

Ohio Speech and Debate Association



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D1. A Bill to Amend the Fair Labor Standards Act to Require Mandatory Paid Vacation

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** All employers that employ more than 50 employees at any point during a calendar year
3. are required to provide mandatory paid vacations for all eligible full-time employees.
4. **SECTION 2.** Each employee will have at least 14 days of mandatory paid vacation time. These
5. mandatory days of paid vacation time can be used on consecutive days or
6. nonconsecutive days.
7. **SECTION 3.** An employee is eligible for paid vacation time only if they have been employed by the
8. employer for at least one year and have worked at least 1,250 hours for that employer
9. during the previous year.
10. **SECTION 4.** The employee must give the employer at least 2 days' prior notice of their intent to take
11. paid vacation, including the dates it will begin and end.
12. **SECTION 5.** The Department of Labor shall conduct a public awareness campaign, through the
13. Internet and other media, to inform the public of an eligible employee's entitlement to
14. paid vacation time under the Act.
15. **SECTION 6.** The Department of Labor will oversee the enforcement of the bill.
16. **SECTION 7.** Funding for the campaign will come from the Department of Labor's existing
17. funds.
18. **SECTION 7.** This bill will be implemented at the beginning of fiscal year 2023.
19. **SECTION 8.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Medina High School

D2. The L.A.S.T. Act (Longevity Assurance of Substantial Technology)

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** A commission will be formed under the Consumer Product Safety Commission with the
3. objective of finding and building a case against companies who purposely lower the
4. longevity of a product in the interest of profit.
5. **SECTION 2.** Lowering the longevity of a product can constitute but is not limited to transgressions
6. similar to making a products life span shorter so an individual has to buy a newer
7. product or more of a product.
8. **SECTION 3.** The implementation of this legislation will be overseen by the Consumer Product Safety
9. Commission and the commission being installed will be given use of the ability to issue
10. durability standards.
11. A. Any company who has durability standards issued against them has the right to fight
12. the standards being issued against them in the U.S. supreme court within a year of the
13. claim. If the claim is fought and dubbed valid the company must pay 5% of that year's
14. net profits to the federal government.
15. B. This legislation will only affect companies who have an annual revenue above ten
16. million USD.
17. C. The budget amendment for the Consumer Product Safety Commission will be
18. changed/determined at the annual congressional budget hearing.
19. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect on 1/1/2023 and the committee will be given the
20. power to issue durability standards on 6/1/2023.
21. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Louisville HighSchool

D3. A Bill to Combat Automation and Save Workers

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The corporate income tax shall be increased to 28%.
3. A. Any business with over 500 employees that replaces human workers with automated
4. technology shall have their corporate income tax increased to 35%
5. B. Any business with over 500 employees that increases its employee base while
6. reducing its use of automated technology shall have their corporate income tax reduced
7. to 21%
8. **SECTION 2.** Automated technology is defined as technology that is capable of operating tasks
9. without human intervention. Employee base is defined as the number of workers at a
10. company.
11. **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Labor and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) shall
12. oversee the implementation of this legislation
13. A. The United States Department of Labor will conduct biennial audits of applicable
14. businesses. The Department of Labor will report to the IRS the results of their audit in
15. order to ensure proper taxation.
16. B. The IRS shall keep record of what businesses must pay the adjusted tax.
17. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect one year after passage.
18. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Solon High School

D4. Bill to Require Unisex Bathrooms to Provide Safe Restroom Access to All Persons

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. SECTION 1 . All newly constructed buildings with public or employee bathrooms will have at least
3. one unisex employee bathroom and, if male and female public restrooms are available
4. in the building, a unisex public restroom as well.
5. SECTION 2 . A unisex bathroom is defined as a restroom accessible to a person of any gender (i.e.
6. male, female, non-binary).
7. SECTION 3 . OSHA will oversee the implementation and enforcement of this bill as part of their
8. duties ensuring employees' and the public's access to proper restroom facilities.
9. SECTION 4. This regulation will go into effect one year after the date of passage and will only affect
10. buildings that begin construction on or after that date to allow the update of blueprints
11. and bathroom fixture designs on new building projects.
12. SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Centerville High School, Greater Miami Valley District

D5. A Bill to Remove the Pink Tax to End Economic Inequality

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The Federal government will take a stand against companies who take advantage of
3. women consumers by using the “Pink Tax”.
4. **SECTION 2.** The Pink Tax shall be defined as:
5. A. gender based pricing where razors, hair products, laxatives and other products that
6. are targeted towards female consumers are charged more than male consumers , as
7. well as sales tax charged for menstrual, pre- and post-natal, and menopausal products.
8. **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) shall oversee the enforcement of this bill.
9. A. First violation will result in a written warning.
10. B. Second violation and all subsequent violations will result in a fine of 2% of the
11. business’s monthly earnings.
12. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented in the Fiscal year of 2023.
13. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Austintown Fitch High School

D6. A Bill to Nationalize Voting Systems

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The Cyber and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), the Department of Justice (DoJ),
3. the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation
4. (FBI), shall work together to create and implement a federalized voting system to be
5. used in national elections.
6. **SECTION 2.** This voting system shall be defined as the technology, regulations, devices, and
7. processes used during national elections.
8. **SECTION 3.** The CSIA, DOJ, DHS, and FBI will collaborate on researching and implementing a
9. nationalized system.
10. A. The departments shall present their proposed budget to Congress within 3 weeks of
11. passage.
12. B. Bi-annual reviews and tests of the system shall take place to ensure election security.
13. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented by January 2022
14. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for *Congressional Debate* by *Wooster High School*

D7. A Bill to Safeguard Democracy

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** In order to increase election access and safeguard democracy, the following provisions
3. shall be enacted:
4. A. Public transportation is completely free of charge on the federal election day.
5. B. Federal election day is hereby declared a national holiday
6. C. All polling locations are required to be open from the hours of 5 a.m. and 9 p.m.
7. **SECTION 2.** Public transportation is defined as any transportation partially or fully funded by a state
8. or county government. Federal election day is defined as the first Tuesday following the
9. first Monday, as defined by the 28th Congress.
10. **SECTION 3.** The Federal Department of Transportation will oversee funding in order to make public
11. transportation free, and the local Board of Elections, overseen by the Election Assistance
12. Committee will oversee and enforce the hours of operation for polling stations.
13. **SECTION 4.** All portions of this bill will be enacted and fully enforced by the next presidential
14. election, Tuesday, November 5, 2024
15. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jackson High School

D8. The AID (African Infrastructure and Development) Act

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

2. **SECTION 1.** Economic aid, humanitarian aid, and anti-corruption measures will be annually funded
3. to every country in Central Africa.
4. **SECTION 2.** Central African countries will include: Angola, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad,
5. the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Republic of the Congo,
6. São Tomé, and Príncipe.
7. **SECTION 3.** USAID will be in charge of directing and distributing the funds to the proper destination.
8. The aid will amount to a total of \$3 billion annually, and will be distributed as follows:
9. A. \$1 billion shall go towards humanitarian aid, which will be given directly to
10. non-governmental organizations, in the form of grants. These organizations are
11. obligated to use these funds only to help the countries stated above.
12. B. \$1 billion will go towards economic aid. Half the aid shall be directed to the central
13. government of each nation, while the other half will be awarded in amounts of \$10,000
14. to businesses in a necessity based system, run by the central governments of each
15. nation and distributed by USAID.
16. C. The remaining funds will be directed to anti-corruption funding, which will be
17. entrusted to the African Union for use only in the countries specified by this bill. The
18. money will be used by the African Union to support their various operations,
19. resolutions, and other counter-corruption measures with the specific enforcement
20. mechanism.
21. **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented in the fiscal year 2022, and be up for renewal every five
22. fiscal years.
23. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

D9. A Bill to Extend the Benefits of Veterans who Served in the Middle East

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED

2. **SECTION 1** Any US Veteran of the Middle East serving from 1990 until current be given a toxic
3. screening panel by the Veterans Administration within thirty years of the end of
4. deployment.

5. **SECTION 2** Any veteran registering positive for any toxic chemical burned by the US Government
6. shall be treated at no personal cost at any Veterans Administration Hospital or other
7. appropriate military hospital for the remainder of his or her life.

8. **SECTION 3** That veterans be entitled to disability pay.

9. **SECTION 4** The money for this medical screening and treatment will be five billion dollars a year.

10. The funding would come from the current military budget for a period of ten years.

11. **SECTION 5** This bill would go into effect upon passage.

12. **SECTION 6** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Centerville High School, Greater Miami Valley District

D10. Bill to Federalize the Entertainment Software Rating Board (ESRB) to Accurately Determine the Ratings of Video Games and Apps

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** All video games and apps shall be reviewed and rated by the Federal Trade Commission
3. (FTC) in order to inform the public what they are seeing and playing.
4. **SECTION 2.** Video games are defined as games played by electronically manipulating images
5. produced by a computer program on a television screen or other display screen. Apps,
6. or applications, are defined as pieces of software that one can download to a device
7. including, but not limited to, a smartphone or tablet.
8. **SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission will oversee the enforcement of this bill. Companies and
9. individuals who produce video games or apps and do not comply with this piece of
10. legislation shall not be allowed to sell video game products in the United States.
11. A. Any company or individual caught selling unregulated video games or apps shall pay
12. 100% of the sales generated by the video games or apps to the FTC.
13. B. A 0.1% business tax shall be levied against video game companies to fund this new
14. rating system.
15. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented on January 1, 2023.
16. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by South Range High School.

D11. A Bill to End Puppy Mills

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Section 13(a) of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2143(a)) is amended by adding at the
3. end the following in addition to the requirements under paragraph (2), the standards
4. described in paragraph (1) shall, with respect to dealers, include requirements --
5. A. that the dealer provide adequate housing for dogs that includes completely solid
6. flooring and indoor space sufficient to allow the tallest dog in an enclosure to stand on
7. his or her hind legs without touching the roof of the enclosure with respect to safe
8. breeding practices for dogs, including prohibiting the breeding of a female dog to
9. produce more than 2 litters in any 18 month period or more than 6 litters during the
10. lifetime of the dog
11. B. The FDA will receive an additional \$10 billion per year in funding.
12. **SECTION 2.** In order to legally breed canids in the United States, citizens must obtain a license from
13. the United States Department of Agriculture. Canid Breeder Licenses will be tied to a
14. licensed veterinarian in the state where breeding is to take place.
15. **SECTION 3.** Refusal to comply with this bill will result in the seizure of all affected animals.
16. **SECTION 4.** Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall
17. issue final regulations establishing the standards for the care of dogs by dealers, as
18. required by this section and the amendments made by this section.
19. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Wadsworth High School

D12. A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Change the Qualifications of the President

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

2. **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is proposed as
3. an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all
4. intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of
5. three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by
6. the Congress:

ARTICLE --

7. **SECTION 1:** Article II, Section 1, Clause 5 in the Constitution shall be hereby replaced with the
8. following text:
9. “No Person except a citizen of the United States for at least 25 Years, shall be eligible to
10. the Office of President; neither shall any person be eligible to that Office who shall not
11. have attained to the Age of thirty five Years, and been fourteen Years a Resident within
12. the United States.”

13. **SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Northwest High School

D13. A Bill to Mandate That All Automobile Manufacturers produce a Fully Electric Fleet by 2035

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Beginning with the model year 2035, all personal passenger vehicles manufactured in
3. the United States be fully electrically powered.
4. **SECTION 2.** Definitions:
5. *Personal Passenger Vehicles* are cars, SUVs, small trucks, vans, and motorcycles used for
6. non-commercial purposes.
7. *Fully Electrically Powered* means that the vehicle will not use fossil fuels for operation.
8. **SECTION 3.** The NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) and the EPA shall oversee
9. the enforcement of this legislation.
10. A. Manufacturers that meet the mandated deadline shall have their corporate tax
11. burden reduced (3%) for the years 2035-40.
12. B. Manufacturers that fail to meet the mandated deadline shall have their corporate tax
13. burden increased by (5%) for each year (or fraction of a year) of non-compliance.
14. **SECTION 4.** The legislation shall go into effect at the beginning of the 2035 model year, and/or no
15. later than January 1st, 2035.
16. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Laurel School

D14. Resolution to Shorten the FDA Drug Approval Process

1. **WHEREAS,** On average, it takes the FDA 9 to 16 years to approve a new drug; and
2. **WHEREAS,** There are currently over 4,000 drugs awaiting approval, that have survived the
3. process of testing for new drugs, creating problems in advancement of medicine; and
4. **WHEREAS,** This slow approval time disincentivizes competition in the market; and
5. **WHEREAS,** The approval process is not always effective; now, therefore, be it
6. **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the FDA must approve drugs within a
7. reasonable time frame of 2-4 years

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Centerville High School, GMV District

D15. A Resolution to Improve ATF Databases to Facilitate Firearm Tracing

1. **WHEREAS,** The United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives currently relies
2. on an assortment of paper records for its firearm database; and
3. **WHEREAS,** This database lacks standard technological infrastructure of the 21st century, making
4. tracing an unnecessarily lengthy process; and
5. **WHEREAS,** By law, firearm sale records are required to be “non-searchable,” further inhibiting gun
6. tracing; and
7. **WHEREAS,** Difficulties with firearm tracing slow down investigations and contribute to the gun
8. violence seen throughout the United States; now, therefore, be it
9. **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the ATF firearm database be modernized, including
10. but not limited to complete digitalization; and, be it
11. **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That restrictions on firearm records, including but not limited to the
12. “non-searchable” requirement, be lifted.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by John F. Kennedy High School