

A Bill to Create a National Holiday for Voting.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States government will turn Election day into a national
2 holiday. Giving people a day off of work, and closing schools. The holiday
3 will fall onto the Tuesday after the first Monday of November of every
4 even-numbered year.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** Election day will be defined as a day legally established for the election of
6 public office.
7 National Holiday will be defined as legal holiday and is a non-working day.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** The United States DEPARTMENT OF LABOR will oversee the
9 implications of this bill.
- 10 **SECTION 4.** The Election day holiday shall first be held on November 6, 2018.
- 11 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln High School.

A Bill to Require a Physical in-Person Psychological Test Before Purchase of any Firearm

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** A psychological test must be passed in person by a trained professional in
2 order to obtain a firearm from any source. Psychology centers will analyze
3 the recipient looking to purchase a firearm following the national procedure.

4 **SECTION 2.** Psychological test shall be defined as an investigative process of looking up
5 and compiling criminal records, commercial records, military records,
6 citizenship status, and financial records of an individual or an organization,
7 as well as making sure the person is mentally stable enough to bear arms.
8 Psychological centers are defined as a psychology center within the area.
9 Source is defined as any Federal Firearms licensed dealer, gun show, or
10 private transaction.

11 Trained professional is defined as a certified worker at the psychological
12 center.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of alcohol tobacco, firearms, and explosives will oversee the
14 implications of this bill.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect 3 months upon passing to alert future firearm
16 purchasers of the bill's passage.

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

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A Bill to Require Immediate Disclosure of Data Breaches by Companies

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Any company that has customer data stolen through hacking must disclose
2 the incident to the affected customers within 72 hours of the discovery of
3 the breach.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Customer data is defined as information that is relevant to customers.
- 5 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission will enforce this bill. It will do so by seeking
6 monetary compensation relative to the consumer importance of the data
7 and how long over the limit the company waited.
- 8 **SECTION 4.** This bill be implemented 1 month after the passage of this bill.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Abolish Capital Punishment

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** No person will be put to death as a form of punishment for convictions
2 under federal law.

3 **SECTION 2.** Put to death implies the use of capital punishment
4 Capital punishment is when someone is put to death after they are convicted
5 of committing a capital crime.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall enforce this law by changing the maximum
7 punishment for any capital crimes to life in prison.

8 **SECTION 4.** No person shall be sentenced to capital punishment for a federal crime
9 committed after the passage of this bill.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln High School.

A Bill to Ban Gas and Diesel Automobiles to Reduce Pollution and Climate Change

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All new automobiles shall use electric or another zero emission resource
- 2 rather than gas or diesel
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Automobiles include cars, motorcycles, trucks, and other land-based
- 4 transportation vehicles.
- 5 **SECTION 3.** U.S Department of Transportation shall oversee the implementation of this
- 6 bill by prohibiting the manufacture and sales of new carbon-emitting
- 7 automobiles.
- 8 **SECTION 4.** This law shall be implemented by 2030.
- 9 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln High School.

A Bill to Increase the Age Limit of Those Able to Purchase Consumer Grade Fireworks

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** An age restriction of 21 years of age shall be enacted to purchase
2 consumer grade fireworks in all states.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** These fireworks will continue to be sold to the general public, but only to
4 and in supervision of those twenty-one or older.
- 5 **SECTION 3.** The Consumer Product Safety Commission shall oversee these regulations.
6 a. They shall also work to promote firework safety.
- 7 **SECTION 4.** These regulations shall be in full enforcement by the start of January, 2020
- 8 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln High School.

A Bill to Reduce the Carbon Emissions to Stop Climate Change

- 1) BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
- 2) **SECTION 1:** The United States shall reduce their metric tonnage of carbon
- 3) emissions by 10 percent by the year 2050.
- 4) **SECTION 2:** "Carbon emissions" shall be defined as all greenhouse gases from
- 5) human industrial sources.
- 6) **SECTION 3:** The Environmental Protection Agency and the United States
- 7) Department of Energy shall be responsible for the implementation of this
- 8) legislation.
- 9) **SECTION 4:** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon its passage. The
- 10) Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Department of Energy
- 11) must notify all human industrial sources of this agreement within one month of
- 12) the passage of this legislation.
- 13) **SECTION 5:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
- 14) void.

Submitted by: Nishant Sane, Westview High School

A Bill to Prepare for the Cascadia Earthquake

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** This bill requires that FEMA create a plan and be responsible for setting up
2 an early earthquake warning system for the pacific northwest. It requires
3 the POTUS to establish an earthquake and tsunami task force to plan for,
4 mitigate, recover, and respond to the event of a large earthquake in the
5 Cascadia subduction zone. This bill also requires improvement in
6 seismometers in the area and infrastructure improvement as seen fit by
7 the earthquake and tsunami taskforce.

8 **SECTION 2.** FEMA is the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The Cascadia
9 Subduction Zone is the 1,000 km long dipping fault that stretches from
10 Northern Vancouver Island to Cape Mendocino California

11 **SECTION 3.** Senate - Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

12 **SECTION 4.** A plan must be developed and implemented no later than three months
13 after being made a law.

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

Introduced by Hood River Valley High School

A Bill to Abolish Public Sector Unions

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

2. **SECTION 1.** Legal legitimacy and official organization of public sector

3. shall be outlawed and collective bargaining rights for

4. government employees shall be repealed.

5. **SECTION 2.** This bill shall have no legal effect on the legality of private

6. sector unions. Government workers rights under the first

7. amendment to peacefully assemble as an interest group, or

8. otherwise, shall not be infringed.

9. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor shall oversee implementation of

10. and compliance with this bill.

11. **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on June 1, 2018.

12. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared

13. null and void.

14. *Introduced by Hood River Valley High School*

A Bill to Cap Campaign Donations

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1.

A. No lobby group or private party shall be allowed to donate \$5,000 or more to any political election in the United States.

B. All local, state, and federal elections

SECTION 2. Donations shall be defined as monetary, gift, or services. Not to exceed market value of \$5,000 US dollars.

SECTION 3. The FEC (Federal Election Commission), Democratic National Committee , and the Republican National Committee shall be charged with the implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall go into effect January 1st, 2019.

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

Submitted by South Albany HS

A Bill to Establish Limitations on the Presidential Pardon

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The power of the president known as the pardon shall be restricted from the first year of a term and the last year of a term. However, in the second term they may use the first year of term to pardon. In cases of formal impeachment, all persons pardoned by the president shall have their pardons reexamined.

SECTION 2. Restricted: no pardons shall legally be considered
Pardon: freed from criminal indictment in a federal court case
Reexamined: The case the defendant was pardoned for will be declared a mistrial and the case reopened.

SECTION 3. The government agency that shall carry out this bill is the Department of Justice.
A. The Department of Justice is to not consider any pardon submitted prior to the twentieth of January, the year after the president is sworn in, and those submitted after the twentieth of January in an election year.
B. The Department of Justice is to execute the trials that are reopened if they were not already being executed in the Supreme Court.

SECTION 4. This bill shall be enacted following the current presidential term.

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

Submitted by South Albany HS

A Bill to Allow California to Secede

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Pending a vote by the citizens of California, the state formerly known as California will from this point forward be a free and independent nation. The current state boundary lines will transition to international borders.

SECTION 2. The United States will establish formal diplomatic relations with the new state, including an embassy in Sacramento.

SECTION 3. The U.S. Department of State will oversee this transition.

SECTION 4. This bill will be fully implemented by January 1st, 2020.

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

Submitted by South Albany HS

A BILL TO FREE VAPOR PRODUCTS

SECTION 1. Vapor products will no longer be regulated as tobacco products, and will therefore be exempt from the heavy tobacco taxes associated with the label.

SECTION 2. Vapor products included under the current FDA regulations categorized as ENDS (Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems) will henceforth be regulated as vapor products.

SECTION 3. Vapor products will be regulated by the FDA as vapor products

A. This bill will take effect August 8, 2018

B. The FDA will produce a new set of regulatory guidelines concerning vapor products on August 8, 2020

SECTION 4. This bill will take effect immediately.

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

Submitted by South Albany HS

A Bill to Require Peer Tutoring

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** Peer tutoring will be a requirement in all United States public high schools. At least one staff member will supervise each session. Schools will be required to provide no fewer than four 30-45 minute peer tutoring sessions per week, available to all students. Each school will have the flexibility to decide how it fits into their weekly schedule.
- SECTION 2.** Public high schools are defined as all schools funded primarily by public funds. Peer tutoring is defined as student volunteers helping and assisting their fellow classmates in a small group or one-on-one setting.
- SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee the implementation and enforcement of this bill.
- SECTION 4.** This bill will be fully implemented by January 1st, 2020.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Submitted by South Albany HS

A Bill to Recognize Cults

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1 : The United States Federal Government will establish and maintain a list of Cults and Sects operating within our country.

- A. Cults will be defined as a group or religion that poses a threat to its followers or fellow members of society, or meets one or more of the following ten criteria:
 - a. Threats to the members: mental destabilization;exaggerated financial demands;separation from one's home environment; or damage to physical integrity;indoctrination of children.
 - b. Threats to the community: hateful anti-social speech; public disorder; disruption of judicial involvements; possible diversion of traditional economic circuits; or attempts to harm of public powers.
- B. Sects will be defined as cult like organizations with fewer than 100 members, that can eventually serve a potential threat to society.
- C. Organizations on the national list will not be able to receive tax benefits. .

Section 2: This list will be made public on the FBI website.

Section 3: Organizations recognized will be monitored by the FBI.

- A. The motoring program will monitor organizations to watch for criminal activity.
- B. If illegal activity is detected the United States will have warrant to stop or prevent threats being committed by the organization.

Section 4: The FBI and Justice Department will be in charge of implementing this resolution.

Section 5: This bill will go into effect on January 1st, 2018.

Section 6: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Submitted by South Albany HS

Bill to Standardizes all measurements in the United States

Resolved: The United States ought to adopt the Systeme Internationale (Metric) measurements system.

Section 1. The United States is one of 3 countries that do not use the Systeme Internationale (Metric) measurements system, the only other two countries being Liberia and Myanmar (Burma). All the other nations throughout the globe have adopted SI or Metric Measurement system. The United States ought to adopt the Standard International to symbolize global unity and for all imports and exports to be equal.

Section 2. With most all products sold in the United States being imported and being developed in nations that use the Metric system. The United States (and all territories, states, provinces, and districts) are hereby mandated to adopt the metric system to prevent any confusion or potential conflicts within the conversions between to the two conversion systems.

Section 3. The Period of Transition would be a period of 10 years, in such a period the education system would have plenty of time to properly teach students

the Metrics system. All infrastructure that was built in the United States Customary system shall remain built in such system, however all modifications and new infrastructure shall be built in ordinance with the metric system. Signs on roads shall also be changed in the transition period, and funding for the change shall be overseen and managed by the United States Department of Transportation. The United States (and all territories, states, provinces, and districts) would however not change the means of understanding our temperature, because the Celsius temperature system Is not affiliated with The SI Measurement System.

Section 4. The Metrics System is based on units of 10 and therefore fractions would no longer serve a purpose, and would only create more education time to teach other processes, calculations, or mathematics related task.

Section 5. With the switch, United States unemployment levels would decrease because workers are needed to put in signs, and create signs. The switch would help our economy grow and continue to develop and should be passed because the benefits clearly outweigh the potential consequences. All Laws in Conflict with this bill shall be deemed Null and Void.

Presented for Congressional Debate by *Nestucca High School*

Bill for Education Reform

Resolved: The United States ought to standardize testing.

Section 1. The United States education standards are at strict, and many students from all different backgrounds struggle to pass the tests, let alone the Common Core State Standards and Smarter Balanced Testing. To be able to reform education, the teachers, parents, and government officials must know where students are struggling. The only way to achieve such a task is through standardized testing.

Section 2. Standardized testing would provide all the students with the same exact questions, with the same difficulty, this here would provide more accurate results. As to which students are proficient in which areas as opposed to others in the same grade level.

Section 3. Standardized testing would also create for more accurate data. This method of testing would provide the same questions to everyone, so someone in who is more proficient would not get easier questions while, someone who is less proficient would get more difficult questions.

Section 4. Standardized testing also has proven itself in many Highly developed nations mostly in Europe and Asia. The United States is far behind in Education standards and more standardized testing would be a clear solution.

Presented for Congressional Debate by *Nestucca High School*

A Bill to Limit American Military Personnel Overseas

Resolved: The United States ought not deploy United States Military Troops during peacetime.

Section 1. The United States has nearly 200,000 Troops deployed in Foreign Nations. The Troops stationed in these locations are in harm's way, and pose a potential diplomatic and military conflict.

Section 2. By enacting this bill, it would reduce the number of casualties and risks directed towards American troops in foreign nations. This could benefit diplomatic relations with countries that have a heavy United States Military Presence.

Section 3. The United States already has bases in a great number of countries, and puts troops in serious danger. The Military shall not be allowed for use in Offensive Acts directed at any Foreign Entity, Nation, or Person without a

Declaration of War that has been approved by The United States of America, as authorized by Article 1, Section 8, Clause 11 of The United States Constitution.

Section 4. Article 4, Section 4 of The US Constitution is hereby modified to “ The United States shall guarantee to every state in this union a republican form of government, and shall protect each of them against invasion; and on application of the legislature, or of the executive (when the legislature cannot be convened) against domestic violence, and In the case of Military Action directed by a Foreign Nation, The President may direct the United States Military without a Declaration of War, for a maximum of 10 Days or until Congress has passed a Declaration of War, whichever shall occur first”

Section 5 All other laws in conflict with this bill shall be referred to The Committee of Homeland Security in Both Houses of The United States Congress.

Presented for Congressional Debate by *Nestucca High School*

Bill To Halt Circulation of Small Monetary Units

Resolved: The United States ought to Halt the production of the 1-cent coin

Section 1. The United States has an economy based on the US Dollar, and other small monetary denominations such as the quarter, nickel, dime, and half-dollar. One such monetary unit-the penny is no longer large enough denomination, to make it worthy of producing.

Section 2. The Penny or 1-Cent coin cannot be used solely for any purchase. It would take large amounts to be able purchase any necessary item. Why should the United States produce a monetary unit that of you have 100 of would equal a larger monetary unit.

Section 3. The Change in monetary units would save taxpayers money and that money could be proportioned to other Government projects and laws. The Change in question would take immediate action. All citizens may go into their nearest bank that is recognized by the United States Federal Reserve. They may exchange their pennies for larger monetary units so long as the two amounts are equal. Citizens may also choose to keep their pennies for sentimental purposes or

collections. The pennies may then be recycled and sold to create additional government funding.

Section 4. By removing the penny from circulation, and then recycling them, the government would help to create funding, while reducing expenses. Other benefits would include slowing down the use of natural minerals, materials, or other precious metals that are naturally occurring in the earth.

Presented for Congressional Debate by *Nestucca High School*

A Bill To Enact Direct Vote Elections

Resolved: The United States ought to abolish the electoral college, and enact a direct vote election process.

The United States has endured a great deal of hardship, none-the-less in our election process. To reunite a divided nation and sew the wounds of our democracy, let it be enacted that congress is assembled here today to reach a decision as to whether abolish the electoral college, and enact a direct vote election process or to uphold the Electoral College that has only since the election divided us.

Section 1. The Decision to develop the electoral college was one made centuries ago, as an effort to create a fair vote, because the original founding fathers felt that the common man did not possess the intellect, however in today's American society, a just government ought to uphold the ideal of democracy by creating a direct vote, to determine the outcome of a general presidential election.

Section 2. The shift of election procedure shall take effect immediately and with the additional time between our next election, a fair system should be fully prepared.

Section 3. The Federal Election Committee shall oversee and regulate the shift of election procedure as well as revise it for more accurate results and simplicity.

Section 4. This bill shall not reverse any previous election outcome, to prevent further confusion. This bill, shall be enacted immediately to provide as much time as possible for the system to be developed and changes to be made, as needed.

Presented for Congressional Debate by *Nestucca High School*

A Bill to Establish Mental Health Programs in Schools

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All K-12 schools that receive public funding are now required to have mental health
3 programs that are accessible to all students. These programs will ensure schools make
4 appropriate accommodations for the mental illnesses of their students, take steps to treat
5 mental illness, and make appropriate referrals to medical professionals if additional care
6 is required.

7 **SECTION 2.** Mental illnesses include, but are not limited to: anxiety, behavioral, eating, mood, and
8 personality disorders as well as substance abuse issues. A school is considered to have
9 fulfilled the requirement of Section 1 when it provides treatment or referrals and follows
10 up regularly with the entirety of its student body that requests the program's services each
11 year.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and the National Institute of Mental Health will oversee this
13 piece of legislation.

14 A. If a school so chooses, they may receive help in the form of non-sectarian resources
15 or programs from community organizations that have a focus on mental health.

16 **SECTION 4.** This law shall go into effect in the year 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Seattle Academy.

Bill to Ban the Use of Prison Labor

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government and the Department of Justice, shall ban the use
3 of prison labor throughout any public or private prison facility or detention center, within
4 the United States or under the jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

5 **SECTION 2. A.** Prison labor shall be defined as uncompensated, forced labor done by convicts or
6 prisoners at a prison or detention center.

7 **B.** A public or private prison or detention center shall be defined as a secure facility that
8 holds people convicted of a criminal offense, whether for-profit or maintained by the
9 state or federal government.

10 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Prisons will oversee the
11 implementation and enforcement of this bill.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented on or before June 1st, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Puyallup High School.

A Bill to Allow the Sealing of Juvenile Records to Ease Reintegration for Juvenile Delinquents

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Juvenile records for civil and criminal offenses should hereby be sealed.

3 **SECTION 2.** Sealed shall be defined as not able to be seen by anyone except the juvenile offender and
4 any professionals involved in the case.

5 Criminal and civil offenses shall be defined as any offense committed by a juvenile that
6 does not include rape, murder, or any involvement in either type of offense.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will be in charge of the enforcement of this piece of legislation

8 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented on January 1st, 2020

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Interlake High School