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Bill Packet for Regis/Loyola Tournament

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PRE LIMS

A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE JUDICIARY

1 **WHEREAS**, The nature of the judicial system as a distinct and independent branch of
2 government has significantly deteriorated since its inception; and
3 **WHEREAS**, Political influence is present from Presidential appointment of judges; and
4 **WHEREAS**, Such influence inhibits the right enjoyed by all Americans to an unbiased
5 and impartial trial process; and now, therefore, be it
6 **RESOLVED**, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is
7 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which
8 shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
9 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within
10 seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

11 **ARTICLE III**

12 SECTION 1: The Chief Justice of the United States shall be chosen by
13 Electors possessing requisite qualifications established in
14 Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution of the United States.

15 A. The Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the
16 United States shall be appointed by the Chief Justice of
17 the United States with the Advice and Consent of the
18 Senate to hold their Offices during good behavior.

19 B. Judges of inferior federal Courts shall be appointed
20 upon agreement of a majority of Justices of the
21 Supreme Court, serving as the chief administrative
22 body of the Judiciary, with the Advice and Consent of
23 the Senate to hold their Offices during good behavior.

24 C. No person shall be Chief Justice who has not been
25 fourteen years a Citizen of the United States.

26 SECTION 2: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
27 appropriate legislation.

*Respectfully submitted,
Iona Preparatory School*

A Bill to Allow Puerto Rico to File for Bankruptcy

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico is hereby granted standing to file for bankruptcy under Chapter 9 of the United States Bankruptcy Code.

SECTION 2. The United States Trustee Program shall be responsible for the oversight of the implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 3. This bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

SECTION 4. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Msgr. Farrell High School

A RESOLUTION TO ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY

1 **WHEREAS**, The death penalty makes it possible for innocent people to be executed;

2 and

3 **WHEREAS**, The death penalty is more expensive than a sentence of life without parole;

4 and

5 **WHEREAS**, The United States is one of the only Western nations left that still allows

6 the death penalty; and

7 **WHEREAS**, There are serious moral questions raised by the continued existence of

8 capital punishment; therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED**, By the Student Congress here assembled that the death penalty be

10 abolished in the United States of America.

Respectfully submitted by Regis High School

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**A BILL TO MAINTAIN OR RENEW THE CURRENT SOLAR INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT IN
ORDER TO BENEFIT OUR CONSTITUENTS**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** A) The solar investment tax credit will be renewed at the end of 2016

3 upon expiration

4 B) The current rate of 30% tax credit shall be maintained

5 **SECTION 2.** A) Solar Investment Tax Credit shall be defined as a 30 percent tax credit

6 for commercial and residential projects.

7 B) Commercial projects will be defined as projects that are created for the

8 purpose of research and producing/increasing capital.

9 C) Residential projects shall be defined as the development of a project for

10 non-commercial use.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service, Department of Energy, and the Department

12 of Treasury shall be responsible for the implementation of this piece of

13 legislation.

14 **SECTION 4.** This piece of legislation will go into effect immediately following passage

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Vishesh Anandjee
The Bronx High School of Science*

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A BILL TO REFORM IMMIGRATION

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1:** Immigrants will only be denied citizenship and entry into the United States if
2. they have been specifically identified as a threat to United States security.
3. **SECTION 2:** The United States Citizenship and Immigration Bureau will be abolished.
4. **SECTION 3:** A threat to United States security shall be defined as any person with a
5. significant criminal history.
8. **SECTION 4:** The Department of Homeland Security shall enforce this piece of legislation
9. **SECTION 5:** This bill shall be implemented six months after the date on
10. enactment.
11. **SECTION 6:** All laws in conflict with this piece of legislation shall be declared null
12. and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Saint Joseph Hill Academy

A Resolution to Endorse Kurdish Independence

1. WHEREAS the aspirations of the Kurdish people have been for a nation-state for over a
2. century, and
3. WHEREAS in spite of successful Kurdish self-government in a portion of Iraq, Iraqi and Turkish
4. control of the destiny of the Kurdish people continues, and
5. WHEREAS Kurdish citizens in Syria are without fundamental rights, and
6. WHEREAS Kurdish fighters have often taken the lead in the ground fight against ISIS, and
7. WHEREAS the religious and democratic pluralism of Kurdistan would mean a moderate nation
8. in a region which sorely needs such a nation,
9. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS ASSEMBLED
10. That the United States supports an independent and democratic Kurdish nation

Respectfully Submitted by Our Saviour Lutheran School

A Bill to Establish a Non-Partisan Redistricting Commission

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A non-partisan panel shall be established with the task of determining
3 reapportionment of districts and redrawing district lines.

4 **SECTION 2.** The panel shall consist of three members from the Republican party,
5 three from the Democratic party, and three not affiliated with a party.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Commission shall oversee this legislation.

7 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be enacted following the 2020 Census.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Loyola School.

Pre

A Resolution to Change Our Strategy to Combat ISIS

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Our current strategy to combat ISIS has failed
- 2 **WHEREAS,** Our failed strategy has enabled ISIS to rapidly expand and ruin the lives of
3 thousands of innocent civilians
- 4 **WHEREAS,** ISIS will continue to expand unless we take effective action
- 5 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation
6 to end all airstrikes designed to combat ISIS
- 7 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the United States shall focus on collaborating with the Iraqi
8 Armed Forces and the Free Syrian Army instead.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Stuyvesant High School.

**A RESOLUTION TO ADDRESS TERRORISM AND MASS SHOOTINGS
RATIONALLY**

1 **WHEREAS,** Recent events demonstrate that future terrorist attacks are likely to take the form
2 of small scale strikes with firearms against densely populated "soft targets"; and

3 **WHEREAS,** The United States is more prone to mass shooting incidents than any other
4 Western country; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Congress must seek to address these issues itself rather than surrender de facto
6 law-making ability to the President's executive orders; therefore be it

7 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled shall renew the Federal Assault
8 Weapons Ban; and be it

9 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That Congress shall seek to pass legislation which shall make it
10 impossible for persons on the No-Fly List to legally purchase or own firearms.

Respectfully Submitted,
Xavier High School

SUPER SESSION

A Resolution to Close Military Bases in Japan

1 **WHEREAS**, The United States' presence with military bases in Japan, in addition to
2 United States personal stationed there, has caused increased tension with
3 the Japanese People; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the bases present no valuable or strategic position for the United States;
5 and

6 **WHEREAS**, overseas bases are a drain to the federal budget; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the United States is currently in a period of downsizing and consolidating
8 their military, be it

9 **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled cancel all plans to construct new bases
10 in Japan; and, be it

11 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, That all United States military bases in Japan will be closed.

Respectfully Submitted by the Iona Preparatory School



A Bill To Legalize All Drugs and End the Drug War

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A. The United States shall legalize the possession of recreational amounts of the following drugs less than or equal to: 25 g Cannabis, 10 g Opium, 5 g Hashish, 2.5 g Cannabis Oil, 2 g Cocaine (Hydrochloride), 2 g Morphine, 1 g MDMA, 1 g Heroin, 1 g Methadone, 1 g Amphetamine, 0.5 g Pure THC, 0.3 g Cocaine (Benzoylcegonine), 0.1 g PCP, and 500 µg LSD.

B. Persons caught in possession of quantities larger than what is specified shall be punished as if they were selling drugs

C. Funding from the Mérida Initiative and the Central America Regional Security Initiative (CARSI) will be diverted to improve and build new drug rehabilitation centers and syringe and Needle exchange programs will be established

SECTION 2. This legislation is modeled after Portugal's law 30/2000

SECTION 3. The Drug Enforcement Administration and The Department of Health and Human Services will be tasked with the execution of this bill

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect one year after passage

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Stuyvesant High School

A Bill to Regulate the Use of Domestic Drones

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Regulations will be created and enforced for all domestic Unmanned
3 Aerial Vehicles (UAVs).

4 **SECTION 2.** An Unmanned Aerial Vehicle for domestic use shall be defined as a drone
5 used for public and civil operations.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will oversee the passage of
7 this legislation.

8 A. \$1 billion dollars shall be reallocated from the US Defense Budget, to
9 a division within the FAA to be established with the implementation of
10 this legislation, which will deal solely with improving the regulations
11 on public and civil operations UAVs.

12 B. The FAA will create the Rules of Civil and Commercial Application
13 of UAVs and the Rules of Public Application and update them every
14 year.

15 C. The FAA will have jurisdiction over police drones and regulate their
16 usage.

17 a. Under the Rules of Public Application, police drones are to
18 only be used with probable cause and the issuance of a warrant.

19 **SECTION 4.** This law will be implemented within one year of its passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate

by Sabrina Raouf, Bronx Science.

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A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE A STATE OF WAR WITH ISIS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

WHEREAS: The radical Islamic terrorist group known as ISIS poses a great and imminent threat to national security and the safety of United States citizens.

WHEREAS: ISIS has taken responsibility for numerous violent attacks against citizens of the United States and Allies.

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the student congress here assembled that the state of war between the United States and ISIS, is hereby formally declared; and the President is authorized and directed to employ the entire naval and military forces of the United States and the resources of the Government to carry on war against ISIS and, to bring the conflict to a successful termination, all of the resources of the country are hereby pledged by this Congress.

Respectfully Submitted,
St. Joseph Hill Academy

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A Bill to Allow the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico to Declare Bankruptcy

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Section 101(52) of title 11, United States Code, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 A. "The Term 'State' includes Puerto Rico and, except for the purpose of
5 defining who may be a debtor under chapter 9 of this title, includes the
6 District of Columbia."

7 **SECTION 2.** This amendment shall apply with respect to cases commenced under title
8 11 of the United States Code on or after the date of the entitlement of
9 this act.

10 **SECTION 3.** The United States Trustee Program shall oversee this legislation.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Loyola School.

A Bill to Promote Paid Parental Leave Among Businesses

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. An employer which grants leave to an employee pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (Code of Federal Regulations, Title 29, §825) because the employee is a biological, adoptive, step or foster parent will be exempt from payroll tax for such employee for a period of twelve (12) weeks provided that such employer grants such leave while continuing to pay such employee that employee’s regular salary if a salaried employee or a weekly wage equal to the average weekly wage earned by such employee during the six months preceding the leave if the employee’s pay is calculated as a wage.

SECTION 2. This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2016.

SECTION 3. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Monsignor Farrell High School

A Bill to Create Clarity in Lawful Employment

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Any employer employing more than five paid workers is hereby required
3 to use E-Verify in the hiring of all new employees. If a potential employee
4 fails to pass an E-Verify check, then the employer is required to report that
5 person to the Department of Homeland Security, which will then conduct
6 an independent investigation.

7 **SECTION 2.** If the aforementioned employer fails to use E-Verify for all new
8 employees, fails to report an individual who fails an E-Verify check, or
9 hires an employee who failed an E-Verify check before reporting the
10 individual to Homeland Security, then the employer will be subject to
11 penalties established in the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

12 **SECTION 3.** U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will oversee the use of
13 E-Verify and the Department of Homeland Security will oversee the
14 implementation and execution of this bill.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect one year after passage.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Xavier High School

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