



# **2019 Debate State Tournament**

## **Congressional Debate Legislation**

## A Bill to Eliminate Private Prisons

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The federal government shall seize control of all private prisons and
3.                   compensate the owners of those prisons.
4. **SECTION 2.** Private prisons include all privately-owned institutions that house
5.                   incarcerated persons. Compensation for the owners of private prisons will
6.                   be determined by fair market value.
7. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall oversee and implement regulations for
8.                   the newly federally owned and operated prisons. The Federal Bureau of
9.                   Prisons shall maintain the facilities.
10. **SECTION 4.** Congress shall increase the Department of Justice budget to
11.                   facilitate compensation payments.
12. **SECTION 5.** The Department of Justice will complete the seizure and compensation
13.                   process by January 1, 2020.
14. **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted to the Committee on Economics by  
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## A Bill to Lower Pharmaceutical Costs

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Medicare shall use reference pricing to establish the maximum price it  
3 will pay for pharmaceutical drugs. The reference price of each group will  
4 be determined by its average pharmaceutical drug price.

5 **SECTION 2.** *Reference pricing* is a system in which pharmaceutical drugs are classified  
6 by therapeutic effects; insurance companies set the reference price as  
7 the maximum price they will pay for any pharmaceutical drug in the same  
8 category. Consumers that wish to purchase a pharmaceutical drug  
9 costing more than its reference price will pay the difference in price as an  
10 out-of-pocket expense.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) shall enforce this legislation.

12 A. The FDA shall group the pharmaceutical drugs into classes and  
13 determine their reference prices.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2020.

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

*Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Economics,*

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## A Bill to Encourage Genetic Knowledge while Protecting Genetic Data

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. ARTICLE I A tax credit in the dollar amount not covered by health insurance,  
3 Medicaid, and/or Medicare shall be provided to individuals who receive  
4 medically prescribed genetic testing.

5 ARTICLE II A 10% tax shall be levied on the retail price of all direct-to-consumer  
6 genetic tests to assist in offsetting the cost of the tax credit.

7 SECTION 2. *Medically Prescribed Genetic Testing* shall be defined as genetic testing  
8 prescribed by a healthcare provider for purposes deemed to be  
9 medically relevant. *Retail Price* shall be defined as the price of a good or  
10 service before any discounts or rebates provided by a public or private  
11 institution are subtracted from the final price. *Direct-to-Consumer*  
12 *Genetic Tests* shall be defined as tests that provides access to genetic  
13 information without involving healthcare providers or health insurance  
14 providers.

15 SECTION 3. This bill shall be enforced by the Department of Health and Human Services  
16 (HHS), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and the  
17 Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

18 SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

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

*Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Economics.*

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## **A Bill to Abolish the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act to Aid Our Citizens and Economy**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Public Law 115 - 97 (H.R.-1 of the 115th Congress), colloquially known as The  
3 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 which amended the Internal Revenue Code of  
4 1986 will be repealed.

5 **SECTION 2.** The Internal Revenue Code of 1986 would return to its state prior to the  
6 amending of the code which happened during the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress.

7 **SECTION 3. A.** The Internal Revenue Service will be tasked with the enforcement of the  
8 new law and standards.

9 **B.** If any violators to the new law are found following the enactment, the  
10 Internal Revenue Service, aided with any federal enforcement necessary, are  
11 authorized to punish the aforementioned violators in accordance with  
12 current code.

13 **SECTION 4.** The changes will go into effect on January 1, 2020.

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

15 Respectfully Submitted to the Committee of Economics,

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## A Resolution to End the Scourge of Cluster Bombs

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Cluster bombs are unable to distinguish between combatants and  
2 civilians; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** 98% of injuries from cluster bombs are suffered by civilians; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** The use of cluster bombs leaves behind a large number of unexploded  
5 ordinance to kill and injure civilians; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** 120 nations have signed the cluster bomb treaty; now, therefore, be it
- 7 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation  
8 that the United States sign and follow all of the provisions of the UN  
9 Convention on Cluster Munitions; and, be it
- 10 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That United States shall use all diplomatic means to urge all  
11 nations to sign and observe the provisions of the UN Convention on  
12 Cluster Munitions.

*Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Foreign Affairs,*

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## A Bill to Protect Venezuela

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. Given the recent contested change of regime, this Congress shall  
3 authorize the President of the United States to deploy up to twenty-five  
4 thousand American military personnel for the defense of democracy and  
5 prevention of human rights abuses within Venezuela.

6 B. As President Guaido inherits an impoverished and starved constituency,  
7 the United States shall provide one billion dollars in humanitarian aid to his  
8 republic.

9 **SECTION 2.** A. "Defense of democracy" shall be defined as ensuring that the  
10 constitutionally-supported president of Venezuela, Juan Guaidó, holds his  
11 office to its full capacity.

12 B. "Prevention of human rights abuses" shall consist of a focus on  
13 terminating the abuses highlighted by the United Nations Office of the  
14 High Commission on Human Rights noting "alleged extrajudicial killings,  
15 arbitrary detentions, and torture and ill-treatment, committed by State  
16 authorities since 2014".

17 C. "Humanitarian aid" shall be primarily provided for the improvement of  
18 food and medical supplies within Venezuela.

19 **SECTION 3.** A. The United States Agency for International Development shall oversee  
20 the implementation of the humanitarian aid provided by this bill.

21 B. The Commander-in-Chief and the Department of Defense shall oversee  
22 the implementation of military personnel within Venezuela.

23 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

*Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Foreign Affairs.*

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## A Resolution to Help Libya Humanitarianly

1. **WHEREAS,** The toppling of long-term leader Muammar Gaddafi in 2011 led to a
2. power vacuum and instability, with no authority in full control and,
3. **WHEREAS,** The country has splintered and since 2014 has been divided into
4. competing political and military factions based in Tripoli and in the east
5. and,
6. **WHEREAS,** The Islamic State extremist militia took advantage of the conflict and
7. gained control of several coastal cities, and,
8. **WHEREAS,** Libyan civilians are deprived of basic human rights and are subjected to
9. violence, now, therefore, be it
10. **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation
11. that the United Nations sends humanitarian aid relief to the country of
12. Libya accompanied with UN personnel; and, be it that the United States
13. Congress here assembled fund the UN an additional 63.75 million dollars.
14. **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the U.S Department of State shall oversee this legislation
15. ensuring that aid is used to help stabilize the country.

*Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Foreign Affairs,*

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## **A Bill to Address Lead Contamination in School Drinking Water.**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) must promulgate a national  
 3 primary drinking water regulation for schools and day care facilities that:  
 4 (1) establishes a lead action level of at least 15 parts per billion; (2)  
 5 directs each public water system to sample for lead in the drinking water  
 6 at schools and day care facilities if the EPA determines there is a risk that  
 7 the lead in the drinking water will meet or exceed the action level; and  
 8 (3) directs public water systems that serve schools or day cares that meet  
 9 or exceed the action level to notify the local educational agency, the  
 10 relevant local health agencies, the municipality, and the state as soon as  
 11 practicable, but no later than five business days after the system receives  
 12 the sampling results.

13 **SECTION 2.** "Lead action level" is defined as a level of lead in drinking water that  
 14 triggers additional actions to control lead contamination.

15 **SECTION 3.** An EPA grant program will oversee this amendment: (1) testing drinking  
 16 water in schools and day care facilities for lead contamination, and (2)  
 17 remediating lead contamination in such drinking water by replacing lead  
 18 pipes and certain plumbing materials with lead-free material.

19 **A.** This program will be funded by a .5% additional sales tax on bottled  
 20 water

21 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect April 12, 2019

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

*Respectfully Submitted to the Committee of Public Welfare*

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## A Bill to Shut Down Shutdowns

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** United States government shutdowns shall now last a maximum of 14 days. If the
  3. government remains shut down for more than two weeks, salaries shall be withheld
  4. from all federal elected officials. All other federal workers' pay will be reinstated in
  5. accompaniment with their 14 days pay and shall be funded by the future allotment
  6. towards military spending in the upcoming fiscal year.
7. **SECTION 2.** A "government shutdown" shall be defined as a full or partial closure of government
  8. agencies, operations, or procedures while a budget cannot be decided. "Federal
  9. elected officials" refers to all elected officials in the executive, legislative, and judicial
  10. branches including, but not limited to, the office of the president, vice president,
  11. members of the House of Representatives, and members of the Senate.
12. **SECTION 3.** The Office of Management and Budget shall oversee the implementation of this
  13. legislation.
14. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect on January 20, 2021.
15. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Public Welfare,*

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## A Bill to Save the Bees

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

1. **SECTION 1.** All subsidized arable farmers are required to have at least 1 bee hive per 5
2. square acres of land owned in order to sustain their population and
3. maintain stable pollination rates.
4. **SECTION 2.** Subsidized arable farmers shall be defined as farmers who plant crops
5. while receiving income from the government.
6. **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Agriculture
7. will oversee the enforcement of this bill. The Department of Agriculture
8. will assist in the accommodations needed for farmers' subsidies.
9. **SECTION 4.** The implementation of this bill shall take place on June 1st, 2019.
10. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this bill shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted to the committee of Public Welfare,

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## A Bill to Protect Patients from Irrational Medical Bills

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The maximum price for any medical procedure shall be capped at 120%  
3 of the Medicare reimbursement rate.

4 **SECTION 2.** Medical providers that do not comply with this legislation shall be  
5 ineligible from receiving any reimbursement from the federal  
6 government, including Medicare, Medicaid, the Federal Employees  
7 Health Benefits Program, or the Department of Veterans Affairs.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall implement this  
9 legislation.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2020.

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

*Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Economics*

## A Bill to Increase Transparency

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. Bio-pharmaceutical companies shall be required to disclose any plans  
3 for excessive price increases for a drug, as well as a rationale behind the  
4 price increase, to the Department of Health and Human Services 60 days  
5 prior to the price increase.

6 B. Companies in violation of this will be taxed 75% of the revenue  
7 received by the company as a result of the price spike.

8 **SECTION 2.** A. "Drug" shall be defined as any prescription drug sold within the United  
9 States.

10 B. "Excessive price increase" shall be defined as a 20% increase in the price  
11 of a drug over the course of two years.

12 **SECTION 3.** A. This bill will be overseen by the Department of Health and Human  
13 Services, Food and Drug Administration, and the Internal Revenue Service.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect January 1, 2021.

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

*Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Economics*

## A Bill to Stop NSA Surveillance of Our Allies

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **Section 1.** The NSA will terminate all surveillance done on the countries helping  
3 within the UKUSA Agreement and the Five Eyes program.

4 **Section 2.** Surveillance shall be defined as any programs that intercept electronic  
5 conversations, collect information directly from central servers and  
6 internet backbones, and/or spy in these countries with or without their  
7 knowledge.

8 **Section 3.** The NSA will be in charge of discontinuing these programs with oversight  
9 from the FBI and the U.S. Department of Justice.

10 All funds saved from the cancellation of surveillance will be redirected to  
11 the Department of Homeland Security.

12 **Section 4.** All surveillance must be stopped within six months after the  
13 passage of this legislation.

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

*Respectfully submitted to the Committee on Foreign Affairs*

## A Bill to Bring Balance Back to Illinois

BE IT ENACTED BY THE ILLINOIS STATE LEGISLATURE HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** A. The Illinois General Assembly shall self-impose a spending cap on the  
2 annual budget that shall tie spending increases for state agencies to the  
3 growth of the state's economy  
4 B. All new public employees will be transferred into a self-managed,  
5 401(k)-style retirement plan instead of government pensions
- 6 **SECTION 2.** A. Spending cap shall be set to the allocations laid out in the FY 2019  
7 budget and increase at the rate of economic growth, as measured by Gross  
8 Domestic Product (GDP)  
9 B. "Public employees" shall be defined as those designated under Section  
10 3(n) of the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act  
11 C. All public employees hired after the implementation of this bill will have  
12 their payroll taxes diverted into Social Security and a private 401(k)  
13 D. Current public employees will have the option to divert their pension  
14 funds in the same way
- 15 **SECTION 3.** A. The spending cap shall be determined annually by the Bureau of  
16 Economic Analysis  
17 B. Section 1A shall be overseen by the Governor's Office of Management  
18 and Budget  
19 C. Section 1B shall be jointly implemented by the State Retirement  
20 Systems (SRS), State Universities Retirement Systems (SURS), and  
21 Teachers' Retirement Systems (TRS)
- 22 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect in the FY 2020 budget.
- 23 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Public Welfare*

## A Bill to Leisurely Lend Loans

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Federal student loans shall hereby go into effect only after the
3. borrower's expected salary reaches \$40,000. Above that threshold,
4. borrowers shall be required to contribute 4% of their annual income to
5. their student loans until the debt is paid off.
6. **SECTION 2.** Federal student loans shall be defined as the William D. Ford Federal
7. Direct Loan Program. Under this program, the U.S. Department of
8. Education is the lender.
9. **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Education shall oversee the
10. implementation of this legislation.
11. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect on the Academic Year 2020 and shall
12. only impact students graduating at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.
13. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Economics,*



## A Resolution to Give Palestine Justice

1. **WHEREAS**, Israel has committed multiple human rights violations against the residents of
2. the state of Palestine, and
3. **WHEREAS**, 4,228 Palestinians have been killed and thousands more injured by Israeli
4. Soldiers since 2000 including the deaths of 854 children according to the United
5. Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), and
6. **WHEREAS**, Israel has built over 130 settlements in the West Bank which have been
7. considered illegal by the United Nations, and
8. **WHEREAS**, Security is being increased against Palestinians and Palestinian Freedom of
9. Movement in the West Bank has been restricted;. now therefore, be it
10. **RESOLVED**, That the United States Congress here assembled make the following
11. recommendation for United States to recognize the State of Palestine, which
12. includes the West Bank and Gaza Strip, as a sovereign nation; and push for
13. Palestine to become a full-member state of the United Nations; and, be it
14. recommend the Israeli Defence Force, (IDF), be pulled out of the West Bank.
15. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the United States recognize Tel Aviv as the capital of Israel and
16. move the United States embassy from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv.

*Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Foreign Affairs,*

## A Resolution to Permit an end to Emissions

1. **WHEREAS,** climate change and global warming are serious threats to sustainability on
2. earth; and
3. **WHEREAS,** America's current emissions trajectory far surpasses prior pledges to
4. reduce emissions and their contribution to global warming by 26% of 2005 levels; and
5. **WHEREAS,** members of the Paris Climate Agreement have failed to significantly curb
6. emissions to meet the 2030 deadline; and
7. **WHEREAS,** China, the European Union, Canada, and multiple US states have
8. implemented successful cap and trade programs; now, therefore, be it
9. **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States makes the following
10. recommendation for the creation of a global cap and trade program, regulated and
11. controlled by a new UN organization; and, be it
12. **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the emissions permits involved in the program will be allotted
13. to each country based on their current emissions level and decrease by 2.5% each year for
14. the next ten years, allowing each country to distribute, sell, or auction off permits
15. accordingly but also allowing for the international trade of permits.

*Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Foreign Affairs*

## A Bill to Hold Carriers Liable

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. ARTICLE I Adults who are not vaccinated, and the parents of children who are  
3 not vaccinated, against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, measles,  
4 rubella, and varicella shall be held criminally and civilly liable and be  
5 subject to penalties for any death and/or damages resulting from the  
6 transmission of the diseases outlined in this legislation that can be  
7 conclusively proven to have originated from the previously identified  
8 populations regardless of religious beliefs and/or affiliation.

9 ARTICLE II Adults who are not vaccinated, and the parents of children who are  
10 not vaccinated, against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, measles,  
11 rubella, and varicella for medical reason are exempt from liability.

12 SECTION 2. *Conclusively proven to have originated* shall be defined as the  
13 identification of an individual as the first carrier of a communicable  
14 disease in an outbreak of related cases.

15 SECTION 3. This bill shall be enforced by the U.S. Department of Justice.

16 SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

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

*Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Public Welfare.*