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J24-01

Keeping Restroom Areas Concealed Act

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Schools in Ohio are hereby required to restructure to eliminate cracks and gaps in
3. restroom stalls to give more privacy to students.
4. **SECTION 2.** All public, chartered, and nonpublic schools are included. Cracks between the door of
5. the stall and the wall must be less than $\frac{1}{8}$ inch wide, and the door and surrounding walls
6. must be no more than three inches above the floor and eight feet in height. Urinals must
7. have dividers that extend at least two feet away from the wall, and eight feet high, no
8. more than three inches above the floor.
9. **SECTION 3.** Funding for these renovations will be allocated by the Ohio Department of Education
10. according to each school's need.
11. A. Schools found to be in noncompliance will receive 10% less state funding per
12. year
13. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect in the 2025-2026 school year.
14. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy

J24-02

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Prohibit the Purposeful Disfigurement of the American Flag

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

7. **ARTICLE –**

8. **SECTION 1:** The purposeful disfigurement of the American flag shall be prohibited, as it is a symbolic
9. act that is utterly disrespectful and disgraceful to all of the people who fought and died
10. for our country, and it is a disrespectful sign of great hate towards your very own
11. country. Anyone who fails to comply with such shall be legally punished accordingly.

12. A. Disfigurements shall be defined as spoiling the appearance of something, such as
13. tearing, cutting, or burning.

14. B. The first fracture shall be a fine of \$100 and/or jail time of 30 days and

15. C. Every fracture after shall be a fine of \$250 and/or 3 months of imprisonment

16. **SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Northwest High School

J24-03

A Bill to Allow Citizens Access to Underground Cheese

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2. **SECTION 1.** The United States Department of Agriculture will begin accepting applications from
3. United States citizens requesting access to the underground cheese located in the State
4. of Missouri. The application will become available on the United States Department of
5. Agriculture’s website. Accepted applications will result in an amount of cheese, up to
6. one pound, being shipped directly to the applicant’s residence.

7. **SECTION 2.** Underground cheese refers to the 1.5 billion pounds of cheese that the federal
8. government has stored underground using taxpayer funds.

9. **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Agriculture will oversee this legislation.

10. A. Every adult in the United States shall be eligible to apply to receive up to one
11. pound of cheese—free of charge—per month until supplies run out.

12. B. This legislation shall expire when the supply of cheese is no longer adequate to
13. sustain demand.

14. C. The intent of this legislation is to deplete the current supply to prevent waste and
15. allow for storage of new product.

16. D. Funding will be reallocated from the current dairy subsidies that the federal
17. government uses to purchase the cheese.

18. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be enacted at the start of the next fiscal year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Canton Central Catholic

J24-04

The Climate Solution Act of 2024

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2. **SECTION 1.** The United States shall hereby incentivize a faster green revolution.

3. A. The US will impose a carbon tax on all companies with annual revenue exceeding
4. \$5 million. This tax will amount to \$23 per ton of CO₂ emitted. The revenue from
5. this tax will be invested in carbon-free energy.

6. B. The US will also reduce all federal fossil fuel subsidies by 10% annually until 2035,
7. redirecting them to carbon capture technology investment.

8. **SECTION 2.** The following terms shall be defined as follows:

9. A. Carbon-free energy includes, but is not limited to, wind, solar, geothermal, hydro,
10. and nuclear energy.

11. B. Carbon capture technologies include all technologies that capture and repurpose
12. carbon dioxide.

13. **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Energy, Environmental Protection Agency, and Internal Revenue
14. Service shall be responsible for implementing this legislation.

15. A. The Department of Energy will end and redirect fossil fuel subsidies by 2035.

16. B. The Environmental Protection Agency will approve applications for funding from
17. carbon capture and carbon-free energy companies.

18. C. The Internal Revenue Service will be responsible for enforcing the carbon tax.

19. **SECTION 4.** This bill will come into effect on January 1, 2025.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hawken School

J24-05

A Bill to Ban Self-Driving Cars

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Any automobile without a present, active human driver shall not be allowed to drive on
3. regular streets and infrastructure.
4. **SECTION 2.** Regular streets and infrastructure shall be defined as any structure built through public
5. works that are used primarily by civilian or commercial vehicles.
6. **SECTION 3.** A driver relying solely on the self-driving mechanism of a car will be fined at least \$1000
7. and have their license suspended for up to 30 days on the first offense. States and
8. counties may choose to increase penalties as they see fit.
9. **SECTION 4.** The Department of Transportation and local law enforcement agencies, including police
10. forces, shall oversee the enforcement of this bill.
11. **SECTION 5.** This legislation will come into effect upon passing.
12. **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Centerville High School

J24-06

A Bill to Lower the Legal Drinking Age to 19

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The revised legal drinking age will be 19.
3. **SECTION 2.** Drinking age shall be defined as the legal age when an individual can purchase alcoholic
4. beverages.
5. **SECTION 3.** The Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) will oversee the implementation of
6. this bill.
7. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect at the beginning of the next fiscal year.
8. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Canfield High School

J24-07

The Drilling Rights and Intelligent Land Leases (DRILL) Act

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** All federal oil and gas leases and pipeline permits canceled since January 20th, 2021
3. shall be reinstated.
4. A. Leases canceled due to safety issues are not included with this legislation.
5. **SECTION 2.** An oil or gas lease shall be defined as a legal document where a landowner grants an
6. individual or company the right to extract oil or gas from beneath the landowner's
7. property. Safety issues include unsafe working conditions and leases that affect the
8. health of indigenous people.
9. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy and the Department of the Interior shall jointly oversee the
10. implementation of this legislation.
11. A. The Department of Energy shall analyze each oil and gas lease before it is
12. reversed to determine if its cancellation was because of political reasons or
13. safety issues.
14. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect one month after passage.
15. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Stow Munroe-Falls High School

J24-08

A Bill to Limit Government Farming Subsidies to Farmers Using Regenerative Agricultural Systems

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The US Government will limit the use of farm subsidies to only those farms that have
3. evidenced the use of regenerative agricultural systems that support microbial
4. biodiversity and soil health.
5. **SECTION 2.** Regenerative agricultural techniques that support microbial biodiversity and soil health
6. include; diverse crop rotations; decreased and limited use of harmful fertilizers and
7. pesticides, as well as the containment and prevention of fertilizer and pesticide runoff
8. from reaching our public waterways; use of cover crops; no-till farming; integrated
9. livestock management
10. **SECTION 3.** U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will oversee the enforcement of this bill and
11. develop the criteria to qualify for and award any farming subsidies.
12. **SECTION 4.** This bill would go into effect one year after passage. This will ensure that all farmers will
13. have one calendar year to adjust any current practices that degrade soil health.
14. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Alliance High School

J24-09

A Bill to Implement a Tax on All Soda Products

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The United States shall enact a 5% tax on all products categorized as soda in any
2. packaging form including but not limited to single-serving cans, bottles, multiple
3. serving packs, etc.
4. **SECTION 2.** A. Soda will be defined as any carbonated beverage safe for consumption that
5. contains a minimum of 8 grams of sugar per serving.
6. B. Added Sugars will be defined as natural sugars that are added to food and or
7. drinks before the product is consumed.
8. **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will oversee the collection of taxes under this
9. legislation. All tax money gained from this bill will go towards decreasing the
10. national debt.
11. **SECTION 4.** The bill will take effect January 1, 2025.
12. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Solon High School

J24-10

A Bill to Require Unisex Bathrooms to Provide Safe Restroom Access to All Persons

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** All newly constructed buildings with public or employee bathrooms will have at least
3. one unisex employee bathroom and, if male and female public restrooms are available in
4. the building, a unisex public restroom as well.
5. **SECTION 2.** A unisex bathroom is defined as a restroom accessible to a person of any gender (i.e.
6. male, female, non-binary).
7. **SECTION 3.** OSHA will oversee the implementation and enforcement of this bill as part of their
8. duties ensuring employees' and the public's access to proper restroom facilities.
9. **SECTION 4.** This regulation will go into effect one year after the date of passage and will only affect
10. buildings that begin construction on or after that date to allow the update of blueprints
11. and bathroom fixture designs on new building projects.
12. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Centerville High School

J24-11

A Bill to Create Federal Driving Ages

1. **SECTION 1.** The age for a Temporary Driver’s License shall be established as 14 years and 6 months
2. old. The age for a Permanent Driver’s License shall be established as 17 years old. Any
3. individual, regardless of age, must have a Temporary Driver’s License for a minimum of 1
4. year to qualify for a Permanent Driver’s License.
5. **SECTION 2.** Temporary Driver’s License shall be defined as any state-issued permit on a temporary
6. basis for the purpose of learning (“Learner’s Permit”). Permanent Driver’s License shall
7. be defined as any state-issued license permitting an individual to operate a motor
8. vehicle.
9. **SECTION 3.** State-level Transportation Departments shall oversee the implementation and
10. enforcement of this legislation.
11. A. The USDoT shall distribute no more 250 million dollars per state to aid in the
12. enforcement of this legislation within the first year. The USDoT shall provide
13. funds to states based on requests for funds by the individual state.
14. 1. The USDoT shall be provided 150 million dollars reallocated from the US
15. Department of Defense budget. The remaining 100 million dollars shall be
16. reallocated from the current USDoT budget.
17. B. After the first year of enforcement, the USDoT shall provide no funding,
18. regardless of requests.
19. **SECTION 4.** States shall have the power to enforce this bill with appropriate legislation.
20. A. States who fail to enforce this bill by appropriate legislation shall have a
21. reduction of 95% of federal-funding in the Transportation department.
22. **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall go into effect January 1, 2026.
23. **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sylvania Northview

J24-12

Metric Conversion Act of 2024

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2. **SECTION 1.** The metric system of measurement will be designated as the preferred system of
3. weights and measures for United States trade and commerce.

4. **SECTION 2.** “The metric system” shall be defined as the system of measurement that uses the meter,
5. liter, and gram as base units.

6. **SECTION 3.** The United States Metric Board shall be established, and they will be responsible for the
7. enforcement of this bill.

8. A. The metric system of measurements will be used in procurements, grants, and
9. other business-related activities.

10. B. If such use is impractical or is likely to cause significant inefficiencies or loss of
11. markets to United States firms, such as when foreign competitors are producing
12. competing products in non- metric units, the use of the metric system shall be
13. exempt.

14. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect when the U.S. Metric Board has determined their task
15. complete. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Boardman High School

J24-13

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Ensure Governmental Equity

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

7. **ARTICLE –**

8. **SECTION 1:** Article One, Section Six, Clause One of the Constitution shall be amended to include “As
9. government must only be a position of public service and not financial enrichment,
10. every member of Congress shall henceforth and in perpetuity receive no more
11. compensation in any form from any government source during the tenure of their term
12. than an annual salary equal to the annual median income of the citizens of the state
13. they represent.”

14. **SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Stow-Munroe Falls High School

J24-14

A Resolution to Restructure the United Nations Security Council

1. **WHEREAS,** The Russian Federation is currently engaged in an unjust invasion in Ukraine; and
2. **WHEREAS,** The Russian military is targeting civilians and committing heinous human rights
3. violations; and
4. **WHEREAS,** The United Nations Security Council maintains Russia as a permanent member in the
5. status quo; and
6. **WHEREAS,** This membership grants them the right to veto any and all notable actions; and
7. **WHEREAS,** Their position puts the geopolitical balance at significant and substantial risk, now,
8. therefore, be it
9. **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that significant pressure will be placed upon the United
10. Nations to restructure its security council; and, be it
11. **FURTHER RESOLVED,** Actions shall be taken to remove the Russian Federation as a permanent member
12. of the United Nations Security Council.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hoover High School

J24-15

A Bill to Promote Effective Healthcare of Victims

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2. **SECTION 1.** A comprehensive education program will be mandated for first responders and health
3. care workers on how to engage with victims of sexual assault and violence.

4. **SECTION 2.** The term "first responder" includes a firefighter, law enforcement officer, paramedic, or
5. emergency medical technician, or other individual who responds to emergencies.

6. "Health care worker" includes healthcare professionals who provide medical or other
7. health-related care or treatment including those who do so under the direction of a
8. healthcare professional with the authority to direct that individual's activities, including
9. medical technicians, medical assistants, orderlies, aides, and individuals acting in similar
10. capacities.

11. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the creation of modules to
12. provide education and ensure implementation of the comprehensive education
13. program. This training will include:

14. A. Education on mental health and empathy;

15. B. Training on taking and maintaining diligent records;

16. C. Effective strategies for gathering and securing evidence.

17. As verification of training completion, participants who successfully complete modules
18. will receive e-certificates to be kept on file by their employers.

19. **SECTION 4.** Failure of organizations to comply with this bill will result in a loss of federal funding for
20. the following year. This bill will take effect on January 1, 2026.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mentor High School

J24-16

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Limit the Time Supreme Court Judges May Serve

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is proposed as
3. an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all
4. intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of
5. three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by
6. the Congress:
7. **ARTICLE XXVIII**
8. **SECTION 1:** Federal Supreme Court justices shall be limited to one term of no more than 15 years.
9. **SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Laurel School

J24-17

A Resolution to Amend The Ohio Constitution to Allow for Proportional Voting in Federal Elections

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2. **RESOLVED,** By three-fifths of the General Assembly here assembled, that the following article is
3. proposed as an amendment to the Ohio Constitution:

4. **ARTICLE --**

5. **SECTION 1:** Article V, SECTION 7 Division B will be added "In a primary election, each congressional
6. district in Ohio will get one electoral college vote chosen by the voters of each district.
7. The last two electoral college votes will go to the party who obtains the popular vote
8. throughout the state."

9. **SECTION 2:** This will mirror the system used by the states of Maine and Nebraska to vote in the
10. national election to promote proper representation across the state.

11. **SECTION 3:** The General Assembly shall have the power to enforce this article through appropriate
12. legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Otsego High School

J24-18

A Bill to Require First Responders to Carry Naloxone

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** All first responders are hereby required by law to carry naloxone when on duty and to
3. use it when medically indicated, i.e. they encounter a person who has overdosed.
4. Departments shall be required to host semiannual training on how to use naloxone.
5. **SECTION 2.** “Naloxone” shall be defined as a synthetic drug that blocks opioid receptors in the
6. nervous system used to treat narcotic overdose. A “first responder” shall be defined as
7. someone trained to respond to an emergency, including but not limited to police
8. officers, firefighters, and paramedics.
9. **SECTION 3.** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and departments will be
10. responsible for the enforcement of this bill.
11. A. Any first responder found in violation of this bill will be fined \$500 per infraction.
12. B. Any department in violation of this bill will have their funding reduced by 10%
13. until they comply.
14. C. Funding for this bill will come from a 2% tax on pharmaceutical companies.
15. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately after passage. All laws in conflict with this
16. legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Boardman High School

J24-19

A Bill to Make Organ Donation an “Opt-Out” Option For All Licensed Drivers

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Whenever a United States citizen is prompted to answer if they would like to become an
3. organ donor when receiving a permit or license, the option will no longer be an opt-in,
4. rather, an opt-out.
5. **SECTION 2.** An opt-out service shall be defined as a personal choice to not participate in something.
6. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Transportation will oversee the implementation of this bill.
7. A. No additional funding is necessary.
8. **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented immediately at the start of November 1, 2024.
9. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Medina High School

J24-20

A Bill to Make Doxing a Federal Crime

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Doxing to any extent will be hereby federally criminalized in the United States
3. **SECTION 2.** Doxing is defined as the intentional disclosure of non-public use identifying information
4. for the purpose of harassment.
5. **SECTION 3.** This bill shall be enforced by the U.S. Department of Justice.
6. A. A sub-division will be created to focus on the disclosure of private information in
7. public spaces.
8. B. The U.S. shall allocate \$5 million a year to this subdivision through the
9. Department of Justice overall budget.
10. **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect at the start of the next fiscal year.
11. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Perry High School

J24-21

A Resolution to Mitigate the Harms Caused by Fast Fashion

1. **WHEREAS,** the average American consumer buys one item of clothing every 5.5 days; and
2. **WHEREAS,** the fashion industry is the second most polluting industry in the world; and
3. **WHEREAS,** child labor is used widely in the fast fashion enterprise; and
4. **WHEREAS,** poor working conditions in the fast fashion industry cause injuries and deaths; now,
5. therefore, be it
6. **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that guidelines be created for ethical manufacture of
7. clothing and clothing that is ethically manufactured will be tagged as such.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mentor High School

J24-22

A Bill to Save Amtrak

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** A. The National Passenger Rail Corporation (Amtrak) shall be given \$200 billion to
3. be paid in \$40 billion increments over the next five years, for the purpose of
4. renovating America's crumbling rail infrastructure.
5. B. All passenger trains shall now be given priority over freight rail. Any violation of
6. this law shall result in a \$10,000 fine for every minute of delay in the arrival time
7. of the passenger train.
8. C. This initiative shall be funded through the implementation of a 4% tax on
9. national gasoline and diesel sales, as well as through any fines collected from
10. violators of the fines, with the remainder of the funds being covered by the
11. Federal Reserve depositing the funds necessary in the designated accounts.
12. **SECTION 2.** The minutes of delay shall be defined as the amount of time a passenger train spent
13. waiting for a cargo train which took priority, as well as the amount of time it took the
14. passenger train to get back to its cruising speed.
15. **SECTION 3.** This bill shall be enforced by the Department of Transportation in conjunction with the
16. Internal Revenue Service.
17. **SECTION 4.** This act shall go into effect at the beginning of the fiscal year of 2026.
18. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Centerville High School

J24-23

A Bill to Reform Public Service Unions

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Public service unions shall be reformed to better serve the taxpayers and government
3. employees.
4. **SECTION 2.** Public service unions shall be defined as a union in fields that receive any amount of
5. federal or state funding such as teaching, police, and air traffic controllers. The military
6. and politicians shall not be included.
7. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor shall enforce this bill and work with unions to allow for
8. implementation. All states, territories and other US possessions are required to pursue
9. the same action.
10. A. Unions shall be allowed to exist in all public service positions, and membership
11. shall not be required.
12. B. Agreements preventing the firing of workers for cause are hereby declared
13. illegal.
14. C. Funding should be allocated to best benefit the taxpayer, as determined by the
15. Department of Labor
16. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect January 1st 2025
17. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sylvania Northview

J24-24

A Bill to Charge All Felonies at the Adult Level

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Everyone charged with a felony, regardless of age will be tried as an adult.
3. **SECTION 2.** An “adult charge” will be defined as a charge which would apply to someone 18 years of
4. age.
5. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will oversee the implementation of this bill by not providing
6. exemptions for child felons.
7. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented January 1st, 2026.
8. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Canfield High School

F24-01

A Resolution to End Global Economic Tyranny

1. **WHEREAS,** The collapse of Sri Lanka was partly due to China's predatory loan practices through the
2. Belt and Road Initiative; and
3. **WHEREAS,** Many countries are currently involved and being exploited through the Belt and Road
4. Initiative; and
5. **WHEREAS,** China's predatory loan practices may lead to additional global economic turmoil; and
6. **WHEREAS,** This nation has a global obligation to protect the governments of the world from
7. collapse and exploitation; now, therefore, be it
8. **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled, that the United States will, through further binding
9. legislation, offer to pay off a nation's debt to China if they (1) agree to not renew any
10. existing economic agreements with China, (2) enter into an exclusive economic
11. agreement with the United States, and (3) allow the placement of U.S. Armed Forces in
12. the spirit of existing international U.S. bases in their nation should the United States
13. deem it necessary for national and regional security, and be it
14. **FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Congressional Committee on Foreign Affairs in collaboration with the
15. Department of State and Department of Defense will identify which countries are
16. eligible to receive this deal.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Revere High School Akron District

F24-02

A Bill to Regulate Private Schools using Public Money

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Any non-public school, parochial, or charter school using state and or federal funds shall
3. be obliged to follow all state and federal rules regarding employment, and discrimination
4. practices, as well as state testing, curriculum, and school rankings.
5. **SECTION 2.** Public funds shall be grants and or vouchers, or funds that would have normally gone to
6. a public school, but have instead been issued to any non-public school, parochial, or
7. charter school.
8. **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Education, the United States Department of Labor, as
9. well as the appropriate state(s) department of education and department(s) of labor in
10. said states.
11. **SECTION 4.** Implementation will be completed by the start (August 1st 2025) of the 2025 school
12. year.
13. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Canton McKinley High School

F24-03

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Limit the Time Supreme Court Judges May Serve

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is proposed as
3. an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all
4. intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of
5. three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by
6. the Congress:
7. **ARTICLE XXVIII**
8. **SECTION 1:** Federal Supreme Court justices shall be limited to one term of no more than 15 years.
9. **SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Laurel School

F24-04

A Bill to Require Unisex Bathrooms to Provide Safe Restroom Access to All Persons

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** All newly constructed buildings with public or employee bathrooms will have at least
3. one unisex employee bathroom and, if male and female public restrooms are available in
4. the building, a unisex public restroom as well.
5. **SECTION 2.** A unisex bathroom is defined as a restroom accessible to a person of any gender (i.e.
6. male, female, non-binary).
7. **SECTION 3.** OSHA will oversee the implementation and enforcement of this bill as part of their
8. duties ensuring employees' and the public's access to proper restroom facilities.
9. **SECTION 4.** This regulation will go into effect one year after the date of passage and will only affect
10. buildings that begin construction on or after that date to allow the update of blueprints
11. and bathroom fixture designs on new building projects.
12. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Centerville High School

F24-05

A Bill to Create Federal Driving Ages

1. **SECTION 1.** The age for a Temporary Driver’s License shall be established as 14 years and 6 months
2. old. The age for a Permanent Driver’s License shall be established as 17 years old. Any
3. individual, regardless of age, must have a Temporary Driver’s License for a minimum of 1
4. year to qualify for a Permanent Driver’s License.
5. **SECTION 2.** Temporary Driver’s License shall be defined as any state-issued permit on a temporary
6. basis for the purpose of learning (“Learner’s Permit”). Permanent Driver’s License shall
7. be defined as any state-issued license permitting an individual to operate a motor
8. vehicle.
9. **SECTION 3.** State-level Transportation Departments shall oversee the implementation and
10. enforcement of this legislation.
11. A. The USDoT shall distribute no more 250 million dollars per state to aid in the
12. enforcement of this legislation within the first year. The USDoT shall provide
13. funds to states based on requests for funds by the individual state.
14. 1. The USDoT shall be provided 150 million dollars reallocated from the US
15. Department of Defense budget. The remaining 100 million dollars shall be
16. reallocated from the current USDoT budget.
17. B. After the first year of enforcement, the USDoT shall provide no funding,
18. regardless of requests.
19. **SECTION 4.** States shall have the power to enforce this bill with appropriate legislation.
20. A. States who fail to enforce this bill by appropriate legislation shall have a
21. reduction of 95% of federal-funding in the Transportation department.
22. **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall go into effect January 1, 2026.
23. **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sylvania Northview

F24-06

A Bill to Increase 'Farm-To-School' Lunches

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** All students regardless of economic status will be entitled to quality school lunches
3. under all circumstances.
4. **SECTION 2.** A quality school lunch is defined as a minimum daily quantity of fluid milk, meat or meat
5. alternatives, vegetables, fruits, and grains.
6. **SECTION 3.** The Food and Drug Administration will oversee the implementation and enforcement of
7. this bill.
8. **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect March 1st, 2024.
9. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Austintown Fitch High School