate Change Compromise Act of 2026

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall implement a carbon tax of \$50 per metric ton of  
3 carbon emitted by companies.

4 **SECTION 2.** A carbon tax shall be defined as a tax levied on the emission of carbon  
5 through the burning of fossil fuels. Companies shall be defined as legal  
6 entities that emit greater than 10,000 metric tons of carbon annually.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy and the Internal Revenue Service shall be in  
8 charge of overseeing and implementing this legislation.

9 A. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) shall collect the tax accordingly  
10 and increase the tax by \$10 per metric ton annually for companies  
11 who fail to comply.

12 B. The tax revenue shall be allocated to the Department of Energy's  
13 budget for the research and subsidization of renewable energy  
14 sources, as well as the power grid upgrades for the use of renewable  
15 energy.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented immediately upon passage. All laws  
17 in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Western High School.*

**SEMIFINALS:  
JUSTICE &  
GOVERNMENT**

# A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Enfranchise the Incarcerated

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **RESOLVED,** That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the  
3 Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and  
4 purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of  
5 three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its  
6 submission by the Congress:

7 **ARTICLE --**

8 **SECTION 1.** The right of those who are incarcerated to vote shall not be infringed at  
9 any point leading up to, during, or after their sentence, regardless of the  
10 details or scope of their crime or punishment.

11 **SECTION 2.** It is the affirmative duty of states and territories to ensure that the  
12 incarcerated face no undue barriers impeding them in the free exercise of  
13 this right.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate  
15 legislation.

# A Bill to Abolish Plea Bargaining

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The practice of plea bargaining in criminal cases is hereby abolished.

3 **SECTION 2.** Plea bargaining shall be defined as an arrangement between a prosecutor  
4 and a defendant whereby the defendant pleads guilty to a lesser charge  
5 in exchange for a more lenient sentence.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will oversee the implementation of this bill.

7 **SECTION 4.** This Bill will go into effect on January 1, 2028.

8 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation shall hereby be declared null and  
9 void.

## A Resolution to Abolish the Practice of Trying Children as Adults in the Criminal Justice System

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   The United States is one of the few countries in the world where children  
2                    can be tried as adults and sentenced to life in prison without the possibility  
3                    of parole; and
- 4   **WHEREAS,**   Neuroscience and psychological research consistently show that  
5                    adolescent brains are still developing, particularly in areas related to  
6                    impulse control, decision-making, and understanding long-term  
7                    consequences; and
- 8   **WHEREAS,**   The U.S. Supreme Court has recognized that children are categorically less  
9                    culpable than adults due to their diminished capacity for judgment and  
10                   maturity in *Roper v. Simmons* (2005) and *Graham v. Florida* (2010); and
- 11 **WHEREAS,**   Research indicates that children tried as adults face higher rates of abuse,  
12                   violence, and isolation in adult correctional facilities, which can lead to  
13                   greater recidivism and hinder rehabilitation; and
- 14 **WHEREAS,**   The goal of the criminal justice system should be rehabilitation and  
15                   reintegration of offenders into society, which is more achievable through  
16                   the juvenile justice system than through adult court processes; now,  
17                   therefore, be it
- 18 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled should abolish the practice of trying  
19                   children as adults, and instead, ensure that minors who commit criminal  
20                   offenses are adjudicated in the juvenile justice system, where they can  
21                   receive age-appropriate treatment, rehabilitation, and support for their  
22                   reintegration into society.

# A Bill to Ban Trading of Stocks by Members of Congress

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) will require all elected  
3 members of Congress to secure any privately owned tradable assets in a  
4 blind trust. Elected members of Congress will be ineligible to actively  
5 participate in any form of stock trading for the duration of their term.

6 **SECTION 2.** Stock trading will be defined as any exchange of shares of any company  
7 through the stock market. A blind trust is defined as a financial  
8 arrangement in which a person in public office gives the administration of  
9 private business interests to an independent trust to prevent a conflict of  
10 interest.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, with oversight from the  
12 Securities and Exchange Commission, will oversee enforcement of this  
13 bill.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented 90 days after passing.

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

# A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Limit the Terms of Members of Congress

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article  
3 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  
5 when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states  
6 within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

7 **ARTICLE --**

8 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal government shall no longer permit term  
9 lengths longer than three terms for individuals in the House of  
10 Representatives. This means that the maximum amount of time that a  
11 representative can occupy one of that state's house seats shall not  
12 exceed six years.

13 **SECTION 2.** The United States Federal government shall no longer permit term  
14 lengths longer than one term for individuals in the Senate. This means  
15 that the maximum amount of time that a senator can occupy one of that  
16 state's senate seats shall not exceed more than six years.

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

# **FINALS: HEALTH & EDUCATION**

# A Resolution to Reject the Alleged Link between Vaccines and Autism

- 1    **WHEREAS,**    There is no reliable scientific evidence pointing to a causal link between  
2                    vaccines and autism; and
- 3    **WHEREAS,**    The medical journal Lancet has long since retracted Andrew Wakefield's  
4                    fraudulent 1998 study that originated the specious claim that vaccines  
5                    cause autism; and
- 6    **WHEREAS,**    In recent months these nonexistent links have nevertheless received  
7                    significant credibility boosts from influential political leaders, in particular  
8                    several high-profile members of the current presidential administration;  
9                    and
- 10   **WHEREAS,**    These pseudoscientific misconceptions can cause grave injury when taken  
11                    seriously, not merely for those individuals who choose not to vaccinate  
12                    themselves and/or their children but for others who rely on herd immunity  
13                    for their health and wellbeing; now, therefore be it
- 14   **RESOLVED,**    By the Congress here assembled that any and all alleged links between  
15                    vaccines and autism are roundly rejected; and be it
- 16   **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That Congress encourages all individuals to follow the advice of  
17                    medical experts, especially where vaccines are concerned; and be it
- 18   **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That Congress condemns those in power who seek to cast doubt on  
19                    established medical science and warns such leaders that official  
20                    repercussions, up to and including impeachment and removal from office,  
21                    may ensue if these mistruths continue to be recklessly platformed at the  
22                    expense of our constituents.

# A Bill to Defund For-Profit Charter School

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill amends the definition of a charter school in the Elementary and  
3 Secondary Education Act of 1965 to exclude for-profit schools from  
4 receiving federal funding.

5 **SECTION 2.** Section 4310 shall now include the following language: A charter school is  
6 defined as a publicly funded, independently operated school that is  
7 established by a chartering authority. A charter school shall not be  
8 classified as a for-profit entity, nor shall it be operated, overseen, or  
9 managed by a for-profit entity, including through a contract with a for-  
10 profit charter management organization (CMO) or education  
11 management organization (EMO).

12 **SECTION 3.** Charter schools that meet the following criteria will remain eligible for  
13 federal funding: operated by a nonprofit organization; do not outsource  
14 core administrative functions to for-profit entities; may still contract with  
15 for-profit vendors for ancillary services, including but not limited to food  
16 services, payroll processing, facilities maintenance, transportation, and  
17 classroom supplies.

18 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Education shall oversee the implementation of this  
19 bill and ensure compliance through annual audits and reporting  
20 requirements.

21 **SECTION 5.** Federal funding for charter schools that do not comply with the  
22 requirements shall not be renewed beyond the 2025-2026 academic  
23 year. Existing nonprofit charter schools and traditional public schools are  
24 not affected by this legislation.

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

# The AI Accountability and Academic Integrity Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools in educational settings shall be  
3 prohibited for students below the high school level. High schools shall be  
4 required to implement a mandatory AI ethics course, and the  
5 Department of Education shall develop AI-assisted cheating detection  
6 software with age verification measures.

7 **SECTION 2.** 'AI tools' shall be defined as any software or application that generates,  
8 modifies, or completes academic work without human input. 'Age  
9 verification measures' shall refer to government-approved digital  
10 verification systems ensuring individuals under 14 cannot access AI tools  
11 for educational use.

12 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Education shall oversee the enforcement of this  
13 policy.

14 A. Schools failing to comply with the AI ban or ethics course mandate  
15 shall be subject to federal funding reductions.

16 B. The Department of Education shall receive \$500 million to distribute  
17 grants to support high schools in implementing AI ethics courses and  
18 detection software.

19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2026.

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

# A Bill to Expand Federal Funding for Mental Health Services in Schools

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal government shall allocate \$10 billion annually to fund mental  
3 health services in K-12 public schools across the United States.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Mental health services” shall include access to school psychologists,  
5 counselors, social workers, and mental health education programs.

6 “Public Schools” refer to all primary and econdary schools receiving  
7 federal education funding.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human  
9 Services shall oversee implementation and ensure proper allocation of  
10 funds.

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.