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Legislation Packet

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101. A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO ENSURE VALUES ARE ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

1 RESOLVED, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article
2 is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States,
3 which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution
4 when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states
5 within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

6 ARTICLE --

7 SECTION 1. The seventh article of amendment to the Constitution of the United
8 States is hereby repealed.

9 SECTION 2. In Suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed
10 twenty dollars adjusted for current inflation, the right of trial by jury shall
11 be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise re-examined
12 in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the
common law.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Robert Quinones, SLAM Apollo Beach School

102. A BILL TO PROTECT PEOPLES OF THE UNITED STATES FROM HATE SPEECH

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

- 1 SECTION 1. Hate speech shall henceforth not be protected in the First Amendment.
- 2 SECTION 2. Hate speech being any form of communication in which harmfully targets
3 one or more persons. First Amendment being the amendment which
4 protects the Freedom of Religion, Speech, Press, Assembly, and Petition.
- 5 SECTION 3. Federal Communications Commission. Any violators will be held
6 accountable through a fine judged by a court official.
- 7 SECTION 4. This is to be enacted on January 1, 2024 and will be immediately in
8 effect.
- 9 SECTION 5. All other laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Keagan Martian, Baker High School

103. RELIGIOUS USE TAX EXEMPTION ACT

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Religious Use Tax Exemption Act aims to provide a tax exemption on cannabis products
2 when they are being purchased for bona fide religious use. This legislation recognizes the
3 constitutional right to freely exercise one's religion and acknowledges the significance of
4 cannabis in certain religious practices. By eliminating taxes on cannabis used for religious
5 purposes, this bill seeks to uphold religious freedom while promoting equality and fair
6 treatment under the law.
7 a) "Cannabis" refers to any products derived from the Cannabis sativa plant, including its
8 SECTION 2. derivatives and extracts.
9 b) "Religious use" refers to the sacramental or ceremonial use of cannabis within the
10 framework of an established religious organization or tradition.
11 c) "Bona fide religious use" implies the genuine and sincere use of cannabis as an integral
12 part of religious observance, as determined by recognized religious authorities or
13 organizations.
14 a) Cannabis products purchased solely for bona fide religious use, as defined in Section 1.3,
15 shall be exempt from all applicable taxes, including sales tax, excise tax, and any other levies
16 SECTION 3. imposed by federal, state, or local authorities.
17 b) To qualify for the tax exemption, individuals or religious organizations must provide
18 documented proof of their religious affiliation and the religious significance of cannabis in
19 their religious practices. This documentation may include, but is not limited to, statements
20 from religious leaders, religious texts, or other supporting materials.
21 c) The burden of proof lies with the individual or religious organization seeking the tax
22 exemption. It is their responsibility to establish the legitimacy and sincerity of their religious
23 beliefs and practices.
24 a) No government agency or authority shall discriminate against an individual or religious
25 organization based on their religious beliefs or practices, including the religious use of
26 cannabis.
27 b) This legislation shall not be construed to grant any individual or religious organization the
28 SECTION 4. right to engage in illegal activities or infringe upon the rights of others. The tax exemption
29 applies only to the purchase and use of cannabis for legitimate religious purposes and within
30 the confines of existing laws and regulations.
31 c) Religious organizations shall not be subjected to additional regulations, requirements, or
32 burdensome procedures solely due to their recognition of cannabis as a sacrament or
33 religious practice.
34 a) Relevant federal, state, and local authorities shall establish clear guidelines and
35 procedures for individuals and religious organizations to claim the tax exemption outlined in
36 this act. 4b) Any violations of the provisions set forth in this act shall be subject to
37 appropriate penalties or legal consequences as determined by existing laws.
38 c). Regular monitoring and reporting mechanisms shall be implemented to ensure
39 SECTION 5. compliance with this legislation and to address any concerns or issues that may arise.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Jonathan Adler, Coral Academy of Science Las Vegas

104. A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH AN AGE LIMIT FOR THE PRESIDENCY

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

1 RESOLVED, By two-thirds of the Congress assembled, that the following article is
2 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States,
3 which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution
4 when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the states within
5 seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

6 ARTICLE --

7 SECTION 1. No person who has reached the age of seventy-five (75) years by the date
8 of their inauguration shall be eligible to serve as President of the United
9 States. But this Article shall not apply to any person holding the office of
10 President when this Article was proposed by Congress, and shall not
11 prevent any person who may be holding the office of President, or acting
12 as President, during the term within which this Article becomes operative
13 from holding the office of President or acting as President during the
14 remainder of such term.

15 SECTION 2. This amendment shall take effect beginning with the presidential election
16 held in the year following its ratification.

17 SECTION 3. Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate
18 legislation.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Wesley Liu, Pacific Bay Christian School

105. A BILL TO CHANGE MILITARY SELECTIVE SERVICE ACT (MSSA) TO REQUIRE BOTH MEN AND WOMEN TO REGISTER FOR THE DRAFT

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

- 1 SECTION 1. MSSA will update to require both men and women at the age of 18 to
2 register with the Selective Service System within 30 days of their
3 birthday.
- 3 SECTION 2. A. The purpose of the MSSA is so that the president and military leaders
4 can have an understanding of the fighting capabilities of the United
5 States should we enter into war. Knowing the number of men AND
6 women who are able to fight and defend the United States is vital to
7 US National Security.
- 8 B. Center for American Progress reports that in 1969 women only made
9 up $\frac{1}{3}$ of the workforce, modern women are over half of the
10 workforce, achieving high levels of societal standing and making leaps
11 and bounds in gaining equality since MSSA was introduced on June
12 24, 1948. 9 million military personnel served on active duty during
13 the Vietnam Era, with only 256,000 or 2.8% being active duty women.
14 In 2021, women made up 17.3% of the active-duty force and 21.4%
15 of the National Guard and reserves. There are 2,300 women currently
16 serving in Army Special Operation Forces, making up 8% of the
17 community, which includes Special Forces and Rangers.
- 18 SECTION 3. The Selective Service System will enforce registration in much the same
19 way they currently enforce the Status Quo.
- 20 A. Failure to register with Selective Service is a felony punishable by a
21 fine of up to \$250,000 and/or 5 years imprisonment.
- 22 B. A person who knowingly counsels, aids, or abets another to fail to
23 comply with the registration requirement is subject to the same
24 penalties.
- 25 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025.
- 26 SECTION 5. All other laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Canyon Springs High School

106. A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO IMPLEMENT A FEDERAL BALANCED BUDGET

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

1 RESOLVED, By two-thirds of the Congress assembled, that the following article is
2 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States,
3 which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution
4 when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the states within
5 seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

6 ARTICLE --

7 SECTION 1. The federal government is mandated to maintain revenues equal to or
8 greater than expenditures.

9 SECTION 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
10 legislation.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Adhi Balamurugan, Solon School

107. A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO GRANT TEACHERS THE RIGHT TO STRIKE

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

1 RESOLVED, By two-thirds of the Congress assembled, that the following article is
2 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States,
3 which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution
4 when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the states within
5 seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

6 ARTICLE --

7 SECTION 1. This amendment explicitly protects and grants teachers the right to
8 strike without fear of punishment or unemployment under the first
9 amendment. While on strike teachers shall receive payment through
10 strike pay if on strike longer than 5 days.

11 SECTION 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
12 legislation.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Joselyn Diaz-Boileau, Apopka High School

108. A BILL TO INCREASE THE FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

1 SECTION 1. The federal minimum wage for nonexempt workers shall be raised from
2 \$7.25 to \$9.00.

3 SECTION 2. Minimum wage is defined as a base level of pay that employers are
4 required to pay certain covered employees. Nonexempt is defined as
5 workers who are entitled to earn at least the federal minimum wage and
6 qualify for overtime pay.

7 SECTION 3. The U.S. Department of Labor will oversee this bill.

8 A. The Wage and Hour Division (WHD) will be the division that enforces
9 this bill.

10 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on March 2, 2024.

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

Respectfully submitted,
South Walton High School

109. A BILL TO FUND SCHOOL MEALS TO END NATIONAL HUNGER

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

- 1 SECTION 1. All school districts across the US will cease charging for school meals.
- 2 SECTION 2. School meals will be free for all students, not just those in determined
3 low income families .
- 4 SECTION 3. The USDA Food and Nutrition Service and the US Department of
5 Education will oversee the implementation of this legislation.
- 6 A. The Food and Nutrition Service will be allocated an additional \$30
7 billion per year for bolstering district revenues and to create meal
8 infrastructure in districts where needed.
- 9 B. Any district with schools found to still charge students for school
10 meals will be found in violation and will be fined per school \$5,000
11 and assessed daily.
- 12 C. Any district still in violation after 2 years will have federal charges
13 made against the food service director, principal of said school, and
14 the district superintendent.
- 15 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on Jan. 1, 2025
- 16 SECTION 5. All other laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
The Woodlands High School

Tier 2 Legislation

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

201. A BILL TO PROMOTE VOTER IDENTIFICATION TO PROTECT VOTER CONFIDENCE AND PREVENT VOTING FRAUD

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

- 1 SECTION 1. California will require all voters to show proof of identification at the
2 voting order that no person’s vote is diluted or canceled out by
3 fraudulent votes.
- 4 SECTION 2. A. “Mobile implementation units” are mobile teams established by the
5 Secretary of State to encourage and facilitate the adoption of proof of
6 identification among individuals in neighborhoods with limited access
7 to government offices. They conduct workshops and answer
8 questions.
- 9 B. “Low income” means equal to or lower than twice the poverty
10 threshold established by the federal government, which is the same
11 SECTION 3. measure for the primary welfare program in California (CalWORKS).
- 12 C. The secretary of state will establish mobile implementation units to
13 ensure all eligible voters, including those from disadvantaged
14 communities, are able to vote. The government will provide free
15 identification to low-income individuals. Any data collected in the
16 voter identification process will be used exclusively for voter
17 verification.
- 18 D. For all elections, every eligible voter shall be required to present
19 proof of identification. Proof of identification includes - Driver’s
20 license, State identification cards, Military identification cards AND
21 any other articles deemed valid by the Secretary of State.
- 22 E. The California State Congress shall have the power to enforce this by
23 the appropriate legislation.
- 24 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on Monday, November 4, 2023.
- 25 SECTION 5. All other laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Duversa Murphy, Pacific Bay Christian School

202. A BILL TO REPEAL THE SELECTIVE SERVICE ACT TO PROTECT INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

1 SECTION 1. This act would remove the mandatory law that enforces the selective
2 service system. Any U.S. and immigrant male would not be forced to sign
3 up for selective service.

4 SECTION 2. Only male U.S. citizens and immigrants are allowed to register for the
5 Selective Service System. When a male registers for the selective service,
6 They put their names for the government to keep track of the names of
7 men that would be drawn to the military just in case of a national
8 emergency needing quick expansion.

9 SECTION 3. The act would allow only U.S. male citizens and immigrants to have the
10 choice whether they want to join the Selective services or not. The
11 Selective Service System is an independent federal agency within the
12 executive branch of the federal government of the U.S.. This would mean
13 that the federal government would have to find another way to keep
14 track of males in America.

15 SECTION 4. The Department of Defense will be in charge of enforcing and executing
16 this legislation. If the secretary and or workers of the Department of
17 Defense fail to follow these orders, they will be fined \$5,000.00.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Jacklyn Galicia-Miron, SLAM Apollo Beach School

203. A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO CLARIFY 2ND AMENDMENT PROTECTIONS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

1 RESOLVED, By two-thirds of the Congress assembled, that the following article is
2 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States,
3 which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution
4 when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the states within
5 seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

6 ARTICLE --

7 SECTION 1. Legal Citizens of the United States of America, if they wish to purchase
8 and use firearms, must pass several safety courses and be given proper
9 firearm training, before being legally capable of owning and bearing
10 arms, and must continue to take these courses every two calendar years.

11 SECTION 2. Assault Rifles will be banned from civilian possession with the exception
12 of the following circumstances: supervision at a controlled facility, for an
13 allotted amount of time through a regulated checkout process, or in
14 which the firearm is necessary to secure a free state.

15 SECTION 3. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
16 legislation.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. GraceLynn Villa and Rep. Christopher Whitehead, Baker High School

204. A BILL TO PROTECT THE RIGHT TO AN ABORTION

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

- 1 SECTION 1. Abortion should be accessible to anyone capable of becoming pregnant.
- 2 SECTION 2. An abortion meaning a procedure to end a pregnancy.
- 3 Accessible meaning available.
- 4 SECTION 3. The United States federal administrative advocacy- center for
- 5 reproductive rights for governor over said policy.
- 6 SECTION 4. This legislation will take place on January 1, 2024.
- 7 SECTION 5. All other laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Alicia Warner, Baker High School