**Spartan Invitational Legislation**

Below is the legislation packet for the Southern Lehigh HS Spartan Invitational. There is no set agenda. The items are simply in the order in which they were received. We expect to have two chambers that will be divided the day of the tournament.

One item that is different this year is that we have selected three pieces of legislation to be used for our Super Session. In the past we simply continued with legislation that had not been used in either chamber. We hope this format will provide for better debate in that session. The three items are at the end of the packet.

We look forward to hosting you. Please feel free to contact Mr. David Long at longd@slsd.org with any questions.

**A Bill to Invest in Renewable Energy Technologies**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1**. The United States shall hereby subsidize the institution and implementation of

 renewable energy technologies as energy sources in fossil­fuel dependant states.

1. $20 billion shall be allocated annually to aforementioned subsidization

over a period of 10 years.

**SECTION 2**. “Fossil fuel dependant states” refers to states in which renewable energy

sources comprise less than 9% of their respective annual net total energy

generation.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy will oversee the proper and effective use of

aforementioned subsidization. Subsidization shall include but not be limited to,

**A.** Direct production compensation

**a.** Including infrastructure construction and material investments

**B.** Subsidized loans

**C.** Research and development funding

**SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take 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 East Chapel Hill HS*

A Resolution against the Sale of Arms to Saudi Arabia

Whereas: The State Department announced the potential sale of Military arms to Saudi Arabia

Whereas: and the sale of arms may harm innocent civilians and may fuel a regional arms race and;

Whereas: The sale of arms may also contribute to the killing of innocent Yemen citizens, as has occurred in the past and may be further perpetuated by an influx of weapons into the region.

Therefore: Be it resolved by the Congress assembled today that this legislative body vehemently disagrees with the proposed sale of weapons to the Saudi Arabian military by the United States State Department.

Respectfully Submitted for Congressional Debate,

Cameron Sauers of Notre Dame

**A Bill to Restore Trust in
Our Federal Candidates**

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| 12345678910111213141516171819202122232425 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**SECTION 1**. All nominees for federal elected office will be required to release their three most recent years of federal tax returns.**SECTION 2**. Federal elected office is defined as President of the United States, Vice President of the United States, the Senate, and the House of Representatives. Nominees are defined as the candidate representing his or her party during the general election.**SECTION 3.** Candidates shall submit their tax returns to the Federal Election Commission (FEC).1. The FEC shall post the tax returns on a publicly accessible website.
2. The FEC is allowed to impose a $15,000 fee on nominees who do not submit their tax returns by one month prior to the general Election Day.
3. The FEC is permitted to redact the nominee’s Social Security number Effie publishing the tax return.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon ratification. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void. |

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Senator Tyler Kusma.*

**A Bill to Limit the Use of the Executive Order by the President**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1**.    In light of President Trump’s and past presidents of the modern

era’s aggressive use of executive orders and the recent judicial overturn of President Trump’s ban on immigration, this bill limits the amount of executive orders to one hundred in a four year term.

**SECTION 2**.    The limitation outlined by this bill will not affect ceremonial or symbolic executive orders and/or those concerned with national security or defense issues. These are generally known as National Security Directives.

**SECTION 3.**    The penalty for violating this bill is the forfeiture of one year's salary and continued violation will be grounds for possible impeachment. The enforcement of this bill will be overseen by the United States Department of Justice.

**SECTION 4.** This bill will be effective six months from the passage of this legislation.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by*

*Shelby Traver of Lake Lehman High School.*

A Bill to Tax Capital Gains Progressively

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1**.

* 1. All capital gains earned by any person over the income level of $1,000,000 shall be subject to a 50% tax.
	2. All other capital gains earned by any person under such an income level shall be taxed as normal income and at the same tax rate.

**Section 2**. Capital gains are defined as any moneys earned through investment and do not include the base investment, accounting for inflation. Persons attempting to hide capital gains will be charged with tax evasion. Hiding capital gains includes money laundering, not reporting moneys earned, and moving funds offshores.

**Section 3.** The IRS will enforce this legislation. The IRS will have discretion to give tax breaks.

**SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect upon passage.

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

 *Respectfully submitted,*

 *Strath Haven High School*

A Bill to Normalize Trade Relations with China

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1**. The United States federal government will grant Market Economy Status to steel imports from the People’s Republic of China.

**Section 2**. “Market economy status” is an official designation according to Article 15 of China’s accession treaty to the World Trade Organization.

**Section 3.** The Department of Commerce will oversee compliance with this bill.

**SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented immediately.

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

 *Respectfully submitted,*

*Strath Haven High School*

A Resolution to Reform NATO to Ensure Mutual Defense

1. Whereas: NATO-affiliated nations are not contributing the 2% of their national budget
2. necessary to be a member of NATO; and
3. Whereas: This issue leaves a void in the ability for NATO to defend its member nations
4. adequately; and
5. Whereas: This hole in NATO’s defense can allow for terrorist organizations such as ISIS
6. and Russia to breach NATO security.
7. Therefore, be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that: The United
8. States government should encourage NATO to collect the 2% that all member nations
9. should be contributing to its funds.

Respectfully Submitted,

 Ryan Sheats

 Southern Lehigh HS

**A Bill to Create a Wall Along the Mexico/United States Border in Order to Control Illegal Immigration**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** A security wall will be built along the Mexico/United States border excluding any mountain ranges deemed too treacherous to pass.

1. There will be 50 armed Homeland Security Personnel (HSP) stationed along the wall every mile to prevent illegal immigrants from coming through.
2. A gate at every current legal Mexico-United States border crossing will be put in place for legal admittance and legal dismissal. There will be 150 HSP at each gate to handle traffic between Mexico and the United States.

**SECTION 2.** The Mexico/United States border is defined as the area in which the United States and Mexico meet. The Department of the Interior will determine whether a mountain is too treacherous for passage.

**SECTION 3.** Homeland Security and the Department of the Interior will oversee this bill.

**SECTION 4**. 25 billion U.S. dollars will be contributed to the funding of this wall from the United States Military Budget. Annual maintenance funds will not exceed 2 billion U.S. dollars.

**SECTION 5.** The construction of this wall will be put into effect twelve months after passage of this bill and will be manned after one month of the wall being completed.

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

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Michael Grabusky*

*Southern Lehigh High School*

**A Resolution to Prevent Cell Phones from Being Used on the Road to Increase Safety**

1. WHEREAS, Drivers are four times as likely to be involved with a car crash if they are
2. using a cell phone; and
3. WHEREAS, This has led to over 1.5 million crashes annually caused by cell phone use
4. alone; and
5. WHEREAS, Texting and driving has been increasing in frequency in recent years; and
6. WHEREAS, New drivers between the ages of 16 and 24 are more likely to be texting and
7. driving; and
8. WHEREAS, Not all fifty (50) states prohibit the use of cell phones while driving.
9. THEREFORE, Be it resolved by this Congress here assembled that:
10. All fifty (50) states shall be encouraged to prohibit all cell phone use by
11. drivers; and
12. Be it further resolved that states declining to prohibit cell phone use
13. by drivers have their Federal Aid Highway Funding reduced by 25%.

 *Introduced by*

 *Southern Lehigh*

**A Bill to Require Corporations to Annually Disclose All Political  Contributions to the American Public**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1**.    Corporations will be legally required to disclose all political contributions they make to the American public on an annual basis.

**SECTION 2**.    A corporation shall be defined as a business legally recognized as a separate entity.

    Political Contributions shall be defined as monetary donations given to a political candidate or group.

    Disclosure shall be defined as a full recording of all politicians and political groups that benefited from the corporation, as well as how much the monetary amount was for, on their internet website and posted somewhere in the company headquarters.

**SECTION 3.**    The implementation of this piece of legislation will be overseen by the Federal Election Commission (FEC) of the United States

**SECTION 4.** This piece of legislation will be implemented on January 1, 2018.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by*

 *Cameron Hines*

 *Southern Lehigh*

**A BILL TO STRENGTHEN THE ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAW TO ENSURE NATIONAL SECURITY**

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

2 Section I: A. The United States Federal Government shall withhold federal

3 funds to any city that violates federal immigration law. Such cities

4 will have one year upon implementation of this bill to comply with

5 federal immigration law.

6 B. If any city that fails to comply with federal immigration law within

7 the one year period stated in Section I-A, then the Federal

8 Government shall impose on the state which administers the city

9 still in violation of federal immigration law a ten percent reduction

10 in federal funding.

11 Section II: A. Federal funds shall be defined as any monetary assistance the

12 Federal Government gives to a state or municipality.

13 B. Federal immigration law shall be defined as federal laws and

14 regulations that determine the rights, duties and obligations of

15 aliens in the United States.

16 Section III: This bill shall be implemented immediately upon passage.

17 Section IV: The Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Health and

18 Human Services, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development

19 shall oversee the enforcement of this bill.

20 Section V: All other laws in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be declared

21 null and void.

 *Respectfully submitted,*

*Senator Shane Crowe*

 *Dominion High School*

**A Resolution to Further Research in the Field of Genetics**

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| 1 | **WHEREAS,** The field of genetics is over-regulated and generally misunderstood by the |
| 2 |                      American populace; and |
| 3 | **WHEREAS,** There are many opportunities for the application of genetics to the fields of  |
| 4 |                      medicine, agriculture, and industry. These opportunities would lead to a  |
| 5 |                      greater economic future; and |
| 6 | **WHEREAS,** Genetic research is highly regulated, stifling innovation that leads to new  |
| 7 |                      ideas; and |
| 8 | **WHEREAS,** The American population is uninformed as to the effects of genetically |
| 9 |                       modified organisms in food products and genetics as a whole, therefore, be |
| 10 |                       it; |
| 11 | **RESOLVED,** The Student Congress here assembled recommend that federal funding |
| 12 |                        for the National Science Foundation and other government agencies that |
| 13 |                        provide grants to researchers in this field be increased; and, be it |
| 14 | **FURTHER RESOLVED,** The regulations applicable to genetic research be made less |
| 15 | stringent |

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Perkiomen Valley School District*

**A Bill to Change the Monetary Exchange System to a Faith Backed Dollar Bill**

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| 123456789101112131415161718 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**SECTION 1**.    The current currency trade system, the dollar bond, will be replaced with the dollar bill. 1. Banks will have a cap on the amount of loans they have based on the reserve that the bank holds.
2. Faith backed dollar can be defined as a set of investments, reserves that do not have any interest and are government issued and produced.
3. The dollar bond can be defined as a form of currency in the central bank of a country which was given to the bank by public stakeholders, with interest.

**SECTION 2**.    Investments will be taken out and replaced with a reserve of dollar bills based on the population size of the country and the price index. Banks will not operate on the fractional reserve principle, but rather have a 1 to 1 ratio of reserves and loans. Interest rates will still be mainly at any bank’s discretion, but amount of loans are to be set in stone.**SECTION 3.**    Oversight of the passage of this bill will be:1. The Department of Treasury
2. The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
3. United States Mint

**SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect immediately after its passage, and the dollar bill will be in full circulation within 2 years of passage.**SECTION 5.**     All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void. |

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Alex Judd*

*Perkiomen Valley High School*

**A Bill To Abolish The Transportation Security Administration**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT.

**SECTION 1.** The Transportation Security Administration is hereby abolished.

**SECTION 2.** 2 Billion dollars of the Transportation Security Administration’s 7.6

Billion Dollar Annual Budget will be relocated to the FBI’s Counterterrorism

division. The remaining 5.6 Billion dollars will be used to promote green

energy through the Environmental Protection Agency.

**SECTION 3.** After the passing of this legislation, Airport security will be carried out

by private security companies, as it was before the creation of the

Transportation Security Administration, before the 2001 attack on the world

trade center.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented on January 1st , 2018..

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Rep. Steven Kravitz*

*Pennsbury High School*

**A Bill to Abolish the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1**. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives is hereby abolished.

**SECTION 2**. The ATF is a federal law enforcement agency within the Department of Justice.

**SECTION 3.** This legislation will be carried out by the Department of Justice.

1. The current annual budget of the ATF, 1.2 billion dollars, will be redistributed into the budget of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) for fiscal year 2018.
2. Any former ATF employees will be given importance over other people seeking jobs in the federal government for two years after the implementation of this legislation.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect at the start of fiscal year 2018

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

 *Respectfully submitted,*

 *Pennsbury High School*

**A Bill to pass the family and medical insurance leave act**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1**. The Family and Medical Insurance Leave Act (H.R. 1439) of the 114th Congress is hereby passed.

**SECTION 2**. The Family and Medical Insurance Leave Act’s provisions include providing workers up to 12 weeks of partial income when they take time off for their serious health condition (including pregnancy and childbirth) or for the serious health condition of a child, parent, spouse, or domestic partner, is funded by a payroll tax of .2%, and creates a new office of Paid Family and Medical Leave in the Social Security Administration.

**SECTION 3.** The Social Security Administration shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

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

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

 *Respectfully submitted,*

 *Unionville High School*

**A Bill to Increase Spending on**

**The United States Navy**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1**. The United States Navy and naval shipbuilders shall receive additional funding of $75 billion to ensure a more competent and advanced fighting force capable of countering hostile aggression.

**Section 2**. The Department of the Navy refers to all employees and branches of the Armed Forces under the Department’s jurisdiction, including the Navy itself, the Marine Corps, and the Coast Guard. Naval shipbuilders refers to all corporations and shipyards who build ships and other equipment for the Navy.

**Section 3.** The Department of Defense (which the Department of the Navy is part of) and the Department of the Treasury will oversee this legislation.

1. The Departments of Defense and the Navy will decide how and what these funds are appropriated for.
2. The Department of the Treasury will ensure the smooth transferring of funds to the Navy.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented upon its passing.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Injae Lee, Ridge High*

**A Bill to Aid the Central African Republic**

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| 123456 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**SECTION 1**. $400 million will be allocated from the U.S military budget to supply the Central African Republic with humanitarian aid.**SECTION 2**. Humanitarian aid shall be defined as aid that will help alleviate suffering and promote human welfare. Humanitarian aid includes (but is not limited to) food security, shelter, medical supplies, etc.**SECTION 3.** The United States Agency for International Development will oversee the implementation of this bill.**SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect immediately upon passage.**SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void. |

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Grace Zhu of Ridge High School.*

**Super Session Legislation**

**A Bill to Make Cannabis a Schedule II Drug to Regulate its Usage, Bolster our Economy, and Protect State Rights.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Article I: A. Cannabis shall hereby be moved to Schedule II of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

 B. Cannabis dispensaries in states that allow such businesses shall hereby be taxed federally.

C. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) shall oversee the regulation and research of cannabis as a drug with medical use.

1. To further determine the legitimacy of cannabis as a drug, the FDA shall conduct further testing on its effects and medicinal uses.
2. The FDA shall regulate cannabis as it regulates other drugs, in quantities that it deems suitable for consumption.

Article II: Schedule II shall be defined as the controlled substance schedule of the DEA containing drugs with a high potential for abuse, with use potentially leading to severe psychological or physical dependence.

Article III: A. The DEA shall oversee the implementation of Article IA of this piece of legislation.

 B. The Department of the Treasury shall oversee the implementation of Article IB of this piece of legislation.

Article IV: This legislation will be implemented immediately upon passage.

Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

**Super Session Legislation**

A Bill to Require Probable Cause to Search the Contents of

Electronic Communications in Criminal Investigations

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. Subsection “(d)” of Section 2703 of Title 18 of the United States Code is

3 hereby amended to read as follows: “A court order for disclosure under

4 subsection (b) or (c) may be issued by any court that is a court of

5 competent jurisdiction and shall issue only if there is probable cause to

6 search for and seize the contents of a wire or electronic communication,

7 or the records or other information sought. In the case of a State

8 governmental authority, such a court order shall not issue if prohibited by

9 the law of such State.”

10 SECTION 2. A. “Court of competent jurisdiction” is as defined in Subsection “(3)”

11 of Section 2711 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

12. B. “Probable cause” shall be defined as “a reasonable ground to

13 suspect that a person has committed or is committing a crime or that a

14 place contains specific items connected with a crime.”

15 C. “Electronic communication” shall be defined as in subsection

16 “(12)” of Section 2510 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

17 SECTION 3.The Department of Justice shall enforce the provisions of this bill.

18 SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

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

**Super Session Legislation**

A Bill to Reprioritize Aid to Colombia

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. $450 million will be allocated to funding Peace Colombia annually for the

3 next 10 years. The focus will be on humanitarian assistance.

4 A. $200 million will be allocated to the Economic Support Funds (ESF).

5 B. $25 million will be allocated to Nonproliferation, Antiterrorism,

6 Demining, and Related Programs (NADR).

7 C. $125 million will be allocated to International Narcotics Control and

8 Law Enforcement (INCLE).

9 D. $75 million will be allocated to the Defense Budget Counter-Drug

10 Programs.

11 E. $25 million will be allocated to Foreign Military Financing (FMF).

12 SECTION 2. “Peace Colombia” will be defined as an increased aid package to

13 Colombia with the goal of helping the transition to peace and

14 implementing the peace accords.

15 SECTION 3. The U.S. Department of State, United States Agency for International

16 Development, and the Department of Defense will jointly oversee the

17 enforcement and implementation of this legislation.

18 SECTION 4. This law will take effect immediately upon passage.

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