

A Bill to Establish the Marshall Plan for Central America

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. The United States Federal Government shall establish and execute a Marshall Plan for Central America.

Section 2. According to the American Foreign Service Association, the Marshall Plan, “was focused on long-term economic restructuring, industrial and agricultural infrastructure, international finance and trade.”

Section 3. The United States Federal Government will, through the Department of State, initiate a new Marshall Plan for Central America that will;

- A. Officially recognize the impact the U.S. has had on the economic, humanitarian, and political issues within the Americas and pledge aid to resolve these issues through increased focus on diplomatic relations; and
- B. Establish a fund focused on enhancing security and anti-corruption within governments to combat violence and drug/sex trafficking; and
- C. Double the number of state department workers in the region to aid in the process of reform and implementation; and
- D. Create sound social infrastructure to enhance opportunities for citizens and decrease the need for migration

SECTION 4. This law shall go into effect at the beginning of the fiscal year 2024 (FY23) and all provisions of this bill shall be completed by the end of fiscal year 2034 (FY34).

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Brentwood High School



A Bill to Permanently Enact the Families First Coronavirus Response Act for Public School Lunches

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. This bill will make permanent the Families First Coronavirus Response Act in all public schools in the US.

SECTION 2. This bill allows all public school students access to free breakfast and lunches, and in addition establishes summer food programs for needing communities.

SECTION 3. The implementation of this bill will be overseen by the United States Department of Agriculture

SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect at the beginning of the 2023 school year

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





A Resolution to Cease Freedom of Navigation Operations in the South China Sea

WHEREAS, Freedom of navigation operations violate the norms for many countries' maritime divisions, interactions, and territory as outlined by the UNCLOS; and

WHEREAS, The United States' freedom of navigation operations in the South China Sea have not stopped China's militarization efforts; and

WHEREAS, Freedom of navigation operations in the South China Sea significantly worsen relations between the United States and China; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that the United States Federal government should cease their freedom of navigation operations in the South China Sea.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Clayton High School



A Bill to Implement Mandatory Paid Maternity Leave to Improve Maternal Health

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States government should implement a mandatory paid maternity leave policy in which an employee is legally entitled to up to 12 weeks of paid leave with a 50% benefit rate, up to a maximum of 520.50 USD a week.

SECTION 2. Paid maternity leave is defined as a period when an employee is legally absent from work before and after they give birth, and during which they are paid. Benefit rate is the percentage of their earnings an employee would make while on leave.

SECTION 3. The US Department of Labor will oversee the implementation of this bill.

SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect on October 1st, 2023.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Clayton High School



A Resolution to Sell the State of Montana to Canada to Reduce the National Debt

WHEREAS, In 2020, the real Gross Domestic Product of Montana was 46.49 billion US dollars; and

WHEREAS, The GDP of Montana is continuing to decrease; and

WHEREAS, The state of Montana is home to only just over one million residents; and

WHEREAS, The state of Montana is worth one trillion US dollars; and

WHEREAS, The US national debt has surpassed twenty-nine trillion US dollars; and

WHEREAS, Selling Montana to Canada would help decrease the national debt; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that the United States should sell Montana to Canada in order to eliminate US debt.

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A Resolution to Combat Food Insecurity in Developing Nations

1 **WHEREAS,** the prevalence of moderate and severe food insecurity globally has been
2 on the rise since 2014; and

3 **WHEREAS,** developing countries are struggling with a growing population and
4 increased cost of living; and

5 **WHEREAS,** the COVID-19 pandemic made food insecurity spike to an all-time high;

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7 **WHEREAS,** combatting food insecurity in these nations will reduce global poverty
8 and save millions of lives; and

9 **WHEREAS,** combatting food insecurity in developing countries will boost their
10 economic growth and trading opportunities, which would, in turn, boost
11 the global economy, including that of the United States; and

12 **WHEREAS,** the United States Agency for International Development has the
13 jurisdiction and enforcement oversight of this legislation; now, therefore,
14 be it

15 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States government shall
16 provide \$1 billion in aid to developing countries for the purpose of
17 combatting food insecurity.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ladue Horton Watkins High School

A Bill to Instate Term Limits for Supreme Court Justices to Increase Representation

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States government shall institute a term limit of twenty years
3 for all Supreme Court Justices.

4 **SECTION 2.** The current Supreme Court Justices today do not reflect the population
5 of the United States in terms of age, race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality,
6 religion, et cetera.

7 A: Due to the practice of appointment until death or resignation,

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will oversee the enforcement of this
9 legislation.

10 A. Upon twenty years of service as a Supreme Court Justice, the justice
11 will move to senior status and support the work of the federal court
12 system or retire.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

14 A. This will not apply retroactively to justices currently on the Supreme
15 Court; however, the current justices will have the option to opt-in and
16 move to senior status after twenty years of service.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ladue Horton Watkins High School

A Bill to Replace Federal Welfare Programs with a Negative Income Tax and Child Tax Credit

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) shall charge no federal income tax on
3 income less than 2.5 times the federal poverty level.

4 A. Individual taxpayers shall not be charged federal income tax on income
5 less than 2.5 times the federal poverty level for a one-person household.

6 B. Married-filing-jointly taxpayers shall not be charged federal income tax
7 on income less than 4 times the federal poverty level of a one-person
8 household.

9 **SECTION 2.** The IRS shall implement the Negative Income Tax program, whereby
10 taxpayers earning less than the levels specified in Section 1 receive
11 payments from the IRS in accordance with their income levels.

12 A. Payments to taxpayers under the Negative Income Tax program shall
13 be equal to one-third of the difference between the taxpayers Adjusted
14 Gross Income and the levels specified in Section 1.

15 **SECTION 3.** The Child Tax Credit established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
16 shall be extended permanently.

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SECTION 4. The following welfare programs shall be wound down and permanently discontinued within three years of the passage of this bill: the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Temporary Assistant for Needy Families, and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children.

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

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A Bill to Expand Medicaid to Cover Healthcare Costs

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

2. **SECTION 1.** All U.S. citizens should have access to insurance coverage and healthcare.

3. **SECTION 2.** “Access to insurance coverage and healthcare” consists of the expansion of Medicaid to provide public coverage and lessen the impact of uninsured status as a barrier to health care coverage.

4. **SECTION 3.** The National Institute of Health will be overseeing this legislation.

5. A. According to a 2020 report, the study found that 38% of U.S. adults had skipped some form of healthcare in the past year due to financial burden. Emergency visits by adults 18 to 64 years of age took a toll financially due to health insurance coverages.

6. B. Benefits of expanding insurance coverage under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) was a reduction in emergency department (ED) utilization for non-urgent visits related to lack of health insurance coverage and access to primary care providers.

7. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lutheran North

A Bill to Limit Congressional Terms

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All congress members shall be subject to a limit on the number of terms
- 2 they may serve in office
- 3 A. Representatives in the House of Representatives are limited to five
- 4 terms
- 5 B. Senators in the Senate are limited to two terms
- 6 **SECTION 2.** Congress members currently in office will have the limit applied to them
- 7 after the current term they are serving passes, with the current term not
- 8 counting to their total count
- 9 **SECTION 3.** The enforcement of this Bill shall be overseen by House Committee on
- 10 Ethics and the United States Senate Select Committee on Ethics
- 11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect as soon as the bill is passed.
- 12 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Marquette High School.

A Bill to Sanction Sellers of Drones to Iran

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All persons or entities who knowingly engages in any activity that
- 2 materially contributes to the supply, sale, or transfer directly or indirectly
- 3 to or from Iran, or for the use in or benefit of Iran any unmanned vehicle
- 4 defined for the purpose of the United Nations Register of Conventional
- 5 Arms will be sanctioned by the United States and all its territories
- 6 **SECTION 2.** A. “Sanctions” are defined as blocking access to property within and
- 7 access to the United States and all its territories
- 8 **SECTION 3.** The enforcement of this Bill shall be overseen by The Department of
- 9 Defense
- 10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect as soon as the bill is passed.
- 11 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Marquette High School.

A Bill to Standardize RCS Messaging to Reduce Predatory Telecommunications Practices

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All cell phone producers currently selling cell phones in the United States
2 must include a built-in Rich Communication Services (RCS) messaging
3 system.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** “Rich Communication Services (RCS)” are defined as the universal profile
5 established by the Global System for Mobile Communications (GSMA).
- 6 **SECTION 3.** The enforcement of this Act shall be overseen by the Federal
7 Communications Commission
- 8 A. The Federal Communications Commission will ensure that businesses
9 not only implement RCS functionality, but also continuously update it
10 for as long as the FCC determines widespread use viable
- 11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect during FY 2025.
- 12 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Resolution to Hold Universities Accountable for Student Loans

WHEREAS, the Department of Education will provide up to \$20,000 in debt cancellation to Pell Grant recipients and up to \$10,000 in debt cancellation to non-Pell Grant recipients to ease the burden of student-loan expenses for higher education. Borrowers have had pauses and delays of payments but are still are unable to make repayment as pandemic relief expires.

WHEREAS, nearly 8 million low to middle income borrowers are eligible for this relief who earn less than \$125,000 in income or \$250,000 per household. Borrowers who are employed by non-profits, the military, or federal, state, Tribal, or local government may be eligible to have all of their student loans forgiven through the Biden-Harris Student Debt Relief Plan also.

WHEREAS, one impact stands out as the immediate addition to this cost to the federal deficit already projected at over one trillion dollars for fiscal year 2022.

WHEREAS, another impact of this program is that precedence will be set; and future student loan borrowers will consider this possibility as being a fought-for right again in the future, ennobling less responsible decision-making and borrowing practices.

WHEREAS, long-term repayment of this debt will plague taxpayers and the U. S. government, eating up financial resources for social programs needed by the greater society and/or raising taxes on individuals who may not have even attended college at all but will pay toward that of a stranger.

WHEREAS, citizens should not be punished for other citizens' bad decisions in a democracy. A bail-out of individuals whose degree is not earning them enough to repay a loan or enough to withstand a Covid crisis that included pauses in which payments were not required is unfair and unjust; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Student Congress here assembled that the government disable direct loans

to students and instead extend this to institutions of higher education individually which will then serve as the arbitor for funding student loan requests fueled by their own interest in repayment and detaching taxpayers from future involvement.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Northwest R-1 High School

The One Age Resolution

WHEREAS, restrictions vary from state to state in the U. S. that contradict a consistent age marking adulthood with wide-ranging disparities regarding the legal age to drink, to gamble, and even the minimum age to marry.

WHEREAS, this disparity creates vulnerability for trauma in children below the age of 18 and confusion and hardship for young people 18-21 and their families.

WHEREAS, one ironic inconsistency impacts 18-year-old men particularly who can be drafted into the military to fight and even die for their country and who could also be legally punished for drinking alcohol.

WHEREAS, another impact affects children as young as 12 years old who are considered of marriage-able age in one of the states where child marriage is currently legal or even one of them which has no minimum age for marriage at all.

WHEREAS, young people between 18 and 21 live in peril of being punished for breaking a law in one state that is not a law in another such as being able to gamble in a Casino in Arizona or Minnesota but punishable if done in Colorado or Iowa.

WHEREAS, American society should feel responsible for setting clearer boundaries that define the the right of passage to adulthood which would make following the rules easier for young people and prevent some young people from being taken advantage of; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Student Congress here assembled that one age define adulthood in the United States federally, across all states, 18, as the legal age to drink, to gamble, to be drafted into the military, and as the minimum age to marry.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Northwest R-1 High School

A Resolution to Require Repatriation of Cultural Artifacts by International Law

WHEREAS, looting cultural heritage from another country - in whatever century it may have occurred - in the form of statues, paintings, or other artifacts steals from the cultural and political identity of that country's history.

WHEREAS, private collectors and public museums in possession of these artifacts are affected along with original owners, heirs, and citizens of the countries of origin from all over the world.

WHEREAS, acts of looting affect citizens of prior centuries who experienced the original loss as well as those in the present day.

WHEREAS, One impact is that modern man may or may not even be aware of the loss of cultural additions and thus are ignorant of the connection to themselves or connection to the pride in their country.

WHEREAS, Repatriation should be valued and supported by all countries as a sign of respect for one another; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Student Congress here assembled that the United Nations initiate a treaty recognizable by International Law expressing a mutual consent of nations to release and return cultural artifacts upon request from to the countries of origin.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Northwest R-1 High School

A Resolution to Abolish the United Kingdom Monarchy

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United Kingdom monarchy serves no purpose; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** The monarchy can be directly linked to years of pain and suffering caused
- 3 by colonization; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** The monarchy is incredibly expensive, and individuals who do not even
- 5 get to experience the luxury that the monarchy has are forced to pay
- 6 taxes to keep said monarch established; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The monarch does not exercise any formal power, most powers are
- 8 executed by ministers on behalf of the crown; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** The monarchy has outlived its usefulness; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** The monarchy promotes social division and represents a feudal society
- 11 that has been long abandoned by majority of the world; and
- 12 **WHEREAS,** As a result of the 9-century long monarchial rule, several African or Asian
- 13 countries have suffered under the treatment perpetuated by these
- 14 leaders; and
- 15 **WHEREAS,** Under the late Queen Elizabeth II, we can see incidents like the Mau Mau
- 16 rebellion, Yemen, and the Malayan Emergency, which sought
- 17 independence, and in return were met with torture, rape, exploitation,
- 18 and suppression; now, therefore, be it
- 19 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled recommends that the UK abolishes
- 20 the monarchy and uses the taxes to put towards reparations for countries
- 21 affected by their actions.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pattonville High School.

A Bill to Guarantee Access to Universal Healthcare

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All U.S. citizens shall have the right to equal access of healthcare.

3 **SECTION 2.** “Equal access to healthcare” includes reproductive care and gender
4 affirming care for individuals. Healthcare cannot be refused from an
5 individual on any basis of sexuality, gender, race, religion, or income.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall be overseeing this
7 legislation.

8 A. Funding will come from a federal grant of \$100 million to ensure that
9 medical facilities can afford the influx of patients, and doctor raises
10 due to the influx. This will also introduce a 10% increase in income tax
11 on individuals who earn more than \$125,000 annually.

12 B. Individuals must be able to provide a U.S. driver’s license upon
13 entering a clinic or hospital. If individual does not have a driver’s
14 license, said individual must provide their social security number or a
15 U.S. passport

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately. All laws in conflict with this
17 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pattonville High School

A Bill to Raise the Minimum Wage to \$15

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The minimum wage in America will be raised to \$15 an hour.

3 **SECTION 2.** This bill will affect all minimum wage workers, including those who make
4 tips.

5 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Labor would oversee the of the minimum wage.
6 Specifically, the Department's Wage and Hour Division would oversee
7 enforcing this new bill. Every year, the minimum wage will be gradually
8 increased by \$1.55 until the year 2027 when it will be a full \$15 an hour.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately after it is passed. All laws in
10 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pattonville High School.

A Resolution for the United States to Leave the United Nations in order to ignite global reformation

- 1 **WHEREAS,** the UN does not adequately represent the interests of the United States or
2 developing nations; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** the UN has failed to regulate human rights crisis in nations; and
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- 5 **WHEREAS,** the UN Security Council blocks effective and timely military action and
6 peacekeeping missions; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** the UN's peacekeeping missions do not provide long-term sustainable
8 solutions for the nation; and
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- 10 **WHEREAS,** the UN perpetuates poverty and human rights violations with inefficient
11 and ineffective action; and
- 12 **WHEREAS,** The United States provides over one-fourth of the UN budget, often solely
13 facilitating these offenses; now, therefore, be it
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- 15 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled for the US to leave the UN.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Parkway West High School.

A Bill to Regulate Congresspersons' Investments to Prevent Conflicts of Interest

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1. Mandates**

2 A. Congresspersons, their spouses, their dependents, and their immediate family
3 must divest or place in a blind trust any stock or future during their tenure in
4 office.

5 B. Any congressperson in violation will owe one month's salary and will be subject to
6 the same penalty for each offense.

7 **SECTION 2. Definitions**

8 A. Immediate family: parents and children for which they are current or former legal
9 guardians or have been dependent.

10 B. Divest: to liquidate assets

11 C. Blind Trust: a financial arrangement in which a person in public office gives the
12 administration of private business interests to an independent trust in order to
13 prevent conflict of interest. Under the trust, the owner does not know how the
14 assets are managed.

15 D. Stock: Any share of ownership in a corporation

16 E. Future: legal agreement to buy or sell a particular commodity, asset, or stock at a
17 predetermined price at a specified time in the future.

18 **SECTION 3. Enforcement & Administration**

19 A. The U.S. Office of Government Ethics will oversee the implementation.

20 B. No funds need to be reallocated for this bill.

21 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the start of the 2023 Congressional
22 Session on January 3, 2023.

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

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution Retain Judges of the Supreme Court of the United States to Better Protect the Interests of the People

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

ARTICLE --

7 **SECTION 1:** Article II, section 2 shall add the clause: “The President
8 shall...nominate ...Judges of the Supreme Court, who shall
9 be subject to a four-year popular vote retention election by
10 the citizens of the United States.”

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