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A Bill to Ban the Consumption of Energy Drinks by Minors

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Article I: No person under the age of 18 shall be permitted to purchase or consume energy drinks and they need a drivers ID or a state ID to purchase.

Article II: For the purposes of this bill, "energy drink" shall be defined as any beverage containing more than 80 milligrams of caffeine per 8 fluid ounces, with or without additional stimulants such as taurine, guarana, or ginseng. This does not include soda, coffee, or tea.

Article III: This bill shall take effect on March 1 2026.

Article IV: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) shall oversee enforcement of this bill, in coordination with state health departments. Retailers found selling energy drinks to minors will face fines of up to \$500 per offense.

Article V: All laws in conflict with this policy shall be hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

McDowell High School

Legislation for Lakeview
11.20.2025

Note: #1 carried over from previous tournament
and must be debated first.

A BILL TO RAISE THE MINIMUM AGE FOR MARRIAGE TO EIGHTEEN
IN ALL U.S. STATES

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- Article I: With this new policy in place, every state must require both parties planning on forming a marital contract to be at least 18 years old.
- Article II: This bill will make any marriage under 18 years of age, including marriages that are of custom/religion, even if they include parental consent, illegal and void. This bill will not nullify legal marriages under 18 years of age prior to the passing of this bill.
- Article III: This bill will be implemented on June 1st, 2026.
- Article IV: The Children's Bureau and The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' will work in tandem to oversee the enforcement of the bill along with the specific enforcement mechanism.
- Article V: State that all other laws in conflict with this new policy shall hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Meadville Area Senior High School

A BILL TO RETURN TARIFFS ON CANADIAN LUMBER TO PRE-2025 RATES

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Article I: Tariffs on imported Canadian softwood lumber will be decreased to their pre-2025 levels, as of September of 2024.

- a. The Canfor Corporation will be given a 10.44% Anti-Dumping tariff rate, and a 6.14% Countervailing.
- b. West Fraser Mills Ltd. will be given a 5.04% Anti-Dumping tariff rate, and a 6.85% Countervailing.
- c. All other Canadian softwood lumber industries will be given a 7.66% Anti-Dumping tariff rate, and a 6.74% Countervailing.

Article II:

- a. "Canadian softwood lumber" refers to lumber products imported by the US, including lumber from trees such as spruce, pine, cedar, hemlock, larch and fir.
- b. "Anti-Dumping tariff" is defined as tariffs imposed on imported goods that are sold at prices lower than their normal value or lower than the price in the exporter's home market.
- c. "Countervailing" is defined as an extra tariff intended to be added to offset government subsidies and such from the exporting government.

Article III: This bill will take action in the next fiscal year

Article IV: The United States Department of Commerce and the Office of the United States Trade Representative shall jointly oversee the implementation and enforcement of this act.

Article V: All other laws or tariffs in conflict with this legislation shall be hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Lakeview High School

A Bill to Protect Minors in Social Media Content Creation

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. Article I: The Fair Labor Standards Act shall be amended to include minors who earn income or generate monetized content through social media platforms, streaming services, or online content creation under the same protections as traditional child performers in entertainment industries.
2. Article II: A Social Media Child Performer shall be defined as any individual under the age of 18 who appears in or contributes to monetized online content.
3. Article III: The Department of Labor shall create and enforce specific labor standards for Social Media Child Performers, including but not limited to:
 - A. Limits on filming hours and required breaks to ensure minors' education and wellbeing.
 - B. Mandatory revenue allocation, requiring at least 25% of all income generated from monetized content featuring minors to be deposited into a protected trust account accessible only by the child upon reaching age 18.
- Article IV: Any parent, guardian, or adult who manages or profits from a minor's online content and violates this Act shall be subject to:
 - A. Civil penalties not exceeding \$50,000 per violation.
 - B. Forfeiture of earnings obtained through unlawful exploitation.
 - C. Possible suspension of monetization privileges on social media platforms in cooperation with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).
4. Article V: The Department of Labor, in coordination with the Federal Trade Commission, shall oversee enforcement.
5. Article VI: This legislation shall take effect one year after passage.
6. Article VII: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,
Fairview High School

A Bill to Increase Foreign Aid to Developing Nations Impacted by Climate Change

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Article I: The United States shall increase foreign aid to developing nations that are most affected by the impacts of climate change, with the goal of promoting sustainable development and long-term climate resilience.

Article II: An additional \$10 billion per year shall be allocated to the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to fund renewable energy projects, clean water initiatives, agricultural adaptation programs, and disaster relief efforts.

Article III: This bill shall take effect on October 1, 2026, marking the start of the next fiscal year.

Article IV: The Department of State and USAID shall oversee implementation and provide annual public reports to ensure transparency and effective use of funds.

Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation shall be hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

McDowell High School

A Bill to Ban the Mandatory Implementation of School Uniforms Nationwide

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1.

The United States shall prohibit all public educational institutions from requiring students to wear standardized school uniforms as a condition of attendance.

SECTION 2.

For the purposes of this legislation:

- a. *School uniforms* are defined as clothing or attire mandated by a school or district policy requiring all students to wear identical or near-identical outfits.
- b. *Public educational institutions* include any elementary, middle, or high schools funded primarily by state or local government resources.

SECTION 3.

Public schools may establish reasonable dress codes ensuring safety, decency, and prevention of gang-related apparel, provided such policies allow individual expression and cultural or religious attire.

SECTION 4.

The U.S. Department of Education shall oversee compliance by:

- a. Reviewing district-level policies for uniform mandates.
- b. Withholding up to 5% of federal education grants from noncompliant districts.

SECTION 5.

This law shall take effect at the beginning of the following academic year after passage.

SECTION 6.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathedral Preparatory School