

# 2024 Beehive Bonanza Congressional Docket

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# **A Bill to Mandate Fair Market Value of Solar Panel Production**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall mandate that electric utility companies must reimburse customers a fair market value when customers' solar panels produce an excess that goes to the grid.

SECTION 2. Definitions

- A. Mandate: an official order or commission to do something.
- B. Electric Utility Companies: A corporation, person, agency, authority, or other legal entity or instrumentality aligned with distribution facilities for delivery of electric energy for use primarily by the public.
- C. Reimburse: Repay
- D. Customers: A person with whom a company does business.
- E. Fair Market Value: the price a business, property or other asset would sell for in an open and competitive market where the buyer and seller have adequate information of relevant facts, a reasonable time to complete a deal, are under no compulsion, are acting in their own interests and mutually agree on the price.
- F. Solar Panels Production: electricity, a form of energy resulting from the existence of charged particles.
- G. Excess: an amount of electricity that is more than necessary to meet the homeowners' electrical needs.
- H. Grid: an interconnected network for electricity delivery from producers to consumers.

SECTION 3. The U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect the fiscal year of 2024.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mandy A. of Lava Heights Academy.*

## A Bill to Institute Education Systems into Prisons

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Federal prisons shall be required to provide a system of year-round  
3 education for inmates.

4 **SECTION 2.** Definitions

5 **A.** Education: Includes but is not limited to secondary and post-secondary  
6 education.

7 **B.** Prisons: Federally funded, brick and mortar, legal confinement centers  
8 both short-term and long-term. Does not include house arrest or short-  
9 term police custody.

10 **SECTION 3.** Both the Department of Justice and the Department of Education will  
11 oversee this law and enforce adherence to this law. 10-15% of each of  
12 the departments’ budget will go towards funding educational resources  
13 such as computers, desks, classrooms, textbooks, and other essential  
14 classroom materials. It will also go towards the salary of secondary and  
15 postsecondary teachers in these classrooms. Teachers will be hired from  
16 a list of applicants who have at least 5 years of experience in teaching  
17 secondary or postsecondary students. A test, also funded by the  
18 Department of Education, will be administered to interested inmates to  
19 determine their level of education, their placement level, and the pace at  
20 which they should learn. The Department of Justice- specifically the  
21 Federal Bureau of Prisons- and the Department of Education will decide  
22 how the classrooms should be ran and what the curriculum should be.

23 **SECTION 4.** Classrooms will be set up, teachers will be hired, and supplies will be  
24 purchased within an 8-month period, starting at the approval of this bill  
25 and no later than January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

26 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.  
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*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sophia Langeland from Davis High School*

# A Bill to Lower the Mortgage Interest Rate

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall mandate that mortgage interest rates shall be 1% less than the treasury bond rate.

SECTION 2. Definitions

- A. Mandate: An official order or commission to do something.
- B. Mortgage Interest Rates: The annual amount expressed as a percentage rate that a homeowner will pay on the principle of their mortgage loan.
- C. Treasury Bond Rate: The interest rate that the U.S. government pays to investors to borrow money for a set period. The rate is tied to the bond's maturity date and represents the bond's return.

SECTION 3. The Federal Reserve shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect the fiscal year of 2026.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Val E. of Lava Heights Academy.*

## A Resolution to Limit AI Access to Original Work

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Artificial Intelligence generates content by analyzing, using, and  
2 mimicking already existing work; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** We have a duty to protect the intellectual property of creators; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** This usage of original work by Ai should be seen as copyright  
5 infringement of protected property; now, therefore, be it
- 6 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the published media artificial  
7 intelligence has access to for reference should be limited to works where  
8 the creator has given explicit permission.

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*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ariana Doss from Davis High School*



# A Bill to ban Red 40 in Food and Drinks

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall ban Red 40 in the use of food and drinks.

3 **SECTION 2.** Definitions

4 A. completely: to the whole amount or extent; fully.

5 B. Ban: to prohibit the use, performance, or distribution of.

6 **SECTION 3.** The U.S Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) and the U.S Food  
7 and Drug Administration (FDA) shall oversee the implementation and  
8 regulation of this legislation.

9 **SECTION 4.** The legislation will be implemented by the fiscal year of 2026.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ben Vu of Davis High*



## A Resolution to Restrict Britain from Deporting Incoming Immigrants to the Country of Rwanda

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   The U.S has a duty to support democracy both within and outside of the  
2                   country; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**   The proposed British policy of sending immigrants and asylum seekers to  
4                   Rwanda could go against this; and
- 5   **WHEREAS,**   This policy to the United States would be considered unlawful due to the  
6                   unsafe environment that Rwanda has due some areas having increased  
7                   risk; now, therefore, be it
- 8   **RESOLVED,**   By the Congress here assembled that strong pressure against the policy  
9                   should be put against Britain to recognize that the deportment to  
10                  Rwanda would not only be unsafe for the asylum seekers it affected, but  
11                  it would also be unlawful to the constitutional state.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Isabella Wilt from Davis High School*

# A Bill to Prohibit Members of Congress from Engaging in Public Trading

**BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** Members of Congress along with immediate family, shall be prohibited from engaging in the trading of stocks, bonds, or any other financial instruments for personal gain during their tenure in office.

**SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this legislation:

- A. "Trading" shall encompass buying, selling, or otherwise participating in the financial markets with the intention of making a profit.
- B. "Members of Congress" shall include Senators and Representatives serving in the United States Congress.

**SECTION 3.** The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) shall oversee the enforcement of this prohibition. The SEC, in coordination with the Office of Congressional Ethics, shall establish mechanisms for monitoring and investigating potential violations. Any member found in violation shall be subject to appropriate penalties and disciplinary actions.

**SECTION 4.** This prohibition shall take effect on January 1st, 2026, upon passage of this legislation.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Luke Butt of Alta High School*



## **A Bill to Change Nutrition Labels to be More Comprehensive**

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The United States shall hereby change all nutritional labels to be more comprehensive.

**SECTION 2.** Definitions

- A. Comprehensive shall be defined as including everything that is necessary to be complete. Such as any information about amounts or content.
- B. Comprehensive measurements shall be defined as teaspoons and greater in
- C. measurement to better understand size portions and percentages.
- D. People shall be defined as all US citizens.
- E. Change shall be defined as making an essential difference or alteration.
- F. Change to Nutritional Labels shall be defined as serving/portion sizes, shift from metric to standard measurements and amounts of basic dietary intake. All percentages should be distributed accurately out of 100% of one serving. The footnote shall be changed to accurately explain any minute details that can be construed in any way (such as percentages are for one serving not entire product). Calories shall be the only exception to the change.

**SECTION 3.** Administration and Funding

- A. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) shall overlook the implementation of this bill. This shall be done through warning letters, injunction, and administrative action/procedures such as detaining, altering, removing, marking, labeling, or other of food products as well as put in a detention order. Any disregard of the enforcement can end in seizure and criminal prosecution of the offending party. Criminal prosecution shall be a fine of \$200,000.
- B. Funds for this legislation shall be withdrawn from the FDA's alluded funds.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect 2 years after passing.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Charity A. Farr of Clearfield High School.*

## **A Resolution to Promote Environment-Aware Zoning Practices**

**WHEREAS,** Zoning practices in American cities encourage large-lot sprawl and push development into farmlands and forests, destroying local food supplies, flora, and fauna; and

**WHEREAS,** Zoning practices have been used to reinforce racial and ethnic inequality; and

**WHEREAS,** It has been found that green space in cities leads to decreased pollution of all kinds, offset greenhouse gas emissions, increased citizen mental health, and many other benefits; and

**WHEREAS,** Most cities have available greenspace that would otherwise be zoned in an environmentally destructive manner; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED,** That the congress here assembled recommends that zoning ordinances in American cities be changed to be more environmentally aware.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Carter Nielson of Davis High School.*

## **A Bill to Enact Universal Basic Healthcare Automatic Coverage to Increase Access to Basic Treatment for American Citizens**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall institute a universal basic healthcare system with no-cost  
3 coverage in regard to treatments and/or prevention on the most basic of levels to  
4 immediate necessary treatment and/or prevention for advanced conditions.

5 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this act

6 I. A treatment shall be considered Standard Therapy, or treatment that is accepted by  
7 medical experts as a proper treatment for a certain type of disease or treatable  
8 medical condition and that is widely used by healthcare professionals, also called  
9 Best Practice, Standard Medical Care, and Standard of Care, as defined by the  
10 National Institute of Health. However, in cases of rare conditions and/or diseases,  
11 where the patient requires immediate medical intervention using possible  
12 experimental methods, the definition of treatment also applies.

13 II. Prevention shall be considered purely as vaccinations, immunizations, or any other  
14 medically, and professionally approved method of the act of preventing a condition  
15 or disease from occurring.

16 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee and  
17 enforce this legislation.

18 **A.** The funding of this bill will be rooted in its origins of diverting excessive military  
19 funds, which number at billions of dollars or more.

20 **B.** In the situation where the above method is not adequate for this bill to function, the  
21 United States shall strictly enforce a 35% tax on individuals whose net worth reaches  
22 upwards of 1 billion dollars.

23 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be effective immediately starting July 16<sup>th</sup> of 2025, after the  
24 logistics of funding have been placed.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hyunseo Jung of Davis High School*

## A Resolution to Suspend Russia from the UN Security Council

- WHEREAS,** Russia's recent actions have been dangerous and inappropriate; and
- WHEREAS,** Russia is impeding global peace and security; and
- WHEREAS,** Russia is blocking key work due to membership on the security council;  
and
- WHEREAS,** Member nations can vote to suspend nations from the UN under article  
18; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** By the congress here assembled that the United States shall urge other  
UN Member nations to use article 18 to suspend Russia from the Security  
Council; and be it
- FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the United States will suspend the 20% of the UN budget that is  
voluntarily contributed if this action is not taken by 2025.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Landon Jacobs from Davis High School*

## A Bill Requiring Employers to Provide Employees with Paid Parental Leave

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All employers shall provide all employees with paid parental leave, regardless of gender.

3 **SECTION 2.** The minimum amount of parental leave provided by an employer shall be 12 weeks for any  
4 employee who has been employed for a minimum of one year. Parental leave is defined as  
5 time taken off by someone who is a guardian to a minor. It can be taken any time after an  
6 employee has become a parent/guardian, and can be taken up to 1 month before the end  
7 of a pregnancy, finalization of an adoption, or foster care placement.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Labor will oversee regulation of this policy in ensuring that employers are  
9 providing this benefit to their employees. Furthermore, the IRS will oversee the regulation  
10 of business taxes for the purpose of creating a fund to be utilized by smaller businesses. For  
11 companies that make less than 2 million in annual revenue, 0.5% of tax dollars will go into a  
12 fund that these companies can use to compensate their employees on parent leave.  
13 Companies who make more than \$2 million will be responsible for paying their employees'  
14 parental leave.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

## A Bill to Authorize and Incentivize Syringe Service Programs

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Syringe service programs (SSPs) are hereby authorized under federal law.

3 **SECTION 2.** Syringe service programs shall be defined as facilities that distribute sterile syringes, safer  
4 drug use supplies, and education to people who inject drugs.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) shall work with state and local  
6 governments for the implementation of this bill.

7 A. Cities that implement syringe service programs shall be reimbursed for 50% of the  
8 cost from the budget of HHS.

9 B. Federal HHS funds may now be used to purchase syringes, needles, and any other  
10 supplies needed for successful SSPs.

11 C. This bill shall also act as an explicit statement from Congress legalizing syringe  
12 service programs.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

## A Bill to Ensure Sufficient Nurse Staffing

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 201 et seq.) is amended to establish direct care  
3 registered nurse-to-patient staffing ratio requirements, and a nursing program grant of  
4 \$250 million shall be established.

5 **SECTION 2.** A sustainable direct care registered nurse-patient ratio as outlined in the subsections below  
6 shall be required.

7 A. 1-to-1 in operating rooms

8 B. 1-to-2 in intensive care, labor and delivery, ICU patients in the ER, and neonatal care

9 C. 1-to-3 in step down

10 D. 1-to-4 in emergency rooms, postpartum/antepartum, and telemetry units

11 E. 1-to-5 in medical-surgical units

12 F. 1-to-6 in postpartum (women only) and psychiatry units

13 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Occupational  
14 Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

15 A. OSHA shall be able to enforce administrative fines of up to \$50,000 under non-  
16 compliance with this legislation.

17 **SECTION 4.** Effective Dates:

18 A. The requirements under section 2 shall take effect 2 years after the date of the  
19 enactment of this title and in the case of a hospital in a rural area (as defined in  
20 section 1886(d)(2)(D) of the Social Security Act), 4 years after the date of the  
21 enactment of this title.

22 B. The nursing program grant shall take effect 6 months after the date of the  
23 enactment of this title.

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

## A Bill to Establish Rent Control Nationwide

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will implement rent control nationwide.

3 A. Newly-constructed housing is exempt from this legislation for 10 years after its  
4 construction.

5 B. Small landlords are exempt from this legislation.

6 **SECTION 2.** Rent control is defined as capping annual rent increases to the rate of inflation, as  
7 determined by the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Small landlords are defined as landlords  
8 with 4 or fewer rental properties.

9 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will be tasked  
10 with implementing and enforcing this legislation. All landlords found in violation of this  
11 legislation will be sentenced to a minimum of five years in jail and a \$100,000 fine per  
12 violation.

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

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



## The Healthcare Expansion and Rural Telemedicine (HEART) Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) shall establish and  
3 administer a comprehensive program to support the development of healthcare facilities  
4 and the expansion of telehealth services in rural areas.

5 **SECTION 2.** Rural Areas shall refer to regions classified as rural by the U.S. Census Bureau. Telehealth  
6 Services shall encompass all medical services provided through telecommunications  
7 technology.

8 **SECTION 3.** HHS will provide necessary grants and services to eligible healthcare providers in rural  
9 areas, and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will ensure the necessary  
10 telecommunications infrastructure is in place.

11 A. \$5 billion shall be allocated over ten years for the development and modernization  
12 of rural healthcare facilities.

13 B. \$2 billion shall be allocated over ten years for the establishment and enhancement  
14 of telehealth services.

15 C. The United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will conduct  
16 annual audits of grant recipients to oversee funds.

17 D. All funding necessary for the bill will come from the current U.S. military budget.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

## A Bill to Admit Guam as the 51st U.S. State

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Guam shall be admitted into the United States as a state and be on equal footing with  
3 other states in all respects.

4 **SECTION 2.** The State of Guam shall consist of all islands and territorial waters presently under the  
5 jurisdiction of the territory of Guam.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Commission (FEC) and Congress shall oversee implementation of this  
7 legislation.

8 A. The FEC shall allocate 2 Senate seats and 3 Electors to Guam. Additionally, Guam's  
9 current non-voting delegate in the House of Representatives shall be given voting  
10 status.

11 B. Congress shall approve the state constitution proposed by the Legislature of Guam  
12 and delegate all other matters of implementation to the appropriate government  
13 agency.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall immediately go into effect.

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