

SFCFL 2: November 11, 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.**
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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 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
2 application of capital punishment, or the death penalty, in criminal cases is
3 supported by irrefutable scientific evidence, specifically DNA evidence, to
4 minimize the risk of wrongful convictions and uphold the principles of
5 justice and 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
19 enforcement of this 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 Ban Corporal Punishment

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The government will impose an outright ban on all corporal punishment
3 for people under the age of 18 in all public institutions.

4 **SECTION 2. A)** Corporal Punishment shall be defined as the use of physical force,
5 restraint, or contact in order to maintain discipline or enforce rule that is
6 intended to cause some degree of pain or discomfort.

7 **B)** Public institutions shall be defined as an institution that receives public
8 funding, this shall include but is not limited to prohibiting corporal
9 punishment in public schools and public mental institutions.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education and The Administration for Children and
11 Families shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage. All laws in
13 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
2 individuals leaving incarceration undermines the welfare of our nation;
3 therefore, authorizing the establishment of the Office of Reentry and
4 Rehabilitation (ORR) within the United States Department of Justice. The
5 enactment of this bill requires all private and public businesses that engage in
6 interstate commerce to cease using criminal history records as a criterion for
7 screening and hiring applicants unless deemed materially significant for the
8 job in question.

9 **SECTION 2.** The ORR shall:

- 10 A. Assist formerly incarcerated individuals in obtaining affordable
11 housing.
- 12 B. Assist formerly incarcerated individuals in obtaining employment.
- 13 C. Assist formerly incarcerated individuals in obtaining healthcare.
- 14 D. Assist formerly incarcerated individuals in obtaining educational
15 training, including vocational programs.

16 **SECTION 3.** The Office of Reentry and Rehabilitation and the Department
17 of Justice shall oversee the enforcement of this bill.

- 18 A. The ORR shall have a budget of \$4 billion per annum.
- 19 B. Within two months of the passage of this legislation, the Attorney General
20 shall establish guidelines for what constitutes a materially significant
21 reason to disqualify a formerly incarcerated individual from employment.
- 22 C. These guidelines shall also define what violations constitute an individual
23 from not receiving assistance from the ORR.
- 24 D. The Attorney General shall update these guidelines by January 1st each
25 consecutive year.
- 26 E. Businesses engaged in interstate commerce that are found in violation of
27 this bill shall be fined \$50,000 per offense.

28 **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.

A Bill to Restrict the Use of Artificial Intelligence technologies in Healthcare

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Artificial Intelligence and Large Language Models are hereby banned from
3 use in healthcare settings unless a human operator retains decision-making
4 control at every step of the process. Under no circumstances should the
5 aforementioned technologies be implemented without proper controls.

6 **SECTION 2.** “Artificial Intelligence” is defined as any technology which makes
7 autonomous decisions without human input. “Large Language Models” are
8 defined as any chatbot technology that can process natural language and
9 autonomously generate a response.

10 **SECTION 3.** Enforcement of this bill will be delegated to the Department of Health and
11 Human Services. Healthcare entities found to be in violation of this bill will be
12 fined no less than \$10,000 per violation.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately after passing. All laws in conflict
14 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Resolution to Render Aid To Those With Mental Illness

1. Whereas: One fifth of individuals who are incarcerated have a mental illness.
2. Whereas: The nation's jails and prisons have replaced hospitals as the primary facility
3. for mentally ill individuals.
4. Whereas: Mentally ill inmates are more likely to commit suicide.
5. BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The United States Department of Justice should work in
6. conjunction with states to provide assistance to the mentally ill in order to decrease
7. incarceration rates and provide medical care to those individuals.

Respectfully Submitted - G. Holmes Braddock HS

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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Nationalization Of The Military-Industrial Complex

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Any company or parent company which can be identified as domestic
2 and under military industrial complex shall be nationalized.

3 **SECTION 2.** A. Nationalization shall be defined as the commandeering of a
4 private company or parent company or given ownership of
5 the entirety of a company or parent company.

6 B. Military-industrial complex shall be defined as private
7 institution, which produces hardware, software, or anything
8 which directly supplies the defense of the country (excluding
9 any private institution which supplies soldiers, including
10 food, uniform, etc.)

11 C. Domestic shall be defined as any private institution which
12 sources more than 75% of its funds from American-based
13 business ventures or was created in America

14 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense in conjunction with the Department of Labor
15 shall oversee the transfer of all assets to the federal government and a
16 transfer of power from the M-I-C to public officials.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect in the next financial quarter

18 **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 Combat the Drug Crisis to Lower Drug Smuggling in America

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Every year, over 20,000 pounds of Fentanyl are illegally transported into the
3 United States via the southern border. To combat this crisis, \$40 billion of
4 funding will be allocated to reduce drug smuggling into the United States.

5 **SECTION 2.** The \$40 billion in funding will be jointly allocated to Customs and Border
6 Patrol (CBP) and the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), with each agency
7 receiving \$20 billion. Funding may be used for, but is not limited to, the
8 following purposes:

9 A. Agent recruitment and retention

10 B. Surveillance along the southern border

11 C. Drug-detection technologies

12 **SECTION 3.** Administration of this bill will be overseen by the CBP and the DEA.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on November 6, 2023. All laws in conflict with
14 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Resolution to Discourage the Use of School Resource Officers

1 **WHEREAS** The effectiveness of School Resource Officers (SROs) at preventing or reducing violence in
2 schools has yet to be proven definitively; and

3 **WHEREAS** There is evidence suggesting that the presence of SROs may in fact make schools less safe
4 while also contributing to higher levels of stress and concerns regarding mental health; and

5 **WHEREAS** SROs sap the resources of our school districts, which are already struggling to meet their
6 financial burdens; now, therefore be it

7 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that this body strongly recommends that those schools
8 considering employing SROs abandon these considerations, and that those schools already
9 employing SROs end this practice; and be it

10 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that schools instead work thoughtfully with local law enforcement to provide
11 support when needed; and be it

12 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress shall continue to strive to enact legislation that targets the root
13 causes and contributing factors of violence in our nation's schools.

A Bill to Require Effective and Thorough Sexual Education in U.S. Schools

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** All school districts that receive federal funding must initiate and implement sexual
3 education curricula at each grade level from kindergarten through twelfth grade.

4 **SECTION 2.** Curricula must be age-appropriate and rooted in the most up-to-date research available.
5 Local Departments of Education are directed to work extensively with the Department of
6 Health and Human Services (DHHS) to ensure that curricula are effectively designed and
7 taught. Curricula and instructors should not shy away from any topics deemed valuable by
8 DHHS, and instruction should not be restricted by any religious beliefs.

9 **SECTION 3.** Congress shall provide an additional \$500 million annually to public schools to support their
10 implementation of this legislation. Any school or school district found out of compliance
11 with this legislation shall lose federal funding until such time as compliance is reached.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be jointly overseen by the federal Department of Education (DOE) and
13 DHHS.

14 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

15 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Implement Sortition in Legislative Elections

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

5 **ARTICLE —**

6 **SECTION 1.** All legislative offices at all levels of government shall henceforth be filled by sortition; that
7 is, the random drawing of lots by those citizens who meet the existing criteria set to run for
8 and hold the office in question.

9 **SECTION 2.** Each jurisdiction shall be empowered to determine how and when sortition for each office
10 shall occur, with the condition that the process be completed on or prior to the currently
11 scheduled election day.

12 **SECTION 3.** Each jurisdiction shall also be empowered to determine reasonable circumstances under
13 which a person selected via sortition to serve in a legislative office may be excused from
14 that duty, similar to those circumstances considered for excusal from jury duty.

15 **SECTION 4.** Care must be taken to ensure that all of these processes neither privilege nor disadvantage
16 any one group on the basis of race, ethnicity, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or
17 religion. Properly executed sortition should result in legislative representation of these
18 groups that is roughly proportional to their actual representation within the jurisdiction in
19 question.

20 **SECTION 5.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.