

Winter Wonder Congress Docket
December 14, 2024
Round 1, Item 1

A Bill to Reinstate the Fairness Doctrine

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Television, radio, and media stations shall be required to represent different
3 viewpoints on controversial issues of public importance in a fair and balanced manner.

4 **SECTION 2.** Definitions:

5 **A.** As used herein, "public importance" refers to issues which have a significant impact
6 on the American society, such as elections, major social issues, or important policy
7 changes.

8 **B.** As used herein, "fair and balanced" means offering equal opportunity for different
9 viewpoints on an issue, without bias.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) shall be responsible for
11 enforcing the provisions of this bill. If a station or media outlet does not abide by the rules,
12 the FCC may impose fines of up to \$500,000.

13 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect 90 days after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Robinson High School (Florida)

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Round 1, Item 2

A Bill to Admit Washington, DC as the Fifty-First State

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Washington, DC will be admitted as a State on an equal footing with all other
3 States in all regards.

4 **SECTION 2.** The geographic extent of the State of Washington, DC shall consist of all
5 commercial and residential areas in the existing District of Columbia. The portion of the
6 District consisting only of federal buildings shall remain a federal district under the authority of
7 the Congress.

8 **SECTION 3.** The size of the House of Representatives shall be temporarily increased to 436
9 members, with the Delegate from the District of Columbia given full membership as a
10 Representative, until the reapportionment following the Decennial Census of 2030.

11 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Admiral Farragut Academy (Florida)

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Round 1, Item 3

A Bill to Increase Funding for High School Athletic Programs

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The U.S. Department of Education shall provide funding for all high school
3 athletic programs.

4 **SECTION 2.** As used herein, “high school athletic programs” are any type of sport run by high
5 schools, including practices and tournaments.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of
7 this bill. The Department shall receive an appropriation of \$1.5 billion to be distributed
8 amongst high school sports programs around the U.S. on the basis of need.

9 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Robinson HS (Florida)

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Round 2, Item 1

A Bill to Limit Large-Scale Investment in Rental Housing

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Asset management companies and institutional investors with assets exceeding
3 \$500 billion shall be prohibited from purchasing single-family homes in the United States.

4 **SECTION 2.** Definitions:

5 **A.** “Asset management companies” refers to firms that manage investment funds,
6 including but not limited to hedge funds, private equity firms, and mutual funds.

7 **B.** “Institutional investors” refers to organizations that invest on behalf of their members,
8 including pension funds, insurance companies, and endowments.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) shall be responsible
10 for enforcing the provisions of this bill. HUD will establish a monitoring system to track
11 property purchases by large asset management companies and institutional investors. HUD
12 will impose penalties on entities that violate this legislation, including fines and the forced
13 divestiture of improperly acquired properties.

14 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Newsome High School (Florida)

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Round 2, Item 2

A Bill to Create a Nationwide High-Speed Railway

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

2 **Section I:** The United States federal government shall provide \$20 billion in funding to the
3 development and execution of a plan to create a nationwide high-speed railway.

4 **Section II:** "Nationwide high-speed railway" shall be defined as a rail line running
5 across the Eastern Seaboard to the West Coast at maximum 300 miles from each shoreline
6 with trains operating at speeds of at least 200 mph.

7 **Section III:** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025 for a completion date of 2040.

8 **Section IV:** The United States Department of Transportation (DOT) shall oversee the
9 implementation of this legislation. Funding will come out of the DOT budget.

10 **Section V:** All laws in conflict with this legislation shall hereby be declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the National Catholic Forensics League

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A Bill to Fund Southern Border Surveillance Infrastructure

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

2 **SECTION 1.** U.S. Customs and Border Protection shall receive \$1 billion in funding for the
3 purposes of implementing increased surveillance infrastructure along the southern border.

4 **SECTION 2.** Definitions:

5 **A.** As used herein, the “southern border” shall be defined as America’s land border with the
6 country of Mexico.

7 **B.** As used herein, “surveillance infrastructure” shall be defined as any technology or
8 structure which provides increased knowledge of what is occurring in a given location
9 with the purpose of preventing crime.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security shall be responsible for enforcing the
11 provisions of this bill. The funding shall be allocated through a \$0.15 increase of the cigarette
12 pack excise tax, with all excess revenue from the increase going to the Food and Drug
13 Administration with the purpose of preventing youth smoking.

14 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Robinson High School (Florida)

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Round 3, Item 1

A Bill to Provide Universal Health-Care

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall receive \$100 billion over 10
3 years to fund a universal health-care program for all citizens and legal residents.

4 **SECTION 2.** Definitions:

5 **A.** "Universal health care" is defined as a system which provides health services to all citizens
6 and legal residents regardless of their income, employment status, or health condition.

7 **B.** "Citizens and legal residents" are defined as individuals who are U.S. citizens by birth or
8 naturalization and non-citizens who have been granted lawful permanent residency in the U.S.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall be responsible for
11 enforcing the provisions of this bill. The program shall be partially funded by reallocating
12 federal tax revenues and introducing a new health tax on high-income earners (defined as
13 individuals or households earning over \$550,000 annually). Non-compliance from states or
14 medical providers that refuse to participate in the program shall result in penalties, including
15 but not limited to the withdrawal of federal health-related funding.

16 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Strawberry Crest High School (Florida)

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Round 3, Item 2

A Resolution to Reestablish the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) Program

1 **WHEREAS**, Tensions in the Middle East, Europe, and Asia are rising; and
2 **WHEREAS**, International adversaries with nuclear potential are gaining global influence; and
3 **WHEREAS**, The potential to defend against these weapons with space-based lasers rather
4 than merely promising retaliation is a more potent strategy for peacekeeping; and
5 **WHEREAS**, The Strategic Defense Initiative will provide a reliable defense from nuclear
6 warfare and its devastation; therefore, be it
7 **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled calls for the re-evaluation and
8 re-establishment of the Strategic Defense Initiative of 1983, also known as SDI.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Florida Gulf Coast Catholic Forensic League

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A Bill to Allocate Funding Towards Floating Photovoltaic Power

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Funding shall be allocated towards researching and implementing the use of
3 Floating Photovoltaic Power.

4 **SECTION 2.** "Floating Photovoltaic Power" (hereinafter FPP) shall be defined as solar panel
5 farms that float on the surfaces of bodies of water generating energy and shading water
6 sources.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy (DOE) shall be responsible for enforcing the
8 provisions of this bill. DOE shall receive an appropriation of \$500 million to be utilized for
9 research into and use of FPP.

10 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on October 1, 2025.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sarasota High School (Florida)

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A Bill to Restore the “Chevron Deference” Doctrine

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In any legal proceeding brought pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act,
3 all courts shall defer to a Federal agency’s reasonable interpretation of an ambiguous Act of
4 Congress.

5 **SECTION 2.** As used herein, an agency’s interpretation is “reasonable” if (a) it is consistent
6 with the intent of the Act of Congress being interpreted and (2) Congress has not directly
7 addressed the matter in question.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Federal courts shall have jurisdiction over all cases and controversies
9 arising under the provisions of this bill. The opinion of the Supreme Court of the United States
10 in *Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo* is hereby vacated.

11 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

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Finals, Item 2

A Resolution to Allow the House to Enact Legislation without Senate Concurrence

1 **WHEREAS**, The United States Senate has become a “legislative graveyard” due to its failure
2 to act on legislation duly adopted by the House of Representatives; and

3 **WHEREAS**, The Senate’s undemocratic nature constitutes an impermissible barrier to
4 effective governance; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Providing an alternative legislative process will enable progress while still
6 allowing passions to calm; now, therefore, be it

7 **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled supports a Constitutional amendment
8 establishing that any bill which shall have twice passed the House of Representatives in
9 identical form, with at least six months between passage votes, and within the same
10 Congressional session, should be deemed to have passed the Senate; and, be it

11 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, That any such bill should be presented to the President, as provided
12 in Article I, Section 7 of the Constitution.

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A Bill to Restrict the General Public's Use of Generative AI Video Software

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The general public will be prohibited from using generative AI video software.

3 **SECTION 2.** As used herein, "generative AI video software" is defined as any artificial
4 intelligence model that uses existing online data to create human-requested video content.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice (DOJ) shall be responsible for enforcing the
6 provisions of this bill. DOJ's Cybercrime and Intellectual Property Section shall receive an
7 allocation of \$500,000 to properly enforce this bill. The punishment for developing AI video
8 software shall be no less than 2 years in prison and/or a fine of \$50,000.

9 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jesuit HS (Florida)