



## Prelim Legislation

## A Bill to Ban the Reid Interrogation Technique

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** A. All states and territories shall discontinue the use of the Reid  
2 Interrogation Technique during police interrogations.  
3 B. States shall pursue other interrogation techniques to employ in law  
4 enforcement which must be approved by the Department of Justice (DOJ)  
5 within a year after passage.  
6 C. The DOJ shall approve techniques based upon their likelihood to result  
7 in false confessions in comparison to the Reid Interrogation Technique.  
8 D. The DOJ shall revoke all grants to law enforcement in states found by the  
9 DOJ that continue to use the Reid Interrogation Technique after enactment.

10 **SECTION 2.** “Reid Interrogation Technique” shall be defined as the interrogation  
11 method developed and popularized by John E. Reid as outlined in his  
12 manual Criminal Interrogation and Confessions.

13 **SECTION 3.** The DOJ shall oversee the implementation and enforcement of this  
14 legislation.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be enacted in the fiscal year 2023. All laws in conflict  
16 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Isabella Hoang from Southern Lehigh High School.*

# Universal Firearms Freedom Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   A. Congress shall authorize the Department of Justice (DOJ) to review state  
2                   firearms law and require states to remove any waiting periods or fees  
3                   incurred on citizens seeking to obtain firearms or ammunition.  
4                   B. Any state which fails to comply with this act shall have access to federal  
5                   grants for transportation revoked.
- 6   **SECTION 2.**   For the purposes of this bill:  
7                   A. "Waiting Period" is to define any duration before or after the conducting  
8                   of measures such as background checks and other necessary certifications,  
9                   wherein the transfer of firearms are not allowed to occur.  
10                  B. "Fees incurred" is to define any cost for a citizen seeking to obtain a  
11                  firearm beyond that of the firearm and standard sales tax.  
12                  C. "Citizens seeking to obtain firearms" is to define citizens legally allowed  
13                  and wishing to obtain firearms.  
14                  D. "Firearms" is to define weapons and parts covered by 18 U.S.C., §  
15                  921(a)(3), US Code.  
16                  E. "Ammunition" is to define items covered by 18 U.S.C., § 921(a)(17), US  
17                  Code.
- 18 **SECTION 3.**   This bill shall go into effect one month after its passage.
- 19 **SECTION 4.**   All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jonathan Behrens from Southern Lehigh High School.*

# A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Abolish Existing Slavery

1   **RESOLVED,**   By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is  
2                   proposed as an amendment to the 13th Amendment of Constitution of the  
3                   United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the  
4                   Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the  
5                   several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the  
6                   Congress:

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8                   **SECTION 1:**   Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude shall exist within  
9                   the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

10                  **SECTION 2:**   Congress shall have power to enforce this article by  
11                   appropriate legislation.  
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*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pennsbury High School.*

# A Bill to Reform American-Venezuelan Relations

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   The United States shall remove sanctions on Venezuela on the condition  
2                   they make the following reforms:
- 3                   A. President Nicolas Maduro is removed from office and a public  
4                   election, monitored by the United Nations, is held to find a new president.
- 5                   B. Reduction in human rights violations such as use of the military to  
6                   arrest political opposition.
- 7                   C. A gradual reduction in exporting of oil to Russia and China
- 8   **SECTION 2.**   Human rights violations shall be defined as activities conducted by the  
9                   government which are in violation of the United Nations on Human Rights.  
10                  Gradual reduction will be defined as a 10% reduction in total exports until  
11                  the exports are 50% lower.
- 12 **SECTION 3.**   The Department of State shall measure compliance with the above reforms  
13                   and will reduce sanctions commensurate with how much progress has  
14                   been made by the Venezuelan government.
- 15 **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will go into effect in FY 2023. All laws in conflict with this  
16                   legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Millburn High School.*

# A Bill to Fund Water Infrastructure and Safety within Native Reservations

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   A. \$50 Billion will be allocated to the EPA to build and improve water  
2                   infrastructure in order to provide clean water for Indigenous communities.  
3                   B. The EPA will also clean up abandoned mining sites on or near Indigenous  
4                   reservations.
- 5   **SECTION 2.**   A. Indigenous reservations will be defined as areas of land tenure federally  
6                   recognized as Native American tribal nations under the U.S Bureau of  
7                   Indian Affairs.  
8                   B. Water infrastructure will be defined as water supply, treatment, storage,  
9                   transportation, resource management, and hydropower.  
10                  C. Mining sites will be defined as facilities used for extracting minerals by  
11                  underground, strip, open pit, or quarry methods.
- 12   **SECTION 3.**   The Bureau of Indian Affairs will oversee implementation of this legislation.
- 13   **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2022.
- 14   **SECTION 5.**   All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lauren Koo of Phillipsburg High School.*

# The Free Green Market Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   The Federal Government shall end all subsidies to nonrenewable energy  
2                               sources over a ten year period.
- 3   **SECTION 2.**   A. Nonrenewable energy sources within this legislation are defined as  
4                               entities operating in the procurement, refinement, and combustion process  
5                               of fossil fuels such as coal, oil, and natural gas to generate energy.  
6                               B. Subsidies within this legislation are defined as federal assistance and  
7                               support through tax credits, waivers, exemptions, grants, and other such  
8                               programs to artificially lower the cost of production for the benefit of the  
9                               recipient.
- 10   **SECTION 3.**   The Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency, in  
11                               coordination with all other necessary departments and agencies, shall  
12                               begin the implementation of this bill upon passage.  
13                               A. Immediately upon passage, no new subsidies shall be allowed nor  
14                               provided to nonrenewable energy sources.  
15                               B. Existing subsidies shall be diminished by 10% each year, starting from a  
16                               2021 baseline.
- 17   **SECTION 4.**   All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hunterdon Central Regional High School.*

# A Bill to Increase Non-Combative Training for Police Officers

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   Non-combative training shall be increased to at least 25% of total training  
2                   hours for all police officers in the United States.
- 3   **SECTION 2.**   Non-combative training includes cultural diversity training, mediation  
4                   training, de-escalation training, and conflict resolution training.
- 5   **SECTION 3.**   The Department of Justice will oversee the implementation of this bill  
6                   A. There will be a competency based assessment to determine which  
7                   specific areas of training are necessary for police departments  
8                   throughout the United States.  
9                   B. There will be a re-evaluation every three years to determine  
10                  whether more or fewer hours of non-combative training is  
11                  necessary
- 12 **SECTION 4.**   This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2023. All laws in conflict with this  
13                   legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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## **Finals Legislation**

# A Bill to Combat Misinformation and Domestic Threats on Social Media

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** A) This United States Congress has recognized the active threat against  
2 democracy within social media. The spread of misinformation about topics  
3 intrinsic to American democracy and the proliferation of domestic threats  
4 has become an issue within United States society.
- 5 B) Under this legislation, this Congress will create a new agency to  
6 combat these threats.
- 7 C) This agency will be in close contact with social media sites to have  
8 easier access to vital information when regarding removing misinformation  
9 and prosecution.
- 10 **SECTION 2.** “State regulation” shall be defined as the moderation of social media posts  
11 that fall under the category of “domestic threats.” “Domestic threats” is  
12 defined as any and all comments and posts that actively threaten harm  
13 against the government. “Misinformation” is defined as any statement  
14 spread as being true when it has been effectively disproven and shown as  
15 harmful to others.
- 16 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security will oversee the implementation of  
17 this legislation.
- 18 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect no later than January 31, 2023.
- 19 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Olivia Taboada of Phillipsburg High School.*

# **A Bill to Aid African Countries in Order to Benefit African Long Term Economic Stability and Counter Rising Chinese Influence**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   The United States Federal Government shall provide 5 billion dollars in  
2                               foreign developmental aid annually to select countries in Africa for the next  
3                               10 years.
- 4                               A. A bipartisan Congressional subcommittee will be formed to oversee  
5                               the implementation of this piece of legislation, including to which  
6                               countries the funding will go.
- 7                               B. The 5 billion dollars shall be implemented as follows: 2 billion  
8                               dollars for the development of infrastructure, 3 billion dollars for  
9                               long term African economic stability. This funding will come from  
10                              the Department of Defense (DOD) budget. This aid will be  
11                              conducted separately from ongoing humanitarian aid efforts.
- 12   **SECTION 2.**   The following definitions shall be offered:
- 13                              A. Development of infrastructure shall be defined as the construction  
14                              and maintenance of public infrastructure including but not limited  
15                              to roads, bridges, power plants, etc.
- 16                              B. Aid for long term African economic stability shall be defined as aid  
17                              directed at helping African countries become economically  
18                              independent.
- 19   **SECTION 3.**   The Congressional subcommittee shall work in coordination with the U.S.  
20                              Department of Aid and the governments of the African countries that are  
21                              receiving the aid.
- 22   **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will go into effect with the second quarter of 2022 fiscal  
23                              year. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and  
24                              void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Nithin Bommareddy from Southern Lehigh High School.*

# **A Bill to to Mandate Safety features in All Future Manufactured Road Vehicles to Eradicate Injuries and Deaths that Occur Each Year**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1   **SECTION 1.**   All future road vehicles on the market must include safety features to  
2                               ensure the protection of all American citizens.

3   **SECTION 2.**   Road vehicle defined as: a vehicle designed solely or principally for  
4                               transporting persons, goods or animals by road. Safety Feature defined as:  
5                               a feature of a product, etc, designed to ensure or increase its safety.

6   **SECTION 3.**   The Department of Transportation will oversee the implementation of this  
7                               bill, and will prohibit the commercial sale of any vehicle that fails to include  
8                               such features.

9                               A. Features include but are not limited to: sensors, automatic braking,  
10                              assisted steering, backup cameras, blind spot monitors, traction control  
11                              and anti lock braking systems.

12   **SECTION 4.**   This legislation shall go into place in the fiscal year of 2024. All laws in  
13                               conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pennsbury High School.*