

Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League



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PBCFL #1 Legislation Packet

September 19, 2026

A Bill to Subsidize the Minimum Wage

Be it enacted by this Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League Student Congress here assembled that:

1 **SECTION 1:** In response to the critically low minimum wage within the United States
2 labor force, it shall be increased to \$25 per hour in all labor aspects in
3 order to support the needs of Americans to ensure their right to afford
4 necessities.

5 **SECTION 2:** Minimum wage shall be defined as the lowest in which law permits in the
6 labor union. A labor union shall be defined as an organization of
7 individuals formed to protect or further their rights and interests regarding
8 wages. Necessities shall be defined as any goods that are essential to
9 sustaining human life.

10 **SECTION 3:** The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) shall work in conjunction with the
11 Wage and Hour Division to oversee and implement this legislation.
12 Annual reports will be provided to Congress by the DOL in order to
13 account for any needed adjustments to the minimum wage.

14 A) 1 billion will be reallocated from the Department of Defense
14 (DOD) in order to support the enrichment of the subsidy.

15 **SECTION 4:** This legislation will take effect in FY 2027. All laws in conflict with this
 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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

The American Railroad Revitalization Act of 2026

1 BEITENACTEDBYTHE CONGRESS HEREASSEMBLEDTHAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Over a period of 20 years, the United States shall invest
3 \$250 billion into the creation of new high-speed railroads as well as
4 maintaining already-existing railroads.

5 **SECTION 2.** “High-speed railroads” shall be defined as rail networks
6 capable of sustained speeds exceeding 150 miles per hour. “Railroads”
7 shall be defined as a track or set of tracks made of steel rails along which
8 passenger and freight trains run.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Railway Administration and the Department of
10 Transportation will jointly oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

11 A. The \$250 billion needed to implement the American Railroad
12 Revitalization Act will be funded with a wealth tax.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on December 31, 2026. All
14 laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by American Heritage School Palm Beach.

A Bill to Require Financial Literacy Education in High Schools

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HEREASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. As a condition of receiving federal education funding, all public high schools in the United States shall require students to successfully complete a financial literacy course before graduating.

SECTION 2. The financial literacy course shall provide students with basic financial skills needed for adulthood (i.e. budgeting, credit scores, loans, investing, etc.).

SECTION 3. The United States Department of Education shall provide guidelines and resources to assist schools in creating and implementing financial literacy courses. Federal education funding may be used to train teachers, develop course materials, and purchase educational resources necessary to meet the requirements of this Act.

SECTION 4. The United States Department of Education shall oversee compliance with this Act. Public high schools receiving federal education funding shall be given a three-year preparation period to add the financial literacy course to their graduation requirements. Schools receiving federal education funding must comply with the requirements of this Act to remain eligible for applicable federal funds.

SECTION 5. This legislation shall take effect at the beginning of the first full school year following the three-year preparation period.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cardinal Newman High School

A Bill to Ban the Use of AI in ICE and Border Patrol

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The use of artificial intelligence shall hereby be banned in all official
3 operations conducted by the U.S. Immigrations and Customs
Enforcement
4 (ICE) and the U.S. Border and Customs Protections (BCP).

5 **SECTION 2.** “Artificial Intelligence” shall be defined as any software or application
6 which assists in law enforcement decision making, operations, and other
7 tasks without human input, including Facial Recognition Technology
8 (FRT), Generative AI, and Large Language Models (LLMs). “Official
9 operations” shall be defined as any initiative, mission, and/or
investigation
10 conducted by ICE and CBP.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security shall oversee the implementation
12 of this legislation within their law enforcement agencies.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passing. All laws in
14 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by FAU High School.

A Bill to Ban New Gas-Powered Vehicle Sales by 2040

1 BEITENACTEDBY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.**TheUnited States shall prohibit the sale of new gasoline-powered
3 passenger vehicles after January 1st, 2040. Hybrid vehicles and
4 fullyelectric vehicles shall remain legal for sale and operation

5 **SECTION 2.A.**“Gasoline-powered passenger vehicle” refers to any newly
6 manufactured personal motor vehicles primarily powered by
7 internal combustion engines using gasoline

8 B.“Hybrid vehicle” refers to vehicles utilizing both electric
9 batteries and internal combustion engines

10 C.This legislation shall not apply to emergency vehicles, military
11 vehicles, commercial freight vehicles, or used vehicle sales

12 **SECTION 3.**TheEnvironmental Protection Agency, along with the Department
13 ofTransportation, shall oversee enforcement of this legislation.

14 Manufacturers and dealerships found in violation shall be subject
15 tocivil fines beginning at \$50,000 per unlawful vehicle sold.

16 **SECTION 4.**Thislegislation shall take effect on January 1st 2040

17 **SECTION 5.**Alllaws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
18 andvoid.

Introduced by John I Leonard HS

The Heal First Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1 .** Medical debt shall be prohibited from appearing on consumer credit
2 3 reports or being used in the calculation of consumer credit scores.

4 5 **SECTION 2.** Healthcare providers will continue to collect medical debt through lawful
6 7 means but may not report such debt to consumer reporting agencies.

8 9 **SECTION 3.** For the purposes of this legislation:

10 A. "Medical debt" shall be defined as debt incurred by an individual
11 for healthcare goods or services provided by a licensed healthcare
12 provider, facility, or emergency medical service.

13 B. "Consumer credit report" shall refer to the record of an individual's
14 credit history used by lenders and other authorized entities to
15 evaluate financial reliability.

16 **SECTION 4.** The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) shall oversee
17 enforcement. Consumer reporting agencies shall remove existing medical
debt from existing credit reports and will be subjected to fines upon failure
to do so.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Olympic Heights High School

A Bill to Eliminate Mandatory Sentencing Limits to Ensure Fair and Individualized Criminal Sentencing

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Mandatory sentencing limits, including mandatory minimum
2 sentences, are hereby abolished in federal criminal cases. Federal judges
3 shall retain full discretion to determine sentences based on the specific
4 facts of each case, the defendant's background, and the interests of justice.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** Mandatory sentencing limits refers to any statutory
6 requirement that imposes a fixed minimum or maximum sentence without
7 allowing judicial discretion. Federal judge refers to any judge presiding over
8 a federal criminal trial or sentencing hearing.
- 9 **SECTION 3.** Enforcement of this legislation shall be overseen by the
10 United States Department of Justice.
- 11 A. The Department of Justice shall revise federal sentencing guidelines to
12 reflect the elimination of mandatory sentencing limits.
- 13 B. Federal courts shall review sentences imposed under prior mandatory
14 sentencing laws when appropriate, in accordance with existing appeals
15 and resentencing procedures.
- 16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2027. All laws in
17 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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A Resolution to Authorize Military Intervention in Cuba

1 2 WHEREAS, The authoritarian regime in Cuba continues to deepen military,
3 4 intelligence, and economic ties with hostile foreign powers, including Iran,
5 6 Russia, and China; and

7 8 WHEREAS, Recent intelligence reports indicate the expansion of Iranian-backed
9 security cooperation on Cuban soil, directly threatening the sovereign
10 security of the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, The Cuban government's persistent harboring of potential offensive
12 capabilities violates the spirit of regional security established under the
13 Monroe Doctrine; and

14 WHEREAS, The ongoing political oppression and humanitarian crises perpetrated by
15 the regime have forced destabilizing mass migration waves toward
16 American borders; and

17 WHEREAS, Diplomacy and unilateral economic sanctions have failed to deter the
18 Cuban regime from housing state-sponsored threats to Western
19 Hemisphere stability; and

20 WHEREAS, Proactive containment and military intervention are necessary to restore
democratic stability to the region; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that the United States military is
authorized and directed to conduct targeted military interventions in Cuba
to restore regional security in the Western Hemisphere.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Wellington Community High School

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PBCFL #2 Legislation Packet

October 10, 2026

A Bill to Regulate the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Political Campaign Advertising to Protect Voter Integrity

Be it enacted by this Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League Student Congress here assembled that:

1 **SECTION 1:** All political campaign advertisements using artificial intelligence
2 (AI)-generated content must include a clear and visible disclaimer stating
3 that AI technology was used to produce or alter the media.

4 **SECTION 2:** “Artificial intelligence-generated content” shall be defined as any image, video,.
5 audio, or text materially created or modified by machine learning or generative
6 AI tools. “Political campaign advertisement” shall be defined as paid content
7 intended to influence the outcome of any federal election

9 **SECTION 3:** The Federal Election Commission (FEC) shall oversee enforcement of this
10 legislation.

11 A) The FEC shall require digital platforms to verify that all political ads contain
12 the appropriate disclaimers prior to publication.

13 B) Failure to include an AI disclaimer shall result in fines up to \$50,000 per
14 violation and removal of the advertisement.

15 **SECTION 4:** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2028. All laws or parts of .
laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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

A Bill to End the For-Profit Medical System

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All healthcare, prescription drugs, surgeries, and medical products (with the exclusion of store-bought OTC products) shall be made free for all American residents.

SECTION 2. Existing for-profit drug and consumer product manufacturers shall generate revenue via selling products to the government to distribute to consumers. The

SECTION 3. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and Department of the Treasury (DOT) shall implement this legislation.

A. The program shall be launched 3 months after passage with an age requirement of 65 years old and American citizenship and for medicaid, FEHB, TRICARE, IHS, and VHA qualifiers until reallocation is complete.

B. All funding from Medicare, Medicaid, ACA subsidies, FEHB, TRICARE, IHS, and VHA shall be reallocated to this program over 2 years. Employer tax breaks and mandates for healthcare shall be terminated across 2 years.

A. The reallocation plan in section 3C shall take place over 2 years with the DHHS and DOT tasked with updating Universal Healthcare requirements, ensuring the program is open for qualifiers of programs they reallocate from and all legal residents over the age of 65 or employed (with the same exceptions as Medicaid) of the United States within 2 years.

C. A U.S. Healthcare Investment and Subsidy Fund (USHISF) shall be established with a \$200 billion budget yearly to subsidize medical school tuition, increase medical school capacity, invest in hospital upgrades and new construction, subsidize drug innovation, and increase all medical staff salaries.

D. A 5% wealth tax on net worths over \$20 million shall be implemented, income tax on incomes over \$800,000 shall be raised to 55%, capital gains shall be taxed as income, unrealized gains shall be taxed, a 0.1% tax on trades and a 0.01% tax on derivatives shall be implemented, a 40% tax on stock buybacks on those earning over \$1 million shall be implemented, and a 10% property tax on single-family homes worth over \$1 million shall be implemented.

E. This program shall have a budget of \$6 trillion per year.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by American Heritage, Palm Beach

A Bill to Ban AI Destruction of Physical Literature

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Commercial artificial-intelligence developers using physical
3 books for the
4 purpose of training an artificial intelligence system shall preserve,
5 donate,
6 or otherwise make available an intact copy of each title and
7 edition
8 before using destructive scanning or disposal methods.

9 **SECTION 2.** A. Commercial artificial-intelligence developer - any
10 corporation, partnership, or other entity that develops or
11 trains an
12 AI system for sale, licensing, subscription, advertising, or
13 other
14 commercial use.

15 B. Destructive scanning - a digitization process that
16 alters pages or bindings so that a book can no longer
17 function as an intact physical copy

18 C. Qualified preservation institution - means a public library,
19 academic library, archive, museum, or nonprofit
20 organization that
21 preserves and provides lawful public or research access to
22 books

23 **SECTION 3.** The Library of Congress shall administer and enforce this
24 legislation.

25 A. A commercial AI developer that destructively scans 500 or more
26 books in a calendar year shall submit an annual report to the
27 Library of Congress identifying each acquired text, the method of
28 digitization, and the qualified preservation institution that
29 received an intact copy.

30 B. Violations will receive civil penalties of up to \$10,000 per
31 unlawfully destroyed book.

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

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Clark Advanced Learning Center.

A Bill to Enact Presumed Consent for Organ Donation

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall presume consent for organ donation upon an
3 4 individual's death unless otherwise specified.
- 5 6 **SECTION 2.** At the time of filing federal forms or applying for or renewing an
7 8 identification card, the applicant shall be deemed to have consented to
9 anatomical donation of his or her organs and tissue upon the
10 determination of the applicant's legal death, unless the applicant expressly
11 elects not to be an organ tissue donor.
- 12 A. Legal guardians of citizens under 18 can opt out for dependents.
- 13 B. The Health Resources and Services Administration shall utilize \$10
14 million to go towards a public education program. The program shall alert
15 the American public of the change in the system as well as educate the
16 public on what organ donation is, what presumed consent means, etc.
- 17 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will be overseen, enforced, and funded by the Health
18 Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).
- 19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025. All laws in conflict with
20 19 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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Natural Disaster Buyout Act

1 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

3 4 Article I: FEMA shall establish the National Disaster Buyout Program (NDBP) to
5 6 offer voluntary, pre disaster property buyouts to homeowners whose
7 8 primary residences face major risk of repeated catastrophic damage from
9 flooding, wildfire, or coastal erosion. .

10 Article II: A) Property shall be eligible for the program if FEMA determines that the
11 property has at least a 50 percent chance of suffering catastrophic damage
12 from an eligible natural hazard within the next 30 years.

13 B) "Catastrophic damage" shall be defined as projected damage exceeding
14 50% of the property's assessed structural value.

15 C) Eligible homeowners will receive fair market value for the property as
16 determined by an independent appraisal that does not consider the future
17 disaster risk used to establish eligibility under this Act.

19 D) Participation in the program shall be voluntary. All parties involved are
20 prohibited from using eminent domain to acquire an eligible property

21 Article III: Properties purchased through the National Disaster Buyout Program shall

22 A) Be transferred to the state/local government in which the property lies

23 B) Be permanently prohibited from future commercial/resident use

24 C) Be maintained as open space, conservation/public recreational land,
26 or land used for natural disaster mitigation

Article IV: FEMA shall oversee enforcement. Congress shall appropriate \$5 billion
annually for the NDBP

Article V: This legislation will go into effect January 2020~~20~~30

Article VI: All other laws in conflict with this new policy shall be null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by John I Leonard High School

A Bill to End Petroleum Subsidization

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All current subsidies for the petroleum industry issued by
2 the federal government are hereby rescinded, and no further subsidies
3 shall be issued while this act is in effect. Furthermore, states are
4 encouraged to follow suit in rescindment.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** Subsidies for the petroleum industry are considered for the
6 purpose of this bill to be all direct subsidies, tax credits, price reductions,
7 and overvalued contracts providing for and/or promoting the production
8 and/or refining of petroleum and petroleum products. Contracts issued by
9 the government for petroleum products are not considered subsidies under
10 this bill unless said contracts either pay the corporations substantially more
11 than the market value at the time of signing or pay based on the production
12 of said products rather than the receipt of said products by the government.
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- 14 **SECTION 3.** This implementation and enforcement of this legislation
15 shall be overseen in a cooperative effort between the Internal Revenue
16 Service (IRS) and the Department of Energy
- 17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on March 1, 2027. All laws in
 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Reinstate Publicly Funded Mental Health Institutions

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HEREIN ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** This bill will reinstate public taxpayer-funded mental health
2 institutions for free and public use.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** A “mental health institution” will be described as a medical facility that
4 provides treatment and care for people faced with mental health illnesses.
5 Mental health is described as your overall emotional, psychological, and
6 social well-being that dictates how you think, feel, and behave, while a
7 mental illness is described as a health condition that changes how a person
8 thinks, feels, or behaves and causes distress or trouble with daily life.
- 9 **SECTION 3.** The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) in coordination with the
10 Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the following procedures: 11
12 A. Individuals without a diagnosis will receive care for at most four days
13 until they are diagnosed and eligible for long-term care.
14 B. Workers in the industry will undergo extensive training to ensure each
15 **SECTION 4.** individual receives personalized care for their issue.
16 Funding for this bill shall come from:
17 A. \$10 billion shall be redirected from the Department of Health and
 Human Services’ unused vaccine budget.
- 18 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2027. All laws in conflict with this 19
20 legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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A Bill to Establish Rent Control Standards Nationwide to Ensure Housing Affordability

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

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

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

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

B. Rent control standards shall apply to all rental properties, except those participating in 14 the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program, which will continue to follow existing 15 HUD guidelines.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on FY 2028.
All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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

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PBCFL #3 Legislation Packet

November 14, 2026

A Bill to End Foreign Influence in the United States

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 2 **SECTION 1.** Companies based in a foreign country or a company with an equity higher
3 4 than 49% owned by foreign owners shall be restricted in their ownership of
5 6 American companies. CFIUS shall order American companies to divest from
7 8 any foreign investment until below the threshold for their tier. The United
9 States shall form a sovereign wealth fund to increase investment.
- 10 **SECTION 2.** “Critical sectors” shall be defined as defense, semiconductors, AI, energy,
11 telecommunications, data, and ports. “Strategic sectors” shall be defined as
12 manufacturing, biotech, pharma, logistics, minerals, and logistics. “Non-
13 strategic sectors” shall be defined as everything else.
- 14 **SECTION 3.** The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Federal Trade Commission
15 (FTC), and the Department of the Treasury (DOT) shall implement this bill. A.
16 Critical sectors shall be capped at 20% foreign voting and economic
17 ownership; Strategic sectors shall be capped at 30% foreign voting and
18 economic ownership; Non-strategic sectors shall be capped at foreign
19 voting and economic ownership at 49%
- 20 B. The FTC and SEC shall each receive \$500 million per year for the express
21 purpose of enforcing this legislation.
- 22 C. In order to do business in the United States foreign companies must
23 work with an American company to handle distribution, invest a
24 minimum of 2.5% of yearly revenue into operations in the United
25 States, and purchase a minimum of 25% of materials to produce all
26 goods from companies based in the United States.
- 27 D. Any American company in noncompliance shall face fines not exceeding
28 \$10 billion per infraction and any foreign company in noncompliance shall
be blocked from operating or selling in the United States.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by American Heritage, Palm Beach

A Bill Regulating the Building of AI Data Centers

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HEREASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1: Artificial Intelligence (AI) data centers will no longer be allowed to be built in a 2 mile radius of residential neighborhoods, and 4 mile radius of protected land.

SECTION 2. For the purposes of this legislations the following terms are defined:

1. **AI Data Center** means a facility primarily used to house computer systems that develop, train, or operate artificial intelligence.
2. **Protected Land** means federally designated land protected for environmental, cultural, or conservation purposes, such as the Everglades National Park, Native American Reserve.

SECTION 3. The **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)** shall enforce this Act and deny federal approval for AI data centers that violate the distance requirements.

SECTION 4. AI data centers legally operating before this Act shall not be required to relocate, but expansions that violate Section 1 shall be prohibited.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect **180 days after enactment**.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cardinal Newman Highschool

A Bill to Increase Campaign Transparency

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Political action committees (PACs) shall be prohibited from raising or
3 spending money to influence federal elections. All political spending by
4 covered organizations must publicly disclose the original source of funds
5 and the amount spent, including spending made independently of a
6 candidate or campaign.

7 **SECTION 2.** A. Political Action Committee (PAC) - an organization that raises or
8 spends money to influence the election or defeat of a federal
9 candidate.

10 B. Covered Organization - any corporation, nonprofit, association, or
11 other organization that spends more than \$10,000 on federal
12 election-related activities within a calendar year.

13 C. Political Spending - includes expenditures made to support,
14 oppose or influence a federal candidate or election.

15 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Commission (FEC) shall oversee and enforce this
16 legislation.

17 A. Covered organizations shall submit quarterly reports identifying
18 the source and amount of political spending to the FEC, which
19 shall make these records publicly accessible. Organizations that
20 knowingly operate a PAC, conceal political spending, or submit
21 false financial reports may face civil penalties of up to \$500,000
22 per violation, with additional penalties increasing by \$100,000 for
23 each repeated violation.

24 This legislation will take effect upon passage.

25 **SECTION 4.**

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Clark Advanced Learning Center.

A Bill to Invest into Public Pharmaceutical Development

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall divert federal subsidies for pharmaceutical research
3 4 & development projects from private companies to public educational
5 6 institutions. Any government agency whose subsidies are affected by this
7 8 bill is instructed to redirect those subsidies to researchers at public
9 research institutions and universities in the form of research grants.
- 10 **SECTION 2.** “Public educational institutions” shall include public universities and
11 medical research programs. The results of all taxpayer-funded research
12 must be made immediately available to the American public at no cost, in
13 order to advance public research and facilitate scientific dialogue.
- 14 **SECTION 3.** Federal funding for private research & development shall be cut:
15 A. All federal subsidies to private pharmaceutical companies and
16 universities for research & development shall be reduced by 50%.
17 B. Any individual private university or company that still receives over \$10
18 million in annual subsidies from the federal government after these cuts
19 shall be subject to congressional review regarding the efficacy of those
20 subsidies, upon which Congress may cap the subsidy at \$10 million.
- 21 **SECTION 4.** Any government agency whose subsidies are affected by this program shall
22 oversee the redirection of federal funding. Government agencies shall
23 consult with the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science &
24 Transportation and the House Committee on Science, Space & Technology
25 to redirect the subsidies to public research institutions.
- 26 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2027. All laws in conflict with
27 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Establish Haiti as a U.S. Territory

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall establish Haiti as an organized U.S. territory, providing Haiti with increased access to U.S. federal resources, infrastructure investment, disaster relief, education, healthcare, and economic development programs.

SECTION 2. “U.S. territory” means that Haiti will remain a distinct geographic and cultural community while being governed under U.S. federal territorial law. Haitian residents will receive U.S. citizenship and representation through a territorial government, subject to the rights and responsibilities established by Congress.

SECTION 3. The U.S. Department of the Interior, in cooperation with the Haitian government, shall oversee the transition. Enforcement will be carried out through U.S. federal law and a Haitian territorial government. The transition must also include a democratic referendum in which Haitian citizens approve the change in political status.

SECTION 4. The transition shall begin within one year after approval by Congress and the Haitian people. A five-year transition period shall be used to establish territorial government institutions, expand infrastructure, improve public services, and integrate Haiti into appropriate U.S. federal programs.

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

Introduced by Sen. Palm Beach Gardens High School,

A Bill to Require Employers to Provide Employees with Paid Parental Leave

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** All employers shall provide all employees with paid parental
2 leave, regardless with gender

3 **SECTION 2.** The minimum amount of parental leave provided by an
4 employer shall be 12 weeks for any employee who has been employed for
5 a minimum of one year. Parental leave is defined as time taken off by
6 someone who is a guardian to a minor. It can be taken any time after an
7 employee has become a parent/guardian and can be taken up to 1 month
8 before the start of a pregnancy.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Labor will oversee regulation of this policy in
10 ensuring that employers are providing this benefit to their employees.
11 Furthermore, the IRS will oversee the regulation of business taxes for the
12 purpose of creating a fund to be utilized by smaller businesses. For
13 companies that make less than 2 million in annual revenue, 0.5% of tax
14 dollars will go into a public fund that these companies can use to
15 compensate their employees on parental leave. Companies who make
16 greater than \$2 million will be responsible for paying their employee's
17 parental leave.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2028

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 Fund and Expand National High-Speed Rail Infrastructure

1 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

3 4 SECTION 1. The federal government shall allocate \$100 billion to construct and
5 6 operate a high-speed rail network connecting the fifty largest metropolitan
7 8 statistical areas in the United States.

9 SECTION 2. “High-speed rail” is defined as a passenger rail service operating on fully
10 electrified tracks at sustained speeds of no less than 186 miles per hour
11 (300 km/h). “Metropolitan statistical areas” is defined according to the
12 most recent United States Census Bureau designations.

13 SECTION 3. The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) shall oversee enforcement
14 and implementation of this legislation. The FRA shall withhold up to 25%
15 of annual federal highway transit funds from any state that refuses to grant
16 necessary right-of-way access or land easements for rail corridor
construction within two years of notification.

SECTION 4. Project construction shall begin on October 1, 2027, with full operational
integration required across all corridors within ten years of the start date.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Wellington Community High School

A Bill to Invest in SMRs To Revitalize Nuclear Energy Potential

1 2 **SECTION 1.** The U.S. federal government shall invest \$10 billion in the
3 4 research and development of small molecular reactors (SMRs) through a federal
5 6 grant program.

7 8 **SECTION 2.** **A.** “Small molecular reactors (SMRs)” are defined as advanced
9 nuclear reactors with a rated capacity of less than 300 electrical megawatts; and
10 that can be constructed and operated in combination with similar reactors at a
11 single site.

12 **B.** “Research and Development” are defined as efforts used to
13 create and innovate new or existing SMRs technologies through advancing
14 design, testing, licensing, support, manufacturing methods, safety and efficiency,
15 waste management, and other methods with the goal of decarbonizing the
16 domestic electricity grid. The Department of Energy shall be tasked with
 overseeing the enforcement of this legislation.

17 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy shall be tasked with overseeing the
18 eligibility of organizations for qualifying for the grant program.

19 **A.** The DOE shall determine the eligibility of organizations in qualifying for
20 the grant program.

21 **B.** An organization is only eligible if they are a U.S. based entity,
22 including but not limited to private companies, accredited research, and
 development as defined in section 2B. They must also submit an in depth
 proposal for review

C. The DOE shall also run a comprehensive semi-annual audit to
 determine the effectiveness of funding and has the right to withdraw funding if
 misused.

D. Additionally, funding may be allocated after 5 years based on
 the grant program’s results

Section 4. This bill shall take effect FY 2028,

Section 5. All bills in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
 and void.

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

Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League



PBCFL #4 Legislation Packet

December 12, 2026

A Bill to Ban Certain Synthetic Food Dyes and Ultra-Processed Additives

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The manufacture, sale, and distribution of food products containing Red
2 Dye No. 40 (Allura Red), Yellow Dye No. 5 (Tartrazine), Yellow Dye No. 6
3 (Sunset Yellow), and potassium bromate shall be prohibited in consumable
4 products in the United States.

5 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this act: Conduct mandatory testing and inspection of
6 food manufacturing facilities to verify compliance;

7 A. "Potassium bromate" shall mean the chemical compound used as a
8 flour-strengthening and dough-conditioning agent in baked goods.

9 B. "Food product" shall mean any item intended for human consumption,
10 including beverages, confectionery, baked goods, and packaged snacks,
11 sold at retail within the United States.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Food & Drug Administration (FDA) shall be the agency responsible for
13 the enforcement of this Act. The FDA will:

14 C. Conduct mandatory testing and inspection of food manufacturing
15 facilities to verify compliance;

16 D. Levy civil fines of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$50,000 per
17 violation against manufacturers found in violation of Section 1;

18 E. Maintain a public registry of compliant and non-compliant
19 manufacturers, updated quarterly.

20 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect in the FY 2028 after passage to allow
21 manufacturers adequate time to reformulate existing products and exhaust
22 their current inventory. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby
23 declared null and void.

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

A Bill to Mandate Strict Government Oversight and Safety Controls on Artificial Intelligence

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The federal government shall establish strict safety and oversight requirements for the development, testing, and deployment of high-risk artificial intelligence systems.

SECTION 2. For the purposes of this legislation the following terms are defined:

A. “Artificial intelligence” means a machine-based system capable of making predictions, recommendations, decisions, or generating content based on inputs.

B. “High-risk AI system” means an AI system whose failure or misuse could reasonably cause significant harm to public safety, individual rights, privacy, or national security.

C. “AI developer” means an individual, company, organization, or government entity responsible for developing or substantially modifying an AI system.

SECTION 3. The Department of Commerce, through the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), shall oversee implementation of this Act and establish federal safety standards for high-risk AI systems.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect one year after enactment.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cardinal Newman Highschool

A Bill to Establish a Universal National Service Draft

1 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

3 4 **SECTION 1.** All United States citizens shall be required to complete 4 years of national
5 6 in one branch of the Armed Forces: Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force,
7 8 Space Force, or Coast Guard

9 **SECTION 2.** A.) Assignments shall be determined by a transparent, publicly observed
10 lottery weighted by manpower needs, with no exemptions for influence
11 B.) Exemptions shall be granted only to those adjudicated mentally
12 incompetent or fully dependent on external care. Active pregnancy permits
13 temporary deferral until the child reaches one year of age, after which
14 service must commence.

15 **SECTION 3.** A.) All participants shall receive salary, housing, and benefits
16 commensurate with their role.
17 B.) Refusal to serve shall result in a mandatory minimum six (6) year
18 federal prison sentence and loss of voting rights for ten (10) years.
19 C.) Citizens fleeing abroad shall be prosecuted upon return.

20 **SECTION 4.** A. The Department of Defense and the Selective Service System shall
21 administer the Universal Draft.
22 B. This legislation shall take effect in FY 2031. All citizens reaching the
age of eighteen in FY31 or later shall be subject to this Act. Individuals
already enrolled in high school at the time of enactment are exempt.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by John I Leonard High School

The Foster FairFunding Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 2 **SECTION 1.** Individuals aging out of the United States foster care system shall be
3 4 guaranteed access to federally funded housing assistance until the age of
5 6 25

7 8 **SECTION 2.** Individuals shall qualify for housing assistance if their annual income is at
9 or below 50% of the Area Median Income (AMI) for their place of
10 residence. Eligibility shall be reviewed annually and terminated once an
11 individual fails to meet requirements or reaches the age of 25.

12 **SECTION 3.** For the purposes of this legislation:

13 A. "Housing assistance" shall include rental assistance, transitional
14 housing, or housing voucher sufficient to provide safe and stable
15 housing.

16 B. "Individual eligibility" shall refer to any person who reaches the age
17 of majority while under the custody of a state foster system while
18 also meeting the criteria in Section 2.

19 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), in
20 coordination with state child welfare agencies, shall oversee
implementation and enforcement.

A. \$500 million shall be appropriated annually to the HUD to fund
housing assistance established under this legislation.

B. Funds shall be distributed based on the number of eligible
individuals within each jurisdiction.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Olympic Heights High School.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. To implement a bill that businesses and establishments which are capable, to provide potable water to anyone who requests it within reason, free of charge.

SECTION 2. A business or establishment is defined as a food service location who has the resources to abide by this proposed law.

SECTION 3. The USDA Food & Nutrition Administration would oversee the enforcement of this bill with funding provided by Congress.

SECTION 4. This law would begin immediately after being passed by Congress with a 3 month grace period for assessing fines based on failure to comply.

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

Introduced by Palm Beach Gardens High School

A Bill to Prohibit Oil Drilling In The Arctic

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 2 **SECTION 1.** The purpose of this Legislation is to prohibit oil and natural gas drilling,
3 4 exploration, and extraction in the Arctic on federally controlled land to
5 6 protect Arctic ecosystem and wildlife from the environmental risks
7 8 associated with oil and gas development.
- 9 **SECTION 2.** Beginning on January 1, 2027, no commercial energy company or other
10 private entity shall conduct new oil or natural gas drilling, exploration,
11 extraction, or production activities within the Arctic on federally controlled
12 land.
- 13 A. The federal government via the Department of the Interior shall not
14 issue, renew, or extend any lease, permit, license, or other authorization
15 for oil or natural gas drilling, exploration, extraction, or production
16 activities within areas covered by this Legislation.
- 17 **SECTION 3.** Any federal oil or natural gas lease located within an area covered by this
18 legislation that has not begun commercial extraction by January 1, 2027,
19 shall be terminated and shall not be renewed.
- 20 A. Existing oil or natural gas operations in the Arctic shall be prohibited
21 from expanding their drilling or extraction activities after the effective date
22 of this legislation.
- 23 B. The Secretary of the Interior shall review all existing federal oil and
24 natural gas leases within areas covered by this legislation and shall
25 establish procedures for the termination of leases and permits prohibited
26 under this legislation.
- 27 **SECTION 4.** Any commercial energy company found violating this legislation shall be
28 subject to a civil fine up to \$50,000 per day and shall immediately cease all
29 prohibited drilling, exploration, and extraction. Repeat offenders will lose
federal drilling leasing for up to 5 years.

SECTION 5 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 The Pine School

A Bill to Preserve Adjustment of Status For Eligible Immigrants

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. The federal government shall prohibit policies that require an otherwise
3 eligible applicant for lawful permanent residence who is residing in the
4 United States to leave the United States and return to their country of
5 origin solely for the purpose of completing immigrant visa processing
6 when the applicant is legally eligible to complete the process through
7 adjustment of status within the United States.

8 SECTION 2. “Adjustment of status” shall refer to the process through which an eligible
9 individual physically present in the United States applies to become a
10 lawful permanent resident without leaving the United States. “Greencard
11 applicant” shall refer to an individual applying for lawful permanent
12 resident status.

13 A. This legislation shall not prevent the removal or departure of an
14 individual when otherwise required by federal immigration law.

15 SECTION 3. The Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Citizenship and
16 Immigration Services shall enforce this legislation and continue
17 processing eligible adjustment-of-status applications within the United
18 States. All existing security, background-check, and eligibility
19 requirements shall remain in effect.

20 SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect 90 days after passing

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Wellington Community High School

A Bill to Promote Cultivated Meat in the United States

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The U.S Department of Agriculture (USDA) will work in partnership with the National Institute of Health (NIH) to fund and oversee commercial research being done to discover sustainable methods of making cultivated meat a widely available option in the U.S.

The USDA's Agriculture Research Service (ARS) will be granted 30,000 USD by Congress to fund a research project centered around making cultivated meat a commonplace replacement for farmed meat.

SECTION 2. "Cultivated meat" refers to cultured animal cells that have been treated and grown in a laboratory with the intention of being used as a substitute for farmed, or "agricultural meat".

SECTION 3. This project will be monitored by the NIH, and their Center for Scientific Review (CSR) will ensure the project is peer reviewed free from outside influences. Any findings must be approved by the USDA in order to be cleared for commercial sale.

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

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