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P1-01

A Bill to Implement Desalination Plants in the U.S.

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The U.S Federal Government shall hereby invest in desalination plants in coastal cities.
3. **SECTION 2.** A. Desalination plants shall be defined as industrial facilities that use chemical or
4. physical processes to reduce or recover salt concentrations from water supplies.
5. B. Coastal cities shall be defined as cities located on the interface or transition areas
6. between land and sea, including large inland lakes with access to saltwater.
7. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Interior (DOI) will be given 20 billion dollars to be allotted to private
8. and state entities for the creation of desalination plants. The Bureau of Reclamation will
9. be tasked with investing an additional 20 million dollars into research and development
10. through grants.
11. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect the following Fiscal Year after passage.
12. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Revere Middle School

P1-02

A Bill to Require Babysitters to Have a License

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** All babysitters and babysitting services must have a license to operate.
3. **SECTION 2.** Licenses are acquired through background checks, if clear, then they may begin a
4. program. If suspicion arises then they will be given a second chance 2 years later, if
5. suspicion is detected again then the person will be blacklisted.
6. **SECTION 3.** The minimum age to get a license is 16, any people younger than 16 may only babysit
7. family members.
8. **SECTION 4.** A license is only needed to babysit children who are not related to the babysitter.
9. **SECTION 5.** The second chance will only be given to individuals who have had only minor offenses in
10. the past, this will be determined by a court trial, any federal or alarming offenses will
11. make it so they can not receive the second chance and therefore the license.
12. **SECTION 6.** There will be a new program introduced where they will undergo teachings and
13. examples and once the program is complete they will take an exam, if passed then they
14. will be granted a license.
15. **SECTION 7.** Things that may be classified as suspicious include recent criminal activity, any recent
16. police reports, or any documented harm or intended harm to children.
17. **SECTION 8.** The US General Service Admission shall oversee the implementation of this bill.
18. A. The US General Service Admission Child Care Services will check back on these
19. babysitters every 2 years to ensure they are still fit to care for children, making
20. them take a similar exam to the one that got them their license.
21. B. If a babysitter is no longer fit they will lose their license but still retain their
22. second chance if not already used, if already used then they will be blacklisted.
23. **SECTION 9.** This bill will go into effect on July 1st, 2026.
24. **SECTION 10.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Joseph Welty Middle School

P1-03

A Bill to Remove The Penny From US Currency Circulation

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The one-cent coin, known as the penny, shall be removed from the United States
3. currency circulation and not replaced with another coin of the same value.
4. **SECTION 2.** The United States Mint will be directed to stop its production of the penny and not
5. replace it with a denomination of equal value.
6. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect the following Fiscal Year after passage.
7. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Wooster Middle School

P1-04

A Bill to Regulate Technology

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The Federal Government shall now have the power to regulate advanced electronic
3. technology.
4. **SECTION 2.** Advanced electronic technology will be defined as any system using Artificial Intelligence
5. as its main function such as self driving cars, autonomous programs and AI chat
6. programs
7. **SECTION 3.** This congress will also oversee the creation of the Department of Technology which will
8. oversee the structure of the organization and enforcement of this bill.
9. A. This Department will work on placing regulations on all new and past advanced
10. electronic technology.
11. B. Any business that goes against the regulation attempts will face a fine of \$50,000
12. for each attempt.
13. C. Regulation will be defined as rules and guidelines that will be created by the
14. Department of Technology as they see fit.
15. D. Funds for this piece of legislation will come from a 2% tax on advanced electronic
16. technology companies.
17. **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect in the next fiscal year.
18. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by GlenOak High School

P1-05

A Bill to Establish Supreme Court Justice Term Limits

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** There shall be an 18-year term limit applied to any individual serving on the Supreme
3. Court.
4. A. The 18-year term for current justices will start upon the legislation's effect
5. date. All future justices will have their 18 year-terms beginning upon being
6. confirmed by the Senate.
7. **SECTION 2.** A term limit will be defined as the amount of time an individual can execute the duties
8. of a government office legally.
9. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall enforce this bill along with the Senate and House
10. Judiciary Committees.
11. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect in the 2026 Fiscal Year starting on October 1st.
12. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Niles McKinley High School

P1-06

A Bill to End All Legacy and Donor Admissions for Private and Public Colleges and Universities

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

2. **SECTION 1.** All preferential admission treatments based on all or singly as followed, Donors, and or
3. Legacy Admissions shall end.

4. **SECTION 2.** Donors are individuals or corporations with ties to prospective students who donate
5. money, and or equipment/material to Colleges and Universities. Legacy shall be defined
6. as any prospective student who is related by blood or marriage to any immediate family
7. members going back at least two generations who had attended that institution in any
8. capacity. Colleges and Universities shall include all two and four year schools, as well as
9. those offering advanced degrees

10. **SECTION 3.** The department of Education shall oversee all implementation and policing.

11. **SECTION 4.** The Department of Education shall implement this law no later than July of 2025.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Canton McKinley High School

P1-07

A Bill to Ban Online Gambling

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The United States shall hereby ban certain forms of online gambling.
3. **SECTION 2.** Online forms of gambling involve placing bets or paying over the internet with the
4. chance of winning money, valuable items, virtual currency, or other incentives, including:
5. A. Games based on chance: Activities where the outcome of a financial risk scenario
6. is determined solely by chance.
7. B. Loot boxes: Virtual items in video games that can be purchased for a chance at
8. being more competitive, appealing, or powerful.
9. **SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission and individual state gambling regulatory agencies shall
10. jointly oversee the implementation and enforcement of this legislation.
11. A. Individual state gambling regulators will be responsible for investigating and
12. reporting instances of online gambling corporations within their State to the
13. Federal Trade Commission.
14. B. The Federal Trade Commission will be responsible for terminating any online
15. gambling apparatus, alongside issuing a \$10,000 fine to online gambling
16. operations for non-compliance.
17. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect beginning on January 1, 2025.
18. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Stow-Munroe Falls High School