



Special Rule, This Tournament Only:

“Motion for a Character Congress”:

All Representatives shall compete as the character they are dressed as for the remainder of the session. Motion requires a second and then a vote of two thirds of all members present.

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Bill to Make Halloween a Federal Holiday

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Due to its large historical and cultural impact, the United States hereby
3 recognizes Halloween as a federal holiday.

4 **SECTION 2.** In accordance with all other federal holidays, all non-essential
5 government workers are hereby given a paid day off for Halloween.

6 **SECTION 3.** Halloween will be annually observed on October the 31st. In the event
7 October 31st falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the federal government will
8 observe it on the following Monday.

9 **SECTION 4.** United States Code Title 5 Section 6103(a) is hereby amended to add
10 "Halloween, October 31st". All regulations found in this section shall apply
11 to the new Holiday.

12 **SECTION 5.** Congress encourages, but does not mandate, the observation of
13 Halloween in the private sector.

14 **SECTION 6.** This legislation will take effect on January 1s,t, 2026, with the first
15 observation of Halloween on October 31st, 2026.

16 **SECTION 7.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Nathan Keoppel of Syracuse High for use in the

TITAN TERROR TOURNAMENT

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 and a defendant

4 whereby the defendant pleads guilty to a lesser charge in exchange for a more lenient

5 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 void.

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Ensure Voting Rights for Incarcerated Citizens

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

AMENDMENT --

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8 **SECTION 1:** The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be
9 denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on
10 account of a criminal record.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ella Astudillo of Hillcrest High School.

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A Resolution to Abolish the Death Penalty

1. **WHEREAS** ,the death penalty has disproportionately affected marginalized communities
2. and those from lower socioeconomic backgrounds; and
3. **WHEREAS**,studies show that the death penalty does not deter crime, but promote a
4. cycle of violence; and
5. **WHEREAS**,there is a risk of wrongful convictions receiving the death penalty, a grave
6. injustice that cannot be reversed; and
7. **WHEREAS**,the United States should work to uphold dignity and human rights for
8. individuals, regardless of their actions; now, therefore be it
9. **RESOLVED**,By the Congress here assembled that the United States abolishes the
10. death penalty in all states, territories, and districts, thereby
11. promoting a justice system that works towards rehabilitation over
12. retribution.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Annie Kellis of Davis High School

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

A Bill to Establish the Department of Paranormal Affaris

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Paranormal Affairs is hereby established as a cabinet-
3 level agency.

4 **SECTION 2.** The President shall, with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint a
5 Secretary of Paranormal Affairs.

6 **SECTION 3.** The agency shall be tasked with investigating, researching, and
7 documenting paranormal activity in the United States of America.

8 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Paranormal Affairs shall submit an annual public
9 report to Congress prior to one month before the end of the fiscal year.
10 This mandated report shall detail agency findings and the state of
11 paranormal activity.

12 **SECTION 5.** This Congress grants an initial funding of seventy million dollars until
13 further appropriations are made.

14 **SECTION 6.** This legislation shall be implemented and overseen by the President of
15 the United States and the Secretary of Paranormal Affairs.

16 **SECTION 7.** This legislation will take effect at the beginning of the fiscal year of 2028.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Nathan Keoppel of Syracuse High for use in the

TITAN TERROR Tournament.

A Bill to End Membership of the United States in the United Nations

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill shall repeal the United Nations Participation Act of 1945, and the United Nations
3 Headquarters Agreement Act.

4 **SECTION 2.** The President shall terminate all membership by the United States in the United Nations,
5 and in any organization, specialized agency, commission, treaty, convention or other
6 formally affiliated body of the United Nations.

7 A. The United States Mission to the United Nations is closed. Any remaining functions of
8 such office shall not be carried out.

9 B. The United Nations may not occupy or use any property or facility of the United States
10 government, unless further legislation is passed that allows this.

11 **SECTION 3.** This bill shall take effect on the date that is one year after the date of its enactment.

12 **SECTION 4.** The implementation shall be overseen by the Foreign Relations Committee and the
13 Secretary of State.

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

A Bill to Reauthorize Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government shall reauthorize section 702 of the Foreign
3 Intelligence Surveillance Act so that we may obtain a more secure country and to help our
4 military defend against international threats.

5 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this legislation, section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act
6 states that intelligence agencies in the United States will have authorization to collect
7 information on target individuals outside of the United States when they have reasonable
8 suspicion to.

9 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be jointly overseen by the Department of Defense and the Department
10 of Justice.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage.

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

A Bill to Repeal the USA PATRIOT Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing
2 Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (USA
3 PATRIOT Act) is hereby repealed in its entirety.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Any amendments to existing laws or Acts made by the USA
5 PATRIOT Act shall be nullified, and such laws shall be restored to their
6 pre-amendment form as if those changes were never enacted.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall oversee the enforcement of
8 this repeal.
- 9 A. Any existing authorities or agencies acting under powers granted solely
10 by the USA PATRIOT Act shall cease those activities and provide public
11 documentation of terminated programs within 180 days of this bill's
12 effective date.
- 13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on December 1st, 2025. All
 laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Keith Grondahl of Clearfield High School.

A Bill to Remove Troops from South Korea

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will withdraw all of its remaining military personnel from South Korea
3 effective immediately. Military support will still be available for South Korean use, if
4 needed.

5 **SECTION 2.** Military support shall be defined as military aid and U.S. military operations in conjunction
6 with South Korean forces.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense (DoD) and the U.S. Department of State will oversee
8 implementation of this legislation.

9 A. The U.S. Department of State will authorize distribution of military aid if needed.

10 B. The U.S. Department of State will conduct yearly audits to ensure proper use of military
11 aid, if distributed.

12 C. U.S. military operations shall not be offensive, except in the case of aggression from
13 South Korean adversaries such as North Korea, China, and Russia.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect in FY 2025.

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

A Bill to Mandate Paid Maternity Leave for All Employees

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All employers in the United States shall provide a minimum of 12 weeks of paid maternity
3 leave to employees following the birth of a child.

4 **SECTION 2.** "Paid maternity leave" shall be defined as a leave of absence granted to a mother after
5 childbirth with full salary compensation.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor shall oversee enforcement of this policy through the following
7 measures:

8 A. Employers who fail to provide paid maternity leave shall be fined \$50,000 per violation.

9 B. A federal fund shall be established to assist small businesses (defined as those with
10 fewer than 50 employees) in covering the costs of paid maternity leave.

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

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

Bill to Raise the Legal Driving Age

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS THAT:

SECTION 1.

The United States shall raise the legal minimum age for driving to 18.

SECTION 2. Definitions

1. Raise: elevated to a higher position or level.
2. Legal: permitted by law.
3. Minimum: the least or smallest amount or quantity permitted.
4. Driving: the control and operation of a motor vehicle.

SECTION 3.

1. This bill will be enforced by the United States Department of Transportation.
2. Any non-compliant individuals will be fined \$250 and restricted from receiving their license for an additional 6 months after the day they turn 18.

SECTION 4.

This legislation will take effect January 1st 2026.

SECTION 5.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hyrum Tippetts of Manti High School

A Bill to Ensure Student Health by Starting School Hours at Later Times

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Federal funding will be denied to any public school or school
- 2 district which starts the first period of their school hours before 8:30 AM.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** 1. Federal funding is defined as any school funding given by
- 4 an agency or division of the federal government.
- 5 2. Denied is defined as not given.
- 6 3. First period is defined as the earliest class in which the majority of a
- 7 school's students are scheduled to attend.
- 8 4. School hours are defined as the hours of operation in which students are
- 9 actively being taught.
- 10 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be enforced by the Department of Education.
- 11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2027.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jack Basso of Cottonwood High School

A Bill to Repeal the Alien Enemies Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The "Act Respecting Alien Enemies," commonly referred to as the Alien
3 Enemies Act, is hereby repealed in its entirety and stricken from United
4 States Code.

5 **SECTION 2.** The "Act Respecting Alien Enemies" is 50 U.S.C. §§ 21–24.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall oversee the implementation of this
7 legislation.

8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Nathan Keoppel of Syracuse High.