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A Bill to Assist Immigrants

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS THAT:

SECTION 1. All Undocumented Immigrants placed into our Nation's Immigrant Detention Centers shall be presented with a lawyer, free of charge.

SECTION 2. As an incentive for their pro bono services, lawyers assisting such Undocumented Immigrants shall be able to deduct the price of their work from their taxes. However, it is required that lawyers charge immigrants no more than the average of their annual hourly rate.

SECTION 3. Definitions of undocumented immigrant detention centers shall be provided by the USCIS department of Homeland Security; a list of such centers will be provided as well.

SECTION 4. Those who refuse to abide to the rules declared in this document shall face a fine of \$164 per immigrant per day.

SECTION 5. This legislation shall go into effect 30 days after the date of ratification.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Success Academy HNC

A BILL TO BAN THE BURQA

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS THAT:

1. SECTION 1. The United States government will prohibit the wearing of burqas in public spaces.
2. SECTION 2: A burqa is an outer garment covering the entire body and face, including eyes, completely concealing the identity of the individual.
3. SECTION 3. Anyone seen wearing the burqa will be fined \$500.
4. SECTION 4. The act of forcing someone to wear a burqa will be prosecuted as domestic violence.
5. SECTION 5 This law will begin in immediately upon the passing of this legislation.
6. SECTION 6. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted by the NYCUDL

A Bill to Deemphasize Standardized Testing and Promote Originality in Schools

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All of the academic evaluations that include language arts, mathematics, and science in grades K-8 will no longer be required.

SECTION 2. Funds appropriated to states for the implementation of 20 USC Sec. 6311 will be gradually re-appropriated over five years beginning in the 2018-2019 school year according to the provisions in this section.

A. Funding will be appropriated to each state for use by every state in forming curriculum that emphasizes the development of research, writing, and mathematic skills through the incorporation of student interests in classroom projects and activities with real world applications.

B. Each state shall receive funding proportional to the number of students enrolled in public schools in grades kindergarten through 8 in that state.

SECTION 3. The Department of Education will oversee the enforcement of this bill.

SECTION 4. This legislation will be enacted in September in the year of 2019.

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

A BILL TO EMPOWER TEENAGE PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS THAT:

SECTION 1. The US Government will provide and fund childcare for teenage parents.

SECTION 2. School districts will expand their services to include free daycare centers specifically designed for teenage parents to have the option of dropping off their children during school hours.

SECTION 3: The centers will also offer parenting classes for the teens.

SECTION 4: The teenage parents will be required to attend high school in order to receive the service.

SECTION 6: The Department of Education will oversee the provisions of this bill.

SECTION 7: This bill will be effective for the 2017-2018 school year.

Submitted for Congressional Debate by the NYCUDL

A BILL TO ENFORCE EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK

Be it enacted by this Congress that:

SECTION 1. The United States Government will mandate equal pay for equal work regardless of gender, age or race.

SECTION 2. The Department of Labor is hereby charged with overseeing and enforcing this law including the administration and collection of fines by businesses that are not in compliance. Fines would represent one month's salary of the affected employee.

SECTION 3. The Department of Labor will enforce this law effective January 1 2018.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Berkeley Carroll School

A Bill to Grant Citizenship to All Undocumented Immigrants Who Serve in the U.S. Military

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Citizenship will be given out to any undocumented immigrant who serves a five-year term in the United States Military and does not have a criminal record.

SECTION 2. Citizenship will be defined as permanent residency in the United States and all citizens will be given the full rights of a citizen.

SECTION 3. The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service will oversee the administration of citizenships.

SECTION 4. This legislation will be enacted in 2018.

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

Submitted by TEP

A Bill to Increase Funding for Nuclear Power

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United State of America in The Student Congress assembled, that:

Section I: There shall be additional funding for nuclear power.

Section II: Nuclear Power: Peaceful purposes for the creation of nuclear power and energy.

Section III: This bill shall be executed by the Congress and the United State Department of Energy.

Section IV: This bill shall go into effect immediately.

Section V: Any laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null.

Submitted for Congress by Yorkville East

A BILL TO PAY REPARATIONS TO AFRICAN AMERICANS

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS THAT:

1. SECTION 1: The United States government will pay reparations to African Americans in the amount of \$50,000 to every African American citizen over the course of the next ten years.
2. SECTION 2: In order to be eligible, a citizen must be of at least 50% African American descent, be 18 years of age, and must be a life-long United States citizen.
3. SECTION 3: Taxes will be raised on the wealthiest 5% of Americans to pay for this bill.
4. SECTION 4: The IRS will oversee the provisions of this bill.
5. SECTION 5: This law will begin in 2018.

Submitted for Congressional Debate by the NYCUDL

A Bill to Require Labeling for Genetically Modified Foods

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All companies that supply food to the United States' citizens must label

any foods that contain any genetically modified ingredient(s).

SECTION 2. Genetically modified should be defined as an ingredient where the DNA of the plant or animals have been altered or when livestock has purposely been treated with changed substances. A label would be classified as a small sticker placed on the product to indicate if it is a GMO (genetically modified organism).

SECTION 3. This bill would allow the FDA to inspect specific companies (those who produce genetically modified food). Companies that fail to allow inspection would no longer be able to sell these products.

SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect 2 years after passage.

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

Submitted by TEP

A Resolution to Have Skilled People in the Workforce

WHEREAS, The current educational system discriminates against those who are not college bound by giving these students no system in which to develop trade specific skills; and

WHEREAS, This is evidenced by the fact that McDonald's and Wal-mart are the largest employers in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Many individuals graduate high school with no relevant job skills and are thus qualified for only the most menial jobs; and

WHEREAS, This leaves a significant portion of the population vulnerable to poverty and subsequent criminal activity due to the lack of options afforded to them by the current educational system; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that the federal government shall require all public schools to provide an alternative vocational path of education following the 10th grade of high school.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the choice to follow the vocational path is optional and can be reconsidered by a student at any point during their high school career.

Submitted by TEP

A Resolution to Increase the Use of Media Technology in Schools

WHEREAS, Technology is a vital part of today's society and an effective teaching tool; and

WHEREAS, Many jobs are based on the ability to utilize technology; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary to the preparation for the successful futures of American students; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled allow for the increase of media technology in all schools; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That lower income districts receive assistance in making this possible.

Submitted by TEP

A Resolution to Legalize the Use of Marijuana

WHEREAS, Recent legislation in California has estimated its Cannabis Sativa crops as a \$14-billion industry, placing it above vegetable and grapes, and

WHEREAS, Allowing legalized taxation of this state's crop alone could produce upward of \$1-billion in tax revenue for the state each year, and

WHEREAS, Medical use of marijuana is already legal in several states, and

WHEREAS, Legislation would allow the U.S. government regulation of production and distribution, just as with tobacco and alcohol, and legalizing marijuana would allow law enforcement agents to focus on more serious crimes, and therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for solution: Cannabis Sativa, otherwise known as marijuana, should be legally sold, regulated, and taxed in the United States of America.

Submitted by TEP

A Resolution to Reduce the Amount of Fossil Fuels to Stop Climate Change

WHEREAS, Greenhouse gasses are producing climate change and damaging the earth; and

WHEREAS, Currently because of greenhouse gasses there is a hole in the ozone layer; and

WHEREAS, Constant greenhouse gasses can change the climate of the earth making it hotter, in some regions making it rain more, and in other regions making it have more heat waves; and

WHEREAS, Many cities such as New York, Shanghai, and Tokyo will go under water and hundreds of millions will die; and be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled should reduce the amount of fossil fuels used to reduce greenhouse gasses and stop climate change.

Submitted by TEP

A Resolution to Tax Plastic Bags

1 **WHEREAS,** Plastic bags, while only used for an average of
2 about twelve minutes, remain in landfills and other places for
3 thousands of years; and
4 **WHEREAS,** Plastic bags are made up of polyethylene, which
5 can take up to 1,000 years to decompose; and
6 **WHEREAS,** Plastic bags can get into the food chain through
7 animals that ingest small particles of plastic; and
8 **WHEREAS,** Over a decade of investigation, it has been
9 discovered that plastic bag use has contributed heavily to the
10 Great Pacific Garbage Patch; therefore, be it
11 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled place a
12 federal tax on plastic bags.

Submitted by TEP

“No Child Left Behind” Resolution

WHEREAS, The No Child Left Behind Act has created opportunities for private companies to profit from public education through funded tutoring programs; and

WHEREAS, The No Child Left Behind Act has forced many schools to lower standard for students so they will be able to graduate from high school; and

WHEREAS, These private tutoring companies frequently cannot provide enough tutors to sufficiently help the two million eligible students who are presently in need of help to increase their test scores; and

WHEREAS, Achievement goals were never reached and teachers, students and schools were attacked by everyone and anyone looking for person to blame for their wrongdoings now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled shall not bring back the No Child Left Behind Act.

Submitted by TEP