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P01-01

A Bill to Fund Private Space Exploration Startups

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Congress shall allocate financial resources from the space exploration budget to fund
3. private space exploration startups to increase scientific research and innovation.
4. **SECTION 2.** “Private Space Exploration Startups” will be defined as non-governmental or
5. privately-owned entities focused on developing and/or offering equipment and services
6. geared towards spaceflight.
7. **SECTION 3.** The House Committee of Science, Space, and Technology will oversee the
8. implementation of this bill.
9. A. The initial budget will be \$5 billion, taken from the \$25.4 billion given to NASA,
10. for the first 5 years. All allocated funds shall be dispersed by January 1, 2028.
11. B. The House Committee of Science, Space, and Technology will only oversee
12. funding, safety, and logistics of the legislation, but the committee will not have
13. jurisdiction over the works private companies choose to focus on.
14. C. The Committee will begin meeting to lay out logistics for this legislation on
15. January 1, 2027—one year before funds will be dispersed.
16. D. Private Space Exploration Startups may apply for grants. Companies applying for
17. grants must certify that all funding will be used for development and research.
18. E. Every two years, the committee will reevaluate companies given grants, making
19. sure that startups have efficiently used funds and are on track to sufficient
20. development.
21. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2027.
22. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Revere Middle School

P01-02

A Bill to Replace Traditional Bullets with Rubber Bullets

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Traditional bullets will no longer be sold to the general public.
3. **SECTION 2.** A. The general public is defined as any person apart from the military, law
4. enforcement, or government agency.
5. B. A member of these agencies will not be able to purchase standard
6. ammunition on their own, but military, law enforcement, or government
7. agencies may buy this ammunition for their employees to be used in their line
8. of work.
9. C. Rubber Bullets are non-lethal rounds made with either a full rubber or metal
10. core, encased in a rubber shell.
11. **SECTION 3.** Individuals with traditional bullets purchased before the passage of this bill may still fire
12. said ammunition at properly licensed shooting ranges after the passage of this bill.
13. **SECTION 4.** A. These regulations will be enforced by the Bureau of Alcohol, Firearms and
14. Explosives (ATF).
15. B. Any individual who sells traditional ammunition to individuals in the general
16. public may be prosecuted for each offense with:
17. i. a jail sentence of up to one year
18. ii. a fine of up to \$5,000.
19. **SECTION 5.** This bill shall take effect on January 19, 2026.
20. **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Wooster Middle School

P01-03

A Bill to Construct More Nuclear Power Plants

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The United States shall invest \$20 billion in Nuclear Power as a way to produce cheap
3. and reliable electricity.
4. **SECTION 2.** “Nuclear Power” shall be defined as electrical power generated principally from the
5. fission or fusion of atomic nuclei.
6. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy shall determine the best feasible areas for new nuclear
7. power plants by considering:
8. A. Seismic activity at potential future sites
9. B. Economic costs associated with building at potential future sites.
10. C. The environmental impact of building at a potential future site might cause.
11. D. The beneficial impacts for those in the area of a potential future site in relation
12. to the energy output of a new nuclear facility.
13. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect on December 14, 2026
14. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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P01-04

A Bill to Abolish College Sports Betting

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** All forms of college sports betting, both in person and online, shall be prohibited in the
3. United States.
4. **SECTION 2.** A. College sports betting is defined as any wager of monetary value on the outcome
5. of college sport competition.
6. B. College sports events include all sports in which the athletes are enrolled
7. students in educational institutions.
8. **SECTION 3.** State gaming commissions shall oversee the enforcement of this law. State Gambling
9. commissions and betting operators shall be required to suspend all betting operations
10. involving college sports within 180 days of this bill's enactment
11. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect after 180 days of its passage
12. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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P01-05

A Bill to Enact a Carbon Tax

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** A carbon tax of \$75 per ton shall be enacted on any corporation that exceeds 10 metric
3. tons of emissions per year. The tax will be reinvested in green infrastructure.
4. **SECTION 2.** A carbon tax is defined as a tax on Carbon emissions. A corporation is any group or
5. company acting as a single entity recognized by law.
6. **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency and the Internal Revenue Service shall conduct
7. the necessary audits and enforce the legislation.
8. A. The collected revenue shall be allocated to the Department of Energy to
9. subsidize the cost of renewable energy and investments in the National Power
10. Grid.
11. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect on January 1st, 2026.
12. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hawken School

P01-06

A Bill to Regulate AI Deepfake Technology

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The creation, distribution, or publication of deepfake content without consent of an
3. individual depicted shall be prohibited and subject to federal penalties.
4. **SECTION 2.** Deepfakes shall be defined as any synthetic media in which an individual's likeness,
5. voice, or behavior is exploited using artificial intelligence.
6. Consent shall be described as explicitly written or recorded permission of the
7. individual whose likeness is used.
8. **SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) will be tasked with overseeing enforcement of this
9. legislation, along with establishing a recording system and penalties for any violators.
10. A. First offense shall result in a \$5,000 fine, a second offense shall result in a
11. \$10,000 fine along with possible jail time depending on the severity of the
12. violation, a third offense shall result in a \$15,000 fine and jail time, any further
13. offenses shall be taken to the court of law.
14. B. The Federal Trade Commission may collaborate with state authorities to support
15. local enforcement of this legislation.
16. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect in the fiscal year of January 2026.
17. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Poland Middle School

P01-07

A Bill to Imply a National Public Service Mandate

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** All U.S. citizens must perform a minimum amount of public service hours to be eligible
3. for U.S federal employment and federal benefits.
4. **SECTION 2.** Public service may be defined as a two year dedication to serving the country in military
5. or civilian capacity between the ages 18-25.
6. Civilian service options shall include, but are not limited to: education, healthcare,
7. environmental protection, infrastructure, technology and public safety.
8. **SECTION 3.** General tax revenue will support the funding of this bill allocated by congress.
9. A. Additional funding proposing a 2% "Public Service Tax" on corporations with
10. more than \$1 billion in annual revenue.
11. B. Private partnerships may also be established to sponsor service programs in
12. exchange for tax incentives.
13. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2026.
14. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Poland Middle School

P01-08

A Bill to Fund Underground Power Infrastructure in Disaster-Prone Areas

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Reducing outages from wildfires, storms, or any natural disaster by replacing power lines
3. above ground
4. **SECTION 2.** Disaster prone areas will be defined as regions identified as high-risk for hurricanes,
5. tornadoes, wildfires, or snow storms.
6. Replacing above ground power lines is defined as burying existing or planned electrical
7. distribution lines below ground.
8. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy (DOE) shall oversee implementation of this program. In
9. coordination the program shall be funded with \$10 billion annually for 10 years.
10. A. State and local utility providers shall carry out the infrastructure work
11. B. Any utility or state found misusing funds shall be ineligible for federal grants
12. under this program for 3 years.
13. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2026
14. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Poland Middle School

P01-09

A Bill to Require Eligible Citizens to Register as Organ Donors

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** In an effort to significantly diminish the organ donation waiting list, all American citizens
3. eligible to donate organs upon their death will be required to do so.
4. **SECTION 2.** Eligibility for organ donation under this legislation will remain as defined by the Health
5. Resources and Services Administration.
6. **SECTION 3.** The Health Resources and Services Administration's Health Systems Bureau shall oversee
7. the enforcement of this legislation.
8. A. All funding necessary will be allocated from a 0.1% tax on all insured and
9. uninsured personal medical expenses.
10. B. Any and all genuine religious concerns shall be considered valid ineligibility with
11. a written statement from a religious leader.
12. C. Additional concerns over eligibility will be mediated by a brief health court
13. hearing.
14. **SECTION 4.** This Legislation will come into effect on January 1st, 2026.
15. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Howland Middle School

P01-10

A Bill to Grant Tax Breaks to Energy-Efficient Homes

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Homes in the United States primarily powered by independent renewable energy
3. sources will be granted significant tax breaks.
4. **SECTION 2.** Primarily powered shall be defined as deriving at least 50% of its energy from
5. independent renewable means.
6. Independent renewable energy shall be defined as sources of energy that can be
7. individually used without the provision of an outside entity. (E.g., solar panels,
8. individual wind turbines, etc.)
9. **SECTION 3.** The EPA and the DOE will have joint oversight over this legislation.
10. A. The DOE will be tasked with organizing the safe usage of high quantities of
11. renewable technologies.
12. B. The EPA will resolve any unforeseen environmental ramifications from utilizing
13. new energy resources.
14. C. Funding for this bill will come from a 0.2% tax on petroleum products.
15. **SECTION 4.** This policy will go into effect on January 1st, 2030, allowing enough time for energy
16. industries to prepare for the transition.
17. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Howland Middle School

P01-11

A Bill to Promote Bilinguality

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Public schools will be required to make students take a second language course starting\
3. in 4th grade until they pass and learn the language.
4. **SECTION 2.** Passing shall be defined as getting a D, or a 70 percent or higher.
5. Learning the language shall be defined as being able to speak it fluently.
6. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee this change.
7. A. If a student fails to pick a second language, they shall be suspended until they
8. pick one and they will have to make up the work and exams that have already
9. passed.
10. **SECTION 4.** This bill will be enacted the next Fiscal School Year after having been passed.
11. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Holy Family Elementary School