West Allegheny Tournament Bills

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT 50,000 MORE REFUGEES FROM SYRIA IN THE COMING YEAR

WHEREAS: The Washington Post says that Germany took in over 1 million refugees in 2015, 400,000 of which were from Syria.

WHEREAS: According to the New York Times on May 10, 2016 the US has taken in less than 20,000 refugees from the migration crisis in Europe, a goal that President Obama pledged to meet.

WHEREAS: The US strives to maintain an image a world power yet it has not led any effort to help asylum seekers despite its land and population advantages over most other countries.

WHEREAS: The UN commissioner has identified 39,000 refugees that could be resettled in the US and have yet to be admitted.

WHEREAS: Canada has already set an example on how to accept almost 50,000 refugees in one year while properly vetting those families and asylum seekers.

WHEREAS: According to the Terrorism Research and Analysis Consortium only nine Syrian refugees have been arrested on suspicion of terrorism out of 4 million refugees that have arrived in neighboring countries and Europe.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Student Congress here today that the US resettle 50,000 more Syrian refugees by the end of 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

A BILL TO CHARGE AN EXIT TAX ON OFFSHORING COMPANIES

BE IT ENACTED by the PHSSL State Student Congress here assembled that:

Section 1: The United States of America will impose an exit tax on companies that wish to offshore labor to other countries.

Section 2: Offshoring is defined as "the practice of basing some of a company's processes or services overseas, so as to take advantage of lower costs" by Oxford Dictionary. Thus, any companies that move any labor to any country besides the United States is committing the act of offshoring.

Section 3: Offshoring is detrimental to the United States economy because it allows companies to avoid paying taxes every year that they should be paying. According to *International Business Times*, businesses avoid paying about \$2.5 million in taxes. Every country that offshores is obligated to report what the hypothetical tax amount they would have paid if had they not offshored. However, many do not. The 58 of the 298 Fortune 500 businesses that had reported, however, had a total amount of about \$212 billion in taxes that could have been paid to the United States government.

Section 4: The Department of Commerce will oversee the enactment of this bill.

Section 5: This will take effect on January 1, 2017

Section 6: All laws in conflict with the legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

A RESOLUTION TO SECURE NORMALIZED RELATIONS WITH MEXICO TO UPHOLD REGIONAL STABILITY

1	WHEREAS,	President-elect Donald Trump has indicated his intentions to renegotiate and
2		potentially terminate the North Atlantic Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA); and
3	WHEREAS,	NAFTA has quadrupled trade between the United States and its neighbors,
4		significantly lowered the price of imports, boosted American growth by .5% each
5		year, created more than five million jobs, and has significantly reduced
6		government spending; and
7	WHEREAS,	The Mexican government has stated that they are not willing or open to
8		renegotiate NAFTA; and
9	WHEREAS,	The termination of NAFTA has the potential to lead to a trade war between the
10		United States and Mexico following high tariffs between the two countries; now,
11		therefore, be it
12	RESOLVED	That the Student Congress here assembled rescind executive authority to
13		renegotiate NAFTA in order to uphold regional security and continue normalized
14		relations with Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,

George Mason University

A Bill to Improve Measurement of the Economy

Be it enacted by the House of Representatives and Senate of the United States in Congress Assembled;

1. Section 1: Definitions

- 2. a) "BLS" and "Bureau of Labor Statistics" shall refer to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, a
- 3. division of the US Department of Labor.
- 4. b) "Computing economic data" shall include using computers and other methods to
- 5. collect massive amounts of information that economists can use to calculate and
- 6. compute economic models. It shall also include conducting economic experiments
- 7. on small sample groups, similar to other fields of science.

8. Section 2: Findings

- 9. a) According to Gregory N. Mankiw, the Bureau of Labor Statistics is unable to
- 10. effectively compute the CPI and calculate unemployment statistics of the United
- 11. States due to outdated methods and lack of manpower
- 12. b) Economists are unable to improve their models because of a lack of data on elasticity,
- 13. aggregate demand and supply, lack of controlled experiments, and other factors.

14. Section 3: Legislation

- 15. a) The Congress shall provide the BLS with 20.5 million dollars to develop and utilize
- 16. new methods of computing economic data.
- 17. b) All legislation in conflict with this piece of legislation shall hereby be declared null
- 18. and void.

Respectfully submitted by Upper St. Clair High School

A RESOLUTION TO ENACT EQUALITY FOR HIGH-RANKING POLITICAL OFFICIALS

WHEREAS: There is a discrepancy in the prosecution of high-ranking political officials and of civilians.

WHEREAS: The problem is generated by political attachments and a fear of prosecutors of putting those political attachments in jeopardy.

WHEREAS: In order to solve the issue of discrepancies in the prosecution of high ranking officials, those officials must be judged by civilians and there shall be a defined fine and a loss of all political offices held for those who are caught attempting to bribe the judge. This law shall take effect immediately.

WHEREAS: Hillary Clinton was not prosecuted despite her act of deleting 33,000 e-mails (March 25th) while under a congressional subpoena for that account (March 3rd).

WHEREAS: General David Petraeus reached a plea agreement with the prosecution under which he admitted to have mishandled highly sensitive information in eight notebooks that he gave to his mistress Paula Broadwell and lied about it to the Justice Department. Under the plea agreement, in exchange for him admitting to having committing those misdemeanors, he was not imprisoned and only lost his position as head of the CIA.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the hereby present Congress that the prosecution of high-ranking political officials must be done by civilians in order to eliminate the possibility of guilty parties being absolved due to a fear of breaking political ties.

Respectfully submitted

A RESOLUTION TO CREATE AN AGE RESTRICTION ON CERTAIN CONTENT ON THE INTERNET

WHEREAS: Material on the Internet can often contain inappropriate content for younger views.

WHEREAS: Early exposure to inappropriate material can lead to detrimental consequences in the long run for young views

WHEREAS: Psychology Today states that these consequences can include but are not limited to: sexual violence, early addictions, and end of normal childhood stages at increasing early ages.

WHEREAS: The implementation of age restrictive content is not difficult and will not cost lump sums of money for website owners

WHEREAS: Age restricted programs are already in place on some mainstream sites such as YouTube and Google, and is used efficiently.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the student congress here that the government should enforce age restrictions on all mainstream sites in order to regulate the exposure to explicit content.

Respectfully submitted,

A BILL TO PROMOTE MEDIA EDUCATION

1	BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:	
2	SECTION 1.	Secondary education shall hereby include education in discerning fake
3		news from actual news.
4	SECTION 2.	Secondary education shall mean all education in grades six through
5		twelve. Fake news shall be defined as advertising as news, satirical
6		articles, and fake or doctored photographs that are marketed as real news.
7	SECTION 3.	The Department of Education will partner with the state departments of
8		education to oversee the implementation of this bill. School systems not in
9		compliance will not be ineligible for any funding from the federal
10		government.
11	SECTION 4.	This legislation will take effect for the 2017-2018 school year, no later
12		than August 1, 2017.
13	SECTION 5.	All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
		Respectfully submitted,

George Mason University

A BILL TO EDUCATION STUDENTS IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE INHERENT BIAS OF LIBERAL VIEWS IN MODERN MEDIA

Be it enacted by the student congress assembled here that:

Section 1: There is currently a trend in American society to attempt to restrict political speech that might be deemed by some as "offensive" or "unnecessary"

Section 2: The problem with this trend is that it constitutes an inherent threat both to the American democracy and to our Constitution.

Section 3: In order to solve this issue, commonly known as "political correctness", there must be a re-education system put in place. A contributing factor to this issue is the fact that our youth are taught to "respect everyone."

Section 4: This trend of political correctness constitutes a threat to the American Constitution. In the First Amendment of the American Constitution, which promises a right to free speech to all American citizens.

Section 5: The issue of political correctness is spoiling our youth as college campuses adopt policies such as trigger warnings and safe spaces. Both of the aforementioned policies enacted by several colleges create a sense of security in students, which does not reflect how the real world works.

Section 6: There is currently a stigma being held against those who deviate from the conventional belief system. This type of behavior discourages the discussion of the issues, which truly harm America, and without these discussions, there is no hope for improvement in our society.

Section 7: There shall be a re-education system put in place in which there would be a re-education of our youth to discuss their issues rather simply ignoring them and labeling those who question the common belief. There shall be a rethinking in the American policy towards Islamic

terrorism in which rather than ignore the existence of radicalization, we would incentivize peaceful branches of Islam to become more vocal.

Section 8: All other bill and laws will become null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,