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Fall 2019 Item 1: A Resolution to Extend Asylum to Syrian Refugees

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Since March of 2019 roughly 5.7 million Syrians have fled the country and
- 2 6.1 million have been displaced internally; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Countries like Turkey, Lebanon, and Jordan extended asylum to the most
- 4 refugees in the fiscal year 2018; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Refugees that are currently being displaced have been denied asylum trapped
- 6 into a cycle of poverty; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The United States is a highly developed country with an abundance of
- 8 resources; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** The United States' influential role on the global stage will promote other
- 10 countries passing similar policies; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** The United States only permitted 22,491 refugees into the U.S in 2018; and
- 12 **WHEREAS,** The current administration is slowly closing our doors to asylum seekers; now,
- 13 therefore, be it
- 14 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States Shall extend asylum to
- 15 refugees at a higher rate.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hebron High School



Fall 2019 Item 2: A Resolution to Fund Mexico's Immigration System

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Illegal immigration has caused an abundant amount of conflict, violence, and instability
2 in the Central American sphere through a lack of clear enforcement and funding; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Central American countries continue to produce asylum seekers by the thousands due
4 to their internal conflicts; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Mexico has been tasked to limit the flow of Central American immigrants entering the
6 United States by apprehending suspects at the southern Mexican border, but has failed
7 due to a lack of resources in their immigration departments; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** The unchecked flow of immigrants from Central America directly to the US (through
9 Mexico) has created problems of crime and violence; now, therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the US provide funding to the Mexican
11 government for use within their own immigration system, using the funding to properly
12 apprehend undocumented immigrants near the border; and, be it
- 13 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** If the Mexican government and local enforcement agencies fail to use this funding
14 for ethical means to decrease rates of undocumented immigration and all implications
15 associated with it, the US government shall retract this funding.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Plano West Senior High School.



Fall 2019 Item 3: A Resolution to Improve Safety of Medical Devices

1 **WHEREAS,** The Food and Drug Administration has approved over 4,600 medical devices for export-
2 only; and

3 **WHEREAS,** The lax regulatory procedures in place for approval or export-only medical devices has
4 led to equipment that malfunctions, causes infection, and other serious issues; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Due to complications that arise from export-only devices occurring outside the United
6 States, companies often fail to report serious complications arising from the use of
7 these devices to the Food and Drug Administration; and

8 **WHEREAS,** A lack of international standards for identifying devices means it is difficult to know how
9 many other troubled devices exist; and

10 **WHEREAS,** Devices that cannot be deemed suitable by the Food and Drug Administration for use by
11 individuals in the U.S. should not be deemed suitable for use by individuals outside of
12 the U.S.; now, therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the Food and Drug Administration
14 no longer be able to certify medical devices for export that are not
15 approved for use in the United States.

16 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Tascosa High School*

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Fall 2019 Item 4: The Asylum Reform Act of 2019

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** US Code Title 8, Chapter 12, Subchapter II, Part 1 will be amended to include the
3 following:

4 A fourth clause in Section (a)(2) will state: Particular social groups include, but
5 will not be limited to, victims of domestic violence, victims of gang violence,
6 which includes human trafficking and drug trafficking, victims of terrorism,
7 victims of cultural or social genocide, and those affected by humanitarian crises.

8 **SECTION 2.** Gang violence will be defined as any violence perpetrated by a member of a
9 gang. Human trafficking will include both sex trafficking and labor trafficking.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security will oversee the enforcement of the bill.

11 A. They will create the criterion for the new standard of asylum.

12 B. They will also ensure that immigrants receive court dates to determine their
13 status.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented by July 1st, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dripping Springs High School



Fall 2019 Item 5: A Resolution to Prohibit Wildlife Killing Contests

1 **WHEREAS,** The killing of various species of animals for bounties and prizes is growing
2 in popularity; and

3 **WHEREAS,** The definition of various animals considered “pests,” or “varmints” is
4 lacking scientific evidence to warrant such a designation; and

5 **WHEREAS,** The continued hunting of these creatures for sport often only results in a
6 resurgent increase in those targeted populations; and

7 **WHEREAS,** The controlled killing of animal populations is no longer justified as a
8 scientifically reasonable means of wildlife management; and

9 **WHEREAS,** Continuation of these contests will lead to an imbalance in the naturally
10 occurring biodiversity resulting in further ecological damage; and

11 **WHEREAS,** The promise of financial reward per kill leads to a stark decrease in
12 proper hunting safety; now, therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the use of wildlife bounties and
14 wildlife killing contests be prohibited.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Byron Nelson High School



Fall 2019 Item 6: A Bill to Establish Uniform Federal Standards on Fracking to Address Environmental and Safety Hazards

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Federal government regulation and minimum government standards
3 will be placed on fracking on public lands.

4 **SECTION 2.** Hydraulic fracturing or fracking is a process to extract resources from a
5 geologic formation by injecting water and chemical additives into a well
6 under enough pressure to fracture the formation.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of the Interior will enforce federal government
8 standards on hydraulic fracturing.

9 A. Fracking wells must recover at least 93% of the surfaced oil and gas
10 during the fracturing process.

11 B. Fracking wells must not exceed a 1.3% rate of methane leakage.

12 C. Individual states' Department of Natural Resources and Department
13 of Environmental Quality will further facilitate this regulation, but must
14 adhere to the federal standards.

15 **SECTION 4.** This shall be implemented FY 2020.

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



Fall 2019 Item 7: A Bill to Legalize Prostitution to Decrease Human Trafficking

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Federal Government will implement the following reforms to reduce human
3 trafficking.

4 **SECTION 2.** Prostitute will be defined as anyone who sells sex in exchange for money and is over 18.

5 Human Trafficker will be defined per the guidelines in SESTA and FOSTA Sexually
6 Transmitted Disease Prevention will be defined as testing a nd treatment for sexually
7 transmitted illnesses

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice and Department of Health and Human Services will work
9 together on the implementation this bill

10 A. All states are required to legalize prostitution

11 B. Federal Clinics across the United States will increase access to STD prevention,
12 contraception, and resources for sex workers

13 C. The federal government will legalize the act of soliciting a prostitute

14 D. The Department of Health and Human Services will be allocated \$500 million to
15 implement this program

16 **SECTION 4.** This legalization will be implemented by January of 2021

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lake Travis High School



Fall 2019 Item 8: A Resolution to Replace Existing Street Lighting with LED Adaptive Lighting Systems

1 **WHEREAS,** the United States contains an estimated 26 million streetlights that
2 consume as much electricity annually as 1.9 million households and
3 generate greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to 2.6 million cars; and

4 **WHEREAS,** adaptive lighting systems effectively reduce the cost and extent of the
5 undesirable effects of current roadway lighting while maintaining safety
6 and usability; and

7 **WHEREAS,** LED adaptive street light provides falling prices, increased efficiency,
8 better light quality, reduced trespass and improved controllability; and

9 **WHEREAS,** in areas that have utilized LED lighting fixtures to replace traditional
10 lighting both energy costs and maintenance costs have been lowered;
11 now, therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that all existing traditional roadway
13 lighting on federally-maintained roadways be replaced with LED adaptive
14 street lighting.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Buffalo High School



Name English and Spanish as the Official Languages of the United States

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States is one of few nations without an official language; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** Most nations in the world have one or more official languages to create a
- 3 more efficient government. Having an official language will make
- 4 information easily accessible to all people; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** In the past, the United States has viewed itself as, “too diverse”, for an
- 6 Official Language to be possible; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** This idea has forced us to center around one language, English, and
- 8 ignore the languages spoken by the rest of our constituency; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** One in ten Americans are native Spanish speakers, while no government
- 10 agency is required to make documents available in any language other
- 11 than English; now, therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled, that English and Spanish be named the
- 13 official languages of the United States; and, be it
- 14 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** that all government documents that are made available to the
- 15 public, shall be available in both English and Spanish.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pflugerville High School



Fall 2019 Item 10: A Resolution to Ratify UNCLOS

- 1 **WHEREAS,** 169 parties have adopted the United Nations Convention on the Law of
2 the Sea (UNCLOS), including 164 United Nations member states and the
3 European Union; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** The United States has yet to ratify the treaty due to Republican
5 opposition in the Senate; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** The U.S. already abides by the international rules set by UNCLOS despite
7 not being a member; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Failure to ratify the treaty has cost the U.S. a seat on the International
9 Seabed Authority; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has already unanimously
11 recommended that the U.S. ratify UNCLOS; and
- 12 **WHEREAS,** Joining the treaty now would give the U.S. greater legitimacy in settling
13 South China Sea territorial disputes and greater access to deep seabed
14 mining; now, therefore, be it
- 15 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States ratify and fully
16 accede to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Clements High School



Fall 2019 Item 11: A Bill to Prohibit Discriminatory Data Practices to Protect Americans

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States government shall prohibit platforms, including but not limited to Facebook and
3 Google, from serving targeted ads that discriminate against groups by race, gender, and/or
4 income.

5 **SECTION 2.** Discrimination shall be defined as the prejudicial treatment of different categories of people.
6 Platforms shall be defined as web-based technology that enables the development, deployment
7 and management of services including social media solutions.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) shall implement regulations prohibiting
9 platforms from discriminating against consumers and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) shall levy
10 a tax on companies that do not follow regulations.

11 A. The FTC will ensure that platforms comply with regulations by requiring
12 platforms to disclose their data-sharing practices to the FTC for evaluation.

13 B. The FTC shall work with the IRS to report platforms that continue to engage
14 in discrimination. A tax of 13% shall be levied on companies that fail to comply with FTC
15 regulations.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented by January 1, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Houston Lamar High School.



Fall 2019 Item 12: A Resolution to Close Guantanamo Bay

1 **WHEREAS,** spending on Guantanamo Bay has reached over 6 billion dollars since its
2 opening, each inmate kept there costing the US 10 million dollars a year;
3 and

4 **WHEREAS,** Guantanamo Bay has long been considered an “island outside of the law”
5 where torture runs rampant without restraint indefinitely; and

6 **WHEREAS,** the vast majority of detainees have never been formally charged,
7 including half of the 41 detainees currently still there; and

8 **WHEREAS,** the prison has become a recruiting tool for many terrorist groups to
9 promote anti-American sentiment; and

10 **WHEREAS,** several international actors have condemned Guantanamo Bay, and
11 refuse to extradite terrorist suspects and share intelligence which
12 threatens US national security; now, therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that Guantanamo Bay cease operations
14 and be closed.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Klein Oak High School



Fall 2019 Item 13: A Bill to Reaffirm our Commitment to International Fusion Power Research

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States should increase investment in the ITER project to \$2
3 billion annually.

4 **SECTION 2.** ITER shall be defined as the 35-country collaboration building a
5 commercially feasible experimental fusion reactor in southern France.
6 Fusion power shall be defined as producing electricity through the fusing
7 of atoms.

8 **SECTION 3.** The amount of funding appropriated for ITER shall be increased from
9 \$115 million annually to \$2 billion a year, and an additional \$5 million
10 shall be appropriated as needed for logistics and oversight. If the Office
11 of the Inspector General of the Department of Energy finds that the
12 entire project is no longer on a serious path to completion, the funding
13 will be pulled after holding a Congressional hearing.

14 **SECTION 4.** The bill will go into effect at the beginning of the next fiscal year after
15 passage.

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

17 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by A&M Consolidated High School.*



Fall 2019 Item 14: A Bill to Limit Vaccine Exemptions to Reinforce Herd Immunity

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The USFG shall hereby require that for a child to be exempt from the CDC vaccination
3 schedule, the child's parents must provide written authorization from a doctor, based
4 on health risks posed to the child.

5 **SECTION 2.** The mandated vaccines are HepB, DTaP, HiB, PCV, IPV, MMR, Varicella, and Hep A.
6 Parents failing to have their child vaccinated for any reason other than medical
7 exemption, will not be allowed to attend public school at any level. Herd immunity is
8 defined as a communal resistance to the spread of a contagious disease within a
9 population that results from 90% to 95% of individuals being vaccinated.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health & Human Services and the Department of Education will
11 work in conjunction to prevent unvaccinated children from attending school.

12 **A.** The Department of Education will share all vaccine information with the
13 Department of Health & Human Services.

14 **B.** Schools failing to meet the previously mentioned criteria, will be denied federal
15 education funding.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect by 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by San Angelo Central High School.



Fall 2019 Item 15: A Resolution to Relieve Steel and Aluminum Tariffs to Promote U.S. Involvement in TTIP

1 **WHEREAS,** The Trump administration has prioritized efforts to pursue its “America First”
2 doctrines, investing in short-term American jobs while shunning viable long-term
3 jobs stemming from investment in foreign industries; and

4 **WHEREAS,** Tariffs have been imposed on Europe, impacting Germany’s prominent
5 automobile industry, creating economic tensions, while halting the Transatlantic
6 Trade and Investment Partnership; and

7 **WHEREAS,** The U.S. currently trades an estimated \$1 trillion with E.U., its largest trading
8 partner; and

9 **WHEREAS,** Economic growth in China has continued to boom, predicted to surpass that of
10 the U.S.; and

11 **WHEREAS,** U.S. relief of steel and aluminum tariffs on the E.U. may spur joint involvement
12 in the TTIP so as to relieve major industries, promote economic relations,
13 potentially surpass Chinese economic growth, and make the TTIP the world’s
14 largest trade agreement; now, therefore be it

15 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States should cease all
16 tariffs on steel and aluminum against the E.U.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Shepton HS.



Fall 2019 Item 16: A Bill to Make Voting in Federal Elections Compulsory to Strengthen Democratic Institutions in the US

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Federal Election Commission will enforce compulsory voting in
3 federal elections for all eligible voters.

4 **SECTION 2.** Compulsory voting will be defined as a legal obligation to fill out an
5 election ballot. Donkey voting and informal voting will be permitted as
6 long as the voter fills out a ballot.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Commission will be tasked with enforcing
8 compulsory voting.

9 A. Federal election days will become federal holidays. Transportation
10 will be provided for those who are unable to reach voting facilities or
11 those within 50 miles or more of the nearest voting facility.

12 B. Failure to vote in federal elections will result in a \$50 fine, plus \$50
13 for each additional offense.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect in the 2020 Presidential election.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by McNeil High School



Fall 2019 Item 17: A Resolution to Further Assist Albania With Its Human Trafficking Issue

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Albania is plagued by a human and sex trafficking crisis; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** according to the *US Department of State* in 2018, there were 105 identified
- 3 potential human trafficking victims, over half of which were children; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** These conditions have been perpetuated by a currently unmanageable
- 5 organized crime ring; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** The Albanian government has made significant strides toward eradicating
- 7 human trafficking but, lacks the adequate resources and guidance; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Victims of human trafficking are being prosecuted for crimes forced on them by
- 9 their captors; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** The Albanian court system has undergone difficulties prosecuting human
- 11 traffickers due to an enigmatic justice system and lack of general understanding;
- 12 and
- 13 **WHEREAS,** Human trafficking shelters still have a high rate of re-trafficking and lack support
- 14 for reintegration; now, therefore, be it
- 15 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States increase foreign aid and
- 16 law assistance to Albania specifically for the use of combatting human
- 17 trafficking.



Fall 2019 Item 18: A Resolution to Allow American Samoans to Attain Citizenship

1 **WHEREAS**, 55,600 American Samoans do not possess the right to attain citizenship

2 unless one of their parents is a citizen; and

3 **WHEREAS**, citizens of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana

4 Islands hold the right to attain such citizenship; and

5 **WHEREAS**, many American Samoans have neither the funds nor the means to make a

6 citizenship appeal in court; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the American Samoa military recruiting base is nationally and globally

8 ranked; and

9 **WHEREAS**, American Samoans relocate to the mainland like their Puerto Rican

10 counterparts to attain citizenship; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the American Samoans do not retain the right to vote in the upcoming 2020

12 Presidential election; now, therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that American Samoans be granted

14 citizenship equal to their territorial counterparts.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Coram Deo Academy



Fall 2019 Item 19: The GAN Regulation Act of 2019

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will require for any individual, group, or organization wishing to use
3 GAN (Generative Adversarial Network) technology in the United States to first obtain a
4 permit from the federal government.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. "Generative Adversarial Network" shall be defined as any machine learning system
6 that involves two competing algorithms that are capable of generating and refining
7 data. B. Applicants for the permit must state the
8 purpose of their GAN technology use. If the stated purpose is deemed to violate U.S.
9 law, then a permit will not be issued.

10 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Commerce will screen permit applicants, issue permits, and
11 conduct regular inspections of GAN use.

12 A. A permit will be valid for 6 years after it is issued, at which time a GAN technology
13 user must either cease GAN use within a 30-day period or renew their permit.

14 B. An inspection will be conducted once every 2 years to ensure that the utilization of
15 GAN technology matches the purpose stated. Those not adhering to the stated
16 purpose will have their GAN permit revoked immediately and will be unable to re-
17 apply for 15 years.

18 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 1st, 2020.

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



Fall 2019 Item 20: A Bill to Create a Temporary National Sales Tax to Increase Infrastructure Investment

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States must increase the amount of funding put forward towards national
3 infrastructure investment. This funding would be allocated directly from a temporary
4 national sales tax that would last no longer than a year. The national sales tax would be
5 1% of consumer goods purchased. The sales tax will only apply to items subject to state
6 sales taxes.

7 **SECTION 2.** A. Consumer goods are defined by the Census Bureau under the Department of
8 Commerce.

9 B. "Sales Tax" is a tax placed on a good sold that adds a percentage increase in cost to
10 the product based in the primary price of the good.

11 C. Infrastructure is defined as the basic physical and organizational structures and
12 facilities such as, but not limited to, buildings, roads, and power supplies needed for the
13 operation of a society.

14 **SECTION 3.** Congress shall work with the Department of Transportation (DOT), the Department of
15 Interior (DOI), the Department of Commerce (DOC), the Department of Agriculture
16 (USDA), the Army Core of Engineers and any other entity needed to ensure that funds
17 are properly distributed.

18 A. The allocations of funds shall be determined by a special nonpartisan house
19 committee design to oversee the initiative.

20 B. The tax will be collected for no longer than 1 year beginning in 2020 and
21 disbursement of funds will continue until 2024.

22 C. Any leftover funds at the end of 2024 will be evenly dispersed among the DOT,
23 DOC, and DOI.

24 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect by the fiscal year of 2020.

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



Fall 2019 Item 21: A Resolution to Restore Aid to Honduras

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Poverty, gang violence, government corruption and instability have driven
2 increasing numbers of Honduran nationals to seek refuge in the United States;
3 and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Large migrant caravans, comprised primarily of women, children, and families,
5 have strained US border resources and shifted agency focus and resources away
6 from counterterrorism, human trafficking, and drug interdiction; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** US policy has played a substantial role in the current Honduran crisis; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** The United States continues to have substantial economic and political interests
9 in Honduras; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** The Trump Administration’s decision to suspend aid to Honduras will only
11 exacerbate human suffering in the region and further entrench narcotics
12 syndicates and government corruption; now, therefore, be it
- 13 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States should increase its
14 foreign assistance to Honduras through a combination of economic aid, trade,
15 and security assistance, and be it
- 16 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the United States should reinstate its aerial drug interdiction and
17 counternarcotic operations in coordination with Honduras and other Northern
18 Triangle countries.



Fall 2019 Item 22: A Bill to Subsidize Cell-Based Meat to Help Climate Change

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall hereby subsidize the research,
3 development, and production of cell-based meat, and will hereby cut any US agricultural
4 subsidies going to the slaughter of animals, including the crops produced to feed them,
5 by 5% the first year the cell-based meat is on the market, and 10% every year following
6 that.

7 **SECTION 2.** "Cell-based meat" shall be defined as 'clean meat' grown in a lab from the stem cells of
8 animals.

9 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of Agriculture shall oversee implementation and enforcement of
10 this of this legislation by annually subsidizing researchers and manufacturers in the
11 amount of at least \$1.5 billion US dollars.

12 A. Subsidies will be given to researchers based on how much measurable progress is
13 made each year.

14 B. The manufacturers will not begin to receive subsidies until sufficient research has
15 been made for the cell-based meat to be ready to manufacture for market.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go in to effect in the fiscal year 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Grapevine High School



Fall 2019 Item 23: A Resolution to Assist LGBT Elders

- 1 **WHEREAS,** LGBT older adults face barriers to receiving formal health care and social
2 support that heterosexual, cisgender adults do not; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Compared to heterosexual cisgender adults, LGBT older adults have fewer
4 options for informal care. LGBT older adults are more likely to be single or living
5 alone and less likely to have children to care for them than non-LGBT elders;
6 and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** LGBT older adults have experienced and continue to experience discrimination
8 due to their sexual orientation and gender identity; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** LGBT older adults have worse mental and physical health compared to
10 heterosexual and cisgender older adults; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** Among LGBT older adults, HIV-positive LGBT elders have worse overall mental
12 and physical health, disability, and poorer health outcomes, and a higher
13 likelihood of experiencing stressors as well as barriers to care, than HIV-negative
14 LGBT elders;
- 15 **WHEREAS,** A “greatest social need” designation opens up important funding avenues
16 to prioritize services for this group; now, therefore, be it
- 17 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that LGBT older adults be recognized by the
18 Older Americans Act (OAA) as a “greatest social need” group.



Fall 2019 Item 24: A Resolution to Protect Digital Privacy

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Digital privacy plays and increasingly important role as the world embraces
2 digital technology; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Digital privacy is under assault by companies and by governments, including the
4 government of the United States; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The embrace of the third-party doctrine in the wake of *Katz v. United States* has
6 expanded the use of warrantless searches to a disturbing degree; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The exception to the third-party doctrine carved out by the Supreme Court in
8 *Carpenter v. United States* was narrowly tailored, and did not go far enough in
9 expanding digital privacy rights; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** Third-party collection of data by companies threatens personal privacy; now,
11 therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that Congress reject the third-party doctrine,
13 and extend that Fourth Amendment protections from unreasonable search and
14 seizure to digital information; and, be it
- 15 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That Congress craft legislation modeled on the European Union General
16 Data Protection Regulation to limit corporate collection of individuals' digital
17 information.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Tascosa High School



Fall 2019 Item 25: A Bill to Fund Infrastructure to Conserve Natural Gases

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Fracking industry wastes \$1 billion a year in gas flaring, equivalent to
3 1.028 trillion BTU. These natural gases are important for the United States economy as
4 an alternative fuel, and the conservation of natural resources.

5 **SECTION 2.** Fracking shall be defined as the process of injecting liquid at high pressure into
6 subterranean rocks, boreholes, etc. to force open existing fissures and extract oil or gas.
7 Infrastructure shall be defined as pipe, roads and wells used by the oil industry to
8 conserve natural resources. Gas Flaring shall be defined as the practice of burning
9 natural gases.

10 **SECTION 3.** The United States government shall allocate \$750 million to the oil and gas industry, to
11 better assist the conservation of finite resources.

12 **SECTION 4.** The Bureau of Land Management will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

13 A. Corporations that do not comply with these demands shall be fined \$75,000 per
14 month until they comply.

15 **SECTION 5.** This piece of legislation shall take place as of the fiscal year 2021.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by San Angelo Central High School.



Fall 2019 Item 26: A Resolution to Finance/Legalize Gene Editing in Embryos

- 1 **WHEREAS,** 7.9 million children, 6% of worldwide births, are born each year with a
2 serious birth defect; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Malformations and genetic disorders are the leading cause of infant
4 mortality in the US; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** 20-30% of all infant deaths are due to genetic disorders and 30-50% of
6 post-neonatal deaths are due to congenital malformations, and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Out of 523 cases; 180 (34.4%) deaths were due to malformations and
8 genetic disorders; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** If we could safely and easily correct these errors at the embryonic stage it
10 would be possible to eradicate genetic diseases and malformations; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** We could eradicate diseases such as cystic fibrosis, sickle cell anemia,
12 Tay-Sachs disease, phenylketonuria, color-blindness and down syndrome;
13 now, therefore, be it
- 14 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that we finance and/or legalize gene
15 editing in human embryos.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hallsville High school



Fall 2019 Item 27: A Bill to Ban Solitary Confinement

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Solitary confinement shall be prohibited at all Federal Prisons across the
3 United States.

4 **SECTION 2.** Solitary confinement is defined as a prisoner who is kept away from other
5 prisoners as a form of punishment.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) shall oversee the enforcement of
7 this bill.

8 A. The Federal Bureau of Prisons shall receive \$1 billion to overhaul the
9 system.

10 B. Yearly audits shall be mandated across all businesses to ensure this
11 bill is being implemented properly.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be enacted immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sandra Day O'Connor High School



Fall 2019 Item 28: A Bill to Allocate Adequate Funding to Modernize Federal Computer Systems

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** 3 billion additional dollars will be budgeted annually to provide the
3 installation and upkeep of new computer systems to replace outdated
4 technology within the Federal Government.

5 **SECTION 2.** New computer systems will be defined as software and hardware that is
6 less than 8 years old and has the necessary capabilities to perform its
7 responsibilities.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security will ensure the implementation of
9 this legislation and determine proper standards for the new systems.

10 A. The Department of Homeland Security will see that cyber security
11 measures are up to date on all computers that are added or updated.

12 B. The Department of Homeland Security will oversee the preparation of
13 computers removed for redeployment to other operations.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect immediately upon passage, with all computers
15 in compliance by the fiscal year of 2022.

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



Fall 2019 Item 29: The Student and Education Loan Forgiveness (SELF) Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government shall hereby collect taxes from wealthy families to relieve of up to
3 \$50,000 in student loan debt for Americans.

4 **SECTION 2.** "Wealthy families" shall be defined as families with at least \$50 million in wealth.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education and the Department of the Treasury shall oversee the implementation of this
6 legislation.

7 A. The Internal Revenue Service will be responsible for collecting a 2% annual tax on families with \$50
8 million or more in wealth.

9 B. \$50,000 in student loan debt for every person with household income under \$100,000 will be cancelled.

10 C. Substantial debt cancellation will be provided for families with wealth worth between \$100,000 and
11 \$250,000.

12 a. The \$50,000 cancellation amount phases out by \$1 for every \$3 in income above \$100,000.

13 D. No debt cancellation will be provided to people with household incomes above \$250,000.

14 E. Cancellation will take place automatically using data already available to the federal government about
15 income and outstanding student loan debt.

16 F. Private student loan debt is also eligible for cancellation, and the federal government will work with
17 borrowers and the holders of this debt to provide relief.

18 G. Cancelled debt will not be taxed as income.

19 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect in fiscal year 2021.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Plano West Senior High School



Fall 2019 Item 30: A Bill to Mandate the Immunizations of School Children to Reduce Disease Outbreaks

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** States must hereby develop regulations requiring that following the birth of a
3 child doctors must provide the parent with the information approved by the
4 Centers for Disease Control of the immunizations the child is required by this
5 Act to have before enrolling in a school that receives federal funding.

6 **SECTION 2.** A child entering a school that receives federal funding must be immunized
7 against chickenpox, hepatitis-b, measles, meningitis, mumps, diphtheria, polio,
8 rubella, tetanus, and whooping cough.

9 **A.** Any child failing to receive these immunizations may not be allowed to
10 enroll in a school subject to Section 1 of this Act until they have received
11 their immunizations.

12 **B.** If a doctor deems that any of these immunizations will be life-threatening to
13 the child the person may sign a waiver that allows the child to attend
14 school.

15 **SECTION 3.** Section 1 of this bill will be enforced by the Department of Health and Human
16 Services. Section 2 of this bill will be enforced by the Department of Education.

17 **A.** Doctors that fail to comply with Section 1 of this act will be fined \$25,000
18 per violation.

19 **B.** States that fail to enforce this comply with this act will lose all federal
20 education funding.

21 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be enacted the January 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Farwell High School