


# ICDA 4 Legislation

## December 5, 2026

### Hampshire High School

# A Bill to Red Light Red 40

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.**
a. All food producers who use Red 40 as an ingredient in their products will be subjected to a 10% federal excise tax.
b. The tax will be imposed per unit of food product sold

**SECTION 2.**
a. Food producers shall be defined as any company who specializes in distribution and manufacturing of food products included but not limited to Lays, Haribo, Kraft Heinz, PepsiCo, and others

**SECTION 3.** The Food and Drug Association (FDA) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

A. The FDA's duties shall be figuring out which producers are using Red 40
B. The IRS will be collecting the excise tax

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will be put into place on January 1, 2028

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

***Introduced to the committee on Economics***
***by Deborah Gimelman and Maya Petryniec***
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# A Bill to Recycle Food Waste

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1**. All commercial food-service businesses and public school districts that generate over a specific threshold of food waste shall divert it through donations, composting, or anaerobic digestion.

**SECTION 2**.

A. "Specific threshold of food waste" shall be defined as generating an average of above 1 ton of food waste per week for 30 consecutive days.

B. "Commercial food-service businesses" shall be defined as grocery stores, food distributors, chain restaurants, and hotel dining services.

C. "Food waste" shall be defined as discarded organic waste resulting from production, preparation, or consumption of food. Unused, edible food is for human donations.

**SECTION 3.** The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), in coordination with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, shall oversee and enforce this legislation

A. Qualifying entities shall receive a 10% tax credit on annual waste diversion processing fees.

B. Entities that fail to comply within 60 days shall face a $5000 monthly non-compliance fee allocated towards a municipal composting infrastructure grant program.

**SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect January 1, 2028.

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

*Introduced to the committee on Economic Policy by Srilakshmi Maddali*
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# The Fashion Accountability and Sustainable Trade Act (FAST)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1**. The United States shall impose an additional 40% import tariff on all foreign clothing products that fail to meet ethical and environmental standards.

**SECTION 2**.

A. Foreign clothing products shall be defined as clothing, footwear, and textile products manufactured outside of the United States and imported for sale within the United States.

B. Ethical standards shall be defined as fair wages, safe working conditions, reasonable working hours, prohibition of child labor and forced labor, and the protection of workers' rights throughout the manufacturing process.

C. Environmental standards shall be defined as compliance with regulations regarding carbon emissions, water pollution, chemical waste disposal, sustainable resource usage, and the reduction of textile waste and environmental pollution.

**SECTION 3.** The US Department of Customs and Border Protection in partnership with the Environmental Protection Agency shall be responsible for the implementation of this legislation.

A. 50% of tax revenue collected under this legislation shall be allocated to updating national recycling infrastructure

B. Regular audits of foreign manufacturers will be conducted to ensure compliance

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2029

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

*Introduced to the committee on Economic Policy by Sydney Voicu and Ahir Naveen*

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# A Bill to Modify Employment Review for International Talents (MERIT)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The H-1B visa selection process shall be changed from the purely wage-weighted system to a priority-based system in which every applicant receives one entry in the selection pool and is given priority based on factors such as an annual salary over $120,000, level of education (Bachelor's, Master's or doctoral degree), employment in a STEM field and significant research contributions.

**SECTION 2.** A. Selection pool shall mean the group of eligible H-1B applicants entered into the visa selection process during an application period.

B. Wage-weighted system shall mean assigning multiple lottery entries to each registration based on the offered Department of Labor Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics wage level

C. Priority-based system shall mean applicants that will receive greater consideration for receiving an H-1B visa based on criteria in Section 1.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security, through the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), shall oversee and enforce this legislation.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on March 1, 2028.

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

*Respectfully introduced to the Committee on Foreign Affairs by Monet Chalermratananon and Rei En Chew*

**WOODLANDS ACADEMY**



# A Resolution to get North America Back on Track

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**WHEREAS,** the Canadian government is seeking to construct a high-speed rail corridor (Alto) from Québec City to Toronto; and

**WHEREAS,** the United States is looking for an opportunity to expand our own high-speed rail infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS,** millions of Americans live in the highly-dense urban corridor from Toronto through Detroit and Chicago; and

**WHEREAS,** the expansion of this potential high-speed rail corridor could create opportunities for economic revitalization and reductions in transportation emissions; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That Congress here assembled recommend that Amtrak collaborate with Canada to fund and construct an extension of Alto from Toronto to Chicago with intermediate stops in Detroit, Ann Arbor, South Bend, and Chicago; and, be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** if Canada agrees to fully fund and construct the extension of Alto within its own borders from Toronto to Detroit, Congress shall authorize Amtrak to construct a segment from Detroit to Chicago using 100 billion dollars reallocated from the Department of Defense.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Patrick Dauray & Subhashree Jayachandran.*

Patrick Dauray and Subhashree Jayachandran
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# A Bill to Thwart Tariffs

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1**. A. Section 122 of the Trade Act of 1974 and Section 338 of the Tariff Act of 1930 are hereby repealed.

B. Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 and Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 are hereby amended to require a resolution of approval from both houses of Congress before any executive proposal to modify, impose, or increase import duties may take effect.

C. The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) shall hereby be established as an independent agency within the executive branch, completely separate from the Executive Office of the President.

**SECTION 2**. A. Resolution of approval shall be defined as a resolution passed by a simple majority vote within sixty calendar days of any executive proposal.

B. Executive proposal shall be defined as any formal written determination, proclamation, or executive order that recommends or intends to enact or modify any tariff, duty, or import restriction.

C. Independent agency shall be defined as a federal institution outside of the Executive Office of the President and not subject to direct political control or policy direction of the president, modeled after the Federal Trade Commission.

**SECTION 3.** A. The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

B. The USTR shall provide Congress with an economic impact report on any proposal issued by the Executive Office of the President within twenty calendar days of issuance.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2027.

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

*Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Foreign Affairs by*

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# A Bill to Handout $H_2O$

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1**. All water supplied by public and private water utilities shall be provided free to eligible businesses and households, subsidized by the United States government.

**SECTION 2**.

A. "Water" shall be defined specifically as water used for residential, commercial, or industrial purposes, including potable and non-potable water, but excluding commercially sold bottled water.

B. "Household" shall be defined specifically as individuals or families making below the median annual income for their region and family size.

C. "Businesses" shall be defined specifically as a business earning less than $50 million in annual revenue. AI data centers and all farms are excluded from this definition due to extensive water use.

**SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shall oversee implementation with all funding derived from the Department of Treasury (USDT). Funding shall not be a fixed number; instead, it will be fluid to monthly changes in water demand and price.

A. Commercial and industrial entities shall follow water consumption limits made by the EPA based on industry, regional water availability, and operational necessity.

B. Noncompliance with section 3A shall result in a $200 fine per gallon over the allotted use. Fine revenue will go back into funding this bill.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2028.

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

*Introduced to the committee on Civil Policy by Jaival Trivedi and Riyad Khaiar*
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# A Bill to Defend Ownership, Care, and Transparency by Overseeing Robotics [DOCTOR]

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.**

A. No commercial entity or healthcare provider may integrate or utilize artificial intelligence systems to directly generate medical diagnoses or clinical triage advice without real-time physician authorization.

B. No healthcare entity or artificial intelligence developer shall synthesize patient information or train artificial intelligence models using protected health information (PHI) without explicit consent from the patient.

C. Consent must be requested as an opt-in provision separate from standard treatment consent forms

    a. Patients may revoke consent for data generation at any time, mandating the immediate removal of their records from active training models

**SECTION 2.**

A. Artificial intelligence shall be defined as any automated or algorithmic learning system capable of generating natural language, diagnostic inferences, or decision-making outputs

B. Synthesizing patient information shall be defined as automated extraction or model training using personal medical history, clinical notes, or biometric data.

**SECTION 3.**

A. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) shall jointly oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

B. Failure to comply with Section 1 will result in a corporate fine of up to $50,000 per unauthorized AI-generated diagnosis or unconsented patient information synthesis, alongside an immediate suspension of providers' licenses until compliance is assured.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2027.

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

*Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Civil Policy by*

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# A Bill to Truncate Trucking Hours

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) limits for property-carrying truck drivers shall be reduced to no more than 9 consecutive hours of driving, 12 consecutive hours of duty, 50 hours of duty per week, and 60 hours of duty over 8 consecutive days.

**SECTION 2.** A property-carrying truck driver shall be defined as a licensed professional who operates commercial motor vehicles to transport goods, materials, and livestock over land.

**SECTION 3.** The Commodities Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

A. Any entity found in violation of section 1 shall pay $125,000 per day.

B. All penalties collected under this policy shall go towards customer education programs under the Commodities Futures Trading Commission.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2027.

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

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