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Congressional Debate
Legislation Packet

A BILL TO MANDATE CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL TO ENTER EXECUTIVE AGREEMENTS

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. The President of the United States shall be required to seek Senate consent
3 to enter or sign Executive Agreements.

4 SECTION 2. Executive Agreements shall be defined as an agreement between the heads
5 of government of two or more nations that has not been ratified by the
6 legislature of member nations. Senate consent shall be defined as a simple
7 majority vote in favor of the Executive Agreement.

8 SECTION 3. Approval shall include: The Department of State and the Office of the US
9 Trade Representative shall notify and seek approval from the Senate
10 before conducting and entering Executive Agreements.

11 A. The Department of State and the Office of the US Trade
12 Representative shall provide notification to Congress regarding a new
13 Executive Agreement.

14 B. The President of the United States shall not sign an Executive
15 Agreement without the consent of the Senate.

16 SECTION 4. The United States Department of State and the Office of the United States
17 Trade Representative shall oversee implementation of this bill.

18 SECTION 5. This bill shall be implemented one month after passage.

19 SECTION 6. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void

Submitted by Eliza Devlin

Assumption High School

A BILL TO REDUCE THE POLLUTION IN AMERICA

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A bill to require that all motor vehicles made after the year 2025 be zero emission vehicles.

SECTION 2. Zero emission means that when the car is running it produces no pollutants or waste products.

SECTION 3. The EPA will oversee the enforcement of this bill.

A. The EPA will oversee the emission tests of all motor vehicles as they do at the present time.

B. If a vehicle doesn't pass the test, seeing as it emits pollutants, then the maker of the car will be fined up to \$40,000 per car produced.

SECTION 4. This bill will be implemented January 1, 2026.

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

Submitted by Jessica Parks

Assumption High School

A Resolution to Encourage the Russian Government to Adopt the Gold and Silver Standard

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The Russian economy is in shambles due to a far too narrow economy,
2 and due to the interdependence of the modern economic-political
3 landscape, this massive inflation of the Russian dollar could mean harm
4 for the American economy, and
5 **WHEREAS,** harm for the American economy could and should be prevented to
6 encourage further economic benefit for American citizens and for those
7 abroad who depend heavily on the American economy, and
8 **WHEREAS,** Russia adopting a gold and silver standard for the backing of its currency
9 will decrease inflation allowing more free movement within the Russian
10 economic sphere, Therefore be it
11 **RESOLVED,** the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation that
12 the Russian government readopt a gold and silver backing for its
13 economy.

Respectfully submitted by Danville High School

A Resolution to Reallocate Funds from the Military to NASA

- 1 **WHEREAS,** the National Aeronautics and Space Administration is poorly funded and
2 **WHEREAS,** NASA's budget has been cut and that threatens further exploration and
3 knowledge, also jeopardizing jobs, and
4 **WHEREAS,** this funding will be reallocated to NASA from the military and this
5 process will be overseen by the Congress to solve the problem at hand
6 **RESOLVED,** this Congress here assembled promises to reallocate funds from the
7 Military to NASA as overseen by the Congress .

Respectfully submitted by Danville High School

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Abolish the House of Representatives

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

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8 **SECTION 1:** Article 1 of the United States Constitution shall be amended to remove all
9 mention of the House of Representatives in relation to the governance of
10 the United States. All legislative authority vested in the House of
11 Representatives shall be transferred to the Senate of the United States.

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



A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Repeal the 22nd Amendment

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

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7 **SECTION 1:** The Constitution shall be amended to repeal the 22nd amendment, which
8 prohibits a person from running for more than two Presidential terms.
9 This amendment shall allow persons to run for more than two
10 Presidential terms.

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

Respectfully Introduced by Danville High School

A Resolution to Mandate That All Students Study Comparative Religion Before High School Graduation

Whereas: There is a lack of unity and understanding between peoples of different ethnic and religious backgrounds and

Whereas: Exposing all students to the belief and philosophies of other cultures will foster acceptance, empathy and understanding among our nation's population and

Whereas: Improving acceptance of other cultures' differences will help reduce the incidences of bullying and hate crimes.

Therefore: Be it resolved by the Student Congress assembled here that all students be required to take a Comparative Religion Course before high school graduation.

Respectively Submitted,

Hazard High School

**A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Abolish the Electoral
College and Provide for the Direct Election of the President and the
Vice President**

- WHEREAS,** The Electoral College is undemocratic and unjust; and
- WHEREAS,** The Electoral College undermines the principle of one-person, one-vote and can undermine the will of the people; and
- WHEREAS,** The Electoral College is a relic, a throwback largely due to the slave owners who dominated the politics of our new nation at its beginning; and
- WHEREAS,** The Electoral College permits a candidate with fewer votes nationally to win the presidency by capturing narrow victories in the big states; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:
- SECTION 1:** The President and Vice President shall be elected jointly by the direct vote of the citizens of the United States, without regard to whether the citizens are residents of a State.
- SECTION 2:** The persons having the greatest number of votes for President and Vice-President shall be elected.
- SECTION 3:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Respectively Submitted: Hazard High School

A Bill to Legalize Physician Aided Suicide

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** Physician Aided Suicide will be legalized in the United States so that a capable
2. terminally ill adult may request a prescription for a lethal dose of medication.
3. **SECTION 2.** The term physician aided suicide refers to the prescription of a lethal dose of medication
4. at the request of a psychologically and emotionally stable patient with a terminal illness.
5. The term adult refers to an individual who is 18 years of age or older. The term capable
6. means, according to the opinions of at least two licensed psychologists or psychiatrists,
7. that the patient is able and willing to make sound decisions concerning their health, and is
8. able to communicate these decisions to health care providers using the available means.
9. The term terminally ill refers to a patient who has an incurable disease that will, within
10. reasonable medical judgment, lead to death within six months.
11. **SECTION 3.** This bill will be enforced by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the
12. individual hospitals at which the request for physician-aided suicide is made.
13. In order for a patient to qualify for physician-aided suicide, the following requirements
14. must be met:
 15. A. Patient must be over 18 years of age.
 16. B. Patient must be deemed terminally ill by two separate physicians.
 17. C. Patient must be deemed capable by at least two separate psychologists and/or
 18. psychiatrists.
 19. D. Patient must initiate the request.
 20. E. Patient must submit a request for physician aided suicide in writing in the
 21. presence of two witnesses, one of whom may not be a family member, an
 22. oral request after a waiting period of two weeks with one witness, and a
 23. second written request after a waiting period of one week after the oral
 24. request with two witnesses, one of whom may not be a family member.
25. **SECTION 4.** This law will go into effect 2 months after passage.
26. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Henry Clay High School

A Bill to Cease High Consumption of Trans Fats to Improve the Health of Americans

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The production of trans fats will decrease in the following foods: oil
2. and margarine. Restaurants and companies that use these ingredients are
3. required to reduce the grams per serving of trans fats to 0.5 grams. They
4. will replace them with a healthier alternative.
5. **SECTION 2.** Trans fat: an unhealthy substance, also known as trans fatty acid, made
6. through the chemical process of hydrogenation of oils.
7. Oil: fatty matter
8. Margarine: a butter substitute made from vegetable oils or animal fats.
9. Healthier: indicative of, conducive to, or promoting good health.
10. Trans Fats: an unsaturated fatty acid formed by the partial hydrogenation
11. of vegetable oil.
12. **SECTION 3.** The FDA will oversee the enforcement of this bill to ensure all companies
13. and/or restaurants that do not comply with this bill will be fined \$500.
14. **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented in 2018.
15. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby
16. declared null and void.

Introduced by Henry Clay High School

A Bill to Establish Congressional Term Limits

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States will establish a limit on the number of terms served by national Senators and Representatives.

SECTION 2. Senators may hold office for a maximum two congressional terms of six years each. Representatives may hold office for a maximum six congressional terms of two years each. No person's time holding Congressional office shall exceed twelve years.

SECTION 3. Implementation of this legislation would not require federal funding.

SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect January 1st, 2016. All current Congress Members will start their first of twelve possible years in office on January 1st, 2016.

SECTION 5. All other laws and/or passages of Congress that conflict with this bill will be considered null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Paul Laurence Dunbar High School.

A Bill to Limit Class Size in Public Schools

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States will require all levels of public schools (elementary, middle, and high) to limit the size of classrooms to a maximum of 20 students.

SECTION 2. Limiting class sizes in public schools will allow for a higher quality of teaching so that all students in public schools will be able to succeed to their fullest potential, as there will be more individual teaching done.

SECTION 3. The United States Department of Education will enact and oversee the passage of this bill. The Office of the Inspector General along with the state inspector generals will enforce this bill in public schools.

SECTION 4. If a public school has a classroom or multiple classrooms with more than 20 students, a fine of \$250 per classroom will be charged monthly to the state Board of Education until the class size is corrected.

SECTION 5. This legislation will go into effect in the beginning of 2018 school year.

SECTION 6. All other laws and/or passages of Congress that conflict with this bill will be considered null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Paul Laurence Dunbar High School.

A Bill to Require All Candidates for Public Offices to Reveal their Records

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States will require all candidates for public offices to reveal their tax and criminal records.

SECTION 2. Too many people have been elected into public offices with questionable history. Knowing their criminal and tax records would help us better understand who exactly we are voting for.

SECTION 3. The Federal Election Commission will enact and enforce this for the General Election. The specific state's State Election Commission will enact and enforce this on for state and local elections.

SECTION 4. If the candidate does not disclose this information to the public, he/she will no longer be eligible for candidacy.

SECTION 5. This legislation will go into effect in the beginning of the 2018 year.

SECTION 6. All other laws and/or passages of Congress that conflict with this bill will be considered null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Paul Laurence Dunbar High School

A RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE SUCCESS AFTER HIGHSCHOOL.

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2. SECTION 1. The Arts classes will be considered social studies

SUB SECTION A. Arts will be considered valid credits and ways to explore career opportunities, not extracurricular. This isn't to add classes, but validate the ones already in place.

SUB SECTION B. These Arts Classes include; Art History, Drama/Theater, Forensics, and Artwork courses normally provided by schools.

3. SECTION 2. Schools must offer at least one common math credit.

SUB SECTION A. Students must have access to math based curriculum that will help them in their after high school daily life skills.

SUB SECTION B. These credits can include accounting, consumer math, and economics.

4. SECTION 3. One half credit of real work experience is mandatory to prepare students for the work force.

SUB SECTION A. This will be a half day work program such as with the Benjamin Franklin Academy Work Study Program where students will have the chance to experience the real work force before they are on their own.

SUB SECTION B. If students do not have the capability to fulfill this half credit (whether its transportation or comprised situations blocking this from happening) they can work at school in positions such as concessions, after game clean up, tutoring, lunch staff, and ETC.

Written by

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**A Resolution to Condemn States That Allow Convicted Rapists to Seek Parental
Rights of Children Conceived From Rape**

1 **WHEREAS**, in 31 states, a person that is tried and convicted of rape can go to court to
2 gain parental rights of the child conceived during rape; and

3 **WHEREAS**, this only further causes emotional damage to the victims of rape; and

4 **WHEREAS**, states ought to protect the victims of rape from their rapists; now therefore
5 be it

6 **RESOLVED**, by this Congress that: the federal government ought to condemn state
7 legislatures that fail to pass legislation prohibiting rapists from seeking
8 parental rights over the children conceived from the rape they committed.

*Introduced by,
Trinity High School*