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101. A BILL TO ABOLISH THE PINK TAX

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

1 SECTION 1. States will be prohibited from putting a state sales tax on menstrual
2 products such as Tampons or Menstrual Pads. In addition, businesses will
3 be prohibited from charging a different price for any two goods that are
4 substantially similar. By eliminating taxes on products targeted at women,
5 this bill will uphold equality and fair treatment for all.

6 SECTION 2. A. The “pink tax” refers to a state sales tax on products targeted at
7 women.

8 B. “Business” means any business acting within the U.S. that sells goods
9 to any individual or entity, including but not limited to, retailers,
10 suppliers, manufacturers, and distributors.

11 C. “Substantially similar” means two goods that exhibit the following
12 characteristics: the intended use is similar, the functional design and
13 features are similar, or the brand is the same or both brands are
14 owned by the same individual or entity.

15 SECTION 3. The Attorney General will oversee the enforcement of this bill. They may,
16 upon notice to the defendant of not less than 5 days, seek a court to
17 enjoin and restrain the continuance of those violations. If a court finds
18 that the defendant has violated this section, a court may impose a civil
19 penalty not to exceed 10,000 dollars for the first violation, and a civil
20 penalty not to exceed 1,000 dollars for each subsequent violation.

21 SECTION 4. This bill will take effect on March 1, 2024.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Lucero Lara Martinez, Florida Virtual School FLEX Program 9-12

102. A BILL TO BAN THE VIEWING OF VIOLENT GORE WEBSITES TO MINORS IN THE UNITED STATES

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

- 1 SECTION 1. No minors in the United States of America shall have access to violent
2 gore sites that show real human suffering and death.
- 3 SECTION 2. All sights that contain such material shall be forced by law to have
4 software that will confirm the age of the viewer. Failure to comply shall
5 result in complete termination of the company in the United States, and
6 second-degree felonies for all company executives.
- 7 SECTION 3. The United States Department of Justice shall be tasked with enforcing
8 this legislation.
- 9 SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect the 1st day of January 2024.
- 10 SECTION 5. All other laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Ethan Parks, South Sumter High School

103. A RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE GOOFY BILLS IN CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE TOURNAMENTS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

- 1 WHEREAS, Current Bills are very self important and soul draining; and
- 2 WHEREAS, hinder the quality and strength of arguments made; and
- 3 WHEREAS, they create unnecessary apprehension and tension while making bills;
- 4 and
- 5 WHEREAS, they make tournaments more stressful and less fun; now, therefore, be it
- 6 RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled promotes the creation and use of
- 7 more goofy bills in congressional debate tournaments.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. August Osani, Lake Nona High School

104. A BILL TO FIX OUR NATION'S OPIOID ADDICTION CRISIS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
2 (SAMHSA) shall enact and enforce the following:
3 A. an awareness committee for educating and raising awareness about
4 opioids and heroin abuse in high schools, colleges, and prisons.
5 B. Increasing recovery centers in troubled neighborhoods and cities.
- 6 SECTION 2. A. "troubled neighborhoods and cities" shall be defined as places with
7 high non-violent crime rates for crimes such as possession.
8 B. "educating" shall be defined as information on the side effects, long
9 term conditions, ways to identify if a loved one is suffering from
10 addiction, and ways to get assistance for those in need of it.
- 11 SECTION 3. A tax on all alcohol and tobacco products shall be implemented to pay for
12 the provisions in this bill.
- 13 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2024.
- 14 SECTION 5. All other laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Anniston Taylor, Weeki Wachee High School

105. A BILL TO ALLOW ABORTION UP TO 17 WEEKS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

- 1 SECTION 1. Women shall be allowed to have an abortion up to 17 weeks. No
2 government agency will deny anyone of abortion if under or at 17 weeks.
- 3 SECTION 2. This legislation will not include any abortion over 17 weeks. No state will
4 have any abortion law over 17 weeks of pregnancy unless the mother's
5 life is in jeopardy and deemed medically necessary by a licensed
6 physician.
- 7 SECTION 3. Licensed medical doctors, physician services, and other licensed
8 healthcare providers (Planned Parenthood, emergency services, etc...) will provide these services. The funding will come from in the form of
9 block grants applied for by the states. Women may also pay with
10 Medicaid or out of pocket.
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- 12 SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect upon the next fiscal year.
- 13 SECTION 5. All other laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Elanis Padron, Bayside High School

106. LAÏCITÉ ACT OF 2024

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

- 1 SECTION 1. The phrase “Under God” in the United States Pledge of Allegiance shall
2 be removed from official usage in governmental buildings. Federal, State,
3 and Local governments shall no longer include this phrase, including but
4 not limited to the following instances: Congressional sessions, Local
5 Government meetings, Court cases, Public School Procedures, Military
6 proceedings, and Postal Service.
- 7 SECTION 2. For the purpose of this legislation, “Official usage” shall be defined as
8 when the phrase is implemented and sung in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 9 A. Nothing in this legislation denies individuals the right to say the
10 original pledge within their privacy
- 11 B. Private organizations do not reserve the liberty to enforce the old
12 Pledge of Allegiance onto any public space.
- 13 C. Public spaces will be subject to the new Pledge of Allegiance.
- 14 SECTION 3. This legislation shall be enforced by the U.S. Government Publishing
15 Office.
- 16 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2024.
- 17 SECTION 5. All other laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Lake Minneola High School

107. A BILL TO BAN BICYCLING ON PUBLIC ROADWAYS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

1 SECTION 1. This bill will ban or stop people from bicycling on public roadways to
2 lower the chance of accidents happening which could result in harm to
3 both of the involved parties as well as others around them.

4 SECTION 2. This law would only be applied to public roads with a speed limit of 35
5 miles per hour and greater. Public roads are “any road or street under the
6 jurisdiction of and maintained by a public authority and open to public
7 travel” as defined by law.cornell.edu. The only other exception to this
8 legislation is designated biking or crossing areas. To further clarify this bill
9 is referencing bicycles, not motorcycles. If caught biking illegally on public
10 roads, the cyclist(s) would initially be faced with a warning and if they are
11 caught again, they would be eligible to face fines ranging from \$50 to
12 \$250.

13 SECTION 3. SECTION 3. This would also be enforced by the Department of Justice for
14 the law enforcement officers who would be incharge of citing and
15 enforcing this on the streets.

16 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on June 25, 2024.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Ayla Ternasky, Lake Brantley High School

108. A BILL TO IMPLEMENT VEHICLE CIRCULATION TO REDUCE CARBON EMISSIONS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

- 1 SECTION 1. All vehicles in which are privately owned shall follow a circulation
2 routine, where the final digit of the license plate number shall be used to
3 limit which vehicles are allowed to be driven at certain periods of times,
4 with the legislations primary focus being the reduction of carbon
5 emissions
- 6 SECTION 2. For the purpose of this legislation “privately owned vehicles” shall be
7 defined as a motor vehicle not owned by the government and used by a
8 person or their immediate family for the primary purpose of providing
9 personal transportation. “Periods of time” shall be from 7:00 am to 9:00
10 pm from Monday to Friday. The limits in the Circulation Routine shall be
11 as follows:
- 12 A. Mondays: final digits 1 and 2;
 - 13 B. Tuesdays: final digits 3 and 4;
 - 14 C. Wednesdays: final digits 5 and 6;
 - 15 D. Thursdays: final digits 7 and 8;
 - 16 E. Fridays: final digits 9 and 0.
- 17 SECTION 3. The Department of Transportation shall oversee the enforcement of this
18 legislation.
- 19 A. Enforcement mechanisms shall include monitoring, participation of
20 traffic engineering companies, and collaboration with law
21 enforcement agencies.
 - 22 B. Failure to comply shall result in a 100 dollar fine for the constituent in
23 which the license plate is registered under for each time they are
24 found to be in violation. The money received from the fines shall be
25 used to battle the climate crisis working alongside the National
26 Climate Task Force.
 - 27 C. 500,000 dollars shall be allocated to the Department of
28 Transportation in order to fund the implementation.
- 29 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect upon passage.
- 30 SECTION 5. All other laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Lorena Lincoln, Horizon High School

109. A BILL TO FUND TEACHER SALARIES FOR NEW HIRES AND RETENTION TO ALLEVIATE TEACHER SHORTAGES

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

1 SECTION 1. Teacher shortages are growing nationwide due to lack of pay, working
2 conditions, decreasing respect for the profession, etc. Therefore, action
3 needs to be taken to ensure the continuation of k-12 public education
4 and its staffing.

5 SECTION 2. Teacher shortage-refers to the absence of professional educators in any
6 districts, subject or grades. Retention-Teacher retention is how factors
7 affect whether teachers stay or leave, even leaving the profession all
8 together before retirement.

9 SECTION 3. The U.S. Department of Education (ED) in conjunction with states'
10 Departments of Education will oversee and enforce distribution of
11 federal dollars given to increase teachers salaries and/or issue hiring and
12 retention bonuses.

13 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on "January 1 2024".

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

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Amina Razzaq, Boone High School

Tier 2 Legislation

Chambers must debate all items in Tier 1 before moving onto Tier 2.

201. A BILL TO LOWER THE MINIMUM DRINKING AGE TO 18

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

- 1 SECTION 1. Title 23 U. S. C. § 158, henceforth referred to as the National Minimum
2 Drinking Age Act, shall henceforth be abolished from United States Code.
- 3 SECTION 2. A. The National Minimum Drinking Age Act establishes that states must
4 set their alcohol legal age to 21 years old, or they will not receive
5 total federal funding for highway appropriation.
- 6 B. The alcohol legal age is the minimum age a United States citizen must
7 be to purchase an alcoholic beverage.
- 8 C. United States Code is the compiled list of all federal laws and
9 statutes.
- 10 SECTION 3. The Department of Justice will oversee the enforcement of this bill.
- 11 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025.
- 12 SECTION 5. All other laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Matthew Ham, Lake Brantley High School