

**Congress Docket
Deering High School
January 9, 2016**

1) THE GREAT WALL OF AMERICA ACT OF 2016

- 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**
- 2. SECTION 1.** The United States Government shall reallocate 0.333% of the total
- 3. military budget (FY15:17.5 billion USD) to be invested in building a wall along the**
- 4. 2,000 mile long Mexican-American Border.**
- 5. SECTION 2.** The U.S. Department of State shall oversee this piece of legislation as
- 6. well as send its chief diplomats to Mexico to ensure that they invest in this project.**
- 7. SECTION 3.** A majority of all costs shall be paid by the Mexican Government.
- 8. SECTION 4.** This piece of legislation will surely reduce the number of
- 9. undocumented immigrants in the United States.**
- 10. SECTION 5.** This piece of legislation shall be made effective on May 5th of 2016.
- 11. SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by ELHS, Maine District

2) A RESOLUTION TO UPDATE AMERICA'S VOTING MACHINES

- 1. WHEREAS,** a majority of all voting machines in most states are out-of-date and,
- 2. WHEREAS,** these machines have been showing their age and,
- 3. WHEREAS,** the last time the federal government used money (\$2 billion USD) for
- 4. new machines was in 2001. Therefore be it**
- 5. RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled allocate \$5 billion USD to
- 6. states that have unreliable and/or archaic voting machines.**

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Bilal Hussein, ELHS, Maine District

**3) A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE U.S. MILITARY
SERVICEMEN AND SERVICEWOMEN TO BE PART OF A
UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING MISSION AGAINST ISIL**

1. **WHEREAS**, the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant have plotted many terrorist
2. attacks on a global scale and
3. **WHEREAS**, this has led to the displacement of hundreds of thousands of civilians
4. living in Syria and/or Iraq and
5. **WHEREAS**, the current military airstrikes have been proven money and time
6. consuming and have ultimately done nothing and
7. **WHEREAS**, this presents as not only a national issue but as an international issue.
8. Therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the Congress here assembled send 275,000 men and
9. women serving in the armed forces, to take part in United Nations sanctioned Peacekeeping
10. Mission to help quell the civil unrest in Syria and Iraq that poses a threat to our National
11. Security.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Bilal Hussein, ELHS, Maine District

4) A RESOLUTION TO IGNORE THE PARIS AGREEMENT

1. **WHEREAS**, many of the world leaders signed a deal to slowly turn away from fossil
2. fuels and end the "fossil-fuel age" in Paris, France last month and
3. **WHEREAS**, coal and natural gas play a major part in our national economy.
4. Therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the Congress here assembled disregard this international
5. agreement which would wreak havoc on our economy.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by ELHS, Maine District

5) A BILL TO LEGALIZE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

- 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**
- 2. SECTION 1.** Any college, university and/or high education institutions are hereby
- 3. ordered to use affirmative action when admitting students.**
- 4. SECTION 2.** Affirmative action shall be defined as a quota of students to be allowed
- 5. into a college, university and/or high education institution based on their race.**
- 6. SECTION 3.** This bill will surely give advantages to minorities across the United States.
- 7. SECTION 4.** This bill shall be enforced as a joint-project by the Department of
- 8. Education and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.**
- 9. SECTION 5.** Any college, university and/or high education institution that do not
- 10. comply and cooperate shall cease admitting students to their institution.**
- 11. SECTION 6.** This piece of legislation shall be made effective on February 1, 2016
- 12. SECTION 7.** All laws and Supreme Court rulings in conflict with this bill are
- 13. hereby declared null and void.**

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Bilal Hussein, ELHS, Maine District

6) A RESOLUTION TO BAN DONALD J. TRUMP FROM THE UNITED STATES

- 1. WHEREAS,** Mr. Trump has proven time and time again how uncontrollable and relentless
- 2. he is towards his peers and**
- 3. WHEREAS,** many of Mr. Trump's comments and remarks have been found offensive
- 4. towards a wide variety of religions, nationalities, genders and races.**
- 5. Therefore be it RESOLVED,** that the Congress here assembled take immediate action to ban
- 6. Donald J. Trump from living, visiting and influencing the United States (government, land**
- 7. and economy)**

Introduced for Congressional Debate by ELHS, Maine District

7) A Bill to Rename “Columbus Day” to “Indigenous People’s Day”

1. **Section 1:** Whereas indigenous people have faced cultural subjugation and repression
2. in that which is now called the United States of America
3. **Section 2:** Whereas Christopher Columbus served as the impetus to the
4. aforementioned suppression
5. **Section 3:** Whereas the United States Government has, in its past, taken a stance against
6. those who further repression
7. **Section 4:** Therefore, the federal holiday “Columbus Day” shall hereby be changed to
8. “Indigenous People’s Day”
9. **Section 5A:** Columbus Day shall be defined as the federal holiday celebrating the arrival of
10. Christopher Columbus arrival to the Americas on the second Monday of October
11. **Section 5B:** Indigenous People’s Day shall be instated to celebrate the culture of the
12. American Indigenous People and to recognize their mistreatment in world history.
13. **Section 6:** This legislation shall go into effect upon passage.
14. **Section 7:** The United States Congress shall oversee this bill.
15. **Section 8:** All laws in conflict in this bill are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Kinnon McGrath, CEHS, Maine District

8) A Bill To Privatize Amtrak

1. **BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**
2. **SECTION 1.** The National Railroad Passenger Corporation, or Amtrak, shall be
3. privatized.
4. **SECTION 2.** Privatization of Amtrak is defined as changing from governmental to private
5. control and ownership through the sale of preferred stock and de-federalizing the
6. appointment of Amtrak’s board of directors.

7. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Transportation will oversee the enforcement of this Bill,
8. which is binding to all parties in agreement to Section 1 and has the same
9. effect as if arrived at by agreement of the parties under the Railway Labor Act.
10. **SECTION 4.** Amtrak's preferred stock will be saleable upon passage of this bill and
11. Amtrak's Board of Directors managed by the corporation's owners.
12. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted by Senator Shedd, Cape Elizabeth High School, Maine District

9) A Bill To End The Practice Of Judicial Elections To Ensure Impartiality

1. **BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**
2. **SECTION 1.** No judge, justice, or magistrate shall owe their position to popular election or a
3. vote of recall.
4. **SECTION 2 A.** Permissible methods of selecting judicial authorities include, among others,
5. appointment by an independent commission of legal experts and judges, or nomination by a
6. State's Governor and confirmation by its legislature, with an optional periodic review to
7. ensure good behavior.
8. **2 B.** This legislation shall apply to all judicial authorities at the State and Federal levels,
9. excepting law enforcement officials such as sheriffs elected at the local level.
10. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.
11. Any state failing to end the practice of judicial elections shall see its federal Medicaid
12. funding reduced by 10% for each year it remains out of compliance with this legislation.
13. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on 1 January 2017.
14. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Senator Hagerty, BHS, Maine District

10) Withdraw from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization

1. **WHEREAS**, The treaty obligates us to defend the borders of twenty-seven (27) other
2. North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) members under Article 5 without
3. constitutionally required congressional authorization; and
4. **WHEREAS**, We have over 60,000 military personnel stationed in NATO countries; and
5. **WHEREAS**, We shoulder over seventy percent of NATO's financial burden; and
6. **WHEREAS**, The United States' best partners for international peace are now Russia,
7. China and Iran; now, therefore, be it
8. **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled invoke Article 13 and begin the
9. one-year withdrawal process from NATO.

Introduced by Senator Hagerty, BHS, Maine District

11) The American Property Rights Act of 2015

1. **BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**
2. **SECTION 1.** All asset forfeiture practices carried out by the United States Department of
3. Justice or United States federal agencies working in direct cooperation with the United States
4. Department of Justice that require no more evidential foundation than a preponderance of the
5. evidence to proceed with the seizure property or *in rem* actions are hereby abolished.
6. **SECTION 2.** An "asset forfeiture practice" shall be defined as an action by which a
7. governmental agency deprives a citizen of his or her property in connection to a violation of
8. the law.
9. **SECTION 3.** A "preponderance of the evidence" shall be defined as the conclusion that a
10. proposition seems more probably true than false.
11. **SECTION 4.** An "*in rem* action" shall be defined as a legal action brought directly against
12. a piece of property rather than against a citizen in which the property is the defendant and no

13. criminal charges against the owner of the aforementioned property are necessary.

14. **SECTION 5.** The Department of Justice will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

15. **SECTION 6.** This law shall take effect ninety days after its passage.

16. **SECTION 7.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Senator Eickmann, K.H.S., Maine District

12) A Resolution to Renew Research on Firearm-related Violence

1. **WHEREAS**, the Center for Disease Control has been largely prohibited from
2. researching firearm-related violence; and
3. **WHEREAS**, research about and an understanding of firearm-related violence and its
4. underlying causes are critical to the prevention of future firearm-related deaths and injuries;
5. now, therefore, be it
6. **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled, that legislation shall be enacted to permit the
7. Center for Disease Control to perform research about firearm-related violence and its causes
8. regardless of the potential uses or implications of the aforementioned research and that
9. legislation shall be enacted to provide funding for the Center for Disease Control to perform
10. the aforementioned research about firearm-related violence and its causes.

Introduced by Senator Eickmann, KHS, Maine District

13) A Bill to Provide Aid to Ukraine

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1:** The United States government shall hereby provide one billion dollars annually
2. To Ukraine for a period of three years. The United States shall also have the power to provide
3. Lethal aid.
4. **SECTION 2:** Military support includes the direct provision of military equipment from the

5. United States or military equipment purchased from private entities. Lethal aid shall be
6. Defined as any form of assistance not listed in Title 10, Section 2547 of United States code.
7. **SECTION 3A:** The Department of Defense and the Department of State shall oversee this
8. Bill.
9. **SECTION 3B:** The Department of State shall request that members of the North Atlantic
10. Treaty Organization shall also support the Ukrainian government in its conflict with
11. Pro-Russian rebels.
12. **SECTION 4:** This legislation will be implemented immediately upon passage.
13. **SECTION 5:** All laws in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Senator Quinn Stewart, SHS, Maine District

14) The Healthier America Act of 2016

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1:** Children shall be required to get certain vaccines recommended by the Center
2. For Disease Control and Prevention before entering public schooling.
3. **SECTION 2:** “Public schooling “ shall be defined as a tax supported school controlled by a
4. Local governmental authority.
5. **SECTION 3A:** The Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee this legislation.
6. **SECTION 3B:** Children must get the following vaccines: Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis,
7. Human Papillomavirus, Meningococcal Conjugate, Influenza, Pneumococcal, Hepatitis A,
8. Hepatitis B, Inactivated Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and the Varicella Vaccine Series.
9. **SECTION 3C:** Any private school that receives any sort of government funding will also be
10. Required to vaccinate their school children.
11. **SECTION 3D:** Any school that violates this legislation in any way, or refuses to provide
12. Vaccines to their children shall lose all government funding.

13. SECTION 4: This legislation shall go into effect at the start of the 2016-2017 school year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Senator Quinn Stewart, SHS, Maine District

15) A Resolution to Provide Awareness to Rape Victims

- 1. WHEREAS,** Too often rape victims are not given proper justice; and
- 2. WHEREAS,** Rape is often blamed on the victims themselves though it is not their fault; and
- 3. WHEREAS,** Due to this injustice, rape victims are left unable to speak out against their rapist
- 4.** For fear of retaliation and the blame being placed on them; and
- 5. WHEREAS,** Prosecution rates for rapists is far too low; now, therefore, be it
- 6. RESOLVED,** By the Student Congress here assembled that the Congress of the United States
- 7.** Shall look for ways to pass legislation aimed at reforming the criminal justice system to
- 8.** Reform its methods of prosecution so that it can never be said that it is the victim's fault; and
- 9.** Be it
- 10. FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this Congress shall look for additional ways to raise
- 11.** Awareness for rape victims in hopes that they will be able to speak out against their rapist.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Senator Sophia Lajoie, SHS, Maine District

16) A Resolution Regarding the Trans-Pacific Partnership

- 1. WHEREAS,** The Trans-Pacific Partnership has received "Fast Track Authority" in order for
- 2.** The President to negotiate the treaty independently without Congressional approval; and
- 3. WHEREAS,** Fast Track Authority has not given Congress the ability to immediately ratify the
- 4.** Treaty; and
- 5. WHEREAS,** Ratification of the Trans-Pacific Partnership grants new opportunities for
- 6.** Economic prosperity as well as the spread of United States influence in the Asian-Pacific
- 7.** Region; now, therefore, be it

8. **RESOLVED**, By the Student Congress here assembled that the United States Congress shall
9. Immediately approve and endorse the ratification of the Trans-Pacific Partnership once
10. Negotiations have been completed, and that the United States assumes all responsibilities
11. Ratification entails.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Representative Ajay Challapalli, SHS, Maine District

17) A Bill to Repeal the Cadillac Tax

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1:** The Excise Tax of 40% on High Cost Employer-Sponsored Health Coverage,
2. Scheduled to go into effect in 2018, in Section 9001 of Title IX of the Patient Protection and
3. Affordable Care Act be repealed.
4. **SECTION 2:** High Cost Employer-Sponsored Health Coverage shall be defined as health care
5. Coverage exceeding \$10,200 for an individual and \$27,000 for a family.
6. **SECTION 3:** The Internal Revenue Service and the Department of Health and Human
7. Service shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation.
8. **SECTION 4:** This legislation shall go into effect immediately upon passage.
9. **SECTION 5:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Senator Quinn Stewart, SHS, Maine District

18) The Fair Use Act of 2016

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1:** The length of time a work created by an individual, through a collaborative
2. Effort, or by a company is protected under all copyright shall be reduced to thirty years.
3. **SECTION 1B:** All works created before the implementation of this legislation shall be under
4. The law of copyright that was in place at the time that copyright was submitted.
5. **SECTION 2:** A piece of work shall be defined as original creations fixed in a tangible

6. Medium.

7. **SECTION 2B:** A collaborative effort shall be defined as a work created by a group of people.

8. **SECTION 3:** The United States Copyright Office as well as the Federal Communication

9. Commission shall oversee this legislation.

10. **SECTION 4:** This legislation shall be enacted immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Representative Thomas Vachon, SHS, Maine District

19) A Resolution to Help Restore American Democracy

1. **WHEREAS,** The voting districts in the United States have been altered to suit the needs of

2. Political parties; and

3. **WHEREAS,** This has lead to elections in districts that have been less competitive and have

4. Inaccurately described the views of the American people; and

5. **WHEREAS,** The United States should allow for the views of the American people to be as

6. Accurately represented in elections as possible; now, therefore, be it

7. **RESOLVED,** By this Student Congress here assembled that the United States shall look for

8. Ways to pass legislation aimed at creating new methods or groups to draw borders for districts

9. In a way that creates fair voting districts; and be it

10. **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this commission shall attempt to be completely independent

11. From the political process in order to create the most competitive elections.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Representative Thomas Vachon, SHS, Maine District

20) A Resolution to allow the States to decide whether or not to admit Syrian Refugees

- 1. Whereas,** The United States as been restrictive over the number of Syrian Refugees it
2. allowed into the country; and
- 3. Whereas,** these refugees are still in need of a place to flee to, because their country
4. Is longer safe; and
- 5. Whereas,** the United States has long been a safe haven for those in need: now,
6. therefore, be it
- 7. Resolved,** By this student congress that the decision on whether or not to allow these
8. Refugees into the country will be left for each state to decide based on the space and
9. Resources for the refugees within said state.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Sarah Harvey of Medomak Valley High School

21) A Bill to Enact Tax Incentives for Conversion to More Efficient Energy

- 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HER ASSEMBLED THAT:**
- 2. Section 1:** Tax incentives for conversion to more efficient sources of electricity
- 3. Section 2:** this legislation motivates tax payers by granting tax deductions by, using more
4. efficient energy sources such as solar, wind, or other.
- 5. Section 3:** ENERGY STAR is a U.S environmental protection agency (EPA) voluntary
6. program that helps businesses and individuals save money and protect the climate through
7. superior energy efficiency.
- 8. Section 4:** The legislation will be active one year from now January 9th 2017.
- 9. Section 5:** All laws that conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dylan T. Dickey – Medomak Valley High School

22) A Bill to Decrease U.S Citizen Terrorism through Background Checks

- 1. BE IN ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**
- 2. SECTION 1.** United States Citizens returning to the U.S from high risk countries
- 3.** shall have background checks and security similar to refugees entering the country.
- 4. SECTION 2.** This vetting process will be shorter than refugee examination, lasting two
- 5.** weeks to one month in time.
- 6. SECTION 3.** Countries with high risks of potentially radicalizing U.S Citizens shall be
- 7.** defined as the following countries, but not limited to: Albania, Bangladesh, Barbados,
- 8.** Bhutan, Brazil, Egypt, Tunisia, Lesotho, Saudi Arabia, Tanzania, Ukraine, Iraq, Libya,
- 9.** Afghanistan, Iran and Israel.
- 10. SECTION 4.** Background checks may include: Providing information of social and
- 11.** political activities, employment, phone numbers, email accounts and more.
- 12. SECTION 5.** Background checks and security will be directed by the Department of
- 13.** Homeland Security and law enforcement will be carried out by State and National
- 14.** Departments and U.S Intelligence Units.
- 15. SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict of this bill are hereby declare null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Stephanie Hill, Medomak Valley High School