

A Bill to Abolish the Death Penalty

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Death Penalty as a punishment for crimes shall be abolished.

3 **SECTION 2.** For the sake of legislation, the Death Penalty is defined as the lawful
4 infliction of death as a punishment.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will oversee this legislation.

6 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect on January 1, 2016.

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

Respectfully submitted by Madison McAuliffe of Oxbridge Academy

A Bill to Modernize America's Broadband Infrastructure

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

2 **SECTION 1.** A new government agency titled the Telecommunications Construction
3 Commission shall be created in order to assist state governments with
4 the construction of fiber optic networks.

5 **SECTION 2.** The terms in this bill shall be defined as:

6 **a.)** The Telecommunications Construction Commission shall be defined as
7 a government agency tasked with facilitating the construction of fiber
8 optic networks by funding states that apply for a loan. The TCC shall also
9 monitor the construction of these fiber optic networks in order to ensure
10 funding is being used effectively and as intended.

11 **b.)** Fiber optic networks shall be defined as telecommunications networks
12 constructed with fiber optic cables.

13 **SECTION 3.** This loan program shall be overseen by the Internal Revenue Service as
14 well as the Federal Communications Commission.

15 **a.)** States which construct fiber optic networks with the assistance of the
16 Telecommunications Construction Commission shall pay 10% of state-
17 owned fiber optic network revenue to the Telecommunications
18 Construction Commission for the next 10 years.

19 **b.)** States which are found to be misusing TCC funding shall be blacklisted
20 from future TCC loans until adequate construction on state fiber optic
21 networks has been found to be made.

22 **SECTION 4.)** This legislation shall enter effect January 1st, 2016

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

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Josh Alber of Oxbridge Academy

A BILL TO REDUCE PRISON POPULATIONS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. This legislation shall endorse an early federal release program for inmates who have been diagnosed with a treatable mental illness in which these prisoners will be transferred to short-term federal mental health treatment facilities.

SECTION 2. A. “Early federal release program” shall remain defined as described in the Early Release Procedures Under 18 U.S.C § 3621(e)1b and eligibility requirements will remain defined as in Early Release Procedures Under 18 U.S.C § 3621(e)5.

B. “Treatable mental illness” shall be defined as disorders that affect mood, thinking, and behavior.

C. “Short-term” shall be defined as a treatment program less than six months long.

D. “Federal mental health treatment facilities” shall be defined as centers for mental health recovery.

SECTION 3. 5% of the Federal Bureau of Prisons’s budget shall be used to enforce this piece of legislation.

SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect eighteen months after passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Elijah Rockhold
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A Bill to Regulate Autonomous Vehicles

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. This legislation shall regulate autonomous vehicles to the same degree non-autonomous vehicles are regulated by the federal government.

SECTION 2. A. "Regulate" will be defined as any regulation the federal government currently has on non-autonomous vehicles.

B. This includes, but does not limit: liability of manufacturers, environmental impacts, and representation of product capabilities.

SECTION 3. A. The Department of Transportation will oversee and enforce this legislation.

B. Failure to comply with this legislation will result in a \$150,000 fine for the manufacturers of the vehicles.

SECTION 4. This law will take effect within two years of passage.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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A bill to Initiate Gun Violence Research in the Name of Public Health

1 **Section 1** The following changes and programs shall be adopted

2 A. The Centers for Disease Control’s funding designated for gun-violence
3 research is henceforth reinstated at \$4.4 million

4 B. The full text of H.R. 5989, the Excellence in Mental Health Care Act
5 shall be enacted

6 **Section 2** “Gun-violence research” shall be defined as research projects
7 initiated and overseen by the Centers for Disease Control, as well as
8 those sponsored and overseen by the Centers for Disease Control
9 with the end goal of proving or disproving a causal relationship
10 between gun ownership and the causes or prevention of criminal
11 violence and/or suicide.

12 **Section 3** The House Appropriations Committee shall make accommodations in
13 their FY 2016 schedule of appropriations

14 A. Any accommodations needed to be made on behalf of the states shall
15 be decided cooperatively by the state legislatures and the CDC, and
16 approved by the House Appropriations Committee

17 B. The Government Accountability Office shall be responsible for
18 overseeing the proper use of funds on the part of the CDC as well as
19 the states

20 **Section 4** Funding shall be extended without approval for exactly 5 years after
21 passage of this legislation, or until the Centers for Disease Control has
22 concluded their research, whichever arrives first

23 **Section 5** All laws in conflict with this piece of legislation are hereby declared null
24 and void

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Benjamin Portzen of Eagan High school

A Bill to Increase Funding for Forensic Science Innovation

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A. A federal tax of 20% will be levied on the sale of ammunition to non-governmental entities for all types of firearms.

B. The money raised from the new tax shall hereby be allocated to the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program.

SECTION 2. A. The Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program shall be defined as a grant program that awards grants to states and units of local government to help improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science and medical examiner services.

B. Ammunition will be defined as a supply or quantity of bullets and shells.

SECTION 3. The Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs and the IRS will jointly oversee the enforcement of this bill.

SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect on January 1st, 2018.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Christopher Matei.

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution Abolish the Use of Grand Juries in Police Deadly Force Cases

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

ARTICLE --

SECTION 1: After the phrase “except in cases”, insert “that involve a shooting or use of excessive force by a peace officer that led to the death of a person or persons being detained, arrested, or pursued by the peace officer, or”.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Benjamin Portzen of Eagan High School

A BILL TO STRENGTHEN THE U.S. NAVY TO DEFEND AGAINST CHINA

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The U.S. will construct new vessels for the Navy's Pacific Fleet.

- A. 50 new vessels shall be constructed.
- B. Vessels shall be added to the U.S. Navy's 5th and 7th Fleets, as well as the Pacific Submarine Force.
- C. At least one new Carrier Battle Group will be constructed for each fleet.

SECTION 2. A. Vessels shall be defined as combat warships including Zumwalt-class destroyers, Arleigh Burke-class destroyers, Ticonderoga-class cruisers, Gerald R. Ford-class aircraft carriers, as well as Virginia-class and Ohio-class submarines.

B. The 5th and 7th fleets are maritime support and combat groups that operate in the Pacific and Indian Oceans

SECTION 3. The Department of Defense shall oversee this legislation.

- A. \$150 billion shall be granted for construction of vessels and other growth expenditures.
- B. Vessels must be deployment ready by 2025.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall be implemented at the start of fiscal year 2016

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

*Respectfully submitted,
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A RESOLUTION TO NEGOTIATE NUCLEAR STOCKPILE REDUCTION

1 **WHEREAS**, China, Russia, and the US are responsible for majority of the world's nuclear
2 weapons; and

3 **WHEREAS**, These nuclear weapons/facilities pose serious threats if misused, attacked or
4 handled poorly; and

5 **WHEREAS**, The United States has led previous efforts to successfully decrease nuclear
6 stockpiles domestically, and abroad; now, therefore, be it

7 **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled enters into negotiations with Russia and China
8 to reduce nuclear stockpiles significantly.

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