

## **A Bill to Temporarily Ban Fracking**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS ASSEMBLED HERE THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States will bar the practice of hydraulic fracturing.

SECTION 2. Hydraulic fracturing is defined as the practice of drilling down a distance equal to or exceeding one mile into the earth and injecting a water mixture at a high pressure in order to extract gas and oil from shale rock.

SECTION 3. All corporations and individuals found guilty of actions in violation of the aforementioned restrictions shall be subject to a fine not exceeding \$10,000,000 and/or jail time not exceeding five years for appropriate parties.

SECTION 4. The Department of Justice will oversee enforcement of this legislation.

SECTION 5. This will take effect 180 days after passage and shall remain in effect for two years after enactment.

SECTION 6. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted by

Sewickley Academy

**A BILL TO CLEAN UP AND CONSOLIDATE DUPLICATE AND OUTDATED  
AGENCIES AND LAWS**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All Federal government agencies, offices, commissions, and laws will be placed under formal review to determine whether or not it is a duplicate, outdated, or necessary aspect of the Federal Government.

SECTION 2. Formal review shall be defined as the process in which the Government Accountability Office reviews each agency, office, commission, and law through research, testimonies, and congressional oversight.

SECTION 3. The Government Accountability Office will oversee the implementation of this bill using their current system of evaluation.

A. An additional 196.9 million will be set aside for the Government Accountability Office to increase their budget to 750 million.

B. The House of Representatives Oversight and Government Reform committee will have direct oversight of the implementation of the bill through the GAO.

C. The Government Accountability Office will set April 1st, 2032 as the goal to conclude formal reviews and publish all final reports.

SECTION 4. The implementation of this bill must be no later than January 1st, 2020.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Hampton High School

## **A RESOLUTION TO STOP USING ANIMALS IN CIRCUSES**

WHEREAS: According to the Humane Society of The United States, "Circus training methods include beating animals with clubs and other objects while depriving them of food."

WHEREAS: An investigation conducted by PETA shows the cruel forms of abuse towards animals. PETA Asia's investigator documented that bear cubs are chained or tethered to a wall and forced to remain upright, sometimes for hours, in order to train them to walk on their hind legs. If they can't hold themselves up, they risk choking and hanging themselves.

WHEREAS: Risks of death of animals due to these types of abuse are extremely high.

With the high risks, animals in the circus use many animals.

WHEREAS: According to MSPCA, animals respond aggressively to abuse, injuring their handlers, trainers, and even the public. They occasionally escape from their train cars or their temporary enclosures, risking fatal traffic accidents and injuries to themselves, and others.

WHEREAS: Abuse can not only harm animals themselves, but also innocent bystanders.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Student Congress here today that circuses immediately stop using animals.

Respectfully Submitted,

North Allegheny Senior High School

## **A Resolution to Promote Democracy in the Middle East**

WHEREAS: Democracy increases GDP in both the Middle East and the world.

WHEREAS: India has seen economic growth as a result of increasing democracy; the Middle East may see the same.

WHEREAS: Democracy can decrease poverty, as seen in the country of Brazil.

WHEREAS: Many unstable governments have a major nourishment and poverty issue.

WHEREAS: Democracy improves equality, where inequalities are often a source of financial crises and lower economic growth.

WHEREAS: Democracy gives people equal access to justice, regardless of their religion, ethnicity, or immigration status.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Student Congress here today that the United States should promote democracy in the Middle East.

Respectfully submitted,

North Allegheny

**A BILL TO REQUIRE NEWS AGENCIES TO REFRAIN FROM BROADCASTING  
PRESIDENTIAL PROJECTIONS UNTIL THE LAST POLLING STATION CLOSES**

SECTION 1: Definitions

1. “Presidential projection” is defined as any action, undertaken by a news agency, which in any way may skew voting patterns in later-voting states, and is any action, undertaken by a news agency, which involves using exit polls and other data sources to predict the outcome of the US Presidential Election.
2. “News agency” is defined as any organization that uses print, television, radio, Internet, or other mediums to publish news.
3. “Polling Station” is defined as a location where votes are cast by voting machine, voting tablet, paper ballot, or other officially sanctioned tabulation devices.

SECTION 2: Legislation

1. Absentee ballots are not included in the definition of “polling station.”
2. News agencies shall not be allowed, under penalty of law, to broadcast or suggest presidential projections until the last polling station closes.
3. The FBI is tasked with observing for this hereby illegal behavior, and prosecuting the offender(s) in the nearest federal district court.

SECTION 3: Passage

1. This bill shall go into effect on November 8th, 2016.
2. Respectfully submitted by Representative Daniel Speer, USC High School.

# **A Bill to Regulate Uber, Lyft, and Other Similar Transportation Services**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. Uber, Lyft and similar transportation services will be required to meet the  
3 same standards as bus, taxi and livery drivers.

4 SECTION 2. Regulations will include:

5 A. Screening of drivers (criminal record and driving record).

6 B. Sex offender checks.

7 C. Fingerprinting.

8 SECTION 3. Uber, Lyft and similar transportation services will be required to disclose  
9 the formulas for their surge pricing policies to promote standardized  
10 rates.

11 SECTION 4. This legislation goes into effect April 1, 2016.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bellaire High School.*

**A Bill to delete Affirmative Action and all related programs to ensure equal opportunity for all**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 SECTION 1. All affirmative action programs shall be removed

2 and completely removed from all processes

3 which it once dictated in order to promote

4 equal opportunity amongst all ethnicities and races

5 and to withhold the favorability of any ethnic group

6 or particular race

7 SECTION 2. Affirmative action is defined as “an institution or organization

8 Actively engages in efforts to improve opportunities for

9 historically excluded groups in American society,” by

10 National Conference of State Legislatures.

11 SECTION 3. The US Department of Labor shall oversee the due process

12 of removal of this legislation from the labor sector, and the

13 US Department of Education shall oversee the due process

14 of removal of the said legislation from the Educational

15 sector.

16 SECTION 4. This legislation shall go into effect by January 1 st , 2018.

17 SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation shall be declared null

18 and void.

Respectfully Submitted  
Deer lakes high school

## A Bill to Ban the Export of Hazardous Wastes

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The export of US hazardous wastes to other countries for disposal and/or  
3 recycling will be banned.

4 **SECTION 2.** For the purpose of this legislation, hazardous waste will be defined as

5 A. All materials designated as hazardous by the US Environmental  
6 Protection Agency;

7 B. Electronic wastes (e-waste);

8 C. Infectious waste, municipal garbage, and incinerator ash;

9 D. Storage vessels, including ships and barges, contaminated with  
10 wastes.

11 **SECTION 3.** The US Tax Code will be revised to allow for tax incentives for companies  
12 developing new waste recycling technologies and/or disposal facilities:

13 D. Companies may receive tax incentives of up to \$1 million per year for  
14 developing or importing new recycling or disposal technologies or  
15 expanding safe disposal capabilities;

16 E. Incentives may be renewed for a period of up to five years.

17 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect January 1, 2018.

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

*Introduced by James E. Taylor High School*