



Poland Seminary Speech & Debate Tournament 2022



*High School
Congress Docket*

Saturday, December 10, 2022

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D22-07

A Resolution to End the One China Policy

1. **WHEREAS,** The Republic of China (Taiwan) lives under constant threat of a military invasion from the
2. People's Republic of China; and
3. **WHEREAS,** Taiwan is an essential geopolitical and economic partner for the United States; and
4. **WHEREAS,** The One China Policy of the United States has failed to curb Chinese military aggression
5. throughout the South China Sea and hostile military exercises near Taiwan's shores; and
6. **WHEREAS,** While disagreements exist as to a specific year or date for invasion, a near-consensus
7. exists among top military leaders and experts that a Chinese invasion of Taiwan for
8. forced reunification is extremely likely; and
9. **WHEREAS,** President Biden recently declared with finality on 60 Minutes that the U.S. would defend
10. Taiwan with American troops in the case of an invasion; and
11. **WHEREAS,** The U.S. cannot in good faith continue the policy of 'strategic ambiguity' while China's
12. military shows clear signs of preparation for a devastating invasion ; now, therefore, be
13. it
14. **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States formally recognizes Taiwan as an
15. independent nation; and be it
16. **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the United States shall immediately enter into a new mutual defense treaty
17. with Taiwan in an effort to deter Chinese military intervention.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Revere High School

D22-08

The Nuclear Safety Act

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The United States will not use any nuclear weapon against any nation unless attacked by
3. a nuclear weapon from that nation.
4. **SECTION 2.** A nuclear weapon shall be defined as an explosive device that derives its destructive
5. force from nuclear reactions, and includes, but is not limited to fission weapons, fusion
6. weapons, and nuclear missiles.
7. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense shall oversee the implementation of this bill and ensure the
8. following of a no first use (NFU) policy.
9. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect upon passing.
10. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Northwest High School

D22-09

A Bill To Put The Ball In The USA's Court

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Professional Sports Leagues will no longer be allowed to opt into the USA's 501(c)6 Tax
3. Exempt options.
4. **SECTION 2.** Professional Sports Leagues shall be defined as a major or minor league professional
5. baseball, football, basketball, soccer, or hockey franchise, or a professional motor sport.
6. **SECTION 3.** The IRS will be tasked with the enforcement of this legislation.
7. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect directly after signing.
8. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Perry High School

D22-10

A Bill to Restrict Confederate Imagery in Public Domains

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The United States will no longer allow confederate imagery in public spaces.
3. **SECTION 2.** Public spaces include all public lands, locations, institutions, buildings, and events that
4. receive public funding or are used by the general public. Confederate imagery is defined
5. as any image, shape, or color scheme referencing the Confederate States of America,
6. including but not limited to: stars and bars, the rebel flag, the dixie flag, confederate
7. uniforms, or any visual representations symbolic of the defense or creation of the
8. Confederacy.
9. **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of the Interior and Department of Education will oversee
10. enforcement of this legislation. All state flags including confederate imagery must be
11. redesigned.
12. A. The United States Department of the Interior will work with the National Park
13. Service to remove public confederate imagery. All statues, landmarks, artwork,
14. and visual representations depicting confederate figures must be replaced by
15. figures that reflect ideals of diversity, equality, inclusion, and justice.
16. B. The United States Department of Education will generate a list of suitable
17. replacement monuments and will evaluate and approve suggested replacements
18. submitted by state officials.
19. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2023. Each state will have one year to comply.
20. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hawken School

D22-11

A Bill to Close the Gap in Educational Technology

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Additional funds shall be allocated to school districts lacking adequate internet access
3. and educational technology.
4. **SECTION 2.** Internet access shall be defined as the ability to connect to the internet using an
5. electronic device, allowing the ability to access content, information, electronic mail, or
6. other online services. Educational technology shall be defined as physical or digital tools
7. used to facilitate learning, including but not limited to classroom hardware (e.g. laptops,
8. SMART Boards) and software.
9. **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Education and individual state Departments of
10. Education shall enforce and oversee the implementation of this legislation.
11. A. Within six months of passage, the United States Department of Education shall
12. create standards to evaluate the quality of internet access and educational
13. technology within individual school districts. Following the establishment of
14. these standards, school districts will be evaluated annually to determine whether
15. or not they qualify for additional funding.
16. B. The United States Department of Education will fund this legislation. As school
17. districts are evaluated, the Department of Education shall request necessary
18. additional funding on a six-month basis.
19. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2023.
20. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Warren JFK High School

D22-12

A Bill to Improve the Screening Process for Child Neglect Cases

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

2. **SECTION 1.** Screening guidelines for referrals of abuse and neglect reported to Child Protective
3. Services shall be reformed.

4. **SECTION 2.** Screening guidelines shall be defined as the criteria used to determine whether or not a
5. referral is accepted as a report and assigned for assessment or investigation. Referrals
6. shall be defined as an allegation of child abuse and/or neglect, dependency, or family in
7. need of services made orally or in writing to Child Protective Services. This includes, but
8. is not limited to, allegations involving individuals, families, and out-of-home care
9. settings.

10. **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Children's Bureau will
11. jointly oversee the implementation and enforcement of this legislation.

12. A. A two-level decision making process for every allegation received shall be
13. established. This system will consist of the requirement of two CPS screeners to
14. jointly evaluate the abuse or neglect report.

15. B. An informational hotline staffed by child welfare workers will be created under
16. the Children's Bureau to answer questions about child welfare cases prior to
17. referrals to Child Protective Services.

18. C. Allegations related to poverty-related neglect will be responded with connection
19. to resources deemed necessary by the U.S. Department of Health and Human
20. Services and further evaluation instead of being handled with separation.

21. D. Both of the listed agencies shall receive \$10 million for initial implementation
22. and can request additional funding following enforcement.

23. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2023.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Warren JFK High School

M22-11. A Bill to Promote Equity in Medical Research

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** Participant groups in all clinical trials for new medical treatments shall include no fewer
2. than 40% women and 40% men. \$500 million shall be allocated for each of the next ten
3. fiscal years to retroactively research the effects of FDA-approved treatments on women.
4. **SECTION 2.** Clinical trials shall be defined as research studies aiming to find out if a new treatment,
5. including but not limited to a drug or medical device, is effective for widespread use.
6. **SECTION 3.** The United States Food and Drug Administration and National Institutes of Health shall
7. jointly enforce this piece of legislation.
8. A. The Food and Drug Administration shall ensure compliance with the clinical trial
9. participant regulations. Producers of treatments designed exclusively for men or
10. women shall be eligible to request a single-use exemption to the participant
11. regulations. The Food and Drug Administration shall review such requests on a
12. case-by-case basis, granting exemptions if there will be no resultant disparity in medical
13. research.
14. A. The National Institutes of Health shall manage the \$500 million of research funding.
15. This money shall be used for direct National Institutes of Health research and grants
16. given to external research locations, including but not limited to universities and other
17. government facilities.
18. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.
19. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Youngstown District

D22-02

A Bill to Cap Gasoline Prices

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** No person in the United States of America will pay more than two dollars and fifty cents
3. per gallon of unleaded 87 gasoline.
4. **SECTION 2.** Gas of any other octane level will be unaffected by the content of this bill.
5. **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Transportation will oversee the implementation of this
6. bill.
7. A. The United States Department of Transportation will open at least 3 domestic oil
8. reserves across the nation to reduce prices of oil.
9. B. Remaining cost of oil not covered by Americans will be covered by income tax
10. dollars.
11. **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect in January of 2024.
12. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Canton District