

Congressional Debate Legislation #1

**A Bill to Implement a Sugar Tax to further  
Education**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
2. Section 1 The United States will implement a 'sugar tax' on
3. sugar-sweetened beverages, syrups, or powders sold or offered for
4. sale to a retailer for sale to a consumer in order to fund
5. education.
6. Section 2 A. A 'sugar tax' shall be defined as a penny-per-ounce
7. tax on the products listed below. B. A sugar-sweetened beverage
8. shall be defined as a liquid product intended for consumption
9. that contains more than 7.5 grams of added sugar per twelve fluid
10. ounces. C. Sugary syrups and powders shall be taxed at the
11. largest volume of sugar sweetened beverage that would typically
12. be produced by the amount of syrup or powder based on the
13. manufacturer's instructions (i.e. if one ounce of syrup produces
14. eight ounces of a sugar-sweetened beverage, the sugar tax would
15. be \$0.08 per ounce of syrup). D. Added sugar shall be defined as
16. brown sugar, corn sweetener, corn syrup, dextrose, fructose,
17. glucose, high-fructose corn syrup, lactose, malt syrup, maltose,
18. molasses, raw sugar, and sucrose. E. All revenue from this tax
19. will be directed towards grants for low-income schools on an
20. application-by-application basis.
21. Section 3 The Department of Health and Human Services in coalition
22. with the Department of Education shall oversee the
23. implementation of this bill.
24. Section 4 This bill shall take effect on Jan 1, 2024.
25. Section 5 All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby
26. declared null and void.
27. Introduced for Congressional Debate by Kudos

Congressional Debate Legislation #2

**A Bill to Increase the Minimum Wage**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
2. Section 1 The federal minimum wage shall be increased to \$15 for
3. all covered non-exempt employees working in the United States. It
4. will then henceforth be indexed to inflation using the Consumer
5. Price Index.
6. Section 2 The federal minimum wage shall be increased steadily
7. every year, starting at a \$0.75 increase the first fiscal year
8. followed by a \$1 increase every subsequent fiscal year until a
9. \$15 minimum wage is reached.
10. Section 3 The United States Department of Labor shall oversee the
11. implementation of this legislation in coalition with The Bureau
12. of Labor Statistics who shall be responsible for determining the
13. Consumer Price Index used for indexing the minimum wage to
14. inflation.
15. Section 4 This legislation will take effect at the start of FY 2024.
16. Section 5 All laws in conflict are hereby declared null and void.
17. Introduced for Congressional Debate by Kudos (Inspired by TJHST)

Congressional Debate Legislation #3

**A Resolution to Ban Yellow #5**

1. WHEREAS, Artificial dyes have been linked to hyperactivity, asthma,
2. migraines, thyroid cancer, anxiety, clinical depression and
3. allergies.
4. WHEREAS, Artificial food dye consumption has increased by 500% in
5. the last 50 years, with children being the biggest consumers.
6. WHEREAS, Artificial Dye - Yellow #5 (also known as Tartrazine) is
7. used in many of the products marketed towards kids and is one of
8. the most popular artificial colors and potentially, most damaging.
9. WHEREAS, Since Yellow #5 may be contaminated with several
10. cancer-causing chemicals.
11. RESOLVED, by the Student Congress here assembled that the United
12. States should ban the use of Yellow #5 in foods.
13. Introduced for Congressional Debate by SCJFL