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O25-01

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Limit the Age of Elected Federal Officials

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is proposed as
3. an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all
4. intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of
5. three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by
6. the Congress:
7. **ARTICLE 1**
8. **SECTION 1:** Candidates running for federal elected office shall be prohibited from running if they are
9. of 70 years of age or older. Candidates who are currently over the age of 70 in office or
10. attain the age of 70 while in office shall be prohibited from running for re-election in the
11. next cycle of elections but will stay in office until their term is expired.
12. I. The oldest a candidate can be to run for a federal senate seat is 64.
13. II. The oldest a candidate can be to run for a federal representative seat is 68.
14. III. The oldest a candidate can be to run for the Office of the President is 66.
15. IV. The oldest a candidate can be to run for the Office of the Vice President is 66.
16. **SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Stow Munroe Falls High School

O25-02

Stop Harmful Infantry Equipment to Local Departments (S.H.I.E.L.D.) Act

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The transfer of surplus military-grade equipment, including but not limited to armored
3. vehicles, weaponized drones, high-caliber firearms, and explosives, from the
4. Department of Defense to local law enforcement agencies shall be prohibited.
5. **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this legislation:
6. A. “Military-grade equipment” shall be defined as weapons, vehicles, and tools
7. primarily designed for combat operations rather than civilian law enforcement.
8. B. “Local law enforcement agencies” shall be defined as all municipal and county\
9. police departments, sheriffs’ offices, and specialized policing units operating
10. within the United States.
11. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice (DOJ) shall oversee enforcement of this legislation. The DOJ
12. shall:
13. A. Conduct biennial audits of local law enforcement inventories.
14. B. Require certification of compliance as a condition for receiving federal funding
15. and grants.
16. C. Withhold federal funds from agencies found in violation until all prohibited
17. equipment is surrendered or decommissioned.
18. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented by July 1st, 2026.
19. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Revere High School

O25-03

The Kirk Act

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** In memory of slain political activist Charlie Kirk, October 14th, Kirk's Birthday, shall be
3. declared a federal holiday entitled 'Commemorance Day'
4. **SECTION 2.** The holiday shall be dedicated to the commemoration of victims of political violence
5. across America throughout its history.
6. **SECTION 3.** The United States Congress shall be in charge of the establishment and enforcement of
7. this holiday.
8. A. This shall be a federal holiday, and as such all standard practices shall apply. Such
9. as but not limited to the closing of federal offices,
10. B. The flag shall fly at half mast in commemoration of Kirk and other victims of
11. political violence.
12. C. This commemorance day shall replace the federal holiday known as
13. Columbus/Indigenous Peoples' Day and instead serve as a commemoration of all
14. victims of political violence, including indigenous tribes and other victims of
15. political violence throughout America's history.
16. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect immediately upon passing.
17. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by New Philadelphia High School

O25-04

A Bill to Hold Congress Financially Accountable During Government Shutdown

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** During any federal government shutdown, all essential personnel shall be exempt from
3. federal income tax withholding for the duration of the shutdown. Income earned by
4. these personnel during the shutdown shall not be subject to federal income taxation at
5. any time, including during annual filing. Additionally, all salaries of Members of Congress
6. shall be suspended for the duration of the shutdown.
7. **SECTION 2.** Essential personnel shall be defined as any individual required to work without pay or
8. with delayed pay during a federal government shutdown, including but not limited to:
9. first responders, active-duty military, federal law enforcement, healthcare workers
10. employed by federal agencies, and emergency support staff.
11. Suspension of salary shall be defined as withholding all Congressional compensation in
12. an escrow account until the federal government is fully reopened.
13. **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) shall oversee the suspension of income tax
14. withholding for essential personnel during shutdown periods.
15. The Department of the Treasury shall enforce the suspension and escrow of
16. Congressional pay. No retroactive disbursement of Congressional salaries shall occur
17. until the conclusion of the shutdown.
18. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect at the onset of the next federal government shutdown
19. following its passage.
20. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lake High School

O25-05

A Resolution to Establish a Taiwan-U.S. Resilience and Defense Initiative

1. **WHEREAS,** The People's Republic of China has increased its economic and military pressure on
2. Taiwan; and
3. **WHEREAS,** Taiwan is a valuable partner to the United States; and
4. **WHEREAS,** China's aggressive actions have exposed Taiwan's vulnerabilities and may cause larger
5. conflict in the Indo-Pacific region; now, therefore, be it
6. **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States shall establish a Taiwan-US
7. Resilience and Defense Initiative to deepen economic cooperation and support Taiwan's
8. economic independence from Chinese coercion; and be it
9. **FURTHER RESOLVED,** The United States shall increase military cooperation with Taiwan for defensive
10. purposes, including joint training, arms transfers, intelligence-sharing, and regional naval
11. presence, in order to deter aggression and preserve peace in the Indo-Pacific.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Olentangy High School

O25-06

A Bill to End Eminent Domain

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The federal government shall no longer have the authority to seize private properties
3. through the use of eminent domain.
4. **SECTION 2.** Eminent domain shall be defined as the power of a government to take private property
5. for public use with compensation of the owner.
6. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall be in charge of the enforcement of this legislation.
7. A. Any attempts made by public agencies to forcibly buy/obtain private properties
8. will be subjected to loss of federal funding.
9. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect on January 1, 2035.
10. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Poland Seminary High School

O25-07

A Bill to Require Judicial Review of Deportations

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** All persons detained for the purpose of deportation shall have their case reviewed by
3. the appropriate court before deportation can be executed.
4. **SECTION 2.** Detained will be defined as being involuntarily held by any executive agency, including
5. cooperating federal, state and local authorities.
6. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will be responsible for the enforcement of
7. this bill.
8. A. The Office of the Immigration Detention Ombudsman (OIDO) also provides
9. oversight for detention facilities and reports directly to the Secretary of
10. Homeland Security.
11. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026.
12. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Boardman High School

N25-01

A Bill to Create and Improve an Existing Interstate Corridor

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

2. **SECTION 1.** Due to the decades-long effort by several states for less developed areas to be
3. connected by one, unified highway, the United States Congress shall implement an
4. interstate corridor stretching from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan to the Myrtle Beach
5. area of South Carolina.

6. **SECTION 2.** Less-developed areas shall be defined as regions with poor transportation infrastructure
7. systems, usually in rural regions. Interstate corridor shall be defined as a roadway system
8. connecting two or more states together.

9. **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Transportation shall provide \$5 Billion to the
10. governments of Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, and South
11. Carolina for the construction and connection of existing highways to the uniform route
12. stretching from Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina by way of
13. interstates I-73, I-74, and I-75.

14. A. The United States Department of Transportation shall create a bipartisan
15. committee of members from all 6 states to distribute the funds according to the
16. cost values determined by an independently-run survey sanctioned by the
17. committee.

18. B. The survey cost in each state may not exceed the value of \$2.5 million.

19. C. An additional \$250 million shall be set aside for the explicit purpose of funding
20. unforeseen challenges during construction.

21. D. All remaining funds not accounted for under this legislation shall be paid in full
22. by the state governments of Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia, North
23. Carolina, and South Carolina in tandem.

24. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy

N25-02

Public Wellness Act of 2025

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** All hospitals currently operating within the jurisdiction of the United States are to be
3. nationalized and placed under public administration within 15 years of the passage of
4. this legislation. Furthermore, a Public Wellness Authority (PWA) shall be created within
5. the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to manage and administer all
6. hospital services within the United States.
7. **SECTION 2.** A hospital shall be defined as any accredited institution that provides a wide variety of
8. both inpatient and outpatient healthcare, including but not limited to emergency
9. medical services.
10. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee the implementation of this
11. legislation:
12. A. HHS shall receive 150 billion dollars annually to operate the PWA and
13. supplement current spending by public and private insurers.
14. B. 100 billion shall be drawn from the budget of the Department of Veterans Affairs
15. to account for the assumption of formerly VA-run hospitals.
16. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately upon passage.
17. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Louisville High School

N25-03

A Bill to Rescind H.R.4

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** H.R.4 (Recissions Act of 2025) as passed by the 119th United States Congress, is now
3. repealed, and all funding shall be restored.
4. **SECTION 2.** All Funding provided in the legislation H.R.4 shall be restored in full for the 2026-2027
5. fiscal year.
6. **SECTION 3.** This Congress shall restore all funding to the original departments with no changes.
7. Additional funding shall be distributed through normal means.
8. **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect immediately upon passage.
9. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hawken School

N25-04

A Bill to Permit the Population Control of Canadian Geese

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** In perpetuity, Congress shall allocate \$150 million per year to the Fish and Wildlife
3. Service (FWS) to be divided among states and territories to pay for cash bounties for the
4. lawful hunting of Canadian geese (*Branta canadensis*).
5. **SECTION 2.** Each state and territory shall have its own jurisdiction as to the amount of the bounties,
6. along with the procedures and parameters for hunting these geese and claiming the
7. cash prizes.
8. **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of the Interior and the Fish and
9. Wildlife Service (FWS).
10. A. The allocation of the grants shall be determined by the FWS to ensure that states
11. with more Canadian Geese receive more federal grants.
12. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on June 1, 2026.
13. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Olentangy Liberty High School

N25-05

A Bill to Improve Vehicle Safety by Limiting Front-End Geometry Dimensions

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** All new cars with unsafe front-end geometry dimensions shall be prohibited from being
3. sold within the United States of America
4. **SECTION 2.** A. For this legislation, any new car shall mean any car (car as defined as automobile
5. in 49 USC § 32901(a)(3), omitting subparagraph C), that will be sold after this
6. legislation is put into effect
7. B. For purposes this legislation, unsafe front-end geometry dimensions shall be
8. classified as all front-ends meeting any of the following criteria
9. I. The leading edge exceeds 35 inches above the ground
10. II. The hood has a slope of 15 degrees or less (flat)
11. III. The front grille or hood has a vertical angle of 65 degrees or greater
12. **SECTION 3.** The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) shall be responsible for
13. implementing and enforcing this legislation, including certifying compliance of all new
14. cars prior to sale in the United States of America
15. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect January 1, 2027
16. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sylvania Northview High School

N25-06

A Bill to Allow Physician-Assisted Suicide for Prisoners

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** All Inmates serving a life sentence without the possibility of parole or those on death
3. row will be allowed to request physician-assisted suicide after 10 years of being
4. incarcerated in said life sentence or death row.
5. **SECTION 2.** Incarceration will be defined as the time spent in prison, excluding any time served in
6. jail.
7. **SECTION 3.** The Federal Bureau of Prisons will oversee the implementation of this bill, allocating 50
8. million dollars each year to pay for the physicians needed, as well as euthanasia.
9. **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 1st, 2027.
10. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Canfield High School

N25-07

A Bill to Allow those 18 and Older to Purchase and Consume Alcohol with an ABV of 5 Percent and Under

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Those who are 18 years and older may now legally purchase and consume alcohol as
3. long as the beverage contains an ABV of 5% or under.
4. **SECTION 2.** ABV, better known as Alcohol Blood Volume, is defined as a standard measurement of
5. the alcoholic strength of a beverage. It represents the percentage of the total volume of
6. a drink that is pure alcohol.
7. **SECTION 3.** The State Alcohol Control Board (or the respective state Alcohol Beverage Control
8. Agency) shall have primary responsibility for the enforcement of this Act. The State
9. Department of Public Safety and local law enforcement agencies shall assist in
10. enforcement efforts as necessary.
11. A. The State Alcohol Control Board shall conduct regular compliance checks to
12. ensure retailers verify age and do not sell eligible alcohol to persons under 18.
13. B. Retailers found violating this Act may face penalties including fines, suspension,
14. or revocation of their alcohol retail license.
15. C. Law enforcement officers are authorized to issue citations and confiscate
16. alcoholic beverages sold in violation of this act.
17. D. Complaints from the public regarding violations may be submitted to the State
18. Alcohol Control Board for investigation.
19. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2026.
20. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Medina High School

N25-08

A Bill to Ban Prison Labor for Private Corporations

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** All contracts or agreements allowing private corporations to use incarcerated individuals
3. for labor shall be prohibited.
4. **SECTION 2.** "Private Corporations" will be defined as any non-governmental business entity. This
5. legislation does not prohibit incarcerated individuals from performing labor for
6. government-run programs.
7. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall oversee and enforce this legislation.
8. A. All current contracts between correctional facilities and private corporations
9. involving prison labor must be terminated within 180 days of passing.
10. B. Corporations that violate this provision shall be fined \$100,000 per offense, with
11. escalating penalties for repeat violations determined by the DOJ.
12. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on Jan 1st, 2026.
13. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Northwest High School

N25-09

A Resolution to Emphasize the Importance of Medicaid's Mental Health Services

1. **WHEREAS,** Two-thirds of Americans with a diagnosed mental health condition were unable to
2. access treatment.
3. **WHEREAS,** Mental health services under Medicaid are currently underfunded and...
4. **WHEREAS,** Proposed cuts or reductions in federal funding disproportionately affect behavioral
5. health services, which are optional benefits.
6. **WHEREAS,** this leads to reduced access for millions of Americans who rely on them.
7. **WHEREAS,** this underfunding creates access barriers, which include lower reimbursement rates
8. **WHEREAS,** this threatens the financial viability of community-based providers.
9. **WHEREAS,** this ultimately limits the availability of essential mental health services; now, therefore,
10. be it
11. **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled, an increase in funding should be considered in order to
12. remedy these inequities.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hawken School

N25-10

A Resolution to Forgive Outstanding Federal Student Loan Debt

1. **WHEREAS,** outstanding student loan debt in the United States exceeds \$1.7 trillion, placing a heavy
2. financial burden on millions of Americans; and
3. **WHEREAS,** the rising cost of higher education has outpaced wage growth, making repayment
4. increasingly difficult for graduates; and
5. **WHEREAS,** student loan debt disproportionately affects young people, communities of color, and
6. low-income families, perpetuating cycles of inequality; and
7. **WHEREAS,** forgiving student loan debt would stimulate the economy by increasing consumer
8. spending, improving homeownership rates, and encouraging entrepreneurship; now,
9. therefore, be it
10. **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States federal government should
11. forgive all outstanding federal student loan debt.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dublin Jerome High School

N25-11

A Bill to Regulate Cryptocurrency

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Cryptocurrency trading occurs in isolated liquidity pools and is fragmented, leading to
3. regulatory uncertainty with state and federal laws. This enables illegal activities and
4. deters investors. Due to the high cryptocurrency market risk for investors, the United
5. States must indirectly cause market consolidation through strategically favoring specific
6. assets.
7. **SECTION 2.** Let specific assets be defined as an investment, resource, or good that has a significantly
8. higher value in a transaction than its peers.
9. **SECTION 3.** The United States Security and Exchange Commission as well as the Commodities
10. Futures Trading Commission will oversee the implementation of this bill by
11. A. Creating a committee to determine the optimal higher value, and create a set of
12. rules to establish favored assets.
13. B. Implement those rules, internally directing 50 million dollars to the committee to
14. run and regulate these rules.
15. C. Due to the international nature of cryptocurrency, ensure that these rules are
16. coordinated with international regulations.
17. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2026. All laws in conflict with this legislation are
18. hereby declared null and void.
19. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Oakwood High School

N25-12

A Resolution to Promote Truthful Elections

1. **WHEREAS,** Political advertisements heavily shape the views of voters during election season; and
2. **WHEREAS,** In recent years, political advertisements have become increasingly inaccurate and
3. defamatory towards candidates; and
4. **WHEREAS,** This results in biased and unfair elections that do not represent American values that
5. uphold our constitution; and
6. **WHEREAS,** If not dealt with now, the status quo will adjust to promote defamation and lies as
7. normality; now, therefore, be it
8. **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled, that Congress will work toward implementing reforms
9. that promote fair and truthful elections.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sylvania Northview High School

N25-13

A Bill to Ban Fracking

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. SECTION 1. The United States shall ban the well stimulation technique known as fracking.
3. SECTION 2. Fracking, also known as fracturing, shall be defined as the process of injecting highly
4. pressurized liquid into a well borehole to create cracks in the rock.
5. SECTION 3. The United States Environmental Protection Agency will oversee the implementation of
6. this bill.
7. SECTION 4. This bill shall go into effect on January 1st, 2026.
8. SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Canfield High School

N25-14

A Resolution to Eliminate Zip Code Barriers in Education

1. **WHEREAS,** Public school enrollment is often determined by pre-defined geographic boundaries
2. established by courts or local authorities; and
3. **WHEREAS,** These boundaries can restrict parental choice, forcing families, when open enrollment
4. fails, into schools that may not best serve their children’s academic, social, or
5. developmental needs; and
6. **WHEREAS,** Allowing parents to have authority over where their child attends school promotes
7. educational equity, fosters competition, and decreases social barriers; and
8. **WHEREAS,** Parental input in a child's school can help reduce inequities by ensuring that a child’s
9. opportunities are not limited by a pre-decided geographical boundary; now, therefore,
10. be it
11. **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled that parents, rather than courts, shall be granted the
12. right to choose school boundaries for their children within a district; and, be it
13. **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That states and local education boards are responsible for implementing
14. transparent and equitable policies that allow for such parental choice.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Medina High School

N25-15

A Bill to Modernize the Skies

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The United States shall allocate \$40 million USD in order to replace outdated Air Traffic
3. Control Infrastructure and to perform routine maintenance.
4. **SECTION 2.** Air Traffic Control Infrastructure is defined as infrastructure and technology intended to
5. efficiently manage and ensure the safety of aircraft including, but not limited to, radar,
6. communication networks, and navigation aids. Routine maintenance shall be defined as
7. consistent upkeep and repairs of new and preexisting infrastructure, overtime, to
8. maintain efficiency and safety.
9. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Transportation will oversee the enforcement of this bill.
10. **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect immediately upon passage.
11. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hoover High School

N25-16

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

N25-17

A Bill to Ban the Use of Autonomous Vehicles in Commercial Transportation

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Autonomous vehicles shall be banned from being used for the purposes of commercial
3. transportation service.
4. **SECTION 2.** Autonomous vehicles shall be defined as vehicles that are equipped with software and
5. hardware that enable them to operate without active human control. Commercial
6. transportation services refer to services where vehicles are hired, rented, or leased for
7. temporary use by a group or an individual, including rideshares and taxis.
8. **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Transportation shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions
9. of this legislation.
10. A. \$50 million will be given to develop safety precautions and create a task force
11. with automakers in the self-driving space, such as Tesla, to address potential
12. software malfunctions in autonomous vehicles used in other contexts.
13. B. Violators of this law shall face a fine up to \$100,000 on their first offense, and if
14. repeated, operators will lose their commercial operators and/or drivers license
15. for a year.
16. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be effective starting fiscal year 2027.
17. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Olentangy Liberty High School

N25-18

A Bill to Prohibit Filming Children for Profit to Reduce Potential Abuse

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Congress finds that children have been utilised by their parents in filming projects as a
3. source of income. This has led to the abuse and exploitation of said children in their own
4. homes. This bill will seek to prohibit filming of minors for any form of online content
5. used for profit by adults.
6. **SECTION 2.** This bill defines the following terms:
7. A. Content used for profit will be defined as any words, pictures, or pieces of data
8. that convey ideas to make a financial gain.
9. B. Minors will be defined as any person under the age of 18 years old.
10. C. Adults will be defined as any individual aged 18 and above who may (not must)
11. assume a responsibility towards a minor, regardless of biological relation.
12. **SECTION 3.** The US Department of Labour and the Federal Communications Commission will oversee
13. the enforcement of this legislation.
14. A. All content used for profit will be held accountable to follow the Fair Labour
15. Standards Act and receive a work permit approved by the DOL.
16. B. All content with a work permit requires monetary compensation for the minor in
17. question.
18. C. All content that does not abide by section 3A shall be immediately removed by
19. the FCC, and the violators will be fined \$1000 per violation.
20. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2026
21. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sylvania Northview High School

N25-19

The Educator Unionization Act

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The United States will legalize the unionization and collective bargaining of primary and
3. secondary public school educators in all 50 states.
4. **SECTION 2.** Unionization shall be defined as the formation of a labor union: an organization of
5. workers whose purpose is to maintain or improve the conditions of their employment.
6. Public educators will be defined as individuals hired by a public school district for the
7. purpose of educating students.
8. **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Labor will oversee the enforcement of this legislation\
9. through the formation of a daughter organization, the Association of Educational Labor
10. Unions (AELU).
11. A. The funding for the formation and future operation of the AELU will be allocated
12. from a 1.5% tax on teachers' salaries paired with a 0.25% tax on parents' or
13. families' income (depending on tax filings) for each child enrolled in a public
14. education institution.
15. B. Right-to-work states' current restrictions on labor unions will remain unchanged.
16. However, teacher unions will hereby be seen as a special exemption from
17. traditional right-to-work laws in all 50 states under the constitution's supremacy
18. Clause.
19. C. Year-round schooling institutions will implement this legislation upon a grade
20. transition of their students, or the equivalent to the beginning of an academic
21. Year.
22. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be introduced to schools in January of 2026 in preparation for its
23. implementation upon and after the 2026-2027 academic year.
24. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Howland High School

N25-20

A Bill to Enhance Rare Earth Element Collaboration with Namibia

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The United States shall provide Namibia with annual economic aid of \$1 billion, fostering
3. mutually beneficial partnerships between U.S. companies and local Namibian miners in
4. the rare earth element industry.
5. A. This collaboration aligns with the U.S. national security mission to diversify its
6. rare earth elements supply chains and simultaneously contribute to Namibia's
7. economic development.
8. **SECTION 2.** The economic aid will be used to subsidize local Namibian businesses and promote
9. grassroots economic stabilization initiatives. Additionally, a portion of the aid will be
10. allocated to infrastructure enhancement and the construction of facilities.
11. A. In return, U.S. companies shall be granted priority access to partnership
12. opportunities with local miners, ensuring that contracts offered by U.S.
13. companies take precedence over those from other foreign nations.
14. B. The Namibian government will fully approve U.S. companies' establishment of
15. infrastructure for mining and processing facilities on local land.
16. **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Agency for International Development will oversee and implement this
17. legislation.
18. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect in FY 2026.
19. **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

N25-21

A Bill to Require High Schools to Offer American Sign Language Courses

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** High schools will be required to offer at least one American Sign Language (ASL) course
3. within their foreign language programs.
4. **SECTION 2.** A foreign language program will be defined as an educational course offered by a high
5. school that teaches a language other than English.
6. **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Education and the state's Department of Education will both be
7. required to enforce this legislation.
8. A. Each state will be granted ten thousand dollars in addition to the annual funding
9. states currently receive for education.
10. B. Teachers must have a Bachelor's degree in education and a RID (Registry of
11. Interpreters for the Deaf) certification.
12. C. If a school district is found to be non-compliant, then the superintendent of said
13. school district will be fined 10% of their yearly salary. The money will be used to
14. fund the implementation of the ASL classes alongside the funding already
15. provided with this legislation.
16. **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect by January 1, 2027
17. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Perry High School

N25-22

A Bill to Invest in Nuclear Energy

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The Federal government shall invest \$30 billion in the proliferation of nuclear energy and
3. in researching nuclear energy, by 2030.
4. **SECTION 2.** Nuclear energy research shall be defined as any scientific investigation that broadens
5. our understanding of nuclear energy.
6. The proliferation of nuclear energy shall be defined as anything that builds up nuclear
7. infrastructure
8. **SECTION 3.** The US Department of Energy will oversee the implementation of this bill, using a larger
9. fraction of its annual budget to fund nuclear projects and research
10. A. Nuclear research will focus on making nuclear energy cheaper and making
11. nuclear generators more compact.
12. **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect at the beginning of the 2026-2027 fiscal year.
13. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hawken School

N25-23

A Bill to Address Aerospace Defense and Interstellar Travel

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

2. **SECTION 1.** The United States shall establish a comprehensive national strategy for advanced
3. aerospace defense capabilities and preliminary infrastructure for potential interstellar
4. exploration, prioritizing technological innovation, national security, and long-term space
5. research initiatives.

6. **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this legislation, the following terms shall be defined: "Interstellar
7. Travel" shall mean human or robotic expeditions beyond the solar system's heliosphere.
8. "Aerospace Defense" shall encompass protection of national interests in terrestrial and
9. extraterrestrial environments through advanced technological systems. "Advanced
10. Propulsion Technologies" shall include experimental propulsion methods capable of
11. achieving speeds necessary for potential interstellar transit.

12. **SECTION 3.** The Interstellar Defense and Exploration Agency (IDEA), a new cross-departmental entity
13. reporting directly to the President, shall oversee the implementation and enforcement
14. of this legislation. IDEA shall be composed of representatives from NASA, the
15. Department of Defense, the Department of Energy, and leading aerospace research
16. institutions. The agency will receive an initial funding allocation of \$5 billion to develop
17. comprehensive research, development, and strategic planning programs.

18. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented in phases: 1. Initial infrastructure and research
19. funding will commence within 12 months of passage. 2. First, comprehensive
20. technological assessment and strategic plan shall be completed within 36 months. 3.
21. Initial prototype development for advanced propulsion technologies and defense
22. systems shall begin no later than 60 months after enactment.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dublin Jerome High School

N25-24

A Bill to Require a License for Electric Scooters

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** All persons must obtain a license in order to operate an electric scooter on all public
3. property or roads
4. **SECTION 2.** A. Electric Scooters shall be defined as two-wheel vehicles powered by an electric
5. motor, with a deck to stand on and two handlebars, regardless if rented or
6. owned
7. B. "License" shall be defined as state-issued permits specifically authorizing the
8. usage of an electric scooter requiring a written test on traffic laws and an
9. on-road test
10. C. This excludes all mobility scooters used by persons with disabilities
11. **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Transportation in cooperation with state Departments
12. of Motor Vehicles, shall oversee this bill
13. A. Persons must be a minimum of 16 in order to obtain a license
14. B. Anybody operating one will without a license will receive a minimum fine of \$500
15. C. Any rental company who does not confirm the license of anybody seeking rental
16. will be fined a minimum of \$5000
17. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect on January 1, 2026
18. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Oakwood High School

N25-25

A Bill to Implement Artificial Intelligence Regulations on Blue Collar Jobs

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
2. **SECTION 1.** No job within the blue collar industry will be permitted to use artificial intelligence
3. unless it meets the regulations implemented.
4. **SECTION 2.** Blue collar industry will be defined as any job which requires manual labor and the
5. production of goods and services. It will be under the Department of Labor to control
6. which jobs are considered within the blue collar industry.
7. **SECTION 3.** Any corporation or organization not following the regulations set by the Department of
8. Labor will face consequences based on the number of offenses committed. First offense
9. will result in a formal warning issued, they will pay \$20,000 to the Department of Labor,
10. and if a corporation or organization has three offenses, then they will be forced to
11. immediate closure.
12. **SECTION 4.** Artificial Intelligence regulations throughout United States territories hereby will be
13. regulated by the Department of Labor whereas they have the power to make the
14. executive decision for what is best for the blue collar industry.
15. **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026.
16. **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Whitmer High School

N25-26

A Bill to Prohibit Surveillance Pricing

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Retailers are prohibited from using consumers' characteristics and behaviors, such as
3. precise location, browser history, and other granular consumer data information to
4. make individual pricing recommendation changes to consumers with different prices for
5. the same goods and services.
6. **SECTION 2.** Retailers shall be defined as any entity who sells goods to the public for consumption.
7. Characteristics shall be known as traits to define and group consumers into areas based
8. on things such as but not limited to: age, location, income, gender, lifestyle and brand
9. loyalty.
10. Behaviors shall be known as the how or why individuals decide to use or buy these
11. products.
12. Granular shall be known as highly detailed consumer data such as but not limited to
13. individual transactions, and specific data sets involving smaller groups of individuals.
14. **SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission will oversee this legislation by enforcing laws prohibiting
15. business practices that could lead to higher prices, fewer choices, or less innovation. The
16. FTC shall create a specialized task force in tracking, addressing and holding entities
17. accountable for surveillance pricing.
18. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect on January 17, 2026.
19. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Austintown Fitch High School