

A Bill to Subsidize Underserved Areas to Increase Mental Health

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Additional inpatient services shall be made available to patients through the addition of dedicated beds in care facilities run by mental health care providers in underserved areas.

SECTION 2. Mental health care provider – an individual or an institution that provides preventive, curative, promotional, or rehabilitative mental health care services in a systematic way to individuals, families or communities

Underserved areas – areas not meeting the recommended guideline of 40 psychiatric beds per 100,000 people.

SECTION 3. The Department of Health and Human Services shall establish and administer a grant program for health care providers to supply and maintain dedicated inpatient care for mental health patients

A. Funding shall be provided by cancelling federal government payment for erectile dysfunction medication.

B. Continual funding shall be provided by savings from not prosecuting and incarcerating mental health patients.

C. Applicants must demonstrate a need in their area, along with the ability to obtain personnel and facilities to meet the mental health needs of their communities.

D. Grant recipients must submit semiannual reports demonstrating they are meeting the terms of the grant.

E. Health Care Providers who violate the terms of the grant program established by the Department of Health and Human Services shall be required to repay the grant money with an additional fine of \$10,000 per bed.

SECTION 4. This law will go into effect immediately with the first grant applications due September 1, 2018

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

Introduced by Elise Sturgeon of Sioux City North High School

A Bill to Combat Internal Corruption

Be it enacted by the student congress here assembled that:

Sect. 1: The Anti Internal Corruption Bill has been constructed in the wake of past events of corruption. This bill will decide what corruption is and how it will be punished. The punishment will be gauged directly by this bill and no outside sources will influence the punishment, solely to prevent further actions to be compromised or changed by corruption.

Sect. 2: Any government official found bestowing any more than 1 million dollars USD to any non-governmental organization, without a majority vote from state legislature, per month will be considered a felon by this bill.

Sect. 3: The punishment given out for this bill will be a ratio of, every 1 million dollars USD relinquished from the government system to any outside source, without a majority vote from state legislature, 1 month served in federal prison and be asked to resign or in the case of the acting President, be impeached by the ruling of this bill.

Sect. 4: This bill will utilize the Federal Bureau of Investigation to assess, accuse and, arrest.

Sect. 5: This bill will be applicable immediately upon passing

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

Introduced by William Kutcher, Oskaloosa High School

A Bill to Federally Regulate Use of Electronic Devices While Driving

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** No use of hand-held electronic devices shall be used while operating a
2 motor vehicle in the United States.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Hand-held devices include but are not limited to the following: cellphones,
4 tablets, etc.
- 5 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Transportation will oversee the
6 enforcement of the bill using the following procedure:
7 A fine of \$300 to be paid within the first month of action.
- 8 **SECTION 4.** Bill to set place on October 29th, 2017.
- 9 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Atlantic High School.

A Bill to Sanction Burma

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The importation of products originating from Burma shall be prohibited.

The Burmese military and any entity or individual associated with the Burmese Military shall be ineligible to receive visas and engage in financial transactions through or with US institutions and persons.

SECTION 2. Individuals associated with the Burmese military is defined as persons who are present or former members of the Burmese military, those who provide substantial economic or political support for the Burmese military, and immediate family members of those previously mentioned. Entities associated with the Burmese military is defined as entities owned, controlled, or who provide substantial economic or political support to the Burmese Military.

SECTION 3. The US Department of the Treasury shall implement and enforce the above sanctions. The US Department of the Treasury shall consult the State Department to determine individuals or entities excluded from visas and financial transactions.

SECTION 4. This shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dowling Catholic High School.

A Bill To Match Minimum Wage to Inflation Rates

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1:

- A. The US federal minimum wage shall now adapt to inflation and deflation rates based upon a company's gross income. Minors that are under the age of 17 will have their wages exempt from these regulations.
- B. Federal minimum wage shall be raised to \$7.75.

Section 2:

- C. To match minimum wage to inflation rates companies have to increase their minimum wage by the percent that inflation is at. An example is minimum wage is \$7.75 and inflation is at 4.3%, a company would have to increase their wages by that much. This will be proportionate to the company's gross income. This means whether they have to match the inflation rates fully or match three, two, or one quarter of the inflation rate is based upon their gross income.
- D. Employers will only have to meet Subsection B of Section 1 when paying that are minors under the age of 17

Section 3: The Wage and Hour Division (WHD) of the US Department Of Labor (DOL) will oversee the implementation and enforcement of this legislation. Any criminal or repeated violation of sections 1 and 2 will be considered a class A Misdemeanor which can result in up to a year in prison or up to a \$100,000 dollar fine. The employer must also pay back pay and liquidated damages, both are equal to the amount not received in pay.

Section 4: This shall take effect on September 29th, 2018

Section 5: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dowling Catholic High School

A Bill to Legalize Physician Assisted Suicide

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

2. **SECTION 1:** Physician assisted suicide should be legalized provided certain conditions
3. are met.

4. **SECTION 2: a.** Physician assisted suicide is suicide by a patient facilitated by means
5. (such as a drug prescription) or by information (such as an indication of a lethal dosage)
6. provided by a physician aware of the patient's intent. **b.** Certain conditions are
7. defined as terminal illness (predicted less than one year to live), licensed
8. therapist approval, consent of physician, have a written will enacted and
9. notarized, and consent of the patient.

10. **SECTION 3:** This bill will be implemented and overseen by the Department of Health
11. and Human Services.

12. **SECTION 4:** This bill will be implemented by May 1st, 2018.

13. **SECTION 5:** All other laws in conflict with this piece of legislation shall hereby be
14. declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted by Des Moines Roosevelt

A Resolution to Provide to the Rohingya Minority of Myanmar

1. **WHEREAS**, Rohingya Muslims are the victims of ethnic cleansing in Myanmar; and
2. **WHEREAS**, more than 400,000 have fled Myanmar, the death toll is in the thousands,
3. and more than half of the surviving refugees are children; and
4. **WHEREAS**, Food shortages are imminent in Bangladesh: and
5. **WHEREAS**, allowing this to continue will enable ethnic cleansing, setting a
6. reprehensible precedent for future foreign policy; now, therefore be it
7. **RESOLVED**, by the Congress here assembled, that the United States will dedicate a
8. significant amount of humanitarian aid to the Rohingya Muslims fleeing Myanmar.

Respectfully submitted by Des Moines Roosevelt

A Bill to Privatize the TSA

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED

SECTION 1. Full divestiture of all government-facilitated operations of the Transportation Security Administration shall occur over the course of a four-year period. Sectors and operations of the TSA shall be sold to private firms through a bidding process to be organized and conducted immediately following passage of this legislation by the US Department of Commerce in conjunction with the US Department of Homeland Security.

SECTION 2. Funding for the TSA shall decrease by a sum equivalent to 25% of the fiscal year 2017 allotted budget each year from fiscal year 2018 with full cessation of funding by fiscal year 2022.

SECTION 3. The US Department of Homeland Security will oversee the transfer of ownership and assets from the federal government to private sector buyers. The USDHS shall continue to oversee and regulate operations in a manner deemed fit by the US Secretary of Homeland Security.

SECTION 4. Implementation of divestiture shall begin on January 1st, 2018, with complete transfer of ownership to be completed no later than January 1st, 2022.

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

Respectfully submitted by

Ankeny High School

The Clean Air Rehabilitation Act of 2017
BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED

SECTION 1: The administrators of the U.S. Department of Commerce and U.S. Department of the Interior (referred to hereafter as Administrators) are directed to implement a “Cap and Trade” policy with caps and permits intended to limit and reduce the volume of greenhouse gas emissions produced by US corporations.

SECTION 2. Harmful greenhouse gases are here defined as nitrogen oxides, methane, carbon dioxide, hydrofluorocarbon gases, perfluorocarbons, and sulfur hexafluoride. A cap is defined as the maximum emission level of such harmful gases. A permit is defined as a supplemental set unit of allowable greenhouse gasses.

SECTION 3. The Administrators shall set a cap on the amount of greenhouse gas emissions by individual corporations, adjusted to the size of such corporations.

A. Markets caps and permits shall be annually reset and caps shall be lowered by a minimum of 5% every 2 years.

B. Permits may be granted when competitively auctioned and sold by the Department of Commerce to private corporations. Once purchased from the DOC, permits may be traded and resold among corporations.

C. When a market’s cap is not met and there is no need for an extension, the DOC has the ability to resell the unused permit.

SECTION 4. Development of specific cap and trade policies by DOC and DOI Administrators

shall begin within six months of passage. Implementation of this legislation shall begin on June 04, 2019.

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

Ankeny High School

Respectfully submitted by

The Paternal Choice Act of 2017
BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED

SECTION 1. The following steps shall henceforth be required as necessary conditions before performance of an abortion at any US Government operated or publicly funded healthcare facility:

A) The party seeking service must submit to a paternity test, the results of which must be submitted to the medical facility providing service

B) The father of the child, as indicated by the required paternity test, must submit written or in-person verbal consent to performance of an abortion.

i. The father must provide valid identification at the time of permission.

SECTION 2. The following shall be exempt from the requirements listed in Section 1:

A) Situations in which the mother seeking abortion is a victim of rape

B) Situations in which the biological father of the child is deceased

SECTION 3. Any facilities in violation of this legislation shall be fined a sum of \$25,000 with a 20% increase in fines per offense. Facilities in excess of 5 offenses shall be suspended from operation permanently, or indefinitely until adequate review and restructuring can be conducted to prevent future violations.

SECTION 4. The US Department of Health and Human Services shall be responsible for funding and enforcement of this legislation.

SECTION 5. Implementation of this legislation shall begin on January 1st, 2019.

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

Respectfully submitted by Ankeny

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A Bill to Build a Big, Beautiful Wall

SECTION 1. Funding allocated to the following programs in fiscal year 2018 shall be decreased by 50% from the amount allocated in fiscal year 2017 at the start of fiscal year 2018, and shall cease completely at the start of fiscal year 2019.

A. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

B. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

SECTION 2. Funding formerly allocated to the programs listed in Section 1A shall be redirected to the Department of Homeland Security Infrastructure Sectors for the primary purpose of funding construction of a wall along the US South-Western border.

SECTION 3. Following completion of the wall, funds appropriated in this legislation shall continue to be allocated to the Department of Homeland Security for the purpose of infrastructure.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect upon passage.

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

Respectfully submitted by Ankeny

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