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Student Congress Legislation Preliminary Sessions

Varsity & Novice

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- All agendas of published legislation (this packet) should be set in chamber.
- All Congress sessions should run 2 hours of debate and not end prior to the 2 hours.
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A Resolution to Amend the Constitution To Put an Age Limit on Congress

1	RESOLVED,	By two-thirds	s of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is
2		proposed as	an amendment to the Constitution of the United States,
3		which shall b	e 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:	A person may not be able to run for the house or the
8			senate if they turn 70 years of age before they would be
9			initiated into congress.
10		SECTION 2:	The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
11			appropriate legislation.
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A Bill to Lower Prescription Drug Costs to Improve Health Outcomes for All Americans

1	BE IT ENACTED	BY THE CONG	RESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2		SECTION 1.	The United States will enact a markup cap for all
3		prescription o	lrugs.
4		A. The United	States will cap markup prices by companies at 7% for
5		prescription o	drugs.
6		B. Companies	that refuse to follow the legislation will have a federal tax
7		on profits dou	uble than the percentage of markup costs.
8		SECTION 2.	The following definitions apply:
9		A. Prescriptio	ns drugs will be defined as any drug that is obtained with a
LO		prescription.	
L1		B. Markup ca _l	ps will be defined as a method to prevent companies from
L2		marking up m	anufactured products to gain more profit
13		SECTION 3.	The Food and Drug Administration along with the Internal
L4		Revenue Serv	ice will be responsible for the implementation of this bill.
L 5		SECTION 4.	This legislation will take effect January 1, 2026. All laws in
L 6		conflict with t	his legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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A Bill to Mandate DNA Evidence in Capital Punishments to Reduce the Risk of Wrongful Convictions

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1	SECTION 1.	The purpose of this legislation is to ensure that the application of capital		
2		punishment, or the death penalty, in criminal cases is supported by		
3		irrefutable scientific evidence, specifically DNA evidence, to minimize the		
4		risk of wrongful convictions and uphold the principles of justice and		
5		fairness.		
6	SECTION 2.	The mandate for DNA evidence includes:		
7		A. Any individual charged with a crime eligible for the death penalty, it		
8		shall be mandatory to present DNA evidence directly linking the		
9		accused to the crime before proceeding with a death penalty		
10		sentencing hearing.		
11		B. DNA evidence must be collected, analyzed, and presented in a court		
12		of law to establish a direct and irrefutable link between the accused		
13		and the crime, ensuring the highest standard of accuracy and		
14		reliability.		
15		C. The absence of DNA evidence shall preclude the imposition of the		
16		death penalty, and alternative sentencing options shall be pursued as		
17		determined by the applicable laws.		
18	SECTION 3.	The Office of Justice Programs shall oversee the enforcement of this		
19		legislation.		
20		A. Law enforcement agencies and relevant authorities shall be responsible		
21		for ensuring the collection, preservation, and analysis of DNA evidence		
22		in cases eligible for the death penalty.		
23		B. The Office of Justice Programs along with relevant authorities shall be		
24		allocated a budget of \$2.5 billion per annum.		
25		C. Any violation of this Act shall result in penalties as determined by the		
26		relevant legal provisions. Cases where the death penalty is imposed		
27		without adhering to the DNA evidence requirement shall be subject to		
28		review, and the sentence may be commuted as deemed appropriate.		
	SECTION 4.	This legislation will immediately take effect after the passage of this bill. All		
		laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.		

 $Introduced\ for\ Congressional\ Debate\ by\ G.\ Holmes\ Braddock\ Senior\ High\ School.$

A Bill to Support Criminal Reentry and Rehabilitation to Reduce Recidivism

1	SECTION 1.	This Congress finds that barriers to reenter society faced by individuals leaving
2		incarceration undermines the welfare of our nation; therefore, authorizing the
3		establishment of the Office of Reentery and Rehabilitation (ORR) within the
4		United States Department of Justice. The enactment of this bill requires all
5		private and public businesses that engage in interstate commerce to cease
6		using criminal history records as a criterion for screening and hiring applicants
7		unless deemed materially significant for the job in question.
8	SECTION 2.	The ORR shall:
9		A. Assist formerly incarcerated individuals in obtaining affordable
10		housing.
11		B. Assist formerly incarcerated individuals in obtaining employment.
12		C. Assist formerly incarcerated individuals in obtaining healthcare.
13		D. Assist formerly incarcerated individuals in obtaining educational
14		training, including vocational programs.
15	SECTION 3.	The Office of Reentry and Rehabilitation and the Department of Justice shall
16		oversee the enforcement of this bill.
17		A. The ORR shall have a budget of \$4 billion per annum.
18		B. Within two months of the passage of this legislation, the Attorney Genera
19		shall establish guidelines for what constitutes a materially significant
20		reason to disqualify a formerly incarcerated individual from employment.
21		C. These guidelines shall also define what violations constitute an individual
22		from not receiving assistance from the ORR.
23		D. The Attorney General shall update these guidelines by January 1st each
24		consecutive year.
25		E. Businesses engaged in interstate commerce that are found in violation of
26		this bill shall be fined \$50,000 per offense.
27	SECTION 4.	This legislation will immediately take effect after the passage of this bill. All
28		laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Abolish the United States Air Force

1	BE IT ENACT	ED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2	SECTION 1.	The United States Air Force (USAF) shall be abolished. All assets currently
3		held by the USAF shall be distributed amongst the United States Army,
4		United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, United States Coast Guard,
5		and United States Space Force.
6	SECTION 2.	The USAF is the air service branch of the United States Armed Forces and is
7		tasked with conducting independent air operations and providing air support
8		to the land and naval forces of the United States.
9	SECTION 3.	This legislation shall be jointly overseen by the Department of the Air Force
10		and the Joint Chiefs of Staff.
11		A. The timeline of the abolition of the USAF will be determined by the
12		supervisory bodies tasked with implementing this legislation.
13		B. Any challenges encountered by the supervisory bodies in the
14		implementation of this legislation shall be forwarded to the Senate and
15		House Committees on Armed Services for further discussion.
16	SECTION 4.	This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025. All laws in conflict with
17		this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by American Heritage - Broward.

A Bill to Implement Digital IDs to promote inclusivity and convenience

1	SECTION 1.	The United States will create a system by which any resident will have
2		access to a digital ID and be able to use it in place of a physical ID
3	SECTION 2.	Residents will be defined as US Citizens and non citizen residents who meet
4		the standards of either the green card or substantial presence test and
5		digital IDs will be defined as an electronic representation of personally
6		identifying information that may be used to verify the identity of a person.
7	SECTION 3.	The United States Department of Homeland Security, in conjunction with
8		the Department of Health and Human Services, will oversee the
9		enforcement of this bill and maintenance of electronic records. COngress
10		will allocate \$600 million towards the implementation of this program.
11	SECTION 4.	The government agencies will begin working on this project immediately
12		and all residents will be expected to apply for a Digital ID no later than
13		January 1st 2025.
14	SECTION 5.	All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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A resolution to sanction Egypt

1	WHEREAS,	Egypt has been violating human rights; and
2	WHEREAS,	Egypt uses vague morality charges to falsely prosecute members of the
3		LGBTQIA+ community, female social media influencers, and survivors of
4		sexual violence. Along with being accused of having over 60,000 political
5		prisoners; and
6	WHEREAS,	For years the people of Egypt have been subject to abuse, lacking basic
7		humanitarian rights. While the government is strategically hiding the truth;
8		and
9	WHEREAS,	Egypt still remains one of the United State's allies in the region; now,
10		therefore, be it
11	RESOLVED,	That the Congress here assembled supports sanctions on the Egyptian
12		government in the name of protecting human rights
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Marjory Stoneman Douglas Highschool

A Resolution to Limit the Age Gap of Senior Federal Workers to Improve the Government Foundation

- **WHEREAS**, Federal workers in the government should be enforced to retire 2 after they hit the age of 70.
- **WHEREAS**, after the federal workers reach the age, they should be exacted 4 out of office.
- **WHEREAS**, the problem with senior citizens being in office is that around 6 the age of 70 many people's mental skills start to diminish,
- **WHEREAS**, they become less socially aware, and start to become out of 8 touch with many current problems the younger generation might be facing.
- **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled make the following
 10 recommendations for limiting the amount of term time a senator can office
 11 for.
- **FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the people who are forced to retire should be 13 recompensed for their work and to help them retire.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Everglades High School.

A Bill to Reform the U.S Education System

1	BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:		
2	SECTION 1.	All systems and processes within schools deemed outdated or dishonest shall be	
3		reformed. This includes but shall not be limited to curriculums, salaries,	
4		regulations, accessibility, etc.	
5	SECTION 2.	"Curriculums" shall be defined as what is taught in any plan or course within any	
6		educational institution. "Regulations" shall be defined as any rules or directives	
7		relating to an educational space.	
8	SECTION 3.	State and locally based education departments shall work within the regulations	
9		set by the U.S. Department of Education to improve the structure of their	
10		system.	
11		A. The U.S Department of Education shall be responsible for reviewing and	
12		improving any current regulations and policies regarding education at a	
13		federal level.	
14		B. All changes made to education systems shall be made to better enhance the	
15		learning experience for both faculty and students. These changes must be	
16		realistic and can continue to be polished after the legislation takes effect.	
17		C. Changes must be made in a consensus and cannot display any prejudice	
18		toward specific groups or people.	
19		D. A categorical grant of \$1.1 trillion will be allocated throughout the period of	
20		a decade to appropriately distribute funds. Private schools shall be	
21		excluded from funding.	
22	SECTION 4.	This legislation will take effect on August 1, 2034.	
23	SECTION 5.	All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.	

24 Introduced for Congressional Debate by Justin Suarez-Garzon, Everglades High School.

A Bill to Reuse Radioactive Waste In Our Infrastructure

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1	SECTION 1 .	The United States shall hereby initiate a five-year study to determine if
2		reusing phosphogypsum in the construction of roadways is a safe process
3		for the people and the environment.
4	SECTION 2.	The term "safe" shall be defined as not having any abnormal health
5		hazards on living things and not being environmentally destructive.
6		Five-year study shall be determined as non-invasive research conducted
7		and tried to determine a conclusion. Construction shall be defined as
8		the material for roads, including but not limited to, concrete and asphalt.
9	SECTION 3.	The Environmental Protection Agency in conjunction with the Department
10		of Transportation will be tasked with implementing this legislation.
11		A. \$150 million will be allocated to the EPA for the purposes of research.
12		Further funding is up to future congressional approval.
11	SECTION 4.	This legislation shall be implemented immediately upon passage.
12	SECTION 5.	All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Western High School

A Bill to Aid Myanmar

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1	SECTION 1 .	The United States shall hereby donate and deliver \$200 million in
2		humanitarian aid to the citizens of Myanmar through Myanmar's
3		maritime border with Indonesia. US troops will be allotted as necessary to
4		deliver the aid to USAID representatives at the border.
5	SECTION 2.	Humanitarian aid shall consist of a combination of agricultural
6		supplication, temporary housing, bottled water, and medical supplies,
7		including but not limited to; vaccines and first aid equipment.
8	SECTION 3.	The US Department of State in conjunction with USAID will be
9		responsible for the implementation and oversight of this bill.
10	SECTION 4.	This legislation shall be implemented immediately upon passage.
11	SECTION 5 .	All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
12		void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Western High School

The Climate Change Compromise Act of 2023

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1	SECTION 1 .	The United States shall implement a carbon tax of \$50 per metric ton of
2		carbon emitted by companies.
3	SECTION 2.	A carbon tax shall be defined as a tax levied on the emission of carbon
4		through the burning of fossil fuels. Companies shall be defined as legal
5		entities that emit greater than 10,000 metric tons of carbon annually.
6	SECTION 3 .	The Department of Energy and Internal Revenue Service shall be in
7		charge of overseeing and implementing this legislation.
8		A. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) shall collect the tax accordingly
9		and increase the tax by \$10 per metric ton annually for companies
10		who fail to comply.
11		B. The tax revenue shall be allocated to the Department of Energy's
12		budget for the research and subsidization of renewable energy sources
13		as well as the power grid upgrades for the use of renewable energy.
14	SECTION 4	. This legislation shall be implemented immediately upon passage.
15	SECTION 5.	All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
16		void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Western High School

A Bill to Remove Income Taxes From Second Jobs to Boost the United States Economy

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1	SECTION 1.	Individuals in the United States working more than one job will not be
2		required to pay income taxes on their second job.
3	SECTION 2.	A job of forty hours per week is considered a single taxable job. A second
4		job is any second employer added to these forty hours per week.
5	SECTION 3.	The Internal Revenue Service would and the United States Department of
6		Labor will oversee the enforcement of this law.
7	SECTION 4.	This legislation will take effect on FY 2024. All laws in conflict with this
8		legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by _Theo Valles of Ransom Everglades_____.

A Bill to Repeal the PATRIOT Act to Ensure the Rights and Privacy of Americans

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1	SECTION 1.	The Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools
2		Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (USA PATRIOT) Act of 2001
3		will be repealed and considered null and void.
4	SECTION 2.	Repeal means to revoke or annul all aspects of the law.
5	SECTION 3.	The Department of Justice will oversee enforcement of this law.
6	SECTION 4.	This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2024. All laws in conflict with
7		this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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FINALS

Student Congress Legislation

A Resolution to Phase Out Football in US Public Schools

1	WHEREAS,	Behavior among people who played high school football can include severe
2		depression, suicidal thoughts and actions, loss of memory, early onset dementia
3		and a higher risk of alcohol and drug abuse; and
4	WHEREAS,	Repeated sub-concussive hits and tackling are a normal part of the game and
5		these actions have been proven to lead to CTE; and
6	WHEREAS,	75% of football players receive concussions, many of them during the ages when
7		their brains are still developing; and
8	WHEREAS,	There are countless other options for students to participate in athletic activities
9		with less risk of long-term brain injury; and
10	WHEREAS,	Football programs in the United States are disproportionally funded and many
11		districts across the nation are having trouble funding academics and fine arts
12		programs; now, therefore, be it
13	RESOLVED,	By the Congress here assembled that all public schools in the United States
14		phase out football as a school-sponsored extra-curricular activity by 2030.

National Park Protection Act of 2023

1	SECTION 1.	Congress finds that national parks are unique and valuable assets of the United States, both for their natural
2		beauty and their contribution to the economy. The Congress further finds that extraction of fuel sources
3		and minerals from national parks can have significant negative impacts on the environment and the
4		economy and thus shall prohibit the extraction of energy and mineral resources from land administered by
5		the National Park Service.
6	SECTION 2.	Prohibition on Extraction of Fuel Sources and Minerals
7		A. Except as provided in subsection (B), no person shall extract, explore, or develop any fuel source or
8		mineral, or engage in any related activity, within any area administered by the National Park Service.
9		B. The prohibition in subsection (A) shall not apply to any fuel source or mineral that is necessary for
LO		national security, provided that the Secretary of the Interior has certified that the extraction, exploration, or
l1		development is essential to national security and that all feasible steps have been taken to minimize the
L2		environmental impact of such activity.
L3	SECTION 3.	The Department of The Interior, through the National Park Service shall be in charge of administering this
L4		bill.
L5		A. Any person or corporation who violates the prohibition in Section 2(A) of this bill shall be subject to a civil
L6		penalty of not more than \$25,000 for each day of violation, as well as the value of the resources extracted.
L7		B. Subsequent violations shall result in a fine not to exceed \$500,000, a prison sentence not to exceed 5
L8		years, or both.
L9	SECTION 4.	This bill will go into effect one year after this passage of this bill. All laws in conflict with this legislation are
20		hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Fund Public Transportation to Decrease Carbon Emissions

1	SECTION 1.	The United States government shall increase funding to state and local
2		governments to fund public transportation by 2.5 billion dollars every year for 4
3		years. The funding for this legislation shall come from a \$20 carbon tax on
4		companies.
5	SECTION 2.	A. Public transportation shall be defined as mass transit systems that provide
6		travel for fees per trip.
7		B. A carbon tax shall be defined as a tax implemented on the burning of fuels
8		derived from carbon including, but not limited to, coal, oil, and natural gas. The
9		tax will be applied per metric ton emitted.
10	SECTION 3.	A. The Department of Transportation shall enforce the funding of public
11		transportation.
12		B. The Environmental Protection Agency and Internal Revenue Service shall
13		implement the carbon tax.
14	SECTION 4.	This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2024. All laws in conflict with this
15		legislation are hereby declared null and void.