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Item 1 - A Bill to Designate Federal Land to Encourage Regenerative Agriculture

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Agriculture will designate federal land for use by farmers
3 and ranchers to pursue regenerative agriculture and/or grazing. Farmers and
4 ranchers may apply for federal land usage only for the purposes of pursuing
5 regenerative agricultural practices.

6 **SECTION 2.** Regenerative agriculture will be defined as holistic farming systems that
7 mimic nature to improve water and air quality, enhance ecosystem
8 biodiversity, produce nutrient-dense food, and store carbon to help mitigate
9 the effects of climate change.

10 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Environmental Protection Agency,
11 and the Bureau of Land Management shall be jointly responsible for
12 enforcement and implementation of this legislation.

13 A. The EPA will provide guidance on the practices permitted within
14 regenerative agriculture

15 B. The Department of Agriculture will process land applications and ensure
16 applicants maintain the standard set by the EPA.

17 C. The Bureau of Land Management will designate federal land availability.

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

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by W.B. Ray High School



Item 2 - A Bill to Provide Comprehensive Sexuality Education

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress finds that education directed to “the full development of the
3 human personality” as outline in Article 26 § 2 of the Universal
4 Declaration of Human Rights must include comprehensive sexuality
5 education, and thus requires all states receiving federal education
6 funding to develop and implement comprehensive sexuality education
7 for high school students.

8 **SECTION 2.** Comprehensive sexuality education shall follow the model outlined by
9 the International Planned Parenthood Federation, and shall include, but
10 not be limited to, the following concepts: gender, sexual and
11 reproductive health and HIV, sexual rights and sexual citizenship,
12 pleasure, violence, diversity, and relationships.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee the
14 enforcement of this bill.

15 A. Within one calendar year of the passage of the bill, the Secretary of
16 Education shall establish guidelines to determine which states are in
17 compliance with the bill.

18 B. On January 1 of each year following the establishment of compliance
19 guidelines, the Secretary of Education shall publish a list of which
20 states are not in compliance with this bill.

21 C. States determined not to be in compliance with this will shall lose
22 15% of all federal education funding for the following fiscal year.

23 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Tascosa High School



Item 3 - The Firearm Safety Act of 2022

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All persons wishing to purchase a firearm shall be required to complete a
3 federally approved gun safety course. Anyone who currently owns a firearm will
4 be required to complete the same course within 90 days of this bill's effective
5 date. Current gun owners who fail to demonstrate proof of course completion
6 will have their guns confiscated until they meet training requirements.

7 **SECTION 2.** Firearm means any weapon that will or is designed to or may readily be
8 converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATFE) will oversee
10 the implementation of this legislation.

11 A. The ATFE will establish minimal standards for gun safety programs and will
12 issue approval of programs that meet federal requirements.

13 B. In addition to having their guns temporarily confiscated, non-complying gun
14 owners will pay a storage fee of \$25 per day, per gun until they meet
15 training requirements.

16 C. Current and former military members will be exempt from this legislation.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2023.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dripping Springs High School



Item 4 - A Bill to Ban Cluster Munitions

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States government will prohibit the production, use, transfer,
3 and stockpiling of cluster munitions.

4 **SECTION 2.** The term “cluster munitions” refers to any weapons system which, as the
5 name suggests, delivers clusters of smaller explosive submunitions onto a
6 target.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense, along with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,
8 Firearms and Explosives, will oversee the implementation and
9 enforcement of these provisions.

10 A. All production, sales, and transfers of cluster munitions will be
11 prohibited by US manufacturers.

12 B. All branches of the US military will destroy their stockpiles of cluster
13 munitions over a period of 12 months following the passage of this
14 bill.

15 C. The United States will sign and ratify the UN Convention on Cluster
16 Munitions.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2024.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by James E. Taylor High School



Item 5 - A Resolution to Raise the Military Enlistment Age to 21

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The current enlistment age is 17 with parental consent and 18 without
2 parental consent; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Research shows that a person’s brain isn’t fully developed until the age of
4 26, and therefore most teenagers at the current recruitment age make
5 reckless decisions; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Enlisted males under the age of 30 have a higher suicide rate than those
7 over the age of 30 (ranging from 59.6% to 78.7%); and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** About 61% of all deaths during the Vietnam war were under the age of
9 21, meaning that only 39% of deaths were over the age of 21; now,
10 therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the military enlistment age shall
12 hereby be raised to 21 years of age.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Granbury High School



Item 6 - A Bill to Make Post-Secondary Education Affordable

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All universities that receive public funds and federal loan guarantees will
3 cap all university tuition at \$200 an hour. Applications to universities will
4 be free and all other fees will be frozen. Costs will be revisited biannually
5 by a post-secondary board appointed by the Department of Education.

6 **SECTION 2.** Universities will be defined as any post-secondary education institution.
7 Tuition is the amount of money per hour a school can charge. Fees are
8 costs incurred by students that are charged by institutions but aren't
9 related to tuition.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will institute the policy including but not
11 limiting pulling all federal funding for post-secondary institutions and
12 freezing any Pell Grants, Scholarships or Federal Backed loans. The DOE
13 will set up the board with individuals to make recommendations.
14 Congress must vote to increase the costs and fees and can only raise
15 them by 1%.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect on beginning of 2023-2024 school year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by James Bowie High School



Item 7 – A Bill to Create an Arctic Fleet

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Navy will be allocated \$15 billion per year until FY 2055
3 to construct, maintain, and staff Arctic-capable warships and submarines
4 to combat Russian and Chinese hegemony in the region.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. “Arctic-capable warships” will be defined as icebreakers designed for
6 military purposes with nuclear powerplants and extreme-coldproof
7 equipment.

8 B. “Arctic-capable submarines” will be defined as military-grade
9 icebreaking submarines with the proper sails, hatches, and navigational
10 systems for arctic operations.

11 **SECTION 3.** The United States Navy will oversee implementation of this bill.

12 **A.** The Department of Defense will be responsible for allocation
13 of all associated funding.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2025.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Saint Mary’s Hall High School



Item 8 - A Bill to End the Disinformation Governance Board

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Homeland Security will immediately disband the
3 Disinformation Governance Board. No agency or portion of the Executive
4 Branch of the U.S. Federal Government may create or operate a group with the
5 same purpose that the Disinformation Governance Board has as a part of the
6 Department of Homeland Security.

7 **SECTION 2.** The United States Federal Government (including any current Federal
8 Government employees or members of Congress) shall not participate in the
9 International Grand Committee on Disinformation.

10 A. Private citizens or former Federal Government employees or former
11 members of Congress may participate on the IGCD but the US Federal
12 Government will be under no obligation to enact any recommendations from
13 the IGCD.

14 B. The Congress shall not appropriate or direct any taxpayer funds toward a
15 domestic version of the Disinformation Governance Board. No taxpayer funds
16 may be appropriated or directed toward the International Grand Committee on
17 Disinformation under any circumstances.

18 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Justice will oversee this law with any violators
19 being subject to fines and/or imprisonment the apply to felony charges.

20 **SECTION 4.** This law will be implemented within 30 days of passage by Congress.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bellaire High School



Item 9 - A Resolution to Establish a Center for Democratic Resilience within the NATO Alliance

- 1 **WHEREAS,** the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is the world’s preeminent political and military
2 alliance committed to democracy and the collective defense of its members; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** the preamble of NATO’s founding North Atlantic Treaty, signed in Washington, DC, on April 4,
4 1949, declares the alliance is “founded on the principles of democracy, individual liberty, and the
5 rule of law”; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** democracies across the alliance face external threats from authoritarian regimes such as Russia
7 and China and internal threats from proponents of illiberalism; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Russia launched a full-scale invasion of sovereign and democratic Ukraine on February 24, 2022,
9 placing it on the frontlines in the contest between democratic values and autocracy; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** in his address to Congress, President Zelensky remarked “Right now, the destiny of our country is
11 being decided. The destiny of our people, whether Ukrainians will be free, whether they will be
12 able to preserve their democracy.”; and
- 13 **WHEREAS,** Vladimir Putin’s unprovoked full-scale invasion of Ukraine has united the NATO alliance; and
- 14 **WHEREAS,** the NATO Parliamentary Assembly has endorsed and advanced a proposal to establish a NATO
15 Center for Democratic Resilience within NATO headquarters for the purposes of monitoring and
16 identifying challenges to democracy, human rights, and the rule of law and facilitating democracy
17 and governance assistance to member, partner, and aspirant states, when requested: Now,
18 therefore, be it
- 19 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled calls on the President to use the voice and vote of the United
20 States to adopt a new Strategic Concept for NATO that is clear about its support for shared
21 democratic values and committed to enhancing NATO’s capacity to strengthen democratic
22 institutions within NATO member, partner, and aspirant countries; and be it
- 23 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the President to use the voice and vote of the United States to establish a Center for
24 Democratic Resilience within NATO headquarters.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by R.C. Clark High School



Item 10 - A Resolution to Minimize Space Traffic

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Orbital zones are becoming increasing more cluttered and obstructed;
- 2 and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** There are 2,000 active satellites, 3,000 dead satellites, and around 34,000
- 4 pieces of debris more than 10 centimeters in size in orbit; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Only 27,000 pieces of debris are able to be tracked by the Department of
- 6 Defense’s global space surveillance network; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** More debris too small to be tracked but large enough to threaten space
- 8 flight and robotic missions exists; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Even a collision with space debris of a small magnitude could be
- 10 detrimental, posing a major risk to spacecraft; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** Space travel is becoming increasingly more accessible through Space
- 12 tourism; now, therefore, be it
- 13 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that Asteroid Debris Remediation efforts
- 14 be prioritized by the US Space Force to reduce traffic in orbital zones.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Royse City High School



Item 11 - A Bill to Strengthen Support for Public Schools

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All public education funding shall be spent on public schools. The practice
3 of redirecting public funds toward private schools through the use of
4 school vouchers shall be banned.

5 **SECTION 2.** A public school is a school that is maintained at public expense for the
6 education of the children of a community or district and that constitutes
7 a part of a system of free public education commonly including primary
8 and secondary schools. A private school is a school supported by a private
9 organization or private individuals rather than by the government. A
10 school voucher is a certificate of government funding for students at
11 schools chosen by themselves or their parents.

12 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Education will be responsible for overseeing
13 implementation. Anyone caught using public funds to pay for private
14 schooling will be forced to repay the money with 30% interest.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school
16 year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dripping Springs High School



Item 12 - A Bill to Enhance US Biodefense

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress will implement provisions of the National Blueprint for
3 Biodefense to enhance US national security.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Homeland Security will oversee the implementation
5 and enforcement of the following provisions.

6 D. The office of Deputy National Security Advisor for Biodefense will be
7 created to oversee US defense against biological threats.

8 1. This office will report to the Vice President of the United States.

9 2. The office will be supported through the National Security
10 Council.

11 E. The mission of the BioWatch program will be redefined and expanded
12 to include collaboration with the HHS Biomedical Advanced Research
13 and Development Authority (BARDA), the Defense Advanced
14 Research Projects Agency (DARPA), and NASA, along with industry
15 and academia resources to incorporate the evolution of technology
16 and the changing nature of biological threat into our national
17 defense.

18 F. Congress will allocate a sustained 10-year investment of \$10 billion
19 per year in bioscience and technology research and development
20 focused on defense against biological threats.

21 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2024. All laws in conflict with
22 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by James E. Taylor High School



Item 13 - A Bill to Reinstate the Keystone XL Pipeline to Reduce Dependence on International Oil

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall allow the Keystone XL pipeline project to resume
3 construction.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Keystone XL pipeline project is part of a greater pipeline system
5 running through the cities of Steele City, Nebraska to Hardisty, Alberta.

6 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be enforced by the Department of State and the
7 Department of the Interior.

8 A. A license shall be granted to TC Energy to build the pipeline until
9 2026.

10 B. TC Energy shall also receive two billion dollars in order to secure
11 union contracts for employment.

12 **SECTION 4.** The bill shall take effect on January 1, 2023.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Katy Jordan High School



Item 14 - A Bill to Increase Penalties for Oil Spills

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Managers of oil drilling rigs will be subject to criminal penalties including
3 but not limited to incarceration of not more than five years for pollution
4 of a natural habitat in the event of oil spills involving rigs they manage.

5 **SECTION 2.** An oil spill occurs when oil is discharged accidentally or intentionally by a
6 commercial rig that floats on the surface of water bodies as a discrete
7 mass and is carried by the wind, currents and tides. Managers include all
8 members of management assigned to an active oil drilling rig.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy will work in conjunction with the Department
10 of Justice and the United States Attorney General to implement and
11 enforce this law.

12 A. The DOE and the DOJ will conduct independent investigations of any
13 oil spills occurring on US waters.

14 B. Both agencies will report findings to the US Attorney General who will
15 then make the final decision regarding criminal charges.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect immediately upon passage by Congress.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hereford High School



Item 15 - A Resolution to Increase Domestic Mining of Rare Earth Elements

1 **WHEREAS,** The Department of Energy reports the US currently imports 80 percent of
2 its Rare Earth Elements (REEs) directly from China; and

3 **WHEREAS,** The US is currently dependent on imports for 14 of 35 identified critical
4 minerals; and

5 **WHEREAS,** The US needs nearly ten times the amount of REEs needed to meet 2030
6 electric vehicle goals; and

7 **WHEREAS,** Independent access to REEs will reduce national security concerns about
8 supply chain controls; and

9 **WHEREAS,** A domestic supply chain will reduce reliance on REE mines associated
10 with human rights violations; now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States subsidize the
12 creation of Rare Earth Element mines located domestically.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Royse City High School



Item 16 – A Resolution to Support Ukraine Membership into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States is already spending significant amounts of money for
2 weapons and humanitarian aid for Ukraine; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The government of Ukraine supports democratic values; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Vladimir Putin has not been deterred from attacking Ukraine as a non`-
5 member of NATO; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** The political security of Ukraine is in the national interest of the United
7 States as well as other members of NATO; now, therefore, be it
- 8 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States Federal
9 Government will fully support the membership of Ukraine into the North
10 Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bellaire High School



Item 17 - A Bill to Ban Bottom Trawl Fishing

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Addressing the risk to fish habitats, as well as destruction of coral beds,
3 bottom trawl fishing will be banned in all federally controlled waters.

4 **SECTION 2.** Bottom trawl fishing will be defined as a method of fishing that uses a
5 towing net along the ocean floor to capture target species.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Agriculture will oversee the funding and
7 implementation of a program specifically for aquatic farming and
8 cultivation while working with The National Oceanic and Atmospheric
9 Administration (NOAA) for additional research and guidance.

10 A. Guidelines will be set by the NOAA based on those created by the
11 Magnuson–Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act in
12 terms of marine fishery laws.

13 B. Any farmer caught not in compliance with these guidelines will be
14 subject to a \$50,000 fine.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Trivium Academy



Item 18 - A Bill to Mitigate Climate Impacts from Cryptocurrency Mining

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress finds that cryptocurrency mining constitutes a significant and
3 growing contribution to carbon pollution, and thus authorizes the
4 creation of the National Carbon Offset Exchange (hereinafter NCOE) and
5 mandates that all individuals or entities engaged in cryptocurrency
6 mining register with the NCOE and purchase carbon offsets through the
7 NCOE.

8 **SECTION 2.** The Secretary of the Interior shall develop guidelines:

- 9 A. For providers seeking to supply carbon offsets through the NCOE
10 within one calendar year of the passage of this bill. Once guidelines
11 have been established, providers may submit bids to provide carbon
12 offsets through the NCOE. Initial providers for carbon offsets through
13 the NCOE shall be established no later than two calendar years from
14 the passage of this bill.
- 15 B. For carbon offset purchase requirements for individuals and entities
16 engaged in cryptocurrency mining within one calendar year of the
17 passage of this bill.

18 **SECTION 3.** The Department of the Interior shall oversee the enforcement of this bill.

- 19 G. Individuals and entities that engage in cryptocurrency mining and fail
20 to register with the NCOE shall be fined \$50,000.
- 21 H. Individuals and entities that engage in cryptocurrency mining and fail
22 to purchase carbon offsets per the guidelines established by the
23 Secretary of the Interior shall be fined an amount equal to 30 percent
24 of the total value of the cryptocurrency mined as of the date of the
25 reporting of the infraction.

26 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Tascosa High School



Item 19 - A Bill to Mandate the Extrapolation of Gender-Based Results in Drug Trials

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All drug trials must extrapolate their results based on the gender of
3 participants in order to provide data on how the drug impacts each
4 gender.

5 **SECTION 2.** Drug trials are any study conducted on animals or humans in which the
6 effects or effectiveness of a drug is tested. For the purpose of this
7 legislation, gender is defined as the sex assigned at birth of each
8 participant, which must include biologically male and female at a
9 minimum. Extrapolation of results must include a clearly defined section
10 in which the effects of the drug on each gender alone are described.

11 **SECTION 3.** The enforcement thereof will be overseen by the National Institute of
12 Health (NIH). A fine of \$15,000 will be imposed upon any research
13 institution that fails to comply.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect on January 1, 2023.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hendrickson High School



Item 20 - A Bill to Ban Single Family Zoning Restrictions to Prevent Urban Sprawl

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Single-Family zoning restrictions will be prohibited.

3 **SECTION 2.** Single-family zoning (also known as R1 zoning) shall be defined as a
4 zoning ordinance that restricts the kind of housing that can be built on a
5 property to require only detached single-family homes.

6 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development will
7 work with localities to enforce this legislation and integrate higher
8 density housing into previously R1 districts.

9 A. Municipalities will no longer zone areas as R1 only, and will no longer
10 be able to prevent the establishment of housing developments on the
11 grounds of single-family requirements.

12 B. All current areas zoned as single-family will be rezoned.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect in Fiscal Year 2024.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lovejoy High School



Item 21 - A Bill to Increase Border Security Resources in Order to Provide More Humane Conditions for Those Being Processed Through Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Annual budgets for Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs &
3 Border Patrol will be increased by 25% of their current budgets. increased funds
4 will be specifically earmarked for medical supplies, food, water, and other
5 resources at facilities detaining immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers, and/or
6 undocumented persons.

7 **SECTION 2.** Medical supplies include basic first aid as well as stocking at least one full clinic
8 per border station/detention center. Food includes protein, perishable and non-
9 perishable foods meeting FDA standards. Water should be provided at the rate
10 of a minimum of 2 liters per person per day. Other resources will be determined
11 by the needs of the station/center operations.

12 **SECTION 3.** Immigration & Customs Enforcement in conjunction with Customs & Border
13 Patrol will oversee and enforce this legislation.

14 A. Border Patrol stations and detention centers will turn in supply requests by
15 the specified deadline(s) to ensure supplies are available.

16 B. Border Patrol stations and detention centers will be eligible for additional
17 supply grants if supply requests are turned in on time.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the beginning of fiscal year 2023.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hereford High School



Item 22 - A Resolution to Decrease the Rent-to-Income Ratio to Increase Standards and Availability of Low-Income Housing

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States' dollar has lost value by an estimated 8.5%, and the price of
2 the average house or apartment has risen remarkably within a time period of 20
3 months; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** The real estate bubble continues to expand, with the average house, as of
5 March 2022, costing \$523,900; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Apartment tenants can no longer afford to move into houses, and many people
7 cannot afford the increasing lease of their current residence; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** The U. S. is facing a dire situation with homelessness exceeding 580,000 people;
9 and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** Corrupt landlords are taking the desperate housing situation as an opportunity
11 to exploit low-income clients; and
- 12 **WHEREAS,** Homelessness has negative impacts on the entire society, which may increase
13 the number of people without housing even further; now, therefore, be it
- 14 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States Department of Housing
15 and Urban Development regulate the standard of living provided by housing
16 managers and decrease the percentage of rent that can be taken out of a low-
17 income tenant's adjusted income from a maximum of 30% down to a maximum
18 of 20%.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by McMillen High School



Item 23 - A Resolution to Ban Landmines

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States is one of few countries to not ratify the Ottawa
2 Convention; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Landmines are still being produced in the United States as per Trump
4 Administration action; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Landmines are an indiscriminate form of warfare that has adverse effects
6 on civilians, and remain in the ground long after deployment; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Landmines are also an outdated form of warfare as detection technology
8 far exceeds the technology of the mines, rendering them useless; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Banning landmines increases peace and security and can be a valuable
10 peace-building tool between countries; now, therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States ratify the Ottawa
12 Convention in order to prohibit use, stockpiling, production, and transfer
13 of Anti-Personnel Landmines.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Trivium Academy



Item 24 - A Bill to Tax Rental Property to Make Home Ownership More Accessible

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. All income generated from long term rental of houses will hereby be
3 taxed at 40 percent.

4 B. All income generated from short term rentals of houses shall be taxed
5 at a rate of 50 percent.

6 C. Income generated from the rental of a room or space in a house
7 where the primary homeowner lives shall be exempt from federal taxes.

8 **SECTION 2.** A. Long term rental house is defined as a free-standing single-family
9 property rented to a long-term tenant for any time longer than one
10 month, or typically one year.

11 B. Short term rental house is defined as a free-standing single-family
12 furnished living space rented for a period of time less than thirty days.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service will oversee the enforcement of these taxes
14 and collect them.

15 A. Fines for failure to report taxes shall not exceed 300% of tax debt for
16 the first offense

17 B. Landlords who repeatedly fail to report accurate income generated
18 from rental properties will have said property subject to seizure.

19 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect January 1, 2025.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rock Hill High School



Item 25 – The Student Loan Relief Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The total outstanding Federal student loan balance due of each borrower
3 shall be repaid or cancelled up to an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Federal student loan” is defined as a loan made under Title IV, Part B, D
5 or E of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and held by the Department of
6 Education.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall oversee the implementation of this
8 legislation.

9 A. No amount cancelled or repaid shall be included in the taxable gross
10 income of the borrower.

11 B. Cancellation and repayments shall be applied in order of outstanding
12 balances with the highest interest rates followed by those with the
13 highest principal balance.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be carried out with 90 days of its passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cypress Ranch High School



Item – 26 A Resolution to Sanction Mexico

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States government provides the United Mexican States
2 \$68.58 million in aid per year; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The Mexican government has taken a supposedly neutral state on the
4 Ukrainian conflict but this neutrality has been proven to be questionable
- 5 **WHEREAS,** this has happen when the Mexican legislative and executive powers
6 praise Russian diplomat Viktor Koroneli during his visit to Mexico, to
7 convince the Mexican government to not give aid to Ukraine; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador or AMLO has become more
9 aggressive to the West by stating Mexico is not a colony of no country ;
10 and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** Allegations have come up from the United State government that the
12 Mexican government has been hiding Russian spies; and now, therefore,
13 be it
- 14 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States impose economic
15 sanctions on the Latin American country of Mexico.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Klein Collins High School



Item 27 - A Bill to Bolster the Nigerian Military

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. The United States shall reinforce its commitment to peace in West
3 Africa by conducting joint operations with the Nigerian Armed Forces.

4 B. \$5 billion in aid shall be provided annually toward Nigerian bottom-up
5 stabilization programs and conflict mitigation systems.

6 **SECTION 2.** A. Bottom-up stabilization programs are defined as programs that restore
7 local governance, eliminate local security threats, or ensure the safe
8 distribution of resources to communities susceptible to insurgency.

9 B. Conflict mitigation systems will be defined as military systems that
10 pursue the demobilization, deradicalization, rehabilitation, and/or
11 reintegration of individuals affiliated with Boko Haram.

12 **SECTION 3.** USAID will work with the Departments of Defense and State to
13 coordinate proper implementation with the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

14 A. The U.S. Department of Defense will submit an annual report on the
15 efficacy of these programs and joint operations to Congress.

16 B. Based on their findings from the report in Section 3A, Congress may
17 choose to end some, or all support provided by this legislation.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2023. All laws in conflict
19 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Seven Lakes HS



Item 28 - A Bill to End the 1122 and 1033 Programs to Demilitarize the Police

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The 1122 and 1033 programs will be abolished.

3 **SECTION 2.** A. The “1122 Program” is defined as the Department of Defense program
4 based on Section 1122 of the 1994 National Defense Authorization Act,
5 which established the authority for state and units of local governments
6 to purchase law enforcement equipment through federal procurement
7 channels.

8 B. The “1033 Program” is defined as the Department of Defense program
9 based on Section 1033 of the 1997 National Defense Authorization Act,
10 which authorizes the Department of Defense to transfer excess military
11 property to state and local law enforcement agencies.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense will oversee the shutting down of these two
13 programs. A Congressional Committee will review the progress 100 days
14 after passage. If no progress has been made, there will be no
15 prosecution.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented immediately after passage and completed
17 by FY 2023.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by San Angelo Central High School



Item 29 - A Bill to End Price Gouging in Healthcare

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Any healthcare organization that offers lifesaving care must not charge
3 more than 10% more than production costs.

4 **SECTION 2.** Healthcare organization will be defined as any public or private
5 organization that researches, manufactures, distributes, or administers
6 drugs or treatment needed to maintain a healthy life.

7 **SECTION 3.** The U.S Department of Health will be allocated 300 million dollars to
8 oversee and audit organizations to ensure that the legislation is being
9 enforced.

10 A. Organizations found to have violated this legislation will be fined 3
11 times the profit made from violating products and services.

12 B. In coordination with the Food and Drug Administration, repeat
13 offenders face the possibility of losing certifications that allow them
14 to create and sell these products and services.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2023. All laws in conflict
16 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Conroe High School



Item 30 - A Resolution to Accede to the Rome Statute and Become a Full Member of the International Crime Court

- 1 **WHEREAS,** the crimes of genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes are uniquely heinous and of
2 global concern; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** the United States has been a global leader in the field of international criminal justice for
4 atrocious crimes since the Nuremberg trials; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** the United States has demonstrated its commitment to these values and interests by
6 tangibly supporting numerous domestic, international, and hybrid courts for atrocious crimes,
7 including the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, the International
8 Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, the Special Court for Sierra Leone, the Extraordinary Chambers
9 in the Courts of Cambodia, the Extraordinary African Chambers, and the Special Tribunal for
10 Lebanon; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** the United States signed the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court on December
12 31, 2000, but has yet to accede to the statute and join the Court as a full member; and
- 13 **WHEREAS,** the International Criminal Court is an important institution in the global fight against
14 impunity for war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide; and
- 15 **WHEREAS,** only by becoming a member of the International Criminal Court can the United States
16 credibly shape the Court's activities and priorities; and
- 17 **WHEREAS,** the vast majority of the United States' oldest and closest allies are states parties to the
18 International Criminal Court; and
- 19 **WHEREAS,** it is in line with American values, interests, and proud history as a global leader in the fight
20 against impunity and for justice that the United States becomes a full member of the
21 International Criminal Court; now, therefore, be it
- 22 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States should accede to the Rome Statute
23 and become a full member of the International Criminal Court.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by R.C. Clark High School