

# Barton Classic 2024



## Congressional Debate

## Preliminary Rounds Docket

# N24-07

## A Resolution to Encourage Schools to Teach High School Students About Taxes

1. **WHEREAS,** People in younger generations are becoming increasingly unaware of how taxes and
2. other financial processes work, harming their ability to thrive as adults; and
3. **WHEREAS,** In order to provide young adults with the information necessary for being able to
4. navigate income, property, and government taxes, all high schools in the United States
5. will be encouraged to make a personal finance course a graduation requirement; and
6. **WHEREAS,** Without a class teaching this information, high school students may be unprepared for
7. independence and success in the adult stage of life; now, therefore be it
8. **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled recommend that all high schools in the United States
9. require a personal finance course covering taxes and other adult responsibilities as a
10. graduation requirement.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Medina High School*

# N24-09

## A Resolution to Promote the Use of Nuclear Energy

1. **WHEREAS,** Fossil fuels are a finite and expensive fuel source; and
2. **WHEREAS,** There is a need to create energy that does not negatively impact the quality of life of
3. United States citizens; and
4. **WHEREAS,** The depletion of fossil fuels negatively affects the environment as clean energy becomes
5. more readily available; and
6. **WHEREAS,** Solar, wind, and hydroelectric can produce only a limited amount of energy; and
7. **WHEREAS,** Nuclear energy is cleaner, cheaper, and more dependable than fossil fuels; and
8. **WHEREAS,** Nuclear energy is not as dangerous as it is portrayed by the media; now, therefore, be it
9. **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the federal government promote the construction
10. of nuclear power plants, as well as the subsequent use of the energy produced.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Kenston High School

# N24-11

## A Resolution to Reform Public Service Unions

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

2. **WHEREAS,** Public service unions shall be reformed to better serve the taxpayers and government  
3. employees.

4. **WHEREAS,** 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. **WHEREAS,** 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. **WHEREAS,** This bill shall go into effect January 1st 2025.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sylvania Northview*

# N24-12

## The Drug Legalization and Regulation Act

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

2. **SECTION 1.** All drugs deemed illegal for possession and usage by state or federal laws will be  
3. legalized.

4. A. Drugs legalized in this bill will be manufactured and sold as regulated.

5. B. Any laws removing federal benefits or forcing individuals to forfeit property  
6. as a result of possessing drugs will be severed by section against this act.

7. C. Drugs legalized in this act will be taxable by both the States and the Federal  
8. Government; the Federal Government shall impose an excise tax on the drugs  
9. legalized in this bill in which money collected from it will be used for Federal  
10. Rehabilitation Programs and public education initiatives on the topic for those  
11. who abuse drugs.

12. **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this act:

13. A. Drugs will be defined as substances intended to affect the structure or makeup of  
14. the human body.

15. B. Legalization will be defined as the act of making an action or item legal by  
16. removing civil and criminal charges associated. This bill will refer to legalization in  
17. the form of drugs that have been made illegal for a person to use. This includes  
18. but is not limited to drugs such as methamphetamine, heroin, cocaine,  
19. marijuana, crack cocaine, fentanyl, phencyclidine, and LSD.

20. **SECTION 3.** The following entities shall carry out this legislation:

21. A. The Department of Justice will handle further regulating to ensure that this  
22. legislation is carried out including rehabilitation and education initiatives.

23. B. The Food and Drug Administration will regulate manufacturing and selling.

24. C. The Internal Revenue Service will establish and regulate an excise tax.

25. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect January 1, 2028.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Niles McKinley High School*