

**A BILL TO ESTABLISH A PRESIDENTIAL YOUTH COUNCIL TO
ENGAGE YOUNG AMERICANS IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The President of the United States shall establish a Presidential Youth Council by
3 means of an Executive Order. The Council will consist of 24 most intelligent, young minds who
4 will design solutions to some of America's most imperative issues where the best ideas would be
5 brought to Washington D.C.

6 **SECTION 2.** The council can be defined as any civic-minded individual who is be appointed the
7 leadership of Democratic and Republican parties and is under the age of 24 years old.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

9 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented 2 years after its passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bensalem High School

**A BILL TO IMPOSE A CARBON TAX TO
CONFRONT CLIMATE CHANGE**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** A carbon tax of 15.56 2015 dollars per metric ton will be imposed on all
3 powerplants.

4 **SECTION 2.** A carbon tax is defined as a tax levied by the federal government on entities based
5 on the amount of carbon dioxide each entity produces. Powerplant is defined by
6 42 U.S.C. § 8302 (a)(7).

7 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of the Treasury and the Environmental Protection
8 Agency will jointly administer the implementation of this bill.

9 A. The United States Department of the Treasury will collect the carbon tax.

10 B. The Environmental Protection Agency will implement a system of
11 tracking the amount of carbon dioxide powerplants produce.

12 C. Any other tasks are under the supervision of both the United States
13 Department of the Treasury and the Environmental Protection Agency.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented on January 1st, 2017.

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

Respectfully submitted,

BISHOP SHANAHAN HIGH SCHOOL

**A BILL TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF
COSMETICS CONTAINING PLASTIC MICROBEADS**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Section 601 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 361) is
3 amended by adding at the end the following:

4 *(g) If it contains synthetic plastic microbeads.*

5 **SECTION 2.** The above amendment shall apply beginning January 1, 2018.

6 **SECTION 3.** Enforcement of this ban will occur through the United States Food and Drug
7 Administration and funding will be through normal means.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gwynedd Mercy Academy

**A RESOLUTION TO BAN THE DISTRIBUTION OF ASSAULT WEAPONS IN THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

1 **WHEREAS**, Assault weapons have caused the death of many innocent lives in the United
2 States; and
3 **WHEREAS**, Assault weapons are completely unnecessary for someone to own and are the easy
4 choice in weaponry when it comes to mass shootings; and
5 **WHEREAS**, Mass shootings such as the one at Sandy Hook would not have occurred if there
6 were no assault rifles; and
7 **WHEREAS**, Assault weapons are not necessary for a citizen to have in their home to defend
8 themselves; and
9 **WHEREAS**, The extended magazines and extra firepower that killed 323 people in 2012 is used
10 for the main reason of massive shootings; now therefore be it
11 **RESOLVED**, That the student congress here assembled ban the distribution and usage of assault
12 rifles in the United States of America.

Respectfully Submitted,

Holy Ghost Preparatory School

A BILL TO ELIMINATE PRIVATE PRISONS

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

2 **SECTION 1.** all facilities housing prisoners or detainees in the custody of the Federal
3 Government shall be under the direct, operational control of the Federal
4 Government.

5 **SECTION 1.** all facilities housing prisoners or detainees in the custody of the State or local
6 government shall be under the direct, operational control of a State or local
7 government

8 **SECTION 3.** core correctional services at each such facility shall be performed by employees
9 of the Federal, State, or local government.

10 **SECTION 4.** The terms “facility” and “facilities” in this legislation do not include community
11 treatment centers, halfway houses, restitution centers, mental health facilities,
12 alcohol or drug rehabilitation centers, or other community facilities not within the
13 confines of a jail or prison. The term “prisoners” in this legislation does not
14 include individuals sentenced to home confinement.

15 **SECTION 5.** All Federal, State, and local governments must comply no later than 2 years after
16 enactment. The Attorney General may waive compliance for a period not longer
17 than 1 additional year.

18 **SECTION 6.** The United States Department of Justice will enforce this legislation.

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

Respectfully submitted,

La Salle College High School

A Resolution to Raise the Gas Tax in Order to Fund Our Nation's Infrastructure

1 **WHEREAS:** The United States has regularly underinvested in its infrastructure, and

2 **WHEREAS:** The gas tax has not been raised since 1993, and

3 **WHEREAS:** The Highway Trust Fund is running low on revenue and no short term

4 Or long term solutions have been found;

5 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** That this Congress here assembled raise the gas tax and
6 use the generated revenue to fund the Highway Trust Fund until a more
7 permanent solution can be found.

Respectfully submitted,

Pennsbury High School

**A BILL TO INVEST IN RESILIENCE PROGRAMS TO REDUCE THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY
NATURAL CATASTROPHES**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will allocate \$50 billion to be used to bolster and expand
3 resilience programs to allow communities to better withstand the effects of natural
4 disasters.

5 **SECTION 2.** Natural disasters shall be defined as major adverse events resulting from natural
6 processes of the earth, including, but not limited to, floods, hurricanes,
7 earthquakes, wildfires and tornadoes. Resilience programs shall be defined as
8 efforts to make vital infrastructure such as shelters, roads, electrical grids, and
9 water-treatment facilities more resistant to storm damage.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security shall oversee the implementation of this
11 legislation.

12 A. Funds will be allocated by the Department of Homeland Security to
13 individual states for distribution and allocation towards different projects.

14 B. States shall receive such funding after submitting an application for a
15 requested amount, and undergoing a careful review.

16 C. Funding will be drawn from the Department of Defense budget.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation goes into effect January 1, 2017.

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

Respectfully submitted,

St. Joseph's Preparatory School

**A RESOLUTION TO GRANT FULL SOVEREIGNTY TO
ALL FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBES**

1 **WHEREAS**, The United States has failed to recognize and sufficiently make reparations for the
2 forced removal of American Indians; and

3 **WHEREAS**, American Indian Tribes have been restricted by the United States Government
4 where they cannot continue their traditional way of life; and

5 **WHEREAS**, The Western genocide of the American Indians has never been fully recognized
6 and still has lasting effects on the living standards of Indian people; now,
7 therefore, be it

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

ARTICLE 1

14 SECTION 1: The United States should grant full sovereignty to federally
15 recognized American Indian tribes and create a framework for the
16 further incorporation of traditional lands into these nations.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Noah Pallmeyer

Strath Haven High School

**A BILL TO AUTHORIZE ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS TO RUN AS A
PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall require a total of three academic tests with a minimum of
3 30 questions each in order to run in the election as a presidential candidate.

4 **SECTION 2.** Three academic tests are defined as a general standardized academic exam, an
5 exam on the political history of the United States, and another exam on the political, law, and
6 justice system of the United States.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Commission and the Senate will be in charge of the
8 implementation of this bill.

9 A. The Senate will form the three academic tests, and have it approved by the House of
10 Representatives.

11 B. The Federal Election Commission will oversee the results of the tests to decide who is
12 eligible for candidacy.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect at the start of the next presidential election season.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bensalem High School

**A RESOLUTION TO REGULATE PAYDAY LOANS TO
STOP PREDATORY LENDING PRACTICES**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, People are getting loans that they simply can't repay; and
2 **WHEREAS**, Right now there are almost no regulation on these loans, allowing the lenders to
3 take advantage of the borrowers; and
4 **WHEREAS**, This is inducing a lack of trust from both the borrowers and national banks; and
5 **WHEREAS**, This lack of trust hurting not only these borrowers but our economy as a whole;
6 now, therefore, be it
7 **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled make the recommendation that the
8 federal regulations set forth by the Consumer Financial Bureau.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Anton Peschansky
Holy Ghost Preparatory School*

**A BILL TO ENACT THE HOUSING FIRST PROGRAM TO
FIGHT HOMELESSNESS MORE EFFECTIVELY**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government shall enact a program similar to the
3 "Housing First" program enacted by the State of Utah. This program shall provide
4 federally funded housing to any person who is homeless who applies for
5 assistance or is recruited by a program employee.

6 **SECTION 2.** Homelessness shall be defined using the Department of Housing and Urban
7 Development's definition, as 1) literally homeless; 2) imminent risk of
8 homelessness; 3) homeless under other Federal statutes; and 4) fleeing/attempting
9 to flee domestic violence.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Housing and Urban Development shall oversee the
11 implementation of this bill.

12 A. Program participants shall contribute \$50 or 30% of their income (whichever
13 is greater) to the program's funding.

14 B. Any savings in other programs resulting from a decrease in homelessness
15 shall also be transferred to the program.

16 C. Up to \$38.5 billion shall be provided to HUD in addition to funding provided
17 by program participants and savings from other areas.

18 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Sarah Myers

Strath Haven HS

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A Bill to Lower the Drinking Age to 18

1 Whereas many countries around the world, particularly in Europe, have an open
2 attitude toward modest, social drinking among family at meals which fosters a
3 moderate outlook toward drinking; and

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5 Whereas Americans who attain the age of 18 may vote, marry, purchase and own
6 property, start a business, be incarcerated as adults responsible for their actions,
7 serve in the military and die for their country: and

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9 Whereas drinking alcohol continues to be prevalent among high school students
10 despite thirty years of the drinking age having been raised to 21, showing that one
11 of the goals of the increased drinking age has failed,

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13 Therefore be it resolved by this Student Congress now assembled that the federal
14 government shall no longer withhold transportation funding to states with a
15 drinking age of 18-20.

Respectfully submitted,

Archbishop Ryan High School

A Bill to Fund the Zadroga Act to Help the First Responders of 9/11

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2010 shall be funded
3 \$11 billion, and this renewal will last until the year 2025.

4 **SECTION 2.** The James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2010 shall be defined
5 as the bill that currently helps the 9/11 first responders with illnesses and injuries they got as a
6 result of their herous efforts on September 11, 2001.

7 **SECTION 3.** This bill shall be overseen by the Department of Health.

8 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect on January 1, 2017.

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

10 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sen. Shane McHugh of Holy Ghost Prep.*

A Bill to Increase Energy Independence in the United States

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall begin domestic drilling and fund research for renewable
3 sources of energy.

4 **SECTION 2.** Domestic drilling will be defined as the drilling of oil and natural gases within the
5 United States that the Bureau of Land Management and Environmental Protection
6 Agency (EPA) have regulations for. Renewable sources of energy are defined as
7 energy from a source that is not depleted when used, such as wind or solar power.

8 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Treasury will remove \$4 billion from the defense budget and distribute it to
9 the EPA and the Bureau of Land Management.

10 A. The Bureau of Land Management from the U.S. Department of Interior will
11 oversee the set-up of domestic drilling sites.

12 B. The EPA will commit to a check-up on drilling sites every six months to ensure
13 that damage to the environment is limited.

14 a. If a drilling site is deemed to be causing significant damage to the
15 environment, the site will be temporarily shut down until the matter is
16 resolved.

17 C. The EPA will fund research for renewable sources of energy.

18 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect six months after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by William Tennent.

A Bill to Protect the Human Rights of Palestinians

1 Whereas the human rights of Palestinian persons are frequently violated by Israel,
2 its government and its military; and

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4 Whereas the United States has a very strong influence over the policies and
5 practices of its ally, Israel; and

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7 Whereas the United States provides significant financial and military aid to Israel;

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9 Therefore, be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that all United
10 States government financial aid to Israel, military and otherwise, be cut in half in
11 fiscal year 2016-17, unless the United States State Department determines by June
12 13, 2016 that Israel has clearly and significantly improved its human rights
13 treatment of Palestinian people.

Respectfully submitted,

Archbishop Ryan High School

A Bill to Promote the Rebuilding of Infrastructure within the United States

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will begin the (re)development of its infrastructure.

3 **SECTION 2.** Infrastructure shall be defined as the basic equipment and structures (such as
4 roads and bridges) that are needed for a country, region, or organization to
5 function properly.

6 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Treasury will be in charge of allocating \$2 billion every year from the
7 defense budget to the Office of Infrastructure Protection.

8 A. Office of Infrastructure Protection will oversee the restoration, demolition,
9 and (re)building of our infrastructure.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect six months after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by William Tennent.