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**CONGRESSIONAL
DEBATE
LEGISLATION**

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Repeal the 2nd Amendment

1 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is
2 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall
3 be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by
4 the legislation of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the
5 date of its submission by the congress:

6 **SECTION 1:** The Constitution shall be amended to repeal the 2nd amendment, which
7 allows citizens to own dangerous weapons. This amendment shall
8 prevent citizens from owning dangerous weaponry.

9 **SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate
10 legislation.

Introduced by Danville High School

A Resolution to Halt the Construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline

1 **WHEREAS**, The 1,170 mile pipeline will entrench upon Native American sites; and

2 **WHEREAS**, The Dakota Access Pipeline will also devastate our environment;

3 **WHEREAS**, Pipelines are prone to spills, leaks, fires, and explosions that can cause injury and
4 illness, now; therefore, be it

5 **RESOLVED**, by the Congress here assembled that the United States should halt the construction
6 of the Dakota Access Pipeline.

Introduced by Danville High School

A Bill to Outlaw the Use of Hydraulic Fracturing

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The use of hydraulic fracturing is hereby outlawed in the United States.

3 **SECTION 2.** Hydraulic fracturing uses highly controversial methods to extract natural gas and oil from the
4 ground.

5 **SECTION 3.** Hydraulic fracturing increases the risk of asthma, cancer, reproductive problems, high blood
6 pressure, nerve disorders, lung damage and loss of vision.

7 **SECTION 4.** Hydraulic fracturing can be a contributing factor in earthquake occurrences and pollutes both
8 the air, water, and ground of surrounding regions.

9 **SECTION 5.** Failure to cease the use of hydraulic fracturing to extract natural gas and oil by the provided
10 deadline will result in immediate imprisonment for a minimum of ten years for all those who
11 manage the project.

12 **SECTION 6.** This law will go into effect January 1, 2027.

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

Submitted by Ryle High School

A Bill to Ban the Usage of Carcinogenic Food Additives

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will be required to ban the
3 usage of all carcinogenic food additives in production.

4 **SECTION 2.** All additives on the U.S. National Toxicology Program and the
5 International Agency for Research on Cancer’s list of carcinogenic food
6 additives will be banned, including the previously approved additives that
7 have not been looked at again but later on have been determined as
8 carcinogenic.

9 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be enacted by the United States Department of Health and
10 Human Services.

11 **SECTION 4.** The government will have no fiscal responsibility with the passage of this
12 legislature

13 **SECTION 5.** This bill will go into effect on January 1st, 2018. All usage of these
14 additives must be discontinued after this date.

15 **SECTION 6.** All other laws and/or passages of Congress that conflict with this bill will
16 be considered null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Paul Laurence Dunbar High School.

A Bill to Reform the Naturalization Process

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will reduce the cost of application for naturalization
3 from \$680 to \$100 (including the \$85 biometric fee).

4 **SECTION 2.** The current US naturalization process is a difficult, tedious, and expensive
5 process, especially for those who are struggling in this country after only
6 being in the US for a few years.

7 **SECTION 3.** The US Citizenship and Immigration Services will enact and enforce this.

8 **SECTION 4.** The US Citizenship and Immigration Services will allow for \$50,000 in
9 spending.

10 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will go into effect on January 1st, 2018.

11 **SECTION 6.** All other laws and/or passages of Congress that conflict with this bill will
12 be considered null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Paul Laurence Dunbar High School.

A Bill to Remove “Under God” from the Pledge of Allegiance

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States remove “Under God” from the Pledge of
3 Allegiance.

4 **SECTION 2.** The current Pledge of Allegiance currently reads “One Nation
5 Under God” In a nation of diverse people and beliefs, this
6 statement violates religious freedoms of all people and is does
7 not enforce a separation between church and state.

8 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of Education will enact and enforce this.

9 **SECTION 4.** There are no costs involved with this bill.

10 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will go into effect on January 1st, 2018.

11 **SECTION 6.** All other laws and/or passages of Congress that conflict with
12 this bill will be considered null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Paul Laurence Dunbar High School.

A Resolution to Urge Public Schools to Require their Students to Take a Foreign Language

1 WHEREAS, Our current Public Schooling system has major flaws; and
2 WHEREAS, This has clearly affected our students' abilities to compete
3 both domestically and internationally; and
4 WHEREAS, Taking a course in a foreign language has been proven to
5 help students do better academically and has proven to
6 have long lasting mental effects; now, therefore, be it
7 RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled should urge public
8 schools to require their students to take a foreign
9 language.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Trinity High School.

A Resolution to Double the Alcohol Tax

1 WHEREAS, America currently has a major crime and violence
2 problem; and
3 WHEREAS, Alcohol is a major factor in many crimes throughout
4 America; and
5 WHEREAS, Alcohol is also the four leading preventable cause of death
6 in the United States; and
7 WHEREAS, A doubling of the alcohol tax would not be regressive and
8 would lower both crime rates and preventable deaths;
9 now, therefore, be it
10 RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that the alcohol tax will
11 be doubled.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Trinity High School.