

# A Bill To Help Veterans Quality Of Life

1. **WHEREAS**, As of 2014, there were 21.8 million veterans in America
2. **WHEREAS**, 30% of veterans (6.54 million people) suffer from ptsd or severe depression, 50% of those suffering from ptsd do not seek help, partly because they do not have the resources or money to do so
3. **WHEREAS**, Veterans in 2014 were choosing death at three times the rate of their civilian peers
4. **WHEREAS**, Every 65 minutes a veteran commits suicide, overall about 22 a day.
5. **WHEREAS**, 39,471 veterans are homeless every night
6. **WHEREAS**, unemployment rates for veterans exceed the general population in the same age group

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1**. A tax of 5% will be placed upon firearms and ammunition
3. **A**. The gun industry makes approximately 10 billion dollars a year
4. **SECTION 2**. The tax money will go directly to the following:
5. **A**. All veterans that participate in 18 months of service or gain what the
6. government classifies as a disability, are eligible to apply for the veterans
7. assistance program which will supply them with:
8. **B**. a small apartment in the town or city they lived before they joined the
9. military, a job that allows them to work if they are able, or, live off of
10. disability checks as is normal, and counseling.
11. **SECTION 3**. The housing and counseling will be supplied by the taxes the government
12. receives for up to five years. The job can be held by the veteran until he or
13. she quits or there is a proven just reason as to why they it is not
14. appropriate for them to continue to work at their job by the employer. The
15. veteran may also continue the rental of their apartment past 5 years but it
16. must be with money supplied by him or her.
17. **SECTION 4**. This bill will be enacted in 92 days after passage.

# **A Bill to Restrict Testing on Animals for Cosmetic Purposes in Order to Protect Animal Rights**

BE IT ENACTED BY CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLE THAT:

**SECTION 1.** Under the passage of this legislation all animals that are being used for cosmetic testing must be outlawed nationwide

**SECTION 2.** The definition of cosmetic purposes are: skin-care creams, lipsticks, eye and facial makeup, towelettes, and colored contact lenses; to the body: deodorants, lotions, powders, perfumes, baby products, bath oils, bubble baths, bath salts, and body butters; to the hands/nails. Animal testing is defined as any laboratory test applied to a living animal that causes harm or distress and in purpose of this bill cosmetic testing.

**SECTION 3.** United States Department of Agriculture will oversee the change in animal cruelty laws

**SECTION 4.** This law will be implemented January 1st 2020

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

Azza Borovicka Swanson

# A Bill to Abolish the Oregon Graduated License Program

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS THAT

**Section 1.** The Oregon Graduated License Program (GLP), will be abolished from Oregon's legislation.

**Section 2.** Oregon's GLP focuses mainly on prohibiting new drivers from driving others besides direct family within their first six months of owning a license. If this bill is passed licensed drivers will be able to safely drive anyone after legally obtaining a driver's license.

**Section 3.** The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will oversee this legislation.

**Section 4.** If passed, this bill will take effect immediately.

**Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null or void.

JACK SKIDMORE, Summit High School

# A Bill to Ban Sweet Pickles

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS THAT

**Section 1.** Sweet pickles will be banned in all stores, restaurants, and other distributors of pickles in the United States of America and must be replaced with the far superior dill pickle.

**Section 2.** The sweet pickle are sabotaged with sugar in there pickling process which makes them have a sickenly sweet taste that destroys your pickle experience. The superior dill pickle, made without sugar and infused with delicious dill weed, has a crisp, savory pickle experience.

**Section 3.** The FDA will oversee this legislation to make sure that this nation is free of sweet pickles.

**Section 4.** If passes this bill will take effect immediately.

**Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null or void.

Jack Skidmore, Summit High School

## **Resolution to Deny Support to Regimes with Child Soldiers**

**WHEREAS,** Children in Africa are being forced to fight in wars; and

**WHEREAS,** These children are being deprived of rights and education; and

**WHEREAS,** The child soldiers have mental-illnesses and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder; and

**WHEREAS,** No longer maintain a possibility of having a childhood; and

**WHEREAS,** These children do not have the ability to refuse and are instead manipulated and coerced into joining the militia; and now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled no longer gives military aid to these countries which maintain children soldiers and creates post war programs for the psychological effects of war in Africa.

*Introduced for Congressional debate by Summit HS (Bend).*

# **A Bill to Vary the Sizes of US Paper Money to Help the Visually Impaired**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** All paper currency currently in circulation will be removed and be replaced with new paper currency.

**SECTION 2.** New paper currency will hereby be defined as paper currency with varying rectangular sizes for different denominations.

**SECTION 3.** The treasury department shall oversee the implementations of this bill and the Federal Reserve will enforce this bill by no longer accepting current paper currency.

**SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect 12/31/19.

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

*Introduction for Congressional Debate by Natasha Visnack, Summit High School*

## **A Bill to Replace Faces on U.S Currency with Images of National Parks**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT :

**SECTION 1.** All current currency in circulation will be removed and replaced with new currency.

**SECTION 2.** The new currency shall be defined as currency with the images of national parks where faces would have normally been.

**SECTION 3.** The treasury department shall oversee the implementations of this bill and the federal reserve will enforce this by no longer accepting current currency.

**SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect December 31st, 2019.

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

*Introduction for Congressional Debate by Aliyah Keith, Summit High School.*

# A Bill to Legalize Prostitution

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS THAT

- Section 1.** Any form of the practice or occupation of sexual activity in exchange for payment shall be legal for anyone above the age of 18.
- Section 2.** Sexual activity consists of kissing, groping, petting, and/or intercourse
- Section 3.** The Department of Labor will oversee the enforcement of this bill by assuring that all prostitutes have the ability to have safe work conditions through regulation.
- Section 4.** This will be implemented immediately.
- Section 5.** All other laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be declared null and void.

Emilio Fassett, Summit High School



## **A Bill to Enforce Mandatory Voting for Individuals Aged 18 to 30 to Encourage Involvement in the Democratic Process**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** Automatic voter registration and enforcement of mandatory voting from ages 18 to 30 with mail-in ballots nationwide.

**SECTION 2.** Mandatory voting defined as voting enforced through a monetary fine dependent on annual income of the individual in question. Democratic process defined as involvement in all elections from local up to the national level

**SECTION 3.** The responsibilities of implementation and enforcement will fall to the Federal Election Committee.

**SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect 2020.

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

Wren Miller, Summit High School

# An Act for Income Equality

## **Preamble:**

WHEREAS, women are paid 80% less than their male counterparts.

WHEREAS, full time, single women, make \$12,784 less than their male counterparts annually.

WHEREAS, America provides the least amount of maternity leave. (compared to most first world countries)

WHEREAS, this forces women to take time off when they have a child, this results in them becoming less experienced.

WHEREAS, in some situations, this could justify paying females less.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS ASSEMBLED

Section 1: Let a maternity leave be defined by a mandatory leave of absence provided by employers to working women.

Section 2: Let it be said that every employer must pay the same starting salary in each position, regardless of gender or race.

Section 3: Let it be said that every business must provide at least three weeks of paid maternity leave to all working women.

Section 4: Let it be said that failure to comply by these rules will result in a 3% tax increase.

sub-section one: the tax money will go to providing welfare for mothers and children in need.

Section 5 : This bill will be enacted 91 days after passing

## **A Bill to Nullify Legally-Binding Marriage**

### **BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

**Section 1.** Once this bill is enacted, marriage and marriage licenses between any two persons will no longer be recognized legally.

**Section 2.** Marriage is defined as the legal union between two persons.

**Section 3.** This bill shall be enforced by the department each state has concerning marriage.

**Section 4.** This bill will go into effect January 6th, 2020.

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

***Introduced for Congressional Debate by Isabella Schmitz, Summit High School***



## A Bill to Revise U.S. Code § 279

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** U.S. Code 279 will be amended to outlines the care and transfer of  
3 unaccompanied alien children.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Social Security Administration will be held responsible for:

5 (a) Ensuring that the interests of the child are considered in decisions  
6 and actions relating to their care, placement, custody, and release.

7 (b) Information relating to the child's placement, removal, or release  
8 from each facility in which the child has resided.

9 **SECTION 4.** The implementation of this process should begin within the next two  
10 years and continue implementation with all deliberate speed; with full  
11 implementation by 2024.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Tillamook High School*



## A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Abolish the Electoral College

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   In the United States of America the Electoral College does not represent  
2                   the majority of voters; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**   Multiple times throughout history there has been a large discrepancy  
4                   between the popular vote and the Electoral College; and
- 5   **WHEREAS,**   Minority rights are being underrepresented and the rule of the majority is  
6                   being overrepresented due to gerrymandering; and
- 7   **WHEREAS,**   The abolishment of the Electoral College would result in the nullification  
8                   of the ability or need to gerrymander; now, therefore, be it
- 9   **RESOLVED,**   By the Congress here assembled that: elections shall be a result of the  
10                  popular vote, and would be a direct representation of the vote and will of  
11                  the people.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Tillamook High School*

## **A Bill to Provide Access to Contraceptives to Public High School Students**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1      SECTION 1.      All public high schools shall be required to have contraceptives available to  
2                              the student body.
- 3      SECTION 2.      The distribution of the contraceptives shall be at the discretion of the high  
4                              school, as long as the following, conditions are met:
- 5                              A) "Contraceptives" shall be defined as any accepted and medically approved form of  
6                              prevention against pregnancy and/or sexually transmitted infections and diseases that  
7                              can be obtained without a prescription. Male and female condoms must be provided by  
8                              the school. The availability of emergency contraception pills is up to the discretion of the  
9                              school district.
- 10                              B) "Available" will be defined as being easily accessible to students in a manner that is  
11                              free from financial or bureaucratic obstacles, and maintains privacy.
- 12      SECTION 3.      Schools will be required to implement this act upon the start of the academic year  
13                              following its passage.
- 14      SECTION 4.      Funding for contraceptives shall be allocated by the individual school districts in their  
15                              respective health-office budgets, if necessary.
- 16      SECTION 5.      The Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Education shall  
17                              oversee the enforcement of this bill. Any high school that fails to meet the specified  
18                              conditions of this bill shall face a 15% decrease in federal education funding.
- 19      SECTION 6.      All other laws in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be declared null  
20                              and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Tasha Robinson, Glencoe High School*

## **A Bill to Reinstate the Individual Health Insurance Mandate**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1      SECTION 1.      Individuals are required to obtain and maintain health insurance for themselves and all  
2                              of their dependents with no more than one one-month lapse in coverage per year.
- 3      SECTION 2.      Section 1 may be satisfied by providing proof of insurance with a filed  
4                              income tax return. Failure to satisfy Section 1 will result in a tax of 2.5%  
5                              of gross income per person or \$1000 per person, whichever is greater.  
6                              Individuals who demonstrate that purchasing insurance coverage would prove  
7                              an undue financial hardship or those with sincerely held religious  
8                              objections to health insurance are exempt from fines in this legislation.
- 9      SECTION 3.      This legislation will be enforced by the Internal Revenue Service.
- 10     SECTION 4.      This legislation will go into effect January 1, 2020.
- 11     SECTION 5.      All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Tasha Robinson, Glencoe High School*





## **Unconstitutional Public Gun-free Zones**

### **A Bill to Get Rid of Public Gun-free Zones**

Be It Enacted By This Congress That:

1. SECTION 1. Public gun-free zones are unconstitutional and should be abolished
2. throughout all 50 states. Abolishing is absolutely getting rid of it
3. completely, and never using it again.
4. SECTION 2. Gun-free zones are zones within cities or towns where citizens cannot
5. carry firearms at all.
6. SECTION 3. The individual police departments of each state will oversee the
7. enforcement of this law by going around the country and shutting down all
8. public gun-free zones.
9. SECTION 4. This bill will be implemented throughout the United States by the end of
10. 2019.
11. SECTION 5. All laws prohibiting this policy will be deemed unconstitutional and
12. thus abolished, with the Constitution being the law of the land forever. If
13. you establish a gun-free zone, it will be considered a misdemeanor and
14. will do community service every day for 1 year.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bryan Lowe*

Senator Bryan Lowe  
Century High School

1. A Resolution to Remove the Steel Tariff
- 2.
3. WHEREAS: The current steel import tariff is dangerous to global industry, trade, and
4. foreign relations; and
5. WHEREAS: this and other import and export tariffs force the business and the consumer
6. to purchase within their home country, and the exporter to sell elsewhere;
7. And
8. WHEREAS: these tariffs only harm the consumer and and business by the exporter
9. being forced to apply premiums to compensate. Steel is the most
10. dangerous of these because it is such a precious commodity in heavy
11. industry; now therefore be it
12. RESOLVED: The current steel import tariff should be removed in the interest of global
13. trade and the United States consumer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sen. Andrew Carleton Booren Jr.  
Century High School

## **A Bill to Abolish Defensive Architecture**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1.** Defensive Architectures will be taken down and replaced with society friendly designs.

**Section 2.** Defensive Architectures will be defined as, public structures designed to reduce antisocial behaviors in public spaces. Society friendly designs will be defined as structures that are designed to support inclusiveness in public spaces.

**Section 3.** The U.S. Department of Defense will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

A. There will be a \$500 fine for each structure that does not undergo renovation within a year of this legislation going into effect.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect on January 1, 2020.

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

*Respectfully submitted,  
Marshfield High School*

## **A Resolution to Abolish the Transportation Safety Administration**

- WHEREAS,** The Transportation Safety Administration (TSA) was hastily established in November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2001 in response to imminent threats to U.S. aviation exposed by the terrorism on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001, in the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** The 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of the TSA is approaching and there are metrics to better evaluate the risk effectiveness of the organization, and
- WHEREAS,** The operation budget for the TSA in 2017, was \$7.6 billion dollars and failed to detect weapons 70 – 95% of the time in random testing; and
- WHEREAS,** The number of airline of passengers traveling from U.S. airports in 2016 was estimated at 944,255,000; and
- WHEREAS,** Each airline passenger has added approximately one hour to their preflight schedule due to TSA security checkpoints resulting in almost 1 billion hours in lost productivity
- WHEREAS,** States oversaw their own airport security, following federal guidelines, in their own manner before the establishment of the TSA; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation; to return airport security back to each state and, be it
- FURTHER RESOLVED,** That TSA be completely dissolved by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Interlake High School.*

## **A Resolution to Grant All US Territories the Right to Vote on Federal Issues**

**WHEREAS**, currently no US Territory has the right to vote in any election regarding any federal issue (including, but not limited to, presidential elections—meaning the general presidential elections, congressional elections etc.); and

**WHEREAS**, the greater majority of the groups inhabiting each US Territory have US Citizenships (excluding the American Samoa who are referred to as “US Nationals”), pays all required taxes (excluding federal income tax) and are free to travel throughout any region in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, many current veterans and military personnel live across each US Territory; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated four million people inhabit US Territories (which are defined as “Portions of the United States that are not within the limits of any state and have not been admitted as states,” including, but not limited to, the American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands etc.); now, therefore, be it,

**RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that Federal voting rights shall be granted, along with any other voting right allowed by citizens of all the 50 US states, to all current and future US Territories.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Kingston High School*

## **A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Set Term Limits for Supreme Court Justices**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislature of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

### **Article 3**

**Section 1.** Supreme Court Justices shall maintain their position for twelve (12) years from the time of their appointment, unless the justice is found to be outside of the Constitutional standard of good behavior.

**Section 2.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Puyallup High School*

## A BILL TO PHASE OUT THE FEDERAL USE OF PRIVATE PRISONS

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

2 Article I: The United States federal government will phase out the use of private  
3 prisons and/or for-profit prisons.

4 Article II: A private prison or for-profit prison shall be defined as a place in which  
5 individuals are physically confined or incarcerated by a third party that is  
6 contracted by a government agency. Phase out shall be defined as the act  
7 of discontinuing a process or project.

8 Article III: Immediately from passage, every year the United States will reduce the  
9 number of prisoners in private prisons by an additional 20% from the number  
10 at the time of passage.

11 A. All contracts with private prison corporations shall be terminated and  
12 no new contracts shall be implemented.

13 Article IV: The United States Department of Justice, along with the Federal Bureau of  
14 Prisons, shall be charged with the implementation of this bill.

15 A. \$500 million will be allocated to fund the transportation of prisoners to  
16 federal prisons and to assist with building new federal prisons as may be  
17 necessary.

18 Article V: All other laws in conflict with this new policy shall hereby declared null  
19 and void.

## **A BILL TO SET A STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS ON WELFARE BENEFITS**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 Article I. A person receiving welfare benefits will have a maximum of 8 years to stabilize  
3 their income and/or further their education before benefits are denied.

4 Article II. Welfare will be defined as government programs that provide aid to individuals  
5 or groups who cannot support themselves, such as those who are disabled or  
6 who have fallen on hard times. These programs encompass food stamps,  
7 house subsidies and day care supplements. It does not include medical  
8 programs or Social Security.

9 Article III. The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services will oversee the  
10 implementation of this law.

11 A. Welfare recipients are subject to annual reviews and income checks.

12 B. If a recipient of welfare is actively looking for a job and/or is a full time student  
13 they will remain qualified to receive benefits for up to 8 years.

14 C. In order to continue to receive benefits past the 8-year limitation one must  
15 prove to be disabled or show an immediate hardship due to circumstances  
16 beyond their control.

17 D. Those currently approved to receive benefits will remain eligible until February  
18 1, 2020.

19 Article IV. This law will go into effect February 1, 2019.

20 Article V. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.



## **A Resolution to Restore Hawaiian Sovereignty**

- WHEREAS,** In 1843 Britain and France recognized the Hawaiian Kingdom.
- WHEREAS,** The overthrow of Queen Lili'uokalani in 1893 by the United States was an illegal coup.
- WHEREAS,** The United States illegally annexed Hawai'i in 1898 and established the State of Hawai'i in 1959.
- WHEREAS,** In 1993 the U.S. Congress acknowledged the illegality of the 1893 overthrow.
- WHEREAS,** Native Hawaiians have disproportionately suffered from homelessness, poverty, marginalization, and the decline of native culture and traditions.
- RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that: the United States should return autonomy and independence to Hawai'i by recognizing the sovereign Hawaiian Kingdom and releasing the Hawaiian Kingdom from statehood.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pacific*