

Round 1: A Bill to Eliminate Disparities in Education Funding

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Without adjusting total education outlays, federal, state, and local departments of education must provide equal per-student funding to all public K-12 schools within their respective jurisdictions.

SECTION 2. “Public schools” shall be defined as government-operated K-12 schools.

SECTION 3. The U.S. Department of Education will oversee this reform to ensure equitable funding.

A. Federal education funding will be automatically adjusted for inflation each successive year.

B. States and localities may adjust total education outlays in following years but must maintain equal per-student funding.

C. States that do not comply with this will not receive federal education funding.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect the fiscal year following passage.

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

Round 2: A Bill Mandating the Repeal of all Stand Your Ground Laws

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1: The United States Congress move to abolish the “Stand Your Ground” law in Florida and similar types of castle doctrine laws across the country—the passage of these laws by state legislatures will hereby be in conflict with federal law.

Section 2: A stand-your-ground law is defined as a type of self-defense law that allows an individual to use deadly force to defend oneself without having to consider retreating from the situation. It also provides a form of defense or immunity in the case of a criminal or civil trial.

Section 3: Implementation of this law will be overseen by the United States Congress.

Section 4: All states will be required to implement this law within 90 days of passage. A. States who fail to repeal their stand-your-ground laws within this 90 day period will have all access to federal parks and highway funding removed until they repeal their state law.

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

Semis/Finals: A bill banning the production & consumption of GMOs

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1: The production and imports of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) within the United States of America, as well as the consumption thereof, is hereby subject to added regulation. All genetically modified organisms must show that they 1) on the whole, have no negative impact on the ecosystem or human health, and 2) serve to further valid scientific or agricultural goals.

Section 2: The term “GMO” is to be defined as “any organism whose genetic characteristics have been altered by the insertion of a modified gene or a gene from another organism using the techniques of genetic engineering.”

Section 3: The enforcement and oversight of these provisions will be delegated to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which will be held responsible for the regulation of GMOs in cooperation with the Food and Drug Administration. The EPA and the FDA shall appoint a joint GMO task force, which shall be funded with 100 million dollars to ensure safe regulation of genetically modified organisms.

Section 4: This law will take effect on January 1, 2015.

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

Finals: Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Empower the Electorate

Whereas, The practice of using the Electoral College is outdated & unnecessary and the Electoral College is known to change the outcome of elections, and

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Resolved, By 2/3 of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the U.S., which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of $\frac{3}{4}$ of the several states within 7 years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

AMENDMENT TEXT—

Section 1: The Electoral College as it stands today shall be abolished.

Section 2: Every four years, a national vote for the Presidency shall be conducted in the same fashion as it is carried out currently. The candidate receiving the majority or plurality of votes nationwide shall become the President of the United States.

Section 3: Congress shall have the power to enforce this resolution with appropriate legislation.