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## SEPTEMBER - A Bill to Reduce Anthropogenic Methane To Decrease Greenhouse Gases

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Interior will enforce the reduction of methane that is  
3 produced by human activity to reduce global warming and the amount of greenhouse gases.

4 **SECTION 2.** Methane is emitted by different human activities, such as landfills, oil and gas  
5 productions, as well as coal mining. Methane is also released by pasture animals such as  
6 cattle, sheep, and goats because of their digestive systems and their manure.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shall oversee regulations to decrease  
8 the amount of methane emissions over time.

9 A. In the year 2025, methane emissions in the United States should have been regulated  
10 and dropped to at least 40% less than the amount of methane that had been emitted  
11 in the year 2021.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. All laws in conflict with this  
13 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Thank you to Indian Ridge Middle School for authoring this legislation.*

## SEPTEMBER - A Bill to Revoke COVID-19 Vaccine Patents

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1    **SECTION 1.**    All COVID vaccine patents will be temporarily revoked in an effort to
- 2                      increase unrestricted global vaccine production. Such vaccine patents can
- 3                      be used in any nation for further production of the vaccine.
- 4    **SECTION 2.**    Temporarily is defined as until the WHO declares the COVID-19 pandemic
- 5                      as over. Revoked is defined as a removal of the patent for all purposes of
- 6                      use.
- 7    **SECTION 3.**    The Food and Drug Administration alongside the US Patent and Trademark
- 8                      Organization will oversee implementation of this legislation, in
- 9                      coordination with the World Trade Organization, under the Trade Related
- 10                     Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) agreement.
- 11   **SECTION 4.**    This legislation will take effect on November 1, 2022. All laws in conflict
- 12                     with this legislation are hereby declared null and void

*Thank you to Everglades High School for authoring this legislation.*



## SEPTEMBER - A Bill 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.

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



## SEPTEMBER - A Resolution to Minimize Space Traffic

1     **WHEREAS,**     Orbital zones are becoming increasingly 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.

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

## OCTOBER - A Bill to Eliminate the Penny from U.S. Currency

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The one-cent coin, or the penny will be eliminated from the United States  
3 Currency.

4 **SECTION 2.** The increasing price of the production of the penny has become an issue  
5 in accordance with our economy, due to pennies costing more to  
6 produce than they are worth because of the inclusion of zinc.

7 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of the Treasury will oversee the  
8 enforcement of this legislation.

9 **A)** All prices will be rounded to the nearest nickel instead, and pennies  
10 will be removed from circulation.

11 **B)** The U.S. Mint will be directed to end its production of the U.S. Penny.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill is to be implemented at the beginning of the fiscal year 2023.

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

*Thank you to Pompano Beach High School for authoring this legislation.*



## OCTOBER - A Bill To Allow Euthanasia of Terminally Ill Patients

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States of America will allow doctors to euthanize patients  
3 who are terminally ill or on the edge of death and in extreme pain if all  
4 parties agree to it.

5 **SECTION 2.** Euthanasia is the act or practice of killing or permitting the death of hopelessly  
6 sick or injured individuals (such as persons or domestic animals) in a relatively  
7 painless way for reasons of mercy.

8 **SECTION 3.** The FDA will over see what drugs can be used to humanely perform  
9 euthanasia and make sure all hospitals can have access to it. Patients  
10 will have access to it for free. The budget for implementation and  
11 distribution will be 1 billion dollars

12 A. Euthanasia will only be allowed if all parties agree (the patient, the  
13 doctor, and, if under 18, the legal guardian(s) )

14 B. If patient is in a coma or in a situation where they are unable to  
15 respond, the next of kin or legal guardian will make the choice.

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

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

*Thank you to Indian Ridge Middle School for authoring this legislation.*



## OCTOBER - 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.

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



## OCTOBER - 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.

*Thank you to Trivium Academy and the Texas Forensic Association for authoring this legislation.*



## **NOVEMBER - A Bill to Create a Lasting Peace Between Israel and Palestine**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** The United States shall hereby cut the State of Israel's annual aid it provides completely if they fail to negotiate a peace agreement with Palestine under the parameters of this legislation.

- A.** The State of Palestine will be recognized by the United States of America, which shall consist of the regions of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.
- B.** Jerusalem shall still be seen as the capital of Israel due to its religious and cultural significance. But Palestinian citizens will be guaranteed the right to live and work there. Ramallah, located in the central West Bank, will officially be declared the capital of Palestine.
- C.** The United States Department of Defense will assist both sides against Hamas (A designated Palestinian terror group) if the situation calls for it.
- D.** Humanitarian aid will be given in a discretionary manner to Palestine if it's seen as necessary. If misused, aid will cease immediately.

**SECTION 2.** Aid shall be defined as all foreign aid the US provides Israel including but not limited to: military assistance, humanitarian aid, etc. The peace agreement shall include a negotiation between Israel and Palestine where both agree to end all territorial disputes, as well as the safe settlement and protection of citizens from both nations.

**SECTION 3.** The United States Department of State and Department of Defense will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented immediately upon its passage.

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

*Thank you to Justin Gonzalez and West Broward High School for authoring this legislation.*



## NOVEMBER - The Workers and Elections Act of 2022

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Private institutions will not be allowed to  
3 fire/punish/wrongfully terminate workers who pursue a  
4 unionization of their work place. Private institutions  
5 will not be allowed to intervene in the election process .  
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7 **SECTION 2.** “Punishing” workers would include overworking them  
8 when it is not necessary (see Cynthia Harper)

9 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of Labor would be responsible for  
10 executing these protections by legally charging any  
11 individuals or corporations (including the parent company)  
12 if they're shown to have acted wrongfully. Entities found to  
13 be in breach of this statute must pay workers compensation  
14 for unfair work, pay legal fees for all parties, including the  
15 Department of Labor / Justice, and (if needed) allow for the  
16 uninterrupted election of union representation.

17 The Department of Labor must set up third party groups  
18 to determine if actions taken by individuals or Corporations  
19 are in breach of this statute .

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

*Thank you to Indian Ridge Middle School for authoring this legislation.*



## NOVEMBER - 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.

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



## NOVEMBER - 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                                atrocity 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 atrocity 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.

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



## DECEMBER - A Bill to Promote Bacteriophage Research to Combat Superbugs

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBGBCBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The government will fund and encourage Bacteriophage research to  
3 combat Superbugs.

4 **SECTION 2.** A bacteriophage is a beneficial virus which hunts down specific species of  
5 bacteria. They are unable to cause any harmful effects to a human but  
6 are deadly to bacterium. A Superbug is a bacterium strain which has  
7 become resistant to antibiotic drugs.

8 **SECTION 3.** The FDA, the Food and Drug Administration, will oversee the  
9 enforcement of this bill if put into effect.

10 A. The funding for this bill will be provided by the FDA. The funding will  
11 be put towards researching the benefits of phage therapy for the general  
12 public.

13 B. The funding will be \$3 million and will be granted to implement this  
14 bill.

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

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

*Thank you to Indian Ridge Middle School for authoring this legislation.*

# DECEMBER - A Bill to Decriminalize All Narcotics at the Federal Level

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1:** All persons caught by law enforcement distributing, or under the influence of narcotics are required to complete a drug safety course, enroll in a rehabilitation program, and agree to be drug tested for a period of five (5) years. Failure to comply with these rules, will result in a fine of no more than twenty- thousand dollars (\$20,000).

**Section 2:** All persons in federal prison due to the sale, possession, or consumption of narcotics will be released. Persons will be required to complete a drug safety course, enroll in a rehabilitation program, and agree to be drug tested yearly for a period of five (5) years.

**Section 3:** The Drug Enforcement Administration (D.E.A), will shift its focus to target exclusively drug manufacturers, smugglers, and cartels. The US Department of Justice shall have the authority to enforce the pathway for releasing currently incarcerated persons under previous drug enforcement laws.

**Section 4:** This legislation will be implemented two months (2) after it is passed.

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

*Thank you to Cypress Bay High School for authoring this legislation.*



## DECEMBER - 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

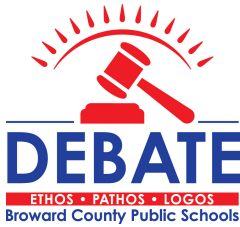
15 B. The Department of Agriculture will process land applications and ensure  
16 applicants maintain the standard set by the EPA.

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.

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



## DECEMBER - 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.

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