

WSFA Fall Congress Legislative Packet 2019

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A

A Bill to Mandate Housing Assistance

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. 2 U.S. Code § 1437f, also known as Section 8 of the Housing Act of 1937, will be considered non-discretionary spending.

SECTION 2. “Non-discretionary spending” is spending that must be fulfilled by the federal government. Anyone who qualifies for a program that is non-discretionary is guaranteed to receive their needed assistance.

SECTION 3. The Department of Housing and Urban Development will oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation goes into effect on January 1, 2022

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Federal Way HS

B

A Bill to Ban Government Shutdowns

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** In the event that the President and Congress, during budget negotiations,
3 fail to reach an agreement on budgetary matters, the United States
4 Federal Government shall be funded on the same conditions as the prior
5 year's funding until an actual agreement can be reached.

6 **SECTION 2.** The Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches of the federal
7 government shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented January 1st 2021.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate University HS

C

A Resolution to Remove Party Affiliations from Ballots

WHEREAS, Political platforms in America are based more on partisanship than on the actual political positions of the candidates; and

WHEREAS, This leads to the election of leaders who are out of touch with the actual views held by their voter base; and

WHEREAS, Voter interests are not accurately represented by their own elected officials due to; and

WHEREAS, this causes the American constituency to gradually lose faith in their elected government; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled recommend the removal of official party affiliations from the ballots of all federal, state, and local elections.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Newport HS

D

A Resolution to Grant 10 Billion Dollars to the Department of Energy for Research and Development of Thorium Energy

1 **WHEREAS,** Current Nuclear Reactors in the United States lag behind those found in
2 the rest of the modern world; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Nuclear energy only makes up 9.6% of our energy sources as of 2017,
4 while 71.6% of France's energy is sourced from nuclear; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Current nuclear technology is much more environmentally friendly and
6 safe than coal or natural gas, thorium may make nuclear energy even
7 safer and efficient; and

8 **WHEREAS,** The threat of climate change is becoming more and more urgent, be it

9 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation
10 for solution to grant \$10,000,000 to the United States Department of
11 Energy; and, be it

12 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the funding is used exclusively for the research and
13 development of thorium based energy solutions.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bellevue HS

E

A Bill to Remove the 3 Day Weapons Background Check Window

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The FBI will now have up to 30 business days to complete any
3 background check relating to firearms and explosives, in addition if the
4 FBI fails to complete it in the 30-day window the check will no longer
5 auto complete.

6 **SECTION 2.** Background check is defined as the process of FBI reviewing one's history
7 to determine if they may obtain a firearm or explosive.

8 **SECTION 3.** The FBI will be responsible for implementing the change, and will receive
9 a 10-million-dollar budget increase to compensate for the change

10 **SECTION 4.** The bill will go into effect by January 2021, and the FBI will have up to 4
11 months to implement the policy

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bellevue HS

F

A Resolution to Denounce Japan's Illegal Constitutional Reinterpretation of Article 9.

- 1 **WHEREAS,** In 2014, the Japanese government under Prime Minister Shinzo Abe
2 reinterpreted Article 9 of the Japanese Constitution without
3 constitutional amendment procedures; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** The reinterpretation has allowed Japan to defend its allies in case they
5 are declared war on, raising tensions in East Asia and encouraging
6 Japanese rearmament; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The reinterpretation faces heavy criticism from the US ally of South
8 Korea, worsening Japan-Korea relations and turning the US's regional
9 allies against each other; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** The reinterpretation also faces backlash from China and North Korea,
11 leading to an arms race between Japan and China; now, therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled denounce Japan's reinterpretation of
13 Article 9 and insist that the reinterpretation be evaluated by the Japanese
14 Supreme Court; and, be it
- 15 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That should the Japanese government not comply, the United
16 States should cut military funding to the Japanese Self Defense Forces
17 (JSDF).

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Seattle Academy

G

A Bill to Cease the Shipment of Crude Oils by Locomotives Across the Continental U.S.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will cease the transportation of crude oils across the
3 continental United States of America by locomotive, excluding Alaska.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. Transportation refers to the movement of an object from point 'a' to
5 point 'b'.

6 B. The term crude oils refers to any substance containing and/or derived
7 from unrefined petroleum.

8 C. The use of the word locomotive refers to any medium that uses
9 railroad tracks as a means of movement (i.e. trains, tank cars, etc).

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Transportation will be held accountable for regulating
11 the materials specifically carried in DOT-111's and DOT-117's.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill would phase into total effect by January 1st, 2022.

13 **A.** Phase 1 begins with completely ceasing the use of DOT-111's.

14 **B.** Phase 2 moves toward the culminative point of absolutely no crude
15 oil being transported by train across the continental U.S.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Puyallup HS

H

A Bill to Require Vaccination of Students Attending Public School

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. With the almost eradication of many of the major communicable diseases of the early 20th century making a comeback, it is important that all students are vaccinated to protect not only themselves but their schoolmates. Specifically Measles and Mumps since 2016 have had over 38,000 and 17,000 cases respectively. These numbers represent around 50 to 75% of actual reported cases. Many cases go unreported.

SECTION 2. The CDC can define the major communicable diseases. The department of health will provide that list to the local schools. It will be the parents responsibility to ensure the student(s) are vaccinated.

Currently if a case of a disease is confirmed in a school, all unvaccinated students are not to come to school for 30 days following the last reported case from that school.

SECTION 3. This will be overseen by the state health departments in conjunction with the department of education and the local school districts.

SECTION 4. This bill will take effect at the beginning of the school year following passage and signing.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rainier Christian

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Reform Campaign Finance

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

6 ARTICLE --

7 **SECTION 1:** The Supreme Court's decisions in *Citizens United v. Federal Election*
8 *Commission*, 558 U.S. 310 (2010) and *McCutcheon v. FEC*, 572 U.S. 185
9 (2014), as well as other court decisions, erroneously invalidated even-
10 handed rules about the spending of money in local, State, and Federal
11 elections.

12 **SECTION 2:** In the wake of *Citizens United* and other damaging Federal court decisions,
13 Americans have witnessed an explosion of outside spending in elections.
14 Outside spending increased nearly 900 percent between the 2008 and
15 2016 Presidential election years. Indeed, the 2018 elections once again
16 made clear the overwhelming political power of wealthy special interests,
17 to the tune of over \$5,000,000,000.

18 **SECTION 3:** This Congress here assembled must amend the Constitution of the United
19 States, so that Congress has the power to set limits on the amount that a
20 single individual or organization can donate towards a campaign of a
21 candidate running for state, local, or federal elections.

22 **SECTION 4:** This Congress must also amend the Constitution to ensure that no less
23 than 75% of campaign contributions for any candidate running in local,
24 state, or federal elections must be less than or equivalent to the highest
25 denomination available in U.S. Currency at the time of the Campaign.

A Resolution to Abolish the Felony Murder Rule

WHEREAS, the Felony Murder Rule states, “any death, which occurs during the commission of a felony, is first degree murder, and all participants in that felony, or attempted felony, can be charged with, and found guilty of, murder”; and

WHEREAS, currently the Felony Murder Rule allows anyone involved in a felony or attempted felony where someone is murdered to be charged with first-degree murder even if all, or most, of the parties involved agree the person is innocent; and

WHEREAS, every country that has had a version of this rule has abolished it; and

WHEREAS, this rule has already been abolished in several states because of its injustice; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that the Felony Murder Rule be abolished on a federal level.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Kingston HS

K

A Resolution to Place Economic Sanctions on Brazil

1 **WHEREAS**, over 80,000 fires have occurred since the beginning of 2019, with most of
2 the fires being contributed to Brazilian farmers; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Amazon is home to multiple indigenous groups, unique flora and
4 fauna, and important resources; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the Brazilian President, Jair Bolsonaro, has done nothing to combat the
6 fires and is credited with inspiring farmers to start them; now, therefore,
7 be it

8 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that economic sanctions will be placed on
9 all Brazilian goods with a specific and targeted emphasis on products
10 which derive directly from the Amazon's deforestation (including, but not
11 limited to: iron ore, soybeans, sugar, coffee, and corn); and, be it

12 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that these sanctions will not be lifted until the Brazilian
13 government implements a plan to counteract the impacts of the
14 deforestation and fires while also including plans for future policy changes
15 relative to protection of the Amazon.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Kingston HS

L

A Bill to Abolish Animal Testing to Discourage Animal Cruelty

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** Cosmetic, Chemical, and Clothing companies will no longer be
2. allowed to use animals as test subjects for product
3. development and distribution.
4. **SECTION 2.** Cosmetics - Makeup and beauty products
5. **SECTION 3.** This bill will be overseen by the bureau of Industry and service
6. and will penalize organizations that do not follow the new
7. regulations by using animals to test or demonstrate products.
8. **SECTION 4.** This will be put into action by the year 2020
9. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared
10. null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lewis and Clark HS

M

A Bill to Privatize the National Park Service

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The National Park Service will be privatized.

3 **SECTION 2.** The National Park Service is an agency of the United States federal
4 government that manages all national parks, many national monuments,
5 and other conservation and historical properties with various title
6 designations.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of the Interior will oversee enforcement.

8 A. The Department will outsource restoration, conservation,
9 maintenance, improvement, management, and other services as
10 required by the individual properties.

11 B. The Department will oversee the transition from public to private
12 services.

13 C. No concession for individual extraction activities will be made.

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

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Chiawana HS

N

A Resolution to Abolish the Filibuster in the United States Senate

1 **WHEREAS,** the filibuster is currently a practice in the United States Senate used to
2 bring proceedings to a halt; and

3 **WHEREAS,** the filibuster is a tactic employed by the legislative minority to stall the
4 will of the democratically elected majority to come to pass; now
5 therefore be it resolved

6 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled calls on the Senate to abandon this
7 anti-democratic abuse of the trust of the American people that Congress
8 will operate in their continual best interest.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mt. Spokane HS

O

A Bill to Lower the Drinking Age from 21 to 18 years old to Decrease Irresponsible Drinking among Youth

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This legislation will repeal the National Minimum Drinking Age Act of
3 1984, which requires that States prohibit persons under 21 years of age
4 from purchasing or publicly possessing alcoholic beverages as a condition
5 of receiving State highway funds, and create a new act which requires
6 that States prohibit persons under 18 years of age from purchasing or
7 publicly possessing alcoholic beverages.

8 **SECTION 2.** The drinking age shall be defined as the age at which a person can legally
9 buy and drink alcohol.

10 **SECTION 3.** The current drinking age has resulted in widespread irresponsible and
11 binge drinking among youth.

12 **SECTION 4.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives shall oversee
13 the implementation of this legislation.

14 **SECTION 5.** This law will go into effect on January 1st, 2025.

15 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ferris HS

P

A Bill to Institute a Minimum Wage for Federal Inmates to Decrease Recidivism

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Federal inmates serving sentences for class E, D, and C felonies of a non-
3 violent, non-sexual nature shall receive a minimum wage of \$4 per hour
4 to allow for increased financial security prior to release from custody
5 thereby decreasing rates of recidivism.

6 **SECTION 2.** Recidivism is defined as the tendency of a felon to reoffend.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Bureau of Prisons will oversee the payment of inmates as
8 well as facilitate a banking method to allow for safe storage of earnings.

9 **SECTION 4.** This will be implemented by Jan. 1, 2022.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mt. Spokane HS

Q

A Bill to Provide a Universal Basic Income to Better the Standard of Living in the United States

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** United States residents over 18 years of age shall receive a universal basic
3 income of \$1,000 a month (amounting to \$12,000 annually).

4 **SECTION 2.** All legal citizens and lawful permanent residents of the United States
5 shall qualify for the stipend.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of the Treasury will be responsible for oversight of the
7 bill, and funding will be procured in two ways:

8 A. Current welfare programs shall be consolidated and citizens will be
9 given a choice between retaining current benefits or accepting the
10 \$1,000 UBI.

11 B. A value added tax of 10% on the production of goods and services
12 shall be enacted upon businesses.

13 **SECTION 4.** The bill will go into effect at the beginning of the 2021 fiscal year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mt. Vernon HS

R

A Bill to Subsidize Tolling of Major City Roadways and Reform Public Transportation Across the United States

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. This legislation provides subsidies for major cities across the United States to implement tolling systems on public roadways and develop or improve effective public transportation structures.

SECTION 2. Major cities will be defined as cities whose populations exceed 400,000. Currently, there are approximately 47 cities at, above, or around this standard.

Public transportation/transit may include systems for buses, monorails, light rails, intercity rails, subways, ferries, or other viable systems.

Subsidy packages will vary widely depending on the size of the city, the magnitude of the implemented change, the difficulty with which the change would be made, and whether or not cities have specific policies planned to utilize funds.

SECTION 3. The Department of Transportation and city officials will be responsible for administering and utilizing funds.

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

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Kings HS

S

A Resolution to Support The People of Hong Kong to Ensure the Survival of Democracy

WHEREAS, The people of Hong Kong are protesting mainland China for the sake of their democracy; and

WHEREAS, Over hundreds of thousands of Hong Kong citizens have protested for upwards of 10 weeks; and

WHEREAS, Mainland China has slandered, arrested, and injured protesters; and

WHEREAS, The democracy and autonomy of Hong Kong is threatened; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled shall be in support of the Hong Kong protesters; and, be it

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Thomas Jefferson HS

AA

A Bill to Provide More Funding for the Foster Care System

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Upon passage of this legislation, the top 1% of income earners will pay an extra income tax of .001%; which will be distributed to the improvement of the Foster Care system.

SECTION 2. The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 3. This legislation shall come into effect by January 1st 2022.

SECTION 4. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by WSFA

BB

A Bill to Amend Copyright Law

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Copyright protections for all forms of intellectual property shall extend up to and not further than 50 years after their creation dates, after which point all pieces of intellectual property shall become public domain.

SECTION 2. “Intellectual property” shall be defined as any original literary, dramatic, musical and artistic works. The “creation date” shall be defined as the original date of publication.

SECTION 3. The United States Copyright Office will oversee the implementation and enforcement of this new policy.

A. This law shall apply retroactively to all original copyright protected works upon passage.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2021

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

Introduced for Congressional debate by WSFA

CC

A Bill to Create A Standardized Pay Rate for App-Based Ride Share Drivers

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Drivers working for app-based ride sharing companies will be paid at an
3 hourly rate equal to or exceeding their area's minimum wage after
4 necessary business expenses like gas.

5 **SECTION 2.** App-based ride sharing companies will be defined as any company that
6 allows customers to call cars/transport via an app platform, including but
7 not limited to Uber or Lyft.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor will oversee the implementation and
9 enforcement of this bill.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect within six months of passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by WSFA

DD

A Bill to Institute Plain Packaging Laws for Tobacco

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All tobacco products sold in the United States shall be sold in “Plain
3 Packaging.”

4 **SECTION 2.** A. Federal law (section 5702(c) of Title 26 of the United States
5 Code) defines tobacco products as cigars, cigarettes, smokeless tobacco,
6 pipe tobacco, and roll-your-own tobacco. Smokeless tobacco means any
7 snuff or chewing tobacco.

8 B. Plain Packaging is defined as packaging for tobacco products that
9 removes all branding except the brand name in a mandated size, font,
10 and position on packaging, and displays health warnings, pictures of
11 health conditions linked to use, and names of toxic constituents on the
12 packaging.

13 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration will oversee the implementation
14 of this legislation.

15 A. Brand names will be printed in font size 12, Times New Roman font,
16 in the center of the lid on each pack.

17 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect as of January 1st, 2022

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by WSFA

EE

A Bill to Sanction Nigeria to Require Oversight of Oil Refineries and Increase Jobs

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The United States will impose sanctions on the government of Nigeria
3. until they agree to enforce regulations on oil refineries in the Niger River Delta and
4. provide protections for people living in the area.
5. **SECTION 2.** These sanctions will be determined by congress and increased yearly until
6. clear action is taken.
7. **SECTION 3.** The State Department will oversee diplomatic communications with the
8. Nigerian government and will depend on independent UN investigations to evaluate if
9. oversight is being conducted.
10. **SECTION 4.** Sanctions will go into effect in at the start of fiscal year 2019.
11. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by WSFA

FF
A Bill to Grant Independent Contractors Employer Health Insurance

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Independent contractors who receive 50% or more of their income
3 from a large business will be included as a part of the employer
4 mandate (Section 4980H ((a)1)) stated in the Affordable Care Act
5 (ACA) and be granted all of the rights thereof.

6
7 **SECTION 2.** A. An independent contractor is a person, business, or corporation that
8 provides goods or services under a written contract or a verbal
9 agreement.

10 B. A large business is defined as a company with 50 or more employees.

11 C. Independent contractors who receive 50% or more of their income
12 from said business will be included in the count of employees for
13 business size classification under the ACA.

14 **SECTION 3.** A. The U.S. Department of Labor will oversee enforcement of this bill.

15 B. Any large business found in violation of this bill will be fined
16 \$1,000 per month per employee not covered under Section 1 of this
17 Bill.

18 **SECTION 4.** This Bill will be enacted by January 1, 2021.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by WSFA

EE
A Bill to Ban Lobbying

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Legalized lobbying will no longer include the giving of funds, goods, or
3 services in order to influence the political actions of any public
4 representative at the state and/or federal level.

5 **SECTION 2.** "Lobbying" will be defined as attempting to influence the passage or
6 defeat of any legislation, or the adoption or rejection of any rule,
7 standard, rate, or other legislative enactment of any state agency under
8 the State Administrative Procedure Act.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will enforce this piece of legislation, as it
10 controls the penal & legal system of the United States.

11 A. The Department of Justice will award fines to any individual lobbyist,
12 lobbying group, candidate, representative, or senator equal to double
13 the dollar amount of the good/service given/performed.

14 B. Refusal to pay these fines will result in prison time, the amount of
15 which will be up to the individual judge's discretion.

16 C. Payment from these aforementioned fines will be allocated according
17 to the Congress's discretion.

18 **SECTION 4.** This piece of legislation will go into effect by November 3rd, 2020 such
19 that it is in effect during the tenure of all future/continuing
20 senator/representative's tenure.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by WSFA