

The Crestian Tradition At Cypress Bay High School

Congressional Debate Legislation Packet

All legislation is eligible for debate in each chamber. Pieces of legislation authored by students present in the chamber must be prioritized on that chamber's agenda.

A Bill to Combat Online Terrorist Recruitment

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A. The U.S. Government will allocate \$100 million to anti-propaganda NGOs, private hackers, and academic institutions in a public-private partnership for the purpose of counter-propaganda and research.

B. The United States government shall form a multilateral anti-propaganda coalition to fight terror recruitment and gather intelligence consisting of respected scholars, intellectuals, heads of state, and other individuals who have credence in the Muslim community to aid and advise.

SECTION 2. “Counter-propaganda” shall be defined as, but not limited to, establishing an online presence against terrorist organizations, finding possible terrorist recruits preemptively and engaging with them, using private hackers to find threats, creating videos, and conducting research on how to best limit online recruitment.

SECTION 3. The Department of Defense will work in conjunction with the Department of Homeland Security to oversee the implementation of this legislation.

A. All of the parties involved in this legislation will need to submit bimonthly reports to the DOD and DHS for review on the effectiveness of their work or have their funding revoked.

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

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation will be adjusted.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Trinity Preparatory School.

A Resolution to Condemn the Removal of Brazil's Democratically Elected President

1 **WHEREAS,** The removal of Brazil's democratically elected president,
2 Dilma Rousseff, is deeply concerning as, to many Brazilians and observers,
3 the controversial impeachment more closely resembles a coup d'état; and
4 **WHEREAS,** After suspending Brazil's first female president on dubious
5 grounds, without a mandate to govern, the new, unelected interim
6 government abolished the ministry of women, racial equality and human
7 rights, immediately replaced a diverse and representative administration
8 with a cabinet made up entirely of white men, and quickly announced
9 plans to impose austerity, increase privatization and install a far right-wing
10 social agenda; and
11 **WHEREAS,** The removal of President Rousseff is not a legal trial but
12 rather a political one, be it
13 **RESOLVED,** The United States cannot sit silently while the democratic
14 institutions of one of our most important allies are undermined. We must
15 stand up for the working families of Brazil and demand that this dispute be
16 settled with democratic elections.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bruce Glasserman, Cooper City High School.

A Bill to Send Humanitarian Aid to Refugee Camps in Turkey

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States will allocate 2.5 billion in humanitarian aid to the Turkish government, this money will help to aid not only the Syrian refugees at the Turkish border but also the overpopulated refugee camps and provide a more stable life for those refugees in Turkey. These funds will allow for refugee camps in Turkey to be able to support refugees currently there and also the future refugees.

SECTION 2. Humanitarian aid is defined as any medical aid, food, water and assistance in refugee camps. Refugee camps is defined as a temporary settlement built to receive and aid refugees in a time of need. Syrian refugees shall be any person fleeing the political crisis and civil war currently occurring in Syria.

SECTION 3. The United States Agency for International Development will oversee this bill and the allocation of funds will also be allocated from their annual budget.

A. If the funds are not being used correctly or with their proper intentions then the United States will withdraw any and all funds being allocated until the issue is resolved.

SECTION 4. This bill will take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jacqueline Sanchez from West Broward High School.

The End Polling Act of 2016

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Exit polling, as well as publication and distribution of exit polls, is hereby
3 banned in all presidential elections and other national votes. National
4 opinion polling (and distribution of said polls) will also be barred for two
5 weeks before such voting.

6 **SECTION 2.** National votes include, but are not limited to, presidential elections and
7 national referendums such as those regarding constitutional
8 amendments. "National opinion polling" is exemplified by those opinion
9 polls created and distributed by organizations like Pew Research Center.

10 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will be enforced by the Federal Election Committee (FEC).
11 All organizations found to be in violation of this legislation will have their
12 funds from the FEC withheld for ten years.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect immediately following ratification.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bayside Academy.

A Bill to Denuclearize Kashmir

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will offer \$50 million in non-lethal military aid to India
3 per year every year that they disarm 20 nuclear warheads. Further, the
4 United States will offer to fully cover the cost of dismantling the
5 warheads.

6 **SECTION 2.** Dismantle shall be defined as to fully disassemble a structure so it is no
7 longer active. Non-lethal military aid will be defined as is not a weapon,
8 ammunition, or other equipment or material that is designed to inflict
9 serious bodily injury or death.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense shall be responsible for the oversight of
11 dismantling the weapons and distribution of military aid.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented at the start of FY 2017.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Nicolas Fonseca.

A BILL TO INCREASE FEDERAL FUNDING FOR CYBER SECURITY

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States Government shall allocate \$16 billion dollars for hiring and training new personnel, modernizing technology, and improving response methods to cyber security attacks.

SECTION 2. Modernizing technology will include, but is not limited to, replacing outdated technology with modern and secure cloud software, utilizing early warning systems, and employing active defense measures.

SECTION 3. The National Security Agency and Department of Defense shall jointly oversee the implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This bill shall go into effect within 60 days of passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

St. Thomas Aquinas High School

A Bill to Fund the Juvenile Accountability Block Grants Program

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A FTT (Financial Transaction Tax) will be implemented to increase funding to the Juvenile Accountability Block Grants Program.

SECTION 2. The Juvenile Accountability Block Grants Program serves to strengthen juvenile justice systems and invest into education programs.

SECTION 3. The Department of Education will work in conjunction with the SEC (Securities and Exchange Commission) to enforce this legislation.

A. The SEC will be tasked with implementing a 1% Financial Transactions Tax to generate money for the grants.

SECTION 4. Bill will go into effect on January 1, 2018.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Christopher Matei

**A BILL TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF “SCHOOL ZONE” TO BAN FIREARMS ON
COLLEGE CAMPUSES**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** 18 U.S. Code § 921 (a) (26) shall be amended to read “The term “school”

3 means a school which provides elementary, secondary, tertiary, or post-

4 secondary education, as determined under State law.” Firearms on tertiary

5 and post-secondary schools will now be regulated under the Gun-Free

6 Schools Act.

7 **SECTION 2.** The Gun-Free Schools Act is Sec. 4141 of the Elementary and Secondary

8 Education Act.

9 **SECTION 3.** States and the Department of Education will enforce this bill under

10 jurisdictions granted by the original Gun-Free Schools Act.

11 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 1st, 2018.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Emma Lin
Southlake Carroll High School*

The “Taco Truck on Every Corner” Job Stimulus Bill of 2016

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

2 Section 1. \$200 billion will be allocated to create new small business opportunities
3 and assist existing small businesses.

4 Section 2. “Small business” is defined as an independently owned and operated
5 company that is limited in size and in revenue depending on the industry.

6 Section 3. A. \$25 billion will be provided in enhanced loan provisions as an
7 extension of the Small Business Jobs Act (SBA) of 2010.

8 B. Microloan limits will be increased from \$50,000 to \$100,000,
9 helping more entrepreneurs with start-up costs and small business
10 owners in underserved communities.

11 C. The maximum amount of quick-turnaround SBA Express loans
12 will increase from \$1 million to \$2.5 million.

13 D. Smaller community banks will be provided with low-cost capital
14 (as low as 1%) if they go above and beyond 2016 small business
15 lending levels.

16 E. Up to \$5 billion will be provided to support state-run small
17 business lending programs.

18 F. The Small Business Administration will handle implementation.

19 Section 3. Implementation of this legislation shall be effective December 1, 2016.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bennett Aikey, Wellington High School

A BILL TO INVEST IN INDIA'S ENERGY SECTOR

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall send 1 billion dollars to the Indian government over a period of 4 years to invest in India's energy sector.

SECTION 2. India's energy sector shall include, but not be limited to, renewable energy, oil, and natural gas.

SECTION 3. The US Department of State and Environmental Protection Agency shall jointly oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

A. If misallocation of funds is detected, the US Department of State shall immediately withdraw this investment from India.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall go into effect within 90 days of passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Priscilla Preval
St. Thomas Aquinas*

THE PHARMACEUTICAL IMPORTATION ACT OF 2016

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The importation of pharmaceutical drugs shall hereby be legalized.

SECTION 2. **A.** Pharmaceutical drugs may be purchased for personal use by individuals, or sale by businesses, from any foreign country with which the United States does not have a trade embargo.

B. Foreign pharmaceutical drugs may be physically carried or shipped into the United States.

C. "Pharmaceutical drugs" shall be defined as any drugs which are not completely barred for public use under the Controlled Substances Act of 1970. Pharmaceutical drugs do not require FDA approval for consumption or importation.

SECTION 3. The Food and Drug Administration shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

SECTION 4. The provisions of this bill shall be enforced immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Jack Fitzgerald
Independent- Gilchrist*

A Bill to Ban Antipsychotics for Elderly People In Nursing Homes to Save Their Health

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Antipsychotic drugs shall be banned from being administered to elderly
3 people with or without dementia in nursing homes.

4 **SECTION 2.** Antipsychotic drugs shall be defined as any drug that was originally
5 meant to treat psychosis.

6 Psychosis is a severe mental disorder in which thought and emotions are
7 impaired so that the person affected cannot relate themselves with the
8 outside world.

9 Dementia is mental disorder where the person affected may have
10 memory loss or loss of knowing skills they once knew that was caused by
11 brain disease or personal injury.

12 Nursing homes shall be defined as a private institution providing
13 residential accommodations with healthcare, especially for elderly
14 people.

15 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services shall be responsible
16 for enforcing and implementing this piece of legislation.

17 A. Government inspections by the Department of Health and Human
18 Services shall determine if there are antipsychotic drugs in their
19 possession.

20 B. If a nursing home continues to use anti-psychotics on their patients,
21 they will be charged a fine equal to 20% of their annual profits and
22 ordered to terminate care until they are in compliance.

23 **SECTION 4.** Implementation will occur immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jonathan Boulanger from Charles W. Flanagan High School.

The Immigration Modernization Act of 2016

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** A) The number of H-1B visas shall be increased by 115,000.
B) The number of H-2A visas shall be increased by 84,000.
C) The number of H-2B visas shall be increased by 45,000
D) Companies that hire workers with H-1B and H-2B visas will receive a 10% tax break for the next fiscal year, and every year they continue to hire workers with visas.
- SECTION 2.** A) H-1B visas are defined as work permits for people with a bachelor's degree in a certain field.
B) H-2A visas are defined as work permits for people with agricultural expertise.
C) H-2B visas are defined as temporary work permits for all non-agricultural fields.
- SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security, The Bureau of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, the Department of Labor, and the State Department shall oversee implementation of this Legislation.
A) A yearly audit shall be implemented by the Department of Labor in order to evaluate the status of companies hiring, and whether they qualify for the tax break for the following years.
- SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect January 1st, 2017
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Scott Wasserman of Western High school.

A Bill to Regulate Subprime Auto Loans

(Both Novice & Varsity)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. Financial regulators and government officials have expressed discomfort in the unethical practices that derive from Subprime Auto Loans.

A. Dealers and businesses that issue out subprime auto loans are to be restricted to interest rates of no more than 10.4% and loans that last no longer than 72 months and unethical practices of these dealers shall be banned.

B. 7 days is to be granted after missing a payment before repossession of the vehicle

Section 2. Car dealers that do their own lending, thus these dealers may overlook information that may disqualify people from receiving prime loans. Subprime interest rates are to only cover for the high risk of defaulting that is associated with subprime auto loans. Unethical practices shall be defined as actions that immediately restrict the borrower from commuting to and from work.

A. A minimum of 7 days is to be granted to the borrower after missing a payment before repossession of the vehicle.

Section 3. The Department of the Treasury shall oversee the implementation of this legislation

A. Yearly audits shall be conducted to evaluate the cooperation of subprime lenders.

SECTION 4. This bill will be implemented effective immediately upon passage

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

Introduced by Henry Le from Western High School

A Bill to Send Water and Infrastructure Aid to Bangladesh

(Both Novice & Varsity)

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. The United States shall allocate three (3) billion dollars to Bangladesh
3 in the form of block grants.

4 B. The United States shall enter a Free Trade Agreement with the
5 Bangladeshi government.

6 **SECTION 2.** The aid shall be allocated towards funding infrastructure projects and
7 providing humanitarian assistance. The Bangladeshi government shall
8 have full financial control of the 3 billion dollars.

9 **SECTION 3.** A. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) shall
10 be in charge of implementing today's legislation.

11 B. The United States International Trade Organization shall be in charge
12 of implementing the free trade agreement.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Western High School.

A Resolution to Establish a Safe Zone in Syria

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Conflict between parties in the Syrian Civil War has caused the
2 destruction of lives and an unparalleled refugee crisis; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Operations by the Islamic State, Bashar al-Assad, Kurdish forces, and
4 Syrian rebel forces have made Syria a war zone where nobody is safe, and
5 something needs to be done to protect the people of Syria; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Current policy by the United States government needs to be reformed;
7 now, therefore, be it
- 8 **RESOLVED,** That the President of the United States be urged by this congress to
9 establish a safe zone and no-fly zone in northern Syria; and, be it
- 10 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the United States Department of State, in conjunction with
11 the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), allocate
12 and distribute 200 million dollars of humanitarian aid, per year for 5
13 years, in the form of medical aid, water sanitation capabilities, and
14 shelter, to the established safe zone; and be it
- 15 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the United States deploy 10,000 soldiers, and request an
16 additional 10,000 soldiers from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization
17 (NATO) to enforce the safe zone and no-fly zone.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Alexander Gordon, Dreyfoos