

Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League



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