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## **Preliminary Rounds**

### **A Bill to Ban the Use of Solitary Confinement and Harmful Practices for Juveniles**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** Solitary confinement of individuals under the age of 18 in all detention facilities, federal and state, is hereby prohibited.
- SECTION 2.** Solitary confinement is defined as the physical isolation of individuals who are confined to their cells for over 22 hours per day with severely restricted meaningful human interaction.
- SECTION 3.** Exceptions are only permitted in the case of immediate danger and shall not exceed 5 consecutive hours.
- SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Justice.
- SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect 90 days from passage.
- SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Vaishnavi Surapaneni of Trinity Prep School.*



## Preliminary Rounds

### A Bill to Modernize Federal Identification Systems

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** All federally issued identification documents shall be available in a secure digital format accessible through a federally approved digital identification system. Physical identification documents shall continue to be available upon request, but federal agencies shall allow a digital alternative.
- SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this act;
- A. Federal identification shall be defined as any identification document issued by an agency belonging to or deputized by the United States federal government for the purpose of verifying identity, citizenship, employment authorization, or eligibility for federal services including but not limited to passports, military identification cards, social security identification cards, and federal employee identification.
  - B. Digital identification shall be defined as a secure, encrypted electronic version of a federally issued identification document stored on a personal electronic device or within a government-approved application.
- SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) shall oversee the implementation and enforcement of this legislation.
- A. DHS, in coordination with the General Services Administration and the National Institute of Standards shall establish standards and protocols for cybersecurity, authentication requirements for digital identification, and a period by which agencies must implement digital identification
  - B. Federal agencies or agencies deputized under which are responsible for the issuing of identification documents must transition within the aforementioned and ensure compatibility with the government-approved application.
  - C. DHS shall conduct annual cybersecurity audits and compliance reviews to ensure the protection of personal data and prevent identity fraud.
- SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on October 1, 2027.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Aubrie Cramer of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School*



## Preliminary Rounds

### A Bill to Support Venezuelan Migrants

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Government shall allocate \$500 million to the Peruvian  
3 government to supplement their efforts to support Venezuelan migrants  
4 within Peru's borders.

5 **SECTION 2.** The Department of State will be responsible for distributing aid to the  
6 Republic of Peru. Aid will be distributed in the following allocations:

7 A. \$250 million will be earmarked for building infrastructure related to  
8 resettlement, including housing and transportation infrastructure.

9 B. \$150 million will be earmarked for training and resources to the  
10 National Police of Peru to combat Tren de Aragua.

11 C. \$100 million will be allocated for direct payments to refugee support  
12 organizations operating in Peru.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State, in conjunction with the  
14 Department of Government Efficiency, will deploy a monitoring and  
15 evaluation framework to determine the efficacy of the aid. The framework  
16 should include spot checks and financial auditing to ensure that aid is being  
17 used to its maximum efficiency.

18 **SECTION 4.** Enforcement of this legislation is entrusted to the Department of State and  
19 the Department of Government Efficiency. Congress may terminate aid early  
20 if reports indicate that it is being used for illegitimate purposes.

21 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2027. All laws in conflict with  
22 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.



## Preliminary Rounds

### A Resolution to Grant Puerto Rico Independence

- 1   **WHEREAS,**    Puerto Rico is a effectively a colony of the United States, entirely denied  
2                    meaningful political representation in the Federal government; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**    one-sided exploitative policies such as the Jones Act and FOMBPR have  
4                    been used to extract economic value from the Puerto Rican people, stifling  
5                    prosperity and financial stability; and
- 6   **WHEREAS,**    the United States has a history of suppressing Puerto Rican independence  
7                    movements throughout the 20th century, including by banning  
8                    independence parties and opposition to Federal mandates; and
- 9   **WHEREAS,**    statehood and the accompanying political representation is insufficient to  
10                   change the systematic exploitative and illiberal policies enforced by the U.S.  
11                   Federal Government; now, therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,**   By the Congress here assembled that Puerto Rico be granted independence  
13                   from the United States of America. Puerto Rico shall be recognized as a  
14                   sovereign nation and state free from the plenary constitutional authority of  
15                   congress and the federal government.
- 16 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Puerto Rico be invited to join the United States in a compact of  
17                   free association.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bella Eberhart, FAU High School.*



## Preliminary Rounds

### A Bill to Mandate an Online Safety Course in Schools

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Public schools in the United States shall require students to complete a  
2 minimum 20-hour online safety course once in middle school and once in high  
3 school.

4 **SECTION 2.** The course shall include, but not be limited to, instruction on:  
5 1. identifying reputable and trustworthy online sources;  
6 2. recognizing deepfakes and manipulated media;  
7 3. detecting scams, fraudulent profiles, and impersonation online.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education along with the Federal Trade Commission will  
9 oversee implementation of this bill. The Department of Education will create  
10 the curriculum and ensure schools offer this course starting in the 2027 -  
11 2028 school year. The Federal Trade Commission will provide the course with  
12 live data to help further enhance the students' learning on the subject.

13 A. The Department of Education will receive an additional \$500 million  
14 per fiscal year for the next 5 years to fund state-level grants. The  
15 size of each state's grant will be proportional to its population.

16 B. \$25 million will be allocated to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Noah Werner, American Heritage School - Palm Beach.*



## Preliminary Rounds

### A Bill to Nationalize Stand Your Ground Laws

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1           **SECTION 1.**   The United States shall establish universal Stand Your  
2           Ground laws across the nation. This implementation follows that of the  
3           38 U.S. states that have legalized this at a state level.

4           **SECTION 2.**   Stand Your Ground laws shall be defined as legal statutes  
5           that allow individuals to use reasonable, possibly deadly force to protect  
6           themselves without first attempting to retreat with the following  
7           provisions:

8                   A. Self defense shall be defined as the use of reasonable force to  
9                   protect oneself or others from imminent harm, injury, or unlawful  
10                  aggression.

11                  B. Reasonable force shall be defined as force which is proportionate  
12                  to the level of the threat faced.

13                          1. Deadly force shall be defined as force that may result in  
14                          death or serious bodily injury.

15                          2. Non-deadly force shall be defined as force used to cause  
16                          harm without a likely ability to result in death or serious  
17                          bodily injury.

18                          C. This does not pertain to excessive force, which means the self  
19                          defense must match the level of the individual's attacks.

20           **SECTION 3.**   The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) as well as the Bureau  
21           of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) shall enforce this legislation.

22           **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect immediately upon passing.  
23           All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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25           *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Julian Roud from A.W. Dreyfoos School Of Arts.*



## Preliminary Rounds

### A Bill to Sanction Qatar

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1           **SECTION 1.**    The United States Federal Government shall sanction Qatar by  
2           limiting all forms of trade conducted with Qatar until improvements are made  
3           regarding human rights in Qatar.

4           **SECTION 2.**    Improvements include but are not limited to providing safe  
5           working conditions, eliminating gender segregation, and terminating  
6           persecution of the LGBTQ+ community. Sanctions are defined as economic and  
7           trade restrictions placed on a country. Human rights are rights inherent to all  
8           human beings, regardless of race, sex, nationality, ethnicity, language, religion,  
9           or any other protected status ensuring the protection of these rights.

10          **SECTION 3.**    The Department of State (DoS) and the Department of Commerce  
11          (DoC) will oversee enforcement of this legislation.

12          A.    The Department of State will provide reports every six months to check if  
13          requirements are met in order to lift sanctions.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mia Munoz, West Broward High School.*



## **Semifinals**

### **A Bill to Impose a Federal Wealth Tax**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The United States Government Shall impose a Federal Wealth tax totaling 5% on all individuals whose assets exceed 1 billion U.S. Dollars.

**SECTION 2.** For the purpose of this bill the following terms shall be defined:

a) Individual: Any United States Citizen whose total assets equal 1 billion USD

b) Assets: Any and all property under the ownership of the individual, the total debt owed by the taxpayer on the last day of that year, and any property owned by a child of the individual who is not yet 18 years of age.

**SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will oversee the deliverance of the tax. To ensure The IRS' ability to enforce the tax, the U.S. Department of Treasury will fund the IRS with an amount not otherwise appropriated equal to 1% of the revenue collected by the wealth tax. This one percent will be used to strengthen the IRS' team of workers through the hiring of new employees such as Revenue agents and Tax Compliance officers.

To prevent said individuals from renouncing their citizenship to escape taxation, a 15% exit tax will be placed on all said assets.

To ensure fair valuation of Private businesses, valuations will be based on the profit made by the business their last fiscal year using the revenue multiplier method.

To ensure a Fair valuation of Real Estate Properties each property will be compared to at least 3 recently sold properties in a similar size and location to receive a fair price.

**SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented in the fiscal year 2027

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Teddy Snyder, Suncoast High School*



## Semifinals

### A Resolution to Establish the International Green Technology Alliance (IGTA) to Facilitate Global Decarbonization

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The current pace of global carbon emission reduction is insufficient to  
2 prevent climate change; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Developing nations often lack the financial capital and technical  
4 infrastructure required to transition away from fossil fuels independently;  
5 and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Right now, green technology is too expensive because of strict patent  
7 laws. This stops poorer countries from using the very inventions needed  
8 to save the planet; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** A lack of international coordination on green energy standards leads to  
10 inefficient resource allocation; now, therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled shall lead the establishment of the  
12 International Green Technology Alliance (IGTA) to create a pool for  
13 patents of green tech from all countries in the IGTA and a global subsidy  
14 fund for renewable energy research; and, be it
- 15 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the United States Department of State shall condition IGTA  
16 membership on verifiable transparency in supply chains to ensure that  
17 green technology production does not rely on forced labor or  
18 environmentally destructive mining practices.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Isabelle Sachar from Ransom Everglades*



## Finals

### **A Bill to Expand Medicare to Provide Free Healthcare for Pregnant Women and their Children**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall expand access to Medicare to all eligible women to  
2 provide free healthcare during the time of pregnancy and postpartum and for  
3 their child until the child is 1 year of age. Eligible women shall be immediately  
4 enrolled in Medicare upon confirmation of pregnancy through a licensed  
5 healthcare provider, hospital, or clinic. No cost-sharing, including premiums,  
6 copayments, or deductibles, shall be imposed. All healthcare providers, hospitals,  
7 and clinics in the U.S. will now accept Medicare.
- 8 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this legislation, the following terms shall be defined as
- 9 A. *Eligible women* shall be defined as a pregnant woman that is a U.S. citizen that  
10 has been deemed pregnant by a licensed healthcare provider, hospital, or  
11 clinic.
- 12 B. *The time of pregnancy and postpartum* shall be defined as from the day the  
13 mother is enrolled in the Medicare system by their healthcare provider,  
14 hospital, or clinic until 1 year after the birth of the child.
- 15 C. *Healthcare* shall be defined as any regular or emergency prenatal and  
16 postpartum visits, vaccinations, educational guidance, medical visits, and  
17 other services deemed necessary to the well-being of the mother and the  
18 child.
- 19 **SECTION 3.** The following entities and mechanisms shall oversee implementation:
- 20 A. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) shall oversee  
21 enforcement of this legislation.
- 22 B. 100 billion dollars will be allocated from the national budget to the Medicare  
23 program to provide funding for this legislation.
- 24 C. The HHS shall submit an annual report to Congress evaluating maternal and  
25 child health outcomes.
- 26 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2027. All laws in conflict with this  
27 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Kenley Lyons, Oxbridge Academy.*



## Finals

### **A Bill to Improve Saudi Humane Intervention Endeavors and Logistics Domestically (S.H.I.E.L.D. ACT)**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall hereby formally initiate negotiations for the  
3 formation of a defense pact with Saudi Arabia, whereas the specificities of  
4 the pact itself shall be set through the aforementioned future negotiation.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. A defense pact shall be defined as a mutually agreed-upon set of  
6 conditions pertaining to the reciprocal military defense of both involved  
7 nations.

8 B. It shall be clearly established in any and all negotiations that the  
9 premise of nuclear mutually assured destruction will not be a factor in any  
10 possible defense pact.

11 C. In order to initiate the negotiation procedure, the Saudi Arabian  
12 Ministry of Defense must first acknowledge and accept that the The United  
13 States reserves the right to withdraw from the negotiation of the defense  
14 pact at any time without retaliation, or else risk political and economic  
15 isolation.

16 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of State in conjunction with the US Ambassador to Saudi  
17 Arabia shall be responsible for the implementation and oversight of this bill.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Addison Doud of Western High School.*