

# Semi-Finals

## A Bill to Fund the Sahara Forest Project

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall provide funding to the Bellona Foundation in order  
2 for them to be able to continue and better construction on the current  
3 Sahara Forest Project.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. The Sahara Forest Project aims to provide fresh water, food, and  
5 renewable energy in hot, arid regions as well as re-vegetating areas of  
6 uninhabited desert.

7 B. The Bellona Foundation is an international environmental organization  
8 and has a strong tradition of identifying and promoting new and innovative  
9 solutions to environmental problems.

10 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be enforced by the US Agency for International  
11 Development.

12 A. A \$1 billion dollar annual fund shall be allocated to the US Agency for  
International Development to fund the Sahara Forest Project.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the start of FY 2025. All laws in conflict  
with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sameer Bagga from Ridge High School.*

# A Bill to Abolish the Draft

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The Selective Service System (SSS) will be abolished, no longer requiring
- 2 men ages 18- 25 to register for the draft.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** The United States Armed Forces will continue a volunteer based military
- 4 force that is funded by the SSS budget redistribution. This will remove the
- 5 power of Congress and the President to institute a nation-wide draft.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** The Selective Service System budget will be reallocated by the end of the
- 7 next two fiscal years. Funds will be redistributed by need and priority to the
- 8 Department of Defense and the Department of Health.
- 9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect in fiscal year 2025.
- 10 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lilly Grdovic of Phillipsburg High School.*

# A Bill to Redistribute Subsidies to Reverse Emissions

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1     **SECTION 1.**         The United States shall reinforce its dedication toward ending subsidies to  
2                             fossil fuel corporations.

3                             A. The United States will phase out subsidies by incrementally decreasing  
4                             subsidies by 10% of the original amount allocated to companies every year.

5                             B. Funds recovered from subsidies will be accumulated into a fund to  
6                             invest in renewable technologies.

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9     **SECTION 2.**         The following definitions apply

10                            A. Subsidies will be defined as forms of financial benefit, whether direct  
11                            payments or tax exemptions, to incentivize business production or  
12                            expansion.

13                            B. Fossil fuel corporations will be defined as any company engaged in the  
14                            production, manufacturing, or sale of any non-renewable form of  
15                            energy, including coal, natural gas, crude oil, petroleum products, etc.

16                            C. Renewable energy will be defined as energy that comes from natural  
17                            sources, replenished at a higher rate than consumed.

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20     **SECTION 3.**         The U.S. Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Agency  
21                            shall be responsible for the implementation of this legislation.

22                            A. The Department of Energy will be tasked with the responsibility of  
23                            ending fossil fuel subsidies by 2035.

24                            B. The Environmental Protection Agency will be tasked with the  
25                            responsibility of approving applications for funding from private  
                              companies.

**SECTION 4.**     This legislation will take effect at the start of FY 2025. All laws in conflict  
with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.