

A Bill to Enhance National Defense in the Arctic

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Defense will allocate \$1,000,000,000 from current DOD
2 funds to invest in developing national defense strategies, and enhance, and
3 development new technologies to improve national defense in the Arctic
- 4 **SECTION 2.** “Defense strategies and technologies” are defined as the technology,
5 weaponry, and government organizations that focus on increasing the
6 ability to be able to function in an Arctic environment.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense (DOD), Defense Advanced Research Projects
8 Agency (DARPA) shall be involved in overseeing the implementation of this
9 bill.
- 10 A. The DOD will allocate \$1,000,000,000 to DARPA to develop new Arctic
11 technologies
- 12 B. The US military will increase engagement with other Arctic nations in
13 unilateral programs such as the Arctic Security Forces Roundtable
14 (ASFR)
- 15 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect immediately after passage. All laws in
16 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jayson Pai of Hunterdon Central Regional High School.

A Bill to Combat the BRI

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will provide an alternative for countries impacted by
3 the Belt and Road Initiative through funding of the B3W.

4 **SECTION 2.** The B3W, or Build Back Better World was an initiative undertaken by the
5 G7. Launched on June 12, 2021, it would provide an alternative to China's
6 Belt and Road Initiative for infrastructure development of low and
7 middle-income countries.

8 **SECTION 3.** USAID shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

9 A. Funds shall be constituted of \$10 billion from the Department of
10 Homeland Security's funding and \$10 billion from the Department of
11 Defense.

B. If China refuses to halt the BRI by 2027, the US will sanction aircraft
sales.

C. USAID will conduct an investigation once aid is completely allocated. If
deemed effective, this Congress shall reconvene to decide if funds will
be increased.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect immediately after passage

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** An additional excise tax of 5% shall be levied on the import of fast fashion
2 commodities to the United States.

3 **SECTION 2.** Fast fashion shall be defined as any apparel or accessories made
4 inexpensive by mass production retailers using exploitative labor practices.
5 Exploitative labor practices include but are not limited to underpayment,
6 inhumane working spaces, and child labor.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS), in coordination with the Department of
8 Labor (DOL), will oversee enforcement of this legislation by collecting tax as
9 well as identify the corporations that qualify as fast fashion.

10 A. The money collected by this tax shall be used to fund more waste
11 collection and upgrade recycling systems.

12 B. The IRS shall publish an annually updated list of corporations subject to
13 this tax, based on compliance data and labor practices audits.

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

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Aanvi Khade from Ridge High School.

A Bill to Establish the First Lunar Colony for Research and to Protect against Space Debris

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Beginning in 2030 NASA will work to send ten willing
2 research scientists to colonize and inhabit the moon, creating the first self-
3 sufficient lunar base.

4 The lunar base will also be built with a system to eviscerate cosmic threats
5 such as Laser Orbital Debris Removal or an equivalent method.

6 **SECTION 2.** A. Colonize shall be defined as the act of migration to and
7 settlement in an uninhabited area.

8 B. Lunar base shall be defined as a comprehensive structure
9 on the Moon that supports human habitation and exploration

10 **SECTION 3.** The United States Space Force under the guidance of NASA
11 shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

12 A. NASA shall be responsible for hiring, training, and preparing the
13 research scientists for this mission.

14 B. The Space Force will be allocated 4 billion dollars every year for 30
15 years and a complement of research scientists to staff the colony,
16 rotated in as needed, with 10 on staff at any point in time to complete
17 this mission.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect January 1, 2027.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by
Aubrey Cressman
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A Bill to Standardize Post-Secondary Athletic Scholarships

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All post-secondary athletic scholarships will be subjected to a
2 comprehensive standardization process that all post-secondary institutions
3 must follow.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** “Comprehensive standardization process” shall be defined as a calculation
5 system that distributes scholarship amounts based on athletic ranking and
6 household income. All universities will be held to the same metric
7 regardless of endowment. Academic ability will not be considered in the
8 standardization process, but may be considered by universities for initial
9 admission purposes.
- 10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will be responsible for overseeing this
11 legislation and developing the standardization parameters.
- 12 A. Post-secondary institutions found in violation of this law will be
13 subjected to a fine of \$10,000 per infraction.
- 14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with
15 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Zoey Qin from Ridge High School.

A Bill to Implement Day Fines to Improve the Criminal Justice System

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall use a day fine system for all finable offenses under Federal
2 Criminal Law and encourage states to use a day fine system under their criminal laws.
- 3 A) Day Fines shall be structured as follows: severity of the crime shall
4 determine the amount of days the fine shall be applied across, and the daily income of the
5 offender shall determine the amount paid per day.
- 6 B) The following guidelines shall be followed for federal offenses: 35%
7 of a person's net daily income times 30-90 days for misdemeanor, and 60-120 days for
8 felony offenses.
- 9 C) States can determine their own individual guidelines, as long as they
10 do not exceed fining below 20% or above 50% of a person's net daily income, and as long
11 as they do not exceed applying the fine over more than 90 days for infractions and
12 misdemeanors, and 120 days for felony offenses.
- 13 D) Any rules pertaining to unusual situations, such as but not limited to
14 cases where there is no income, will be handled on the federal level by the Department of
15 Justice (DOJ) and by the individual states on the state level.
- 16 E) Any States that do not have fine systems in line with these guidelines
17 shall lose 35% of allocated Federal Aid Highway funding.
- 18 **SECTION 2.** A) "Day Fines" shall be defined as a form of progressive fine system, in which the fine
19 amount is based on the severity of the crime, and the daily income of the offender.
- 20 B) "Income" shall be defined as any monetary compensation from
21 employment and government benefits
- 22 **SECTION 3.** The following departments shall oversee the implementation of this legislation:
- 23 A) The DOJ shall be in charge of restructuring the Federal Fine system,
24 as well as overseeing the implementation of the aforementioned guidelines by the states.
- 25 B) The Department of Transportation shall be in charge of revoking the Federal Aid
26 Highway funding if these guidelines are not followed.
- 27 **SECTION 4.** Day fines shall be implemented on the Federal level no later than the start of Fiscal Year
28 2028. State guidelines must be implemented by Fiscal Year 2029.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Aidan Vedder of Southern Lehigh High School