

SFCFL 1: October 21, 2023

Student Congress Legislation Preliminary Sessions Varsity & Novice

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- Chambers will be released on the day of the tournament.
- 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.**
- *Base systems do not exist during this tournament.*
- Students ***may not suspend*** questioning periods for more speeches.
- **Only published legislation (in this packet) may be debated during any session.**
- Students *may* introduce new legislation only after every single piece of legislation is debate at least twice (two speeches) within this packet.
- Students violating any protocols, rule or regulations may be removed from chamber and/tournament.
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A Resolution to Amend the Constitution To Put an Age Limit on Congress

1 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds 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 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:** 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 CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will enact a markup cap for all
3 prescription drugs.

4 A. The United States will cap markup prices by companies at 7% for
5 prescription drugs.

6 B. Companies that refuse to follow the legislation will have a federal tax
7 on profits double than the percentage of markup costs.

8 **SECTION 2.** The following definitions apply:

9 A. Prescription drugs will be defined as any drug that is obtained with a
10 prescription.

11 B. Markup caps will be defined as a method to prevent companies from
12 marking up manufactured products to gain more profit..

13 **SECTION 3.** The Food and Drug Administration along with the Internal
14 Revenue Service will be responsible for the implementation of this bill.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect January 1, 2026. All laws in
16 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Support Criminal Reentry and Rehabilitation to Reduce Recidivism

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 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 Reentry 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 General
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 ENACTED 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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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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A Resolution to Limit the Age Gap of Senior Federal Workers to Improve the Government Foundation

1 **WHEREAS**, Federal workers in the government should be enforced to retire
2 after they hit the age of 70.

3 **WHEREAS**, after the federal workers reach the age, they should be exacted
4 out of office.

5 **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,

7 **WHEREAS**, they become less socially aware, and start to become out of
8 touch with many current problems the younger generation might be facing.

9 **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled make the following
10 recommendations for limiting the amount of term time a senator can office
11 for.

12 **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.

A Bill to Reuse Radioactive Waste In Our Infrastructure

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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.

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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.

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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 disproportionately 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.

A Bill to Fund Public Transportation to Decrease Carbon Emissions

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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.