

Prelims: 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
2 children can be tried as adults and sentenced to life in prison without
3 the possibility 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
9 less culpable than adults due to their diminished capacity for
10 judgment and maturity in *Roper v. Simmons* (2005) and *Graham v.*
11 *Florida* (2010); and

12 **WHEREAS,** Research indicates that children tried as adults face higher rates of
13 abuse, violence, and isolation in adult correctional facilities, which
14 can lead to greater recidivism and hinder rehabilitation; and

15 **WHEREAS,** The goal of the criminal justice system should be rehabilitation and
16 reintegration of offenders into society, which is more achievable
17 through the juvenile justice system than through adult court
18 processes; now, therefore, be it

19 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled should abolish the practice of
20 trying children as adults, and instead, ensure that minors who commit
21 criminal offenses are adjudicated in the juvenile justice system,
22 where they can receive age-appropriate treatment, rehabilitation, and
23 support for their reintegration into society.

24 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lindale High School*

Prelims: A Bill to Implement a Sugar Tax

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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SECTION 1. The United States should implement a national tax on all sugary beverages.

SECTION 2. Sugary drinks shall be defined as sodas, flavored water, sports and energy drinks, sweetened coffee and tea, and fruit- flavored drinks.

- A. There will be a tax of one cent per ounce on beverages that have less than 8 grams of added sugar per 12 ounces.
- B. A tax of two cents per ounce shall be levied on beverages containing between 8 grams and 20 grams of added sugars per 12 ounces.
- C. A tax of five cent per ounce shall be levied on beverages containing over 20 grams of added sugars per 12 ounces.

SECTION 3. The Federal Drug Administration and the Department of Health and Human Services will be in charge of enforcing this legislation.

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

Prelims: A Bill to Ban Political Action Committees (PACs)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** In order to strengthen the United States’ governmental institutions and
2 reduce corporate spending in federal management, the United States
3 Congress shall:
4 A. Ban any and all variations of Political Action Committees, including, but
5 not limited to, Corporate PACs, Leadership PACs, Super PACs, and Hybrid
6 PACs.
7 B. Legislatively overrule *Citizens United v. FEC* to eliminate corporate and
8 non-profit money expenditures that directly advocate for the election or
9 defeat of candidates.
- 10 **SECTION 2.** A. The term “Political Action Committee” or “PAC” shall be defined as a
11 tax-exempt organization under IRS Section 527 that receives campaign
12 contributions from its members to provide campaign funding for or against
13 candidates, ballot initiatives, or legislation.
14 B. *Citizens United v. FEC* refers to a 2010 Supreme Court case that
15 overturned *Austin v. Michigan State Chamber of Commerce*, which
16 prohibited independent expenditures by corporations.
- 17 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Commission (FEC) and the Internal Revenue Service
18 (IRS) shall be responsible for the enforcement and implementation of this
19 legislation.
20 A. The FEC shall be responsible for investigating violations and imposing
21 civil penalties, among other measures on a case-by-case basis, to
22 ensure compliance with the ban.
23 B. The IRS shall be responsible for revoking the tax-exempt status and
24 deregistering all PACs.
- 25 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage. All laws in
26 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by The Village High School.

Prelims: A Bill to Aid Myanmar

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall hereby donate and deliver \$200 million in
2 humanitarian aid to the citizens of Myanmar through Myanmar's
3 maritime border with Indonesia. US troops will be allotted as necessary
4 to deliver the aid to USAID representatives at the border.

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

8 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of State in conjunction with USAID will be
9 responsible for the implementation and oversight of this bill.

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

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Western High School

Prelims: A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Revoke the Presidential Power to Pardon

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

ARTICLE —

5 **SECTION 1.** The power of the President to “grant Reprieves and Pardons for Offences
6 against the United States” (as described in Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution) shall
7 be unconditionally revoked.

8 **SECTION 2.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
9 legislation.

Introduced by the NSDA Congressional Debate Legislation Docket

Prelims: A Bill to Increase the Use of Automation in Healthcare

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A new program of subsidies will be established to provide funding to
3 healthcare organizations for medically related robot devices.

4 **SECTION 2.** Healthcare organizations shall be defined as hospitals, public clinics, and out-
5 patient surgery centers. Medically related robot devices are defined as
6 artificial intelligence technology that can perform basic medical procedures
7 and tasks including (but not limited to) delivering medication, assisting in
8 surgeries, and routine care operations.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee enforcement of
10 this legislation and administration of the subsidies.

11 A. \$500 million will be allocated for the subsidy program.

12 B. The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall have the authority to
13 approve specific medically related robot devices for coverage under this
14 subsidy.

15 C. Subsidies will be need-based, with underfunded and understaffed
16 healthcare organizations receiving priority in receiving subsidies for
17 healthcare related robot devices.

18 D. The Joint Committee on Taxation shall be responsible for appropriating
19 the required funds for this program.

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

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