

A Bill to Make Election Day a Federal Holiday

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS ASSEMBLED HERE TODAY THAT:

1 **Section 1** The United States shall now declare Election Day as a federal
2 and paid leave holiday for all workers in the U.S. This bill will
3 apply to any eligible voter. If any company, corporation, or
4 business neglects to give their workers this day off, then they
5 will be penalized.

6 **Section 2** a. "Election Day" is defined as a day legally established for the
7 election of public officials; especially the first Tuesday after
8 the first Monday in November in an even year designated
9 for national elections in the U.S.

10 b. "Paid leave" is referred to as time allowed away from work
11 for holiday and illness during which you receive your
12 normal pay.

13 c. "Eligible voter" is any person above the age of 18 and able
14 to register to vote.

15 d. "Penalized" will be defined as a hundred dollar fine for
16 every employee that is withheld from participating in the
17 federal Election Holiday.

18 **Section 3** The Election Assistance Commission will oversee the
19 enforcement and implementation of this bill.

20 **Section 4** This bill will be put into effect in the following presidential
21 election of 2020.

22 **Section 5** All laws in conflict with this bill are now hereby declared
23 null and void.

Introduced for Varsity and Novice Congressional Debate by Tyler Plante of McArthur High School.

A Bill to Reform Social Security

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** To ensure that Social Security is funded in the long run the payroll tax
3 rate will be Increased by 0.6%. Also the full retirement age will be
4 increased to 70 for those who are born after 1980.

5 **SECTION 2.** Payroll tax shall be defined as taxes imposed on employers or employees,
6 that are usually calculated as a percentage of the salaries that employers
7 pay their staff. Full retirement age shall be defined as the age at which a
8 person may first become entitled to full or unreduced retirement
9 benefits.

10 **SECTION 3.** The United States Social Security Administration (SSA) and the IRS will
11 oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be enacted on January 1, 2017.

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

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15 *Introduced from McArthur High School by Gloria Grandpierre.*

A Resolution for a Healthier and Happier Florida

1 **WHEREAS,** Floridians have strayed from the love of the land and have lost the ability
2 to be self-sustaining; and

3 **WHEREAS,** This loss of self-sufficiency has made Floridians vulnerable to the ever
4 increasing cost of fruits and vegetables; and

5 **WHEREAS,** The produce that one finds in grocery stores is likely to be genetically
6 modified and or inundated with harmful pesticides or herbicides; and

7 **WHEREAS,** Children will gain unmeasurable benefits from sharing in the planning,
8 planting, careful maintenance, and harvesting of their own foods;
9 therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled allow Floridians to plant fruit and/or
11 vegetable gardens in their front yards or any other parcel of land,
12 balcony, or rooftop.

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That all laws in conflict with this resolution be hereby
14 declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Emma Fraser, Ransom Everglades School.

A Bill to Enact Extended Paid Maternity Leave

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. All American Citizens are entitled to the legal right of an extended paid
3 Maternity Leave.

4 SECTION 2. A) Americans are now warranted to receive a minimum of six months
5 paid leave postnatal including an allowance of ten days per month where
6 both parents are allowed absence.

7 B) After the six months' absence elapsed, parents shall be offered six
8 months of lowered cost daycare.

9 SECTION 3. This legislation will be enforced jointly by the Department of Health and
10 Human Services and the Department of Commerce.

11 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2017.

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

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Introduced by: Everglades High School.

A BILL TO MAKE THE UNITED STATES ACT IN THE KASHMIR VIOLENCE CONFLICT

1. **SECTION 1:** Violence in Jammu and Kashmir has been ongoing since 1989, but
2. Has increased since July of 2016.
3. **SECTION 2:** The United States had not responded to the killings of hundreds of Kashmiris
4. In Indian-occupied Kashmir, or known as Jammu and Kashmir.
5. **SECTION 3:** The US is both an ally of India and Pakistan, and the United States should ne-
6. gotiate with both countries to end the killings of innocent Kashmiris.
7. **SECTION 4:** This law will be in affect the day it is passed.
8. **SECTION 5:** All laws in conflict with the Legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted by Aliyan Ali from Deerfield Beach High School

A Bill to Restrict the Administration of Antibiotics in Humans

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** The use of antibiotics in cases of viral infections will be banned. Antibiotics are only to be prescribed for bacterial infections and secondary infections.
- SECTION 2.** A. Viral infections shall be defined as an infection caused by a virus. These can include, but are not limited to colds, flu, strep throat, acute bronchitis, influenza.
- B. Bacterial infections are caused by pathogenic bacteria, and include but are not limited to meningitis, sepsis, urinary tract infections.
- C. Bacterial infections may be the result of secondary infections. Secondary infections shall be defined as an infection that sets in during or immediately following treatment for another infection or disease.
- SECTION 3.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will oversee the implementation of this bill.
- SECTION 4.** This legislation will be immediately implement upon passage.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Kelly Liang, Immaculata La Salle High School.

A Bill to Protect Historical Lands

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.**The United States will implement a policy under which all construction
3 projects are conducted within a minimum distance of 5 miles from all
4 federally and locally recognized historical ground including sacred tribal
5 land.

6 **SECTION 2.**Historical ground shall be defined as any land of eminent religious, cultural,
7 or historical significance.

8 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of the Interior shall oversee the enforcement
9 of this legislation.

10 **A.** Be it herein established that, the enforcement of this legislation shall
11 not be avoided by any Executive Order or the interpretation of the
12 Executive Branch of this legislation.

13 **SECTION 4.**This bill shall be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

15 *Introduced for Varsity Congressional Debate by Taryn L. Bradley from McArthur High*
16 *School*

A Bill to Amend NAFTA

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Currently the purpose of the North American Free Trade Agreement
3 (NAFTA) is to expand trade with Mexico, Canada, and the United States
4 by removing barriers.

5 A. The passage of this legislation will alter the purpose of NAFTA. It will
6 now free American corporations from U.S. laws protecting workers
7 and the environment, as well as maintain trading with Mexico,
8 Canada, and the United States.

9 B. Mexico will be the main country allowed to trade (import or export)
10 Agricultural products this will put Mexican farmers at an advantage
11 since pricing will not be dominated by Americans or Canadians.

12 C. Canada and the United States will still be allowed to trade
13 Agricultural Products but a tariff will be applied. Mexico will be
14 excluded from this tariff.

15 D. Canada and the United States Government shall come to an
16 agreement on the tariff that will be applied to Agricultural Products.

17 **SECTION 2.** The term Free Trade Agreement in the context FTA and NAFTA will be
18 defined as deregulating international commerce.

19 **A.** Tariffs will be understood to be a tax or duty to be paid on a class of
20 imports or exports.

21 **B.** Agricultural products will be identified as corn, beans, powder milk
22 and sugar cane.

23 **SECTION 3.** The U.S Department of Homeland Security, the Commerce Department,
24 Mexican Government, and Canadian Government shall enforce this
25 legislation.

26 A. These departments will work together in order to meet the demand
27 for labor of industries where the demand is high in all three countries.

28 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect on May 19, 2020

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Luchiano Perez from McArthur High School

A Bill to Eliminate the Minting of New Pennies in the United States

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The minting of new pennies by the United States Treasury Department
3 will cease and desist.

4 **SECTION 2.** Penny will no longer be the smallest unit of currency in the United States.

5 **SECTION 3.** Current zinc supplies in storage will be re-distributed for use in the core
6 of the one-dollar bill coin.

7 **SECTION 4.** The United States Treasury Department will direct the United States Mint
8 to oversee the shutdown in a quick and efficient manner.

9 A. Stores and vendors will be encouraged to round prices to prices
10 divisible by five or ten.

11 B. Pennies taken out of circulation will be melted down into their
12 composite metals and redistributed to the remaining mint-able coin
13 denominations .

14 **SECTION 4.** This act will go into effect on National Lucky Penny Day, May 23, 2017.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Aleco Sanchez, Ransom Everglades.