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A Resolution to Abolish the Debt Ceiling

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States is the only developed nation that imposes an arbitrary
2 borrowing limit on itself; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The nature of the debt ceiling makes it possible for one faction in Congress
4 to hold the rest of the government hostage and stop legislative capacities;
5 and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** The debt ceiling conflicts with federal spending bills, creating the potential
7 for recurring crises; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** The absence of a debt ceiling would not result in a debt crisis, as is obvious
9 from the moderate yields on U.S. Treasury securities; now, therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for the federal debt ceiling
11 to be abolished; and be it
- 12 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That any borrowing necessary to execute spending legislation
13 adopted by the Congress be deemed authorized upon passage of such
14 legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the students of Colorado Academy

A Bill to Make Driving in Flip Flops a Ticketable Offense

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Wearing flip-flops while driving shall be a Class B traffic infraction in the
3 state of Colorado.

4 **SECTION 2.** Flip-flops shall be defined as a light sandal, typically of plastic or rubber,
5 with a thong between the big and second toe.

6 Class B traffic infraction shall be defined as a minor traffic violation that is
7 punishable by \$15 to \$100 plus a small surcharge and no DMV points.

8 **SECTION 3.** Colorado State Patrol will oversee the enforcement of this bill.

9 A. Police officers will not be permitted to pull cars over because the
10 driver is wearing flip-flops, but if the officer pulls the automobile over
11 for a different traffic violation, the officer may also ticket the driver in
12 violation of this law.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Widefield High School

A Bill To ban Energy Drinks That Exceed 400 mg Of Caffeine Per Drink

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** This Bill seeks to ban the sale and distribution of energy drinks that contain
2 more than 400mg of caffeine per serving to protect public health,
3 especially that of young consumers who may be particularly vulnerable to
4 the adverse effects of excessive caffeine consumption.

5 **SECTION 2.** a)Energy drinks are any of various types of beverage that are considered a
6 source of energy, especially a soft drink containing a high percentage of
7 sugar and/or caffeine or other stimulant. b)Young consumers refer to all
8 individuals under the age of 21. c)Caffeine pertains to the naturally
9 occurring or added caffeine content present in the beverage.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) shall oversee the enforcement of
11 this policy. The FDA will monitor and regulate the caffeine content in
12 energy drinks through product labeling and compliance checks. The FDA is
13 also responsible for conducting periodic assessments of the impact of this
14 regulation on public health.

15 **SECTION 4.** Violations of this act shall result in fines and potential revocation of
16 licenses for manufacturers and distributors of energy drinks exceeding the
17 specified caffeine limit.

18 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect 90 days after the Bill is passed.

19 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cheyenne Mountain High School.

A Bill to Eliminate and Manage Low Head Dams

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The Federal Emergency Management Agency will now maintain
2 and remove low head dams that are unnecessary and dangerous to rivers.

3 **SECTION 2.** Low head dams are a manufactured structure, built in a river or stream
4 channel, extending fully across the banks. A low head dam is designed and built
5 as such that water flows continuously over the crest from bank to bank.

6 **SECTION 3.** This bill would be overseen by the Federal Emergency Management
7 Agency. The funding from this bill will be \$5 million dollars taken from the
8 current dam management budget.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the beginning of 2025 fiscal year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Canon City High School

**1 A Resolution to Implement a Peace Agreement to End the War in Yemen Permanently
2 through Diplomatic Mediation and International Oversight**

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4 WHEREAS, The ongoing war in Yemen has led to a severe humanitarian crisis affecting
5 millions; and

6 WHEREAS, The conflict has internally displaced over 3 million people, with the broader
7 civilian population suffering from acute malnutrition, lack of medical care, and destruction of
8 infrastructure, emphasizing a pressing need for resolution; and

9 WHEREAS, The continuation of conflict has endangered regional stability, fueling extremism
10 and allowance of various illicit activities, and

11 WHEREAS, The international community, recognizes the significance of the situation, and is
12 poised and obligated to intervene and facilitate peace in the interest of global stability and
13 humanitarian considerations; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That Congress hereby assembled will actively support and encourage a
15 diplomatic solution to the crisis through mediation by the United Nations; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That Congress hereby assembled expresses its endorsement and
17 encouragement for the creation of a sustained international oversight mechanism to ensure the
18 effective implementation of a peace agreement, rehabilitation, reconstruction, and guarantee
19 of non-recurrence of conflict.

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22 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Air Academy High School*

A Resolution to Place Tariffs on Microchips Exported to China to Mitigate the Security Threat Posed by Chinese Militarization

- 1 **WHEREAS,** China has been testing boundaries in the international community,
2 challenging American influence, pressing Taiwan’s sovereignty, taking a
3 larger role in the Middle East and establishing power in African markets;
4 and;
- 5 **WHEREAS,** China’s emergent military intelligence technology depends largely on
6 imported microchips to manufacture weapons such as drones, fighter jets,
7 guided missiles; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** The U.S., Japan and the Netherlands have taken steps to limit their
9 microchip exports to China, but 60% of microchips manufactured globally
10 are still accessible by Chinese interests; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** Stemming the tide of microchip imports to China is essential for the safety
12 and security of the international community; now, therefore, be it
- 13 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled place economic sanctions on nations
14 that continue to export microchips to China.

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