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A Bill to Restrict Artificial Dyes in American Food to Prevent Unknown Diseases and Side-Effects

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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SECTION 1. Artificial dyes in American food are hereby restricted, where artificial 2
additives must be removed or labeled accurately.

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SECTION 2. Artificial dyes constitute Red 40, Yellow 5, and Yellow 6, as they are the 4
most common and contain the most cancer-causing contaminants.

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Restrictions include removal options and 'accurate labeling,' where the

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production company must notify the consumer of untested additives and

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provide acute warning of unknown side effects.

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SECTION 3. This legislation will be enforced by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration 9
(FDA).

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SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with 11
this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Golden High School.

A Bill to Increase the United States Presence Within the Gulf of Aden and the Red Sea to Protect Shipping Lanes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** This bill would increase the United States naval presence within the
2 designated region to protect shipping lanes. This bill would see the United
3 States setting up two new naval bases within the region. One of these
4 bases will be located within the city of Āssab in the country of Eritrea. The
5 other base will be located within the city of Berbera in the country of
6 Somalia.
- 7 **SECTION 2.** For this bill I provide the definitions for the following: Naval Base, a military
8 base, where warships and naval ships are docked when they have no
9 mission at sea or need to restock. Shipping lanes, a regularly used
10 navigable route for large water vessels (ships) on wide waterways such as
11 oceans.
- 12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense and Department of State will oversee
13 enforcement.
- 14 A. The Department of State will negotiate the creation of the bases within
15 their respective countries. The Department of Defense will handle
16 construction and provide personnel.
- 17 B. \$75 Billion dollars will be provided to construct the bases.
- 18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st 2026. All laws in conflict with
19 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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A Bill to Prohibit the Operation of Electric Scooters in Urban Areas to Improve Public Safety

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 SECTION 1.

2 The operation of shared electric scooters (e-scooters) in cities with a 3
population exceeding 100,000 shall be prohibited due to safety hazards, 4
increased pedestrian injuries, and urban congestion.

5 SECTION 2.

6 A. "Shared electric scooters" are defined as dockless, battery-powered 7
personal transportation devices available for public rental.

8 B. Private ownership and operation of e-scooters shall remain legal but 9
subject to municipal regulations.

10 C. Scooter-sharing companies shall have 1 calendar year following the 11 enactment of
this legislation to sell or relocate their scooters in order to promote clean 12 transportation
among students and reduce urban congestion.

13 D. The United States Government shall implement a \$2 surcharge tax on
14 each e-scooter ride for the following calendar year. This surcharge will be
15 used to subsidize the production of 200,000 electric bicycles (e-bikes) to
16 support the transition of scooter companies to alternative, safer transportation
17 modes.

18 SECTION 3.

19 The Department of Transportation (DOT) shall oversee enforcement and work
20 with state and local governments to implement penalties for violations,
21 including fines for non-compliant scooter companies.

22 **SECTION 4.**

24 This law shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

25 **SECTION 5.**

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

by George Washington HS.

A Resolution to Condemn Applied Behavioral Analysis Therapy

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Tens of thousands of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in the
- 2 United States and around the world have involuntarily received Applied
- 3 Behavioral Analysis (ABA) therapy either at the volition of a guardian or a
- 4 Behavioral Therapist (BT) under false pretenses that ABA can serve as a
- 5 “treatment” for ASD. The industry of behavioral analysis in the U.S. is
- 6 currently valued at around \$4 billion USD for this reason.
- 7 **WHEREAS,** ABA therapy is an invasive interventional therapy that uses positive and
- 8 negative reinforcement and repetition to condition children with ASD to
- 9 behave in a particular way. It is the most common therapy for children with
- 10 ASD in the U.S. and has grown in popularity in recent years as ASD becomes
- 11 better understood and less taboo in our society. However, some
- 12 Autism-advocacy organizations and medical institutions claim the practice
- 13 is abusive and disregards the autonomy of the child.
- 14 **WHEREAS,** ABA therapy is an outdated practice notably founded by eugenicist Ole Ivar
- 15 Lovaas who is also credited with founding gay conversion therapy. The
- 16 practice is designed to enforce arbitrary social conventions and pressure
- 17 children with ASD, by manipulative and dehumanizing means, to behave in
- 18 a manner which is unnatural and uncomfortable to them. Countless
- 19 instances have been documented in which children undergoing ABA have
- 20 been physically and emotionally harmed and traumatized by their BT, who
- 21 are rarely ever convicted of any wrongdoing.
- 22 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled publicly condemn the usage of ABA on
- 23 unconsenting children with ASD and instead promote practices such as
- 24 Relationship Development Intervention (RDI) that emphasize
- 25 communication and aim to strengthen relationships between children with
- 26 ASD and their friends, family, peers, and educators, rather than practices
- 27 that aim to change the child at their own expense.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Braeden Kieffer from Mountain Vista High School, Colorado.

The Solar Transition Act

SECTION 1. The United States will transition to a primarily solar-powered energy system. All federal subsidization of fossil fuel companies shall end. **A.** 25% of the subsidies shall be directed to private companies, for the purposes of increasing research, development, and incentivizing innovation.

B. 75% of the subsidies shall be utilized to construct major solar farms on public land.

SECTION 2. Public land shall be defined as land owned by the federal government, excluding national parks and ecologically protected land.

"Major solar farm" shall be defined as a high-density assemblage of solar panels over 50 or more square kilometers, primarily in desert land.

SECTION 3. The General Services Administration, in collaboration with the Department of Energy, shall be tasked with implementing this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and Void.

Respectfully Submitted by George Washington High School

Resolution to Ensure Public Officials Have Publicly Aligned Interests

- 1 **WHEREAS,** the gaps in quality between public and private services are widening, and
2 **WHEREAS,** politicians are out of touch with their constituents, and
3 **WHEREAS,** politicians make decisions that affect communities they're typically not
4 exposed to, and
5 **WHEREAS,** those who hold public office have the power to create harmonious social
6 environments and just systems through equitable laws, be it
7 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled urges officials holding any form of
8 governmental public office and their immediate relatives (spouses,
9 children, parents, and siblings) to utilize public services (such as but not
10 limited to schooling, transportation, and healthcare) while in office.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by SMART HS Speech and Debate.

A Resolution to Amend the First Amendment to Protect Social Media Platforms from Government Censorship to Ensure Freedom of Speech Online

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The current problem this resolution debates is the conflict between
2 protecting free speech on social media platforms and addressing concerns
3 over government censorship and the spread of harmful content online; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** The increasing pressure from government presence on social media
5 platforms to censor content threatens to infringe upon First Amendment
6 rights, undermining the free exchange of ideas and highlighting the urgent
7 need for clear protections to safeguard online speech; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Current social media platforms are restricted, which in turns limits the
9 democratic values of open dialogue and the free exchange of ideas; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** Reliance on social media for public news has been increasing, making it
11 essential to protect these platforms from government censorship; and
12 Government censorship hinders different opinions, and threatens
13 individuals' ability to engage in open dialogue online; and
- 14 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled amend the first amendment to restrict
15 government censorship in social media platforms; and, be it
- 16 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled revokes the proposal to amend
17 the first amendment in order to further continue government censorship of
18 social media platforms.

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A Bill to Adjust Traffic Violation Fines to Reflect the Offender's Income

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Fines for traffic violations will reflect the income of the offender. Fines will
2 be proportional to the offender's earnings:

3 A. The fine will reflect 50% of the offender's one-day earnings.

4 B. Individuals who report no income will be fined the traditional base
5 amount as set by the local police department.

6 **SECTION 2.** Traffic violations are defined as:

7 A. Breaking any law of the road (moving or non-moving), which
8 includes, but is not limited to:

9 a. Speeding, DUI, failure to yield, parking illegally, driving
10 without duly registering a vehicle, driving an automobile
11 with an expired or missing license, etc.

12 B. "One-day earnings" will be defined as the amount earned from one
13 day of work, based on your previous year's IRS-reported taxable
14 income.

15 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be overseen by The United States Department of
16 Transportation.

17 A. Ticketing and enforcement of these violations will be carried out
18 through current means.

19 B. Additional funding earned from this enforcement (beyond the
20 police department's current adopted budget) will be distributed
21 towards K-12 public education and community programs in that
22 community.

23 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on June 25, 2025. All laws in conflict with
24 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by SMART HS Speech and Debate.

A Bill to Increase Nuclear Energy Electricity Generation

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Congress shall exercise its right of eminent domain in order to allocate land for nuclear energy power plants in all U.S. states. All U.S. states will be required to have at least one working power plant that focuses on the production of energy from nuclear sources. The tribal lands that the uranium and plutonium could be mined from to fuel this endeavor will be justly compensated.

SECTION 2. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency defines a nuclear power plant as a facility that “produces electricity from the heat created when atoms are split within a nuclear reactor.” Continuously the 25 USC § 3501(13) definition of tribal land is “any land or interests in land owned by any Indian tribe, title to which is held in trust by the United States, or is subject to a restriction against alienation under laws of the United States.”

SECTION 3. Congress shall work with the U.S. Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency to implement and enforce the construction of nuclear power plants in all American states. Each American state and territory will be assigned a representative from the U.S. Department of Energy in order to ensure that the nuclear power plant is constructed and functioning. The representative will issue a progress report to the Secretary of Energy about the workings of the power plant once a month.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall be overseen by the U.S. Department of Energy.

SECTION 5. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026.

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

Submitted for debate by Ralston Valley High School

A Bill to Ban Synthetic Nitrogen Based Fertilizer

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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SECTION 1. All planting, manufacturing, and/or distribution of synthetic nitrogen-based 2
fertilizer shall be banned in the United States.

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SECTION 2. Synthetic nitrogen-based fertilizer is defined as a fertilizer which contains 4
synthetic or processed chemicals with a minimum nitrogen concentration

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of 15% .

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SECTION 3. The U.S Environmental Protection Agency shall be responsible for the 7
implementation and enforcement of this bill. Any business or individual

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found planting with, manufacturing, and/or distributing nitrogen based

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fertilizer will face an ten dollar fine per pound of synthetic nitrogen

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fertilizer planted, manufactured, and/or distributed.

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SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect January 1, 2029.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mountain Vista High School, Colorado.

A Resolution to allow For Washington DC Statehood

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WHEREAS, The people of Washington, DC deserve the same rights that the people in 2
the 50 states enjoy.

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WHEREAS, District residents are required to fulfill all the obligations of U.S. citizenship. 4
Paying taxes, voting, and serving on juries and in the military.

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WHEREAS, Washington DC citizens have been denied sovereignty over their local 6
affairs and a say in their national government for more than 200 years.

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WHEREAS, They will finally have representation in Congress and authority over our 8
state and local governments if the residential and business areas of

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Washington, DC, are admitted as a state.

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WHEREAS Washington, DC operates as a state while also performing functions of a 11
city and a county.

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BE IT RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled to make Washington DC the 51st 13
state.

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Respectfully submitted by George Washington High School

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A Bill to Repeal The Permanent Apportionment Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall repeal the 1929 Permanent Apportionment Act.

3 Every 10 years, following the United States Census, the number will be
4 adjusted to maintain the ratio of 250,000 constituents per
5 representatives.

6 **SECTION 2.** The United States House of Representatives will oversee the
7 implementation of this bill.

8 A. The United States Census Bureau will assist with the implementation
9 of this bill and adjust the number of representatives every 10 years
10 after the Census to maintain the ratio.

11 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will go into effect on January 1st, 2026.

12 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Denver East High School

1 **SECTION 1.** The new policy will prohibit all forms of animal testing for cosmetic
2 products and mandate the use of alternative, cruelty-free testing methods.

3 **SECTION 2.** “Abolish” shall be defined as the ending of all established practices that use
4 non-human animals in experiments or procedures to test the safety or
5 efficacy of cosmetic products or their ingredients.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Food and Drug Administration will be responsible for ensuring
7 compliance with the ban on animal testing for cosmetic products
8 A. Including reviewing and approving the alternative testing methods and
9 monitoring the industry for violations.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2025. All laws in conflict with
11 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Preventing Corporate Control of U.S. Government Sectors (P.C.C.S) ACT

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall prohibit business owners and corporate stakeholders
2 from exerting direct or indirect control over key government sectors to
3 prevent conflicts of interest, corruption, and the advancement of personal
4 interests at the expense of public welfare.

5 A. No individual who holds more than 10% equity or shares in a private
6 organization, corporation, or business shall be allowed to hold positions of
7 governance in the following sectors: Department of Defense, Department
8 of Energy, Department of Agriculture, Department of Transportation,
9 Federal Communications Commission, and the Environmental Protection
10 Agency

11 **SECTION 2.** For the purpose of this legislation, the following terms are defined:

12 A. "Private Corporation, Business, or Entity" means any organization,
13 partnership, company, or any other commercial entity that is privately
14 owned and not publicly traded on a stock exchange, including but not
15 limited to limited liability companies (LLCs), privately held corporations,
16 family-owned businesses, and sole proprietorships.

17 **SECTION 3.** The Office of Government Ethics shall oversee all enforcement of this law and
18 identify conflicts of interest between private business ownership and public
19 sector influence. This office will also receive complaints from the public and
20 government employees regarding unethical relationships between private
21 business owners and key government sectors.

22 A. If one is found to be violating this bill, they will be subjected to a 25% fine
23 of their total net worth at the time of initial violation. All funding
24 accumulated from these fines will then be reallocated to programs to said
25 departments to their discretionary use.

26 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on October 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with
27 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.