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**Students will debate Florida-specific legislation as Florida legislators.*

101. A Bill to Require a License to Ride E-Bikes in Florida

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The state of Florida will require a driver’s license or learner’s permit to
3 operate all class 3 e-bikes.

4 **SECTION 2.** E-bikes are a bicycle that runs on electricity or by a combination of electricity
5 and pedaling. Class 3 e-bikes are those that can reach a maximum assisted
6 speed of 28 mph.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Transportation in conjunction with the Department of Law
8 Enforcement shall enforce this legislation.

9 A. If an individual is found in violation of this act, the Department of Law
10 Enforcement will work in conjunction with local police departments to
11 enforce a fine of up to \$500 per violation.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect January 1, 2027.

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

Introduced for Legislative Debate by Cole Lawton from Pinecrest Academy Middle School.

102. A Bill to Require the Acceptance of Medicare and Medicaid in Florida

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All patient care facilities licensed in the state of Florida shall be
3 required to accept and treat patients insured under Medicare and
4 Medicaid as a condition of receiving and maintaining state licensure.

5 **SECTION 2.** Patient care facility is defined as any hospital, surgical center, urgent
6 care center or specialty clinic licensed by the Florida Agency for
7 Health Care Administration to provide medical diagnosis, treatment
8 or inpatient or outpatient care.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) shall
10 oversee enforcement of this legislation.

11 A. Proof of active participation in Medicare and Medicaid shall be
12 required for licensure and license renewal.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect January 1, 2027.

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

Introduced for Legislative Debate by FCDI Staff.

103. A Bill to Nationalize the Electricity Grid

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The US shall nationalize the electricity grid. Nationalization shall
3 require the transfer of all electric generation facilities, transmission
4 infrastructure, distribution networks and other components of the
5 electricity grid within the US to federal ownership, to be operated
6 under a National Grid Administration within the US Department of
7 Energy.

8 **SECTION 2.** Nationalization refers to the transfer of ownership from private or
9 regional entities to the federal government with just compensation.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy shall oversee the implementation and
11 enforcement of this legislation through the creation of a National Grid
12 Administration (NGA).

13 A. The Department of Energy shall conduct asset valuation, oversee
14 the transfer of ownership and assume operational control of all
15 components of the electricity grid.

16 B. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission shall regulate
17 transmission rates and enforce this legislation through penalties
18 and revocation of operating certifications for entities that fail to
19 comply with federal transfer requirements as necessary.

20 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect FY 2028.

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

Introduced for Legislative Debate by FCDI Staff.

104. A Resolution to Free Kurdistan

1 **WHEREAS,** The Kurdish people constitute a distinct ethnic group with a unique
2 cultural, linguistic and historical identity rooted in the region
3 commonly referred to as Kurdistan; and

4 **WHEREAS,** The Kurdish people have demonstrated a sustained commitment to
5 self-governance through the establishment of autonomous
6 institutions and democratic elections; and

7 **WHEREAS,** The fight against terror would not have been possible without the
8 Kurds continued military support in the Middle East; and

9 **WHEREAS,** The US has, at times, reduced or withdrawn support during critical
10 moments of regional conflict, contributing to instability and
11 vulnerability among the Kurdish people; and

12 **WHEREAS,** Formal recognition of an independent Kurdistan would restore US
13 credibility among regional allies, reaffirm commitments to strategic
14 partners, strengthen democratic governance in the region and
15 promote long-term stability in the Middle East; now, therefore, be it

16 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled formally recognizes Iraqi and
17 Syrian Kurdistan as the Independent Republic of Kurdistan, a
18 sovereign and independent state.

Introduced for Legislative Debate by FCDI Staff.

105. A Resolution Make the Constitution Easier to Amend

1 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is
2 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which
3 shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
4 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven
5 years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

6 **ARTICLE --**

7 **SECTION 1:** Congress, when a majority of both Houses agrees, may
8 propose amendments to the Constitution. Any proposed
9 amendment becomes valid when two-thirds of the states
10 approve, either through their legislatures or state conventions,
11 as decided by Congress.

12 **SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
13 appropriate legislation.

Introduced for Legislative Debate by FCDI Staff.

106. A Bill to End the War on Drugs

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The following steps shall be taken to end the war on drugs:

3 A. Simple possession of controlled substances for personal use shall
4 no longer constitute a criminal offense under federal law.

5 B. Individuals currently incarcerated in federal prison solely for
6 simple possession offenses shall have their sentences vacated
7 and shall be released.

8 **SECTION 2.** Simple possession is defined as the possession of a controlled
9 substance in a quantity consistent with personal use and not
10 accompanied by intent to distribute. Controlled substance refers to
11 substances listed under Schedules I–V of the Controlled Substances
12 Act. Solely incarcerated for possession refers to individuals convicted
13 only of simple possession and not serving concurrent sentences for
14 other offenses.

15 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Prisons and the Drug
16 Enforcement Administration shall oversee implementation of this
17 legislation.

18 A. The Federal Bureau of Prisons shall identify and release all
19 individuals eligible under Section 1 and coordinate reentry support
20 services within 180 days of enactment.

21 B. The Drug Enforcement Administration shall cease arrests and
22 prosecutions for simple possession.

23 C. The Department of Justice shall issue guidance to federal courts to
24 vacate qualifying possession convictions and expunge associated
25 criminal records.

26 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Legislative Debate by FCDI Staff.

107. The AIR (Advanced Interception and Readiness) Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Defense shall increase procurement and
3 production capacity to provide for:

- 4 A. An increase of 3,000 Standard series missiles;
- 5 B. An increase of 3,000 Tomahawk Land Attack Missiles (TLAM);
- 6 C. An increase of 300 advanced air-to-air missiles;
- 7 D. An increase of 600 precision-guided air-to-surface munitions;
- 8 E. An increase of 12 NASAMS batteries; and
- 9 F. An increase of 600 Patriot missiles and 6 Patriot air defense
10 batteries.

11 **SECTION 2.** Standard series missiles refer to SM-2, SM-3 and SM-6 missiles.
12 Advanced air-to-air missiles (AAMs) are defined as guided weapons
13 intended to be launched from aircraft to destroy other aerial targets.
14 Precision-guided air-to-surface (PGM) munitions are defined as
15 guided weapons intended to destroy a point target while minimizing
16 collateral damage. Batteries are defined as complete operational fire
17 units including launchers, radar and command systems.

18 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense shall oversee the implementation of this
19 legislation.

20 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect FY 2027.

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

Introduced for Legislative Debate by FCDI Staff.

108. A Bill to Rein in the President’s Power to Sanction

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Any national emergency declared by the President for the purpose of
3 imposing economic sanctions under the International Emergency
4 Economic Powers Act shall terminate after 60 days unless Congress
5 enacts a joint resolution approving the emergency.

6 **SECTION 2.** Sanctions are defined as economic, financial, trade or asset-blocking
7 measures imposed pursuant to the International Emergency
8 Economic Powers Act.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of the Treasury shall oversee enforcement of this bill.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Legislative Debate by FCDI Staff.

109. A Bill to Tax Sugary Beverages

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Sugar-sweetened beverages containing more than 30 grams of added
3 sugar per 12 fluid ounces, including drinks made from syrup or
4 powder, shall be taxed at a rate of \$0.03 per ounce, with syrup or
5 powder taxed at a rate equivalent to \$0.03 per ounce of drink
6 produced.

7 **SECTION 2.** Sugar-sweetened beverages are defined as non-alcoholic beverages
8 intended for human consumption with added caloric sweeteners,
9 including sodas, energy drinks, sweetened teas and sports drinks.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of the Treasury, in conjunction with the Food and
11 Drug Administration shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect January 1, 2027.

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

Introduced for Legislative Debate by FCDI Staff.

110. A Resolution to Impose Term Limits on Supreme Court Justices

1 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following
2 article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United
3 States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the
4 Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the
5 several states within seven years from the date of its submission by
6 the Congress:

7 **ARTICLE --**

8 **SECTION 1:** No person shall serve as a Justice of the Supreme Court
9 of the United States for more than 20 years in total. Any
10 Justice serving at the time of ratification of this article
11 shall continue to serve until the expiration of 20 years
12 from the date of their initial appointment or until
13 voluntary retirement.

14 **SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
15 appropriate legislation.

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