



CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE

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## A Resolution to Restrict the Production of Vape Pens

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- 1   **WHEREAS,**    The United States Federal Government should start imposing fines to  
2                    companies that produce Vape Pens; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**    Vape or “hash oil” pens are a type of vaporizer designed specifically to  
4                    vaporize cannabis distillates and oils; and
- 5   **WHEREAS,**    Vape Pens have been proven to not be the “safe alternative” to  
6                    cigarettes they were originally promoted as; and
- 7   **WHEREAS,**    Other countries, such as China, have already imposed sanctions on the  
8                    production and sale of Vape Pens; and
- 9   **WHEREAS,**    Using a Vape Pen raises your blood pressure and spikes your adrenaline,  
10                   which increases your heart rate and the likelihood of having a heart  
11                    attack; and
- 12   **WHEREAS,**    There are many unknowns about vaping, including what chemicals make  
13                    up the vapor and how they affect physical health over the long term;  
14                    now, therefore, be it
- 15   **RESOLVED,**   By the Congress here assembled that United States Federal Government  
16                    should start imposing fines to companies that produce Vape Pens that  
17                    can be used for None-Vape Liquid Use.

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## A Resolution to Create a Standardized Voter ID System

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- 1   **WHEREAS,**    The United States Federal Government should Create a more  
2                    Standardized Voter ID system; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**    A voter ID law is a law that requires a person to show some form of  
4                    identification on election day; and
- 5   **WHEREAS,**    In many jurisdictions requiring voter IDs, voters who do not have photo  
6                    ID often must sign a Challenged Voter Affidavit in order to receive a ballot  
7                    to vote; and
- 8   **WHEREAS,**    There still exists a lack of clear communication about what qualifies as a  
9                    Voter ID and where individuals can obtain these IDs; and
- 10   **WHEREAS,**   A total of 35 states have laws requesting or requiring voters to show  
11                   some form of identification at the polls, meaning an inequity exists across  
12                   states; and
- 13   **WHEREAS,**   This inequitable system limits the ability for individuals to fully participate  
14                   in the election process; now, therefore, be it
- 15   **RESOLVED,**   By the Congress here assembled that The United States Federal  
16                   Government should Create a more Standardized Voter ID system by the  
17                   2024 Presidential Election Cycle.

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## A Resolution to Increase TSA Funding

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- 1   **WHEREAS,**   The Transportation Security Administration is an agency of the U.S.  
2                   Department of Homeland Security that has authority over the security of  
3                   the traveling public in the United States; and
- 4   **WHEREAS,**   Chiefly concerned with air travel, the TSA employs screening officers in  
5                   airports, armed Federal Air Marshals on planes, and mobile teams of dog  
6                   handlers and explosives specialists; and
- 7   **WHEREAS,**   For fiscal year 2018, the TSA had a budget of roughly \$7.6 billion, roughly  
8                   the same budget as fiscal year 2012.; and
- 9   **WHEREAS,**   Part of the TSA budget comes from a \$2.50 per-passenger tax that has  
10                  been in place since 2012.; and
- 11   **WHEREAS,**   The Obama administration had proposed tripling this fee by 2019, with  
12                  most of the increase going to reduce the national debt; and
- 13   **WHEREAS,**   The TSA projects that without a budget increase there will be more safety  
14                  and travel concerns moving forward do to the drastic increase in  
15                  individuals flying over the past five years; now, therefore, be it
- 16   **RESOLVED,**   By the Congress here assembled that The United States Federal  
17                  Government increase TSA funding by 20% by 2022.

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## A Resolution to Increase National School Lunch Program Funding

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1 **WHEREAS,** The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) is a federally assisted meal  
2 program operating in public and nonprofit private schools and residential  
3 child care institutions; and

4 **WHEREAS,** The program was established under the National School Lunch Act,  
5 signed by President Harry Truman in 1946; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Participating school districts and independent schools receive cash  
7 subsidies and USDA Foods for each reimbursable meal they serve. In  
8 exchange, NSLP institutions must serve lunches that meet  
9 Federal meal pattern requirements; and

10 **WHEREAS,** The NSLP helps serve school lunches to 29.8 million students each day,  
11 including: 20.2 million free lunches; and

12 **WHEREAS,** In the 2016-2017 school year, the cost of preparing and serving school  
13 lunches increased to \$4.30 per lunch and only continues to rise.; and

14 **WHEREAS,** NSLP's \$13.8 billion dollar budget has resulted in a decrease in program  
15 participation due to a lack of funds; now, therefore, be it

16 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that The United States Federal  
17 Government increase NSLP funding by 10% by the start of the 2020-2021  
18 school year.

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## A Resolution to Increase NASA Funding

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1   **WHEREAS,**   The legislation, which funds the federal government through September  
2                   30th, 2019, would give NASA \$21.5 billion (0.5% of the National Budget);  
3                   and

4   **WHEREAS,**   While this is an increase over previous years and more than NASA  
5                   requested, there have still been cutbacks to research within NASA  
6                   operations; and

7   **WHEREAS,**   Since its creation in 1958, NASA has contributed to the advancement of  
8                   space-related industries that have a broad impact on our daily lives; and

9   **WHEREAS,**   These advancements range from changes in the technology sector to  
10                  advancements in manufacturing and other areas; and

11 **WHEREAS,**   Without allowing NASA’s budget to continue to meet growing demands  
12                  we will limit the work and economic growth that NASA has helped  
13                  establish since the development of NASA; now, therefore, be it

14 **RESOLVED,**   By the Congress here assembled that The United States Federal  
15                  Government increase NASA funding by 3% each year for the foreseeable  
16                  future, start with the FY 2020 budget.

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## A Resolution to Increase Public Transportation Funding

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1   **WHEREAS,**   Public transport is a system of transport for passengers by group travel  
2                   systems available for use by the public, typically managed on a schedule,  
3                   operated on established routes, and that charge a posted fee for each  
4                   trip; and

5   **WHEREAS,**   All public transport runs on infrastructure, either on roads, rail, airways  
6                   or seaways. The infrastructure can be shared with other modes, freight  
7                   and private transport, or it can be dedicated to public transport; and

8   **WHEREAS,**   The major problem facing most Public Transportation systems is they do  
9                   not currently meet the demands of the individuals they are serving; and

10   **WHEREAS,**   The United States Federal Government subsidizes Public Transportation,  
11                   but this still allows major gaps in quality and effectiveness to exist  
12                   nationwide; and

13   **WHEREAS,**   Other nations using a Governmental run and regulated Public  
14                   Transportation program see far fewer negative implications across their  
15                   Public Transportation systems; now, therefore, be it

16   **RESOLVED,**   By the Congress here assembled that The United States Federal  
17                   Government shall increase Public Transportation funding by 10% to  
18                   create a more unified and functional system nationwide.

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## A Resolution to End Coal Mining in the United States

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- 1   **WHEREAS,**   Coal has become an outdated energy source; and
- 2   **WHEREAS,**   Production in 2017 was down 33% from the peak production of 1,162.7  
3                   million tons (about 1054.8 million metric tons) in 2006.; and
- 4   **WHEREAS,**   Employment of 50,000 coal miners is down from a peak of 883,000 in  
5                   1923; and
- 6   **WHEREAS,**   In 2015, four publicly traded US coal companies filed for Chapter  
7                   11 bankruptcy protection; and
- 8   **WHEREAS,**   By January 2016, more than 25% of coal production was in bankruptcy in  
9                   the United States; and
- 10   **WHEREAS,**   The United States already invests heavily in new, safer, and more  
11                  sustainable energy sources; now, therefore, be it
- 12   **RESOLVED,**   By the Congress here assembled that the United States Federal  
13                  Government will require all coal mining to cease in the United States by  
14                  the end of 2020.

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## A Bill to Increase Government Funding for Alternative Energy

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government needs to increase funding to  
3 Alternative Energy research and production by 10%.

4 **SECTION 2.** Alternative Energy refers to Biomass Energy, Wind Energy, Solar Energy,  
5 Geothermal Energy, Hydroelectric Energy sources.

6 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of Energy will oversee the enforcement of the bill  
7 along with the United States Federal Government imposing a strict code  
8 of funding.

9 A. Funding for new methods of research or production will receive  
10 primary attention with regards to funding.

11 B. The US Department of Energy will ensure all current funding is being  
12 used responsibly.

13 C. All funding not producing valid results will be cut from the budget at  
14 the end of each fiscal year.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be put into place at the start of the 2021 fiscal year

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

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## A Bill to Require Life Skills be Taught in United States Public Schools

### A Bill to Require Life Skills be Taught in United States Public Schools

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The US Department of Education shall require life skills courses be taught  
3 in all public schools.

4 **SECTION 2.** Life Skills Course refer to Life skills are classes that teach the student  
5 abilities such as leadership, social skills, money, and skills such as cooking  
6 and paying taxes.

7 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of Education that will oversee the enforcement of  
8 the bill along with a funding and fines system for schools not in  
9 compliance.

10 A. The first violation from any school not incorporating these courses will  
11 result in a 10% decrease in governmental funding.

12 B. Each subsequent violation will result in an additional 10% of funding  
13 being lost until these courses are added into the school curriculum.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect for the start of the 2022-2023 school year.

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

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## A Bill to Create a National Tobacco Tax to Address the National Debt

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Department of Health and The United States Federal  
3 Government must create a stricter and nationwide standard tobacco tax  
4 of \$2.00 per 20-pack of cigarettes.

5 **SECTION 2.** Each state has a cigarette (tobacco) tax is levied in addition to the  
6 federal tax rate of \$1.0066 per 20-pack of cigarettes.

7 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Health that will oversee the  
8 enforcement of the bill along with the penalties associated with  
9 violations.

10 A. The first violation from any state not using this new tax level will result  
11 in a 5% decrease in governmental funding to that state

12 B. Each subsequent violation will result in an additional 10% of funding  
13 being lost until this new tax level is implemented.

14 **SECTION 4.** The new Tobacco Tax must be in place by the start of the 2021 fiscal year.

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

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