

## **A Resolution to Fund the Offshore Wind Industry to Create Clean Energy**

1   **WHEREAS,**   The United States has a large offshore wind energy resource that is ready  
2                   to be utilized; and

3   **WHEREAS,**   US shores currently possess a power potential of over 2000 gigawatts or  
4                   nearly double the nation’s current electricity usage and will be able to  
5                   generate electricity for more than 115 million US households; and

6   **WHEREAS,**   Offshore wind energy has the potential to deliver large amounts of clean  
7                   reliable energy and reduce pollution oil spills; and

8   **WHEREAS,**   Funding this industry will result in more than 200,000 jobs being created  
9                   which is about twice the number of jobs being created by other sources  
10                  of energy such as offshore drilling; and

11   **WHEREAS,**   Offshore wind energy will also help create more jobs in the shipbuilding  
12                  and manufacturing industry further fueling the US economy; and

13   **WHEREAS,**   Wildlife and marine ecosystems are positively impacted by offshore wind  
14                  farms due to the fact that they act as effective marine reserves; and

15   **WHEREAS,**   Wind farms can act as artificial reefs and protection from fishing  
16                  pressures creating extremely positive effects; now, therefore, be it

17   **RESOLVED,**   By the Congress here assembled that the United States shall fund the  
18                  offshore wind industry to create clean energy.

*Thank you to Northland Christian School and the Texas Forensic Association for authoring this legislation.*

# **A Bill to Allow U.S. Territories to Elect Voting Members to Congress to Give All Americans a Voice**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Elected representatives of the United States' territories will hereby be  
3 granted full voting privileges in the United States House of  
4 Representatives.

5 **SECTION 2.** U.S. Territories include: American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, the U.S.  
6 Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

7 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be enacted by the United States Congress and elections will  
8 be overseen by the Federal Election Commission with assistance from the  
9 Election Assistance Commission.

10 A. Guidelines and procedures will be the same as those federal elections  
11 held within the fifty states of the United States.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented by the 2022 election cycle.

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

*Thank you to Hereford High School and the Texas Forensic Association for authoring this legislation.*

## A Resolution to Ratify the Convention on Biological Diversity

1     **WHEREAS,**     The Earth is currently in the midst of the largest mass-extinction event humanity  
2                     has ever seen; and

3     **WHEREAS,**     Current extinction rates are at least 1000 times higher than what would  
4                   naturally be expected absent human behavior; and

5     **WHEREAS,** Continued loss of biodiversity will lead to widespread ecosystem collapse; and

6     **WHEREAS,**     The Convention on Biological Diversity (the Convention) aims to unite the world  
7                     in an attempt to stem the loss of biological diversity; and

8       **WHEREAS,**       The Cartagena Protocol to the Convention further outlines important protocols  
9                           to ensure the safe use and development of Living Modified Organisms (LMOs);  
10                          and

11     **WHEREAS,**     The Nagoya Protocol to the Convention helps to ensure the fair and equitable  
12                   sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources; and

13     **WHEREAS,**     While the United States is one of the greatest contributors to pressure on  
14                   biological diversity, it has not ratified the Convention; now, therefore, be it

15     **RESOLVED,**     By the Congress here assembled that the United States ratify the Convention on  
16                     Biological Diversity; and, be it

17     **FURTHER RESOLVED,**   That Congress also ratify both the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols to  
18                               the Convention.

*Thank you to Tascosa High School and the Texas Forensic Association for authoring this legislation.*

# **A Bill to Tax Automation to Fund Welfare Programs**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Government shall hereby implement a 20% tax rate on  
3 businesses substituting human workers with automated equipment for  
4 the purpose of funding welfare programs.

5 **SECTION 2.** Automated equipment shall be defines as industrial machines used for  
6 the purpose of fulfilling the jobs a human worker would perform. Welfare  
7 programs shall be defined as both welfare programs, including but not  
8 limited to Medicaid and SNAP, and entitlement programs such as Social  
9 Security.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Treasury, the Internal Revenue Service, the United  
11 States Social Security Administration, and the Department of Health and  
12 Human Services shall work together when implementing this bill.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2022

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

*Thank you to Spring Woods High School and the Texas Forensic Association for authoring this legislation.*