

Prelim - Session I

A Bill to Establish Rent Control Standards Nationwide to Ensure Housing Affordability

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Nationwide rent control standards shall be established to cap annual rent
3 increases for residential properties at 3%, or the rate of inflation as
4 determined by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), whichever is lower.

5 **SECTION 2.** Rent control is defined as government regulations limiting the amount a
6 landlord can charge for leasing a home (including, but not limited to
7 houses, apartments, lofts, studios, condos) or renewing a lease.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will enforce
9 this legislation. HUD will collaborate with state and local housing
10 agencies to monitor compliance, manage disputes, and provide resources
11 for enforcement.

12 A. A federal grant program will be established to support state and local
13 housing agencies with enforcement costs, funded at \$500 million
14 annually.

15 B. Rent control standards shall apply to all rental properties, except
16 those participating in the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program,
17 which will continue to follow existing HUD guidelines.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2025. All laws in conflict with
19 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Elizabeth High School.

Prelim- Session 1

E-Bike Safety Act (ESA)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The use of E-bikes may hereby be regulated for the safety
2 and general well being of the public.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Electric bikes are defined as bicycles equipped with a battery
4 and a small electric motor to assist you in pedaling faster and farther.
5 E-bikes are offered in a variety of styles, including cargo bikes, commuting
6 bikes, mountain bikes, folding bikes, etc.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Transportation in collaboration with the
8 Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) will oversee the
9 implementation of this bill.
- 10 A. Enforcing E-bikes to be recognized as their own category separated from
11 non-motorized bikes and motorcycles.
- 12 B. Reforming safety regulations and access of E-bikes.
- 13 C. A change of age requirement for operation of E-bikes shall now be
14 issued to those who wish to use the form of transportation (which will
15 be 16+).
- 16 D. Mandating use of a stronger helmet, enforcement of obeying traffic laws
17 like maintaining under 20 MPH, and using bike lanes, streets, highways,
18 and roadways without use of sidewalks.
- 19 E. Changing the manufacturing of lithium (E-bike) batteries from voluntary
20 to mandatory standards.
- 21 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2027. All laws in
22 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cairee Upshur of Phillipsburg high school.

Prelim- Session 2

A Resolution to End Arm Sales to India to End Human Rights Abuses in the Kashmir Valley

1 **WHEREAS,** The people of Kashmir have been victims of genocide, land
2 grabbing, and have had bans on religious gatherings; and
3 **WHEREAS,** The driving forces behind the conflict in Kashmir are the
4 refusal of the Indian state to allow freedom of expression concerning
5 Kashmir's independence and India's growing military prowess; and
6 **WHEREAS,** Indian military forces and government prevent the freedom
7 of expression of Kashmiris through mass kidnappings, means of terror,
8 slowed internet, and shootouts; and
9 **WHEREAS,** The United States has sold India the military equipment that
10 helped enable the Indian occupation of Kashmir; now, therefore, be it
11 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled stop all military sales and
12 auxiliary support to India; and, be it
13 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the United States end all joint military exercise
14 with India until a fair and equitable referendum for independence is held in
Kashmir.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Millburn High School.

Prelim- Session 2

A Bill to Nationally Legalize Sports Betting

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **ARTICLE I** All forms of sports betting from national sportsbooks will be legal in the United
3 States and its territories.

4 **ARTICLE II** A: Sports betting includes betting on all sports from national sportsbetting
5 companies. Semi-professional sports are legal in all states.

6 B: The federal government will impose a tax on sports betting of 15% on
5 sportsbooks on top of the original state tax. Tax funding will be discretionary
6 funding for Congress to allocate.

7 C: Tax revenue will be allocated to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
8 Administration (SAMHSA) for sports betting education and addiction resources.

9 **ARTICLE III** The Department of Commerce will oversee the implementation of this
10 legislation.

11 **ARTICLE IV** The implementation date of this bill will be September 1, 2025.

12 **ARTICLE V** All laws and regulations in conflict with this legislation will be hereby null and
13 void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by James Freshwater, Delbarton School

Prelim-Session 3

A Bill to Prevent Employers from Using Employees' Social Media Presence Against Them

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Employers will be prohibited from seeking employees' social media
2 accounts and using their media against them. Employees are not required
3 to give employers their personal social media to monitor their accounts.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Social Media will be defined as any and all publicly made posts made on
5 personal time and accounts.
6 Employees include all working and potential applicants in all regions of
7 work.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Labor shall oversee the enforcement and
9 implementation of this bill.
10 A. If caught in violation of this legislation, employers will be subject to a
11 fine of \$10,000, which will double for each subsequent violation.
- 12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately after passage. All laws in
13 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Shelby Manning of Hunterdon Central Regional High School.

Prelim- Session 3

A Bill to Regulate the Use of Autonomous Vehicles in Commercial Transportation

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Autonomous vehicles shall be prohibited from being utilized
2 in commercial transportation services.

3 **SECTION 2.** Autonomous vehicles are defined as vehicles equipped with
4 software and technology that enable them to operate without active
5 human control.

6 Commercial transportation services refer to services where
7 vehicles are hired or rented for temporary use by individuals or groups,
8 including rideshares and taxis.

9 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) shall be
10 responsible for enforcing the provisions of this legislation and developing
11 safety regulations to address potential software malfunctions in
12 autonomous vehicles used in any other contexts.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be effective immediately after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ridge High School.