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# A Bill to Federally Subsidize the Placement of Menstrual Care Products in All Public Restrooms

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   All public buildings with restrooms shall be stocked with a minimum of 25  
2                   units of each type of menstrual care product in every restroom. These shall  
3                   be provided at no cost to all and restocked whenever the stock of any  
4                   product falls below 5.
- 5   **SECTION 2.**   The following terms are defined:
- 6                   A. A public building shall be defined as a building that provides office or  
7                   storage space for federal agencies or government corporations, along  
8                   with its grounds and related features.
- 9                   B. The term 'menstrual care product' shall be defined as a tampon, pad,  
10                  liner, cup, or sponge.
- 11 **SECTION 3.**   The funding for this legislation shall be taken from the Department of  
12                  Defense's budget for the coming year. The United States Department of  
13                  Commerce and the United States Department of Health and Human  
14                  Services shall oversee this bill
- 15 **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect on October 1, 2026.
- 16 **SECTION 5.**   All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Math and Science Academy*

# A Bill to Implement a Health Tax

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** In an effort to combat large-scale public health problems across the country, the United States shall impose a 15% excise tax on tobacco products, alcohol products, and sugar-sweetened beverages.

**SECTION 2.** The following are defined:

- A. Tobacco products are defined as all products that contain tobacco, including those that are smoked, inhaled, or chewed.
- B. Alcohol products are defined as alcoholic beverages designed for human consumption.
- C. Sugary drinks, or sugar-sweetened beverages (SSBs), are defined as any non-alcoholic beverage with various forms of added sugars. They include regular sodas, sports drinks, energy drinks, fruit drinks, and sweetened water.

**SECTION 3.** The US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Center for Disease Control (CDC), and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) shall coordinate efforts to oversee and implement this piece of legislation. 100% of revenue from this excise tax shall go towards federal social welfare programs, public health programs, and public education programs with the purpose of providing assistance to low income people in the United States.

**SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect January 1st 2026. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Eagan High School*

# A Bill to Ban United States Offshore Fossil Fuel Drilling

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   All offshore fossil fuel drilling within the United States shall hereby be  
2                   banned. This would remove the ability for crude oil and natural gas to be  
3                   produced via offshore methods.
- 4   **SECTION 2.**   “Offshore fossil fuel drilling” shall be defined as the process of drilling into  
5                   the ocean floor to access pockets of oil and gas that lie underneath.
- 6   **SECTION 3.**   All funding being used currently to support offshore drilling will be  
7                   redistributed toward renewable energy initiatives. All current revenue from  
8                   offshoring will be used to reimburse coastal communities for the severe  
9                   damages caused by offshoring.
- 10                  A. The remaining revenue will be given to the Environmental Protection  
11                  Agency (EPA) to use towards continued sustainability research.
- 12   **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with this  
13                  legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bloomington Jefferson High School*

# A Bill to Tax Beef Products

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   The sale and import of all beef products into and within the United States
- 2                   of America will hereby be subject to an additional tax of 20%. The revenue
- 3                   generated by this taxation will be redistributed evenly between the
- 4                   Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and environmental
- 5                   protection research initiatives.
- 6   **SECTION 2.**   Beef products are defined as any commercial product that is derived from
- 7                   any part of a cow, including cow's milk.
- 8   **SECTION 3.**   The Internal Revenue Service will oversee the implementation of this bill.
- 9                   The allocation of funds for environmental protection research will be at the
- 10                  discretion of the Environmental Protection Agency.
- 11 **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect in FY 2026.
- 12 **SECTION 5.**   All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bloomington Kennedy High School*

# A Bill to Ensure Technological Infrastructure in Educational Systems

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   The United States shall designate \$30 billion in funds to low-income  
2                   schools to upgrade their technological infrastructure. Funds will be sent  
3                   directly to the district to divide and spend on technological infrastructure  
4                   based on the will of the district.
- 5   **SECTION 2.**   Technological infrastructure will take the form of physical electronics such  
6                   as computers and tablets, and software such as online textbooks. This is a  
7                   partial list of technological infrastructure. This is just an example of what  
8                   districts can spend their money on.
- 9   **SECTION 3.**   Funds will be requisitioned from the Department of Defense’s Budget for  
10                  FY 2025. The Department of Education is implementing the bill and  
11                  dispersing funds.
- 12                  A. The funds will be given out depending on the amount of students in  
13                  each district.
- 14                  B. Extra funds will be recouped by the Department of Education to be  
15                  used the next year.
- 16   **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect on September 1st, 2026.
- 17   **SECTION 5.**   All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Edina High School.*

# A Bill to Introduce Mixed-Use Zoning

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   Local governments receiving federal infrastructure funds, including but not  
2                   limited to highway, transit, and utility grants, shall be required to update  
3                   their zoning laws to designate at least 20% of their developable land to  
4                   mixed-use zoning.
- 5   **SECTION 2.**   The following definitions will be used:
- 6                   A. “Zoning” is defined as a governmental land-use method that divides an  
7                   area into specific zones for different developmental purposes.
- 8                   B. “Mixed-use zoning” refers to the integration of commercial, residential,  
9                   recreational, and institutional establishments in an area within walking  
10                  distance.
- 11                  C. “Developable land” is defined as land that has been approved for  
12                  housing and industrial construction. This does not refer to land  
13                  designated for environmental preservation or agricultural  
14                  development.
- 15   **SECTION 3.**   The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and the U.S. Department of  
16                   Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will oversee this bill to ensure all  
17                   measures are being enforced.
- 18                  A. Local governments that do not comply will be ineligible for new federal  
19                  infrastructure funds until zoning requirements are met.
- 20                  B. Showing substantial progress towards compliance may grant  
21                  governments extensions of up to two years.
- 22   **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect in FY 2027.
- 23   **SECTION 5.**   All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by East Ridge High School*

# 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 Appropriate Tools  
2                   Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (USA PATRIOT Act) Act of  
3                   2001 is hereby repealed in its entirety.
- 4   **SECTION 2.**   Any amendments to existing laws or Acts made by the USA PATRIOT Act  
5                   shall be nullified, and such laws shall be restored to their pre-amendment  
6                   form as if those changes were never enacted.
- 7   **SECTION 3.**   The Department of Justice shall oversee the enforcement of this repeal.  
8                   A. Any existing authorities or agencies acting under powers granted solely  
9                   by the USA PATRIOT Act shall cease those activities and provide public  
10                  documentation of terminated programs within 180 days of this bill's  
11                  effective date.
- 12   **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect on December 1, 2025.
- 13   **SECTION 5.**   All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*This Bill is Open for Sponsorship by Any Competitor*



# A Bill to Eliminate Zoning Laws

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   The United States shall eliminate all zoning regulation in the United States
- 2                   in order to make housing easily available for all Americans.
- 3   **SECTION 2.**   Zoning regulation is defined as legislative acts dividing a jurisdiction's land
- 4                   into sections and regulating different land uses in each section in
- 5                   accordance with zoning ordinances.
- 6   **SECTION 3.**   The Department of Housing and Urban Development will oversee the
- 7                   implementation of this legislation.
- 8                   A. The Department of Justice will be in charge of prosecuting states and
- 9                   localities that are in violation of this legislation.
- 10                  B. States and localities in violation of this legislation will be required to
- 11                  pay \$1 million to the federal government.
- 12   **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2029.
- 13   **SECTION 5.**   All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

# The Maritime Modernization and Reform Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   The Merchant Marine Act of 1920, commonly known as the Jones Act, shall  
2                   hereby be repealed in its entirety.
- 3   **SECTION 2.**   For the purposes of this legislation:  
4                   A. The Jones Act refers specifically to Section 27 of the Merchant Marine  
5                   Act of 1920 (46 U.S.C. § 55102), which restricts the transportation of  
6                   goods between U.S. ports to be on vessels that are U.S.-built,  
7                   U.S.-owned, U.S.-flagged, and crewed primarily by U.S. citizens or  
8                   permanent residents.  
9                   B. *Foreign-flag vessel* shall refer to any ship registered under the laws of a  
10                  nation other than the United States.
- 11  **SECTION 3.**   Following repeal, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and the  
12                   Maritime Administration (MARAD) shall establish transitional regulations  
13                   within twelve (12) months to ensure that all foreign-flag vessels operating  
14                   between U.S. ports comply with U.S. safety, environmental, and labor  
15                   standards.
- 16  **SECTION 4.**   All existing subsidies, contracts, or grants issued under the Jones Act shall  
17                   remain valid until their scheduled expiration, but may not be renewed  
18                   under its former authority. MARAD shall redirect any remaining funds  
19                   previously allocated to Jones Act enforcement toward the U.S. Shipyard  
20                   Modernization and Innovation Program (USMIP) to support modernization  
21                   of domestic shipbuilding.
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- 23  **SECTION 5.**   This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2027, to allow adequate time  
24                   for maritime, industrial, and defense transition planning.
- 25  **SECTION 6.**   All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*This Bill is Open for Sponsorship by Any Competitor*