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9. A Bill to Lock-Up Private Prisons and Throw Away the Key

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** No department shall enter into or renew a contract with a private
2 detention facility. No person residing in the United States shall be
3 incarcerated, held, or detained in any way in a private detention facility.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** “Private detention facility” will be defined as a detention facility, located
5 within or outside of U.S jurisdiction, that is operated by a private,
6 nongovernmental, for-profit entity, and operating pursuant to a contract or
7 agreement with a governmental entity. This extends to detention facilities
8 for the purpose of holding or detaining undocumented persons.
- 9 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall also act as an incentive mechanism for states to
10 implement this bill in reference to all private state detention facilities.
11 Appropriate funding as decided by congress will be delegated to states
12 from the defense budget for the purpose of transitioning away from private
13 detention facilities. Should states decide not to implement this legislation
14 all federal highway funding will be revoked.
- 15 **SECTION 4.** The U.S Department of Justice in conjunction with all relevant federal and
16 state departments shall be responsible for the implementation of this
17 legislation.
- 18 **SECTION 5.** This bill will take effect immediately upon passage with an 8 month
19 adjustment period.
- 20 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this piece of legislation are hereby declared null
21 and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln East.

10. A Resolution to Make Puerto Rico a State

1. **WHEREAS**, Puerto Rico has been an unincorporated territory of the United States for 125 years, which
2. is close to 5 times the average amount of time current states spent as that designation, and
3. **WHEREAS**, Puerto Rico has a larger population of American citizens than 21 other incorporated states,
4. and therefore represents more of our democracy; therefore, be it
5. **RESOLVED**, By this Congress that we take swift action to make Puerto Rico a fully incorporated state in
6. the union with all congressional representatives, electoral votes, and all other rights and
7. powers of states in the union.

Submitted by Elkhorn South High School

11. A Bill to Establish Universal Free Meals at Schools

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Public school breakfast and lunch will be free for all students in grades
2 Pre-K through 12 in the United States on any day school is in session.
- 3 **SECTION 2. A.** A public school shall be defined as any school that receives public
4 funds in the form of government-imposed taxes and that is free for
5 individuals to attend.
- 6 **B.** Breakfast and lunch shall be defined as a an age appropriately
7 sized meal consisting of balanced nutrients as recommended by the
8 American Academy of Pediatrics.
- 9 **SECTION 3. A.** The United States Department of Education (DoE) will ensure the
10 implementation of free universal meals within all public schools
- 11 **B.** The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) will be tasked
12 with monitoring public schools to ensure that they are supplying the
13 appropriately balanced nutrients to their students
- 14 **C.** The United States Department of Treasury will be tasked with ensuring
15 that any public school the DoE or the USDA finds to be in violation of this
16 legislation will lose all of their federal support until they have been in
17 compliance with the legislation for the period of 6 consecutive months.
- 18 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect at the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year.
- 19 **SECTION 5.** All laws that are in conflict with this policy shall hereby be declared null
20 and void.

Submitted by Norfolk High School

12. A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Enshrine the Right to Shelter

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

6. **ARTICLE 1.**

7. **SECTION 1:** All people shall have the fundamental right to shelter, defined as
8. access to safe, sanitary, and habitable living conditions that
9. include essential utilities necessary for health and basic human
10. dignity.

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

Submitted by Hastings Senior High School

13. A Resolution To Dismantle and Eliminate the United States' Nuclear Arsenal

1 **WHEREAS,** The existence of nuclear weapons poses an existential threat to humanity
2 global security;

3 **WHEREAS,** The United States as a global leader, has moral and strategic obligation to
4 promote peace and prevent nuclear catastrophe; and

5 **WHEREAS,** The elimination of nuclear weapons is in alignment with the Treaty on the
6 Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and international disarmament
7 goals. Resources allocated to nuclear weapons would be better invested
8 in domestic priorities, A world free of nuclear weapons would reduce the
9 risk of accidental war, proliferation, and catastrophic loss of life; therefore,
10 be it

11 **RESOLVED**, By this Congress that the United States government should commit to
12 nuclear disarmament; and, be it

13 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, The President shall immediately direct the Department of
14 Defense, the Department of Energy, and all relevant agencies to develop
15 and implement a phased plan for nuclear disarmament, ensuring
16 compliance with international verification mechanisms.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln Southwest High School.

14. A Bill to Expand Over-The-Counter Contraceptive Access

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) shall reclassify all
2 self-administered contraceptives to be available over-the-counter (OTC)
3 without a prescription from a licensed health care professional.
- 4 A. Self-administered contraceptives are defined as any contraceptive
5 product whose safe and effective use does not reasonably require the
6 assistance of a licensed health care professional. This includes but is not
7 limited to pills and oral contraceptives (both regular and emergency),
8 patches, rings, condoms and barriers, etc.
- 9 **SECTION 2.** The FDA shall ensure industry-standard safety labels and usage guidance
10 for all relevant products.
- 11 **SECTION 3.** The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) shall oversee enforcement of
12 this legislation.
- 13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2027.
- 14 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln Southeast.

15. A Bill to Stop the Exploitation of Child Social Media Channels

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All people monetizing any content of any child on social media will be required to pass a class about having a child on social media.

SECTION 2.

- A. "Social media" will be defined as websites and applications that enable users to create and share content.
- B. "Child" will be defined as any person under the age of 18.
- C. "Monetization" will be defined as the action or process of earning revenue from an asset.

SECTION 3. These classes' curriculum will be curated by child psychologists and will consist of the harms and dangers of having a child on social media before the age of 18.

- A. They will be offered through an online format.
- B. The content creator will be required to take at least 17 hours of this class to be deemed as passing.

SECTION 4. The Department of Health and Human Services will enforce this legislation by working directly with all social media services with the option to monetize content.

- A. If a creator is found in violation of this legislation, the content hosting company has 60 days to remove the channel before being assigned \$5,000 per violation.
- B. All current content creators have a yearlong period after this passing to take this class if necessary for their content before they should be removed from the platform.

SECTION 5. This legislation will go into effect on June 6th of 2027.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Millard South High School.

16. A Bill to Grant Puerto Rico Statehood

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Puerto Rico shall be admitted into the United States as a state and be
2 granted all rights, privileges, and responsibilities equal to the other states.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** The State of Puerto Rico shall consist of all islands and territorial waters
4 currently under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.
- 5 **SECTION 3.** Upon statehood, Puerto Rico shall receive federal representation as
6 follows:
- 7 A. Two seats in the United States Senate.
8 B. Representatives in the United States House, determined by the
9 latest census data.
10 C. Electors based on their congressional representation.
- 11 **SECTION 4.** Upon statehood, Puerto Rico shall receive federal representation as
12 follows:
- 13 A. All Puerto Rican citizens shall be subject to federal income tax laws
14 and federal funding will be allocated for economic adjustments.
15 B. United States federal laws will take full effect in Puerto Rico,
16 overriding any conflicting local laws.
17 C. Congress shall approve the state constitution proposed by the
18 Legislative Assembly of Puerto Rico.
- 19 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately.
- 20 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Marian High School.

17. A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Actually Advise the President

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:

7 ARTICLE --

SECTION 1: Cabinet positions will be treated as executive positions, with
need for congressional appointment; the position of
secretary will be changed into 5 person committees, and
cabinet vote will be necessary for bill action.

SECTION 2: The process to appoint Cabinet positions will be the same
process as that of supreme court justices.

SECTION 3: Cabinet members will serve for 10 years. If the ten years elapses, the cabinet member will immediately be put back into the appointment process for reassessment by Congress.

SECTION 4: All future bills in this Congress will have between 1 and 5 assigned departments to oversee its implementation into the nation, and, to determine the bill's passage, these cabinet members will take a vote within 10 days of the president receiving the bill. If there is a tie between the cabinet members of the delegated departments, the president will break the tie.

24 **SECTION 5:** Processes and policies in this amendment supersede any
25 other language in the constitution inconsistent to it.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Elkhorn South.

18. A Bill to Federally Mandate Police Training

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 SECTION 1. All new and currently serving police officers shall be required
2 to undergo a new training course.

3 SECTION 2.

4 A. Police shall be defined as the body of officers representing the civil
5 authority of any level of government, including but is not limited
6 to, federal, state, county, and municipal police.

7 B. The new training course will be created by the Department of
8 Justice and entail lessons of de-escalation, crisis intervention,
9 alternatives to lethal force, and mental health awareness.

10 SECTION 3. The Department of Justice shall create a 20 hour training
11 course and oversee enforcement of this bill.

12 A. They shall allocate 7 million dollars from the Department of
13 Justice each fiscal year to this project.

14 B. Officers who do not complete this training within one year of
15 becoming a sworn officer or of the passing of this law shall
16 have their badge revoked.

17 C. Officers must then serve a six-month, unpaid suspension before
18 being reinstated after completing the training.

19 SECTION 4. This bill shall go into effect on January 1st, 2028.

20 SECTION 5. All other laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall
21 hereby be declared null and void.

Submitted by Norfolk High School

19. A Bill to Implement Agrivoltaics

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** All farms in the United States shall incorporate agrivoltaic systems on at
3. least 50% of their actively cultivated or grazed acreage. The electricity
4. generated will first be used for the farm. Then, the electricity surplus will
5. be available for sale.
6. **SECTION 2.** Definitions:
7. A. *Agrivoltaics* shall be defined as the co-location of photovoltaic
8. solar panels and agricultural production on the same actively
9. cultivated or grazed land.
10. B. A *farm* shall be defined as any agricultural operation that
11. produced at least \$5,000 in agricultural goods in the previous year.
12. C. Agricultural Products shall be defined as any crop, livestock,
13. dairy, poultry, aquaculture, horticultural, fiber, greenhouse,
14. nursery, or biofuel product produced for agricultural purposes.
15. **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), in coordination with the U.S.
16. Department of Energy (DOE), the Renewable Energy for America Program
17. (REAP), the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), the
18. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Natural Resources
19. Conservation Service (NRCS), shall be responsible for implementing this
20. legislation.
21. A. All farms will be given \$200,000 to implement this legislation.
22. B. Any farm that fails to comply shall be fined \$50,000 per month
23. until compliance is achieved. After 1 year of continuous
24. noncompliance, the farm shall become ineligible for all federal
25. agricultural subsidies and support programs. If after 2 years of
26. non-compliance, the farm shall be ordered to cease operations
27. and close permanently.
28. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect in FY 2029.
29. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Submitted by Hastings Senior High School

20. A Resolution to Prioritize the National Debt Over Foreign Affairs

- 1 **WHEREAS,** By fulfilling this Resolution, the United States will lift the burden of
2 increasing debt off of their civilians and abandon the habit of constant
3 overspending; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** The loss of this habit will free the American people from high borrowing
5 costs and the uprising inflation that burdens citizens with an accompanied
6 static wage growth; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Using resources and money on the citizens of other countries shows an
8 ignorance towards America’s current problems and the foundational ideas
9 of serving and protecting its people; now, therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** The U.S. government will prioritize the national debt over the optional
11 foreign affairs such as acts of service and agreements with other nations
12 that do not involve joining and/or starting a war.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Marian Highschool.