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# F.A.I.R. (Federal Act for Independent Redistricting) of 2026

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   The United States hereby establishes an Independent Redistricting  
2                   Commission (IRC) in each of the 50 states to redraw congressional district  
3                   lines every 10 years following the U.S. Census demographic shift. The IRC  
4                   will be created by each respective state.
- 5   **SECTION 2.**   **A.** The IRC shall comprise 12 different members — 4 from the two  
6                   predominant political parties in each state and 4 independents. For a map  
7                   to pass, 8 out of the 12 members should be in favor of the proposal.  
8                   **B.** Each state will create its own IRC; state legislatures shall reject the map  
9                   only if it violates the state constitution or U.S. Constitution.
- 10 **SECTION 3.**   The Federal Election Commission (FEC) will work in conjunction with states  
11                   for the implementation of this bill. If there are any violations of the above  
12                   sections, the FEC will intervene and draw the district.
- 13 **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect on Jan. 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with this  
14                   legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by A.W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts*

# A Bill to Prohibit the Use of Autonomous Artificial Intelligence in Military Operations

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1   **SECTION 1.**   The use of Artificial Intelligence including autonomous weapons systems  
2                   will be prohibited from being used in any branch of the military.

3   **SECTION 2.**   “Artificial Intelligence” is defined as any technology which makes decisions  
4                   without human input or control. An “autonomous weapons system” is  
5                   defined as a military weapon system that, once activated, can  
6                   independently select and engage targets (apply force to destroy a target)  
7                   without the need for final human control.

8   **SECTION 3.**   Enforcement of this bill will be designated to the Department of Defense  
9                   (DoD). All entities that are found to be in violation of this bill will lose 15%  
10                  of all federal funding allocations and corporations in noncompliance shall  
11                  face fines of a minimum of 20% of their past year’s revenue or  
12                  \$100,000,000, whichever is higher.

13 **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2028. All laws in conflict with  
14                   this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by American Heritage School, Palm Beach Campus.*

A Bill to Establish the Commission for Accountable Partitioning and Elections  
(CAPE)

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.**In order to ensure true equality and that every American voice is heard,  
3 Gerrymandering will now be illegal. All redistricting will be overseen by a  
4 new federal organization, CAPE (the Commission for Accountable  
5 Partitioning and Elections). Additionally, redistricting will only be  
6 allowed every 10 years, after the census, unless a state declares an  
7 emergency need for redistricting, which would then be approved byCAPE.

8 **SECTION 2.**Let these definitions be used for clarification:

9 A. Gerrymandering: the practice of dividing or arranging a territorial  
10 unit into election districts in a way that gives one political party an  
11 unfair advantage in elections.

12 B. Redistricting: the process of drawing congressional and state  
13 legislative maps based on census data.

14 **SECTION 3.**This organization will be overseen by the U.S. Election Assistance  
15 Commission (EAC). This commission will be funded by the U.S. Election  
16 Assistance Commission. 2 million dollars will be allocated to oversee the  
17 lawful redistrictings.

18 **SECTION 4.**The commission will become established on January 1st, 2026.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Clark Advanced Learning Center.*

## **The R.A.P. (Refugee Admissions Program) Act**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall reinstate a cap of 110,000 refugees which the  
3 United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) may admit  
4 annually.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. The refugee admissions cap is defined as the limit placed on how  
6 many people may be granted asylum as refugees in the United States,  
7 determined by the executive branch.

8 B. \$5 billion shall be reallocated annually from US Immigration  
9 and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to USCIS for the purposes of  
10 processing the current asylum backlog.

11 C. \$5 billion shall be reallocated annually from US Customs and Border  
12 Protection (CBP) to the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) for the  
13 purposes of enhanced refugee resettlement.

14 **SECTION 3.** The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), in  
15 conjunction with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will  
16 oversee this legislation.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by FAU High School.*

# A Bill to Restrict Congressional Stock Holdings

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** No member of Congress shall directly or indirectly own, purchase, or sell stocks, bonds, or other securities of any publicly traded company while serving in office.

**SECTION 2.** “Member of Congress” shall be defined as any individual serving as a Senator or Representative in the United States Congress.  
“Securities” refers to mutual funds, exchange-traded funds (ETFs), and other financial instruments representing ownership or debt obligations of publicly traded companies.

**SECTION 3.** The Office of Congressional Conduct (OCC) and the Secretary of the Senate or the Clerk of the House, as applicable, shall oversee enforcement.

A. Members of Congress shall be required to submit a certified disclosure of financial holdings prior to taking office, and semiannually thereafter.

B. Violations of this act shall result in fines of up to \$250,000 per violation, and/or removal from office.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2027. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Martin County High School.*

# **A Bill to Make Healthcare Affordable to Ensure Health for All Individuals**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1       **SECTION 1:** To ensure that all residents of the United States are able to receive necessary  
2                   medical care, the United States' government will cover all expenses of  
3                   non-elective and routine visits to public and private hospitals. The government  
4                   will also cover 75% of the cost of elective procedures and visits.

5       **SECTION 2:** Residents of the United States will be defined as having birth right or naturalized  
6                   citizenship status. Non-elective will encompass emergency room visits, urgent  
7                   care, and visits, procedures, medical equipment, and medication deemed  
8                   necessary by an individual's doctor. Routine visits will encompass yearly visits  
9                   with a general physician or all subsequent visits with a specialist. Elective  
10                  procedures and visits will be defined as non-routine and deemed as not medically  
11                  necessary by the patient's doctor.

12       **SECTION 3:** The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the implementation  
13                   of this bill. The funding of this bill will be \$3 trillion per year funded by taxes  
14                   through making 30% of federal taxes be allocated to healthcare.

15       **SECTION 4:** This bill will be implemented in the Fiscal Year 2028.

16       **SECTION 5:** All other laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be  
17                   declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Palm Beach Gardens High School.*

# The Haitian Recovery Act (HR Act)

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States government shall allocate \$1 Billion to support Haiti in  
3 restoring stability, strengthening its national police force, and addressing  
4 urgent humanitarian needs.

5 **SECTION 2.** For the purpose of this bill, the following term shall be defined:

6 a) Haitian National Police (HNP): The primary law enforcement agency of  
7 Haiti.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State, in coordination with the Department of Defense  
9 and the Department of Treasury, shall oversee the enforcement of this  
10 legislation. The specific enforcement mechanisms shall include:

11 a) Allocation of Funds: i. \$500 million shall be earmarked for enhancing  
12 and strengthening the capacity of the Haitian National Police, including  
13 training, equipment, and infrastructure. ii. \$300 million shall be allocated  
14 for urgent humanitarian aid, including food, medical supplies, and clean  
15 water. iii. \$200 million shall be reserved for future governance support  
16 and economic development initiatives.

17 b) Deployment of U.S. Troops: A limited contingent of U.S. troops, not  
18 exceeding 1,000 personnel, shall be deployed to Haiti to assist in training  
19 the HNP and providing logistical support for aid distribution.

20 c) Monitoring and evaluation: The Department of State shall establish a  
21 monitoring and evaluation framework to assess the effectiveness of the  
22 funds allocated and the progress achieved in stabilizing Haiti.

23 d) Reporting requirements: The Department of State shall provide  
24 quarterly reports to Congress on the implementation of this bill and the  
25 situation in Haiti, which they will get from the HNP.

26 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Suncoast Community High School.*

# A Bill to Establish a Federal Compost System in the United States to Eliminate Food Waste

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1   **SECTION 1.**   The United States shall establish a federal compost system to eliminate  
2                   food waste by incentivizing U.S. citizens and companies to participate  
3                   through monetary rewards.

4   **SECTION 2.**   A.   “Compost System” is to be defined as a system of excess food being  
5                   collected, shipped to compost sites, broken down by microorganisms  
6                   and used to enrich soil and promote plant growth.

7                   B.   “U.S. Food Corporation” is defined as any U.S. based company that has  
8                   any role in the production, distribution, or sales of food products

9   **SECTION 3.**   Federal compost facilities, vehicles, personnel, and all other processes of  
10                  compost will receive 900 million dollars of funding to implement this  
11                  legislation.

12   **SECTION 4.**   The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Environmental Protection Agency  
13                   (EPA), and the Internal Revenue System (IRS) will oversee the implementation of  
14                   this bill.

15                  A.   Households that compost a total of 150 pounds within a six-month time span  
16                   will receive a tax break from the U.S. Government

17                  B.   For each additional pound over the 150 pound mark, households will receive  
18                   20 cents per pound in addition to a tax break from the U.S. Government

19                  C.   U.S. Food Corporation will be granted 5 cents per pound of food that they  
20                   compost every six months

21                  D.   To determine the amount of food waste composted by each household,  
22                   government collection vehicles will be equipped with scanners attached to  
23                   the mechanical arms used to lift and empty compost bins. Each bin will have a  
24                   unique barcode linked to its respective household, allowing for accurate  
25                   tracking of compost weight. All compost will then be delivered to U.S.  
26                   compost corporations for compost

27                  E.   For each U.S. Food Corporation, government collection vehicles will follow the  
28                   same procedure for households in order to collect, measure, and deliver  
29                   compost.

30   **SECTION 5.**   This legislation will take effect by Fiscal Year 2030.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by The Greene School.*

# A Bill to Grant Asylum to Climate-Displaced Persons

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) shall be amended to create a new asylum  
2 category for individuals defined as *Climate-Displaced Persons*.  
3 A. The annual admission cap for Climate-Displaced Persons shall be determined by the  
4 President, in consultation with Congress, but shall not be fewer than 10,000 and shall not  
5 exceed 50,000 individuals per fiscal year.  
6 B. Priority shall be granted to applicants from nations with lower per capita greenhouse  
7 gas emissions as determined by the Department of State's *Annual Climate Vulnerability*  
8 *Report*.  
9 **SECTION 2.** A *Climate-Displaced Person* is defined as an individual who is unable to safely remain in or  
10 return to their country of nationality or habitual residence due to severe and direct effects  
11 of climate change.  
12 A. Effects of climate change include, but are not limited to:  
13 1. Slow-onset environmental degradation such as drought, desertification, or sea-level rise.  
14 2. Sudden-onset disasters such as hurricanes, flooding, or wildfires.  
15 3. Climate-induced resource scarcity leading to violence, civil unrest, or governmental  
16 collapse.  
17 B. Displacement must be involuntary and pose a serious threat to the individual's life,  
18 safety, or means of subsistence. *Means of subsistence* is defined as the ability to maintain  
19 adequate access to food, water, and shelter.  
20 C. Burden of Proof: Applicants must demonstrate, by clear and convincing evidence, a  
21 direct causal link between the effects of climate change and the serious threat to their life,  
22 safety, or means of subsistence.  
23 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), in coordination with the  
24 Department of State (DOS) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), shall oversee  
25 the enforcement of this legislation.  
26 A. USCIS shall create a specialized *Climate Asylum Division* and require officer training on  
27 climate-based asylum criteria and evidence.  
28 B. DOS shall publish an *Annual Climate Vulnerability Report* identifying the nations most  
29 affected by climate change and their respective per capita greenhouse gas emissions.  
30 C. DHS shall provide initial screening and temporary humanitarian relief to arriving  
31 applicants.  
32 **SECTION 4.** A *Climate Displacement Refugee Fund* shall be established, jointly managed by USCIS and  
33 the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), to cover all administrative and  
34 resettlement costs.  
35 A. Initial Funding: The Fund shall receive an initial \$500 million appropriation, drawn from  
36 the general fund's unallocated surplus.  
37 B. Future Funding: Future appropriations shall be determined based on the annual  
38 admission cap and resettlement needs.  
39 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect on **July 1, 2027**. All laws in conflict with this legislation are  
40 hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by The Pine School.*

## **The Federal Assault Weapons Ban of 2026**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The “sunset clause” of the 1994 Assault Weapons Ban will be eliminated,  
3 and Section 921(a) of Title 18, USC, will be amended to ban the sale,  
4 transfer, manufacturing, and importation of assault weapons.

5 **SECTION 2. A.** “Assault weapon” means any automatic/semiautomatic rifle, pistol,  
6 or shotgun that has the capacity to accept a detachable magazine and  
7 includes two or more of the following features: (i) A pistol grip or  
8 thumbhole stock; (ii) A folding, telescoping, or detachable stock;  
9 (iii) A flash suppressor; (iv) A grenade or flare launcher; or (v) A  
10 barrel shroud that encircles the barrel. This Act shall not apply to  
11 **B.** firearms used by the United States Armed Forces, federal or state  
12 law enforcement agencies, or contractors acting under government  
13 authorization.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) will enforce this  
15 legislation, coordinating with the Attorney General and Department of  
16 Justice.

17 **A.** Owners of grandfathered assault weapons shall register such  
18 weapons with the ATF within one year of enactment. Transfers of  
19 grandfathered weapons shall require a federal background check  
20 through the National Instant Criminal Background Check System.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Wellington Community High School.*

# A Bill To Guarantee Fair Banking for All Americans

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   It is the policy of the United States that politicized debanking is not to be  
2                   used as a tool to inhibit the expression or exercise of political beliefs,  
3                   affiliations, or views.
- 4   **SECTION 2.**   The term “politicized debanking” refers to an act by a bank or other  
5                   financial services provider to directly or indirectly adversely restrict access  
6                   to banking products or financial services of any customer or potential  
7                   customer on the basis of their political expression or affiliation, or on the  
8                   basis of the customer's or potential customer's lawful business activities  
9                   that the financial service provider disagrees with or disfavors for political  
10                  reasons.
- 11 **SECTION 3.**   The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau will be responsible to enforce  
12                   this legislation. Banking companies which fail to comply with this  
13                   legislation will be subject to the following graduated penalties:
- 14                  A. For a first offense: A civil monetary penalty of \$1,000,000 per  
15                   violation, plus mandatory corrective action plans and enhanced  
16                   regulatory oversight for one year.
- 17                  B. For repeated or willful offenses: A civil monetary penalty of  
18                   \$5,000,000 per violation, suspension of the company's banking  
19                   charter for up to five years, and referral to the Department of  
20                   Justice for prosecution under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act if  
21                   intentional discrimination is found.
- 22                  C. The CFPB will also require restitution to affected customers,  
23                   including compensation for financial harm caused by the  
24                   debanking.
- 25 **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect on FY 2026. All laws in conflict with this  
26                   legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by West Boca Raton Community High School.*