**VARSITY ROUND 1**

**NOVICE ROUND 1**

**A Bill to Enforce the Usage of Police Body Cameras**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1**. All police officers shall wear body cameras at all times while on a tour of duty.

**SECTION 2**. "Tour of duty” shall be a period of time during which a police office is considered to be on duty for the purposes of determining compensable hours. It may be a scheduled or unscheduled period. Such periods include “shifts” assigned to police officers often days in advance of the performance of the work. Scheduled periods also include time spent in work outside of the “shift” which the policy agency employer assigns. For example, a police officer may be assigned crowd control during a parade or other event outside his or her shift.

**Section 3.** The Department of Justice shall oversee the implementation of this legislation in coordination with the Board of Police Commissioners for each department.

1. Any and all officers caught without their camera on at the time of an arrest will be discharged.
2. Police Departments shall receive $1.2 million over the course of two years in state and federal taxes to fund the purchase of cameras and servers to maintain records.

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

**SECTION 5.** The bill shall take effect on January 1, 2018.

*Respectfully submitted,*

 *Westridge School*

**VARSITY ROUND 1**

**A Bill to Create a Tax on Gasoline to Invest in Renewable Energy and Public Transportation Infrastructure**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1**. The United States Federal Government will impose a 100% tax on gasoline, and the revenue will be allocated as follows:

1. 50% to federal programs that incentivize renewable energy development; and
2. 50% to federal programs that incentivize public transportation infrastructure.

**Section 2**. “Renewable energy sources” shall be defined as energy sources which meet environmental protection guidelines and are not reliant on fossil fuels; public transportation infrastructure is the network of mass transport systems provided and supported by government (such as buses and high-speed rail).

**Section 3.** The U.S. Department of Energy will oversee the allocation of revenue. Collection of the tax will be under usual Internal Revenue Services procedures.

**SECTION 4.** There will be a two-year implementation plan: The first year, the

tax will be at 50%, and the second year, the tax will be set at 100%.

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

 *Respectfully submitted,*

 *The Harker School*

**VARSITY ROUND 2**

**NOVICE ROUND 2**

**A Bill to Reform the American Bail System**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1**. The use of money bail in federal courts shall hereby be banned.

**Section 2**. “Money bail” shall be defined as the use of monetary payment as a condition for pretrial release in criminal cases.

**Section 3.** A. The Department of Justice shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

b. States that continue to use money bail in federal courts will be ineligible for Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grants from the Federal Government.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will enter into effect at the beginning of fiscal year 2019.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

 *North Hollywood High School*

**VARSITY ROUND 2**

**A Bill to Close American Military Bases in Okinawa, Japan**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1**. All American military bases in Okinawa, Japan are hereby closed.

**Section 2**. A. The Department of Defense will transfer all American military personnel stationed at Okinawa to other American military installations.

B. All American military equipment shall be removed and the land currently controlled by the U.S. military will be returned to the Japanese government within two years.

**Section 3.** The Department of Defense will be charged with carrying out this bill.

**SECTION 4.** The bill will go into effect 90 days after passage.

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

 *Respectfully submitted,*

 *Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies*

**VARSITY ROUND 3**

**NOVICE ROUND 3**

**A Bill to Establish Mandatory Evacuation and Fund Shelters**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1**. Evacuation shelters shall be funded by federal funds when the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) deems the evacuation necessary.

**Section 2**. A. Necessity shall be determined by State declaration of emergency and local FEMA recommendation.

B. Evacuation shelters are those shelters that can accommodate fifty or more refugees.

**Section 3.** FEMA shall oversee the allocation of federal funding and coordination of local branches.

1. Local branches shall develop and implement evacuation plans as well as the designation of evacuation shelters.
2. $30 million shall be allocated to FEMA annually for dispersing to evacuation shelters, at their discretion.

**SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect by January 1, 2020.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

 *Flintridge Preparatory School*

**VARSITY ROUND 3**

**A Bill to Tax the Gross Profits of Native American Casinos**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1**. Congress shall impose a 5% federal tax on all gross earnings of Native American casinos. Proceeds from this federal tax will go directly to Native American tribes to increase funding of reservation-based substance abuse treatment programs.

**Section 2**. “Indian Gaming” shall be defined for the purposes of this bill as Class III gaming according to the National Indian Gaming Commission (N.I.G.C.). Not to be taxed are N.I.G.C. defined Class I or Class II gaming.

**Section 3.** The tax will be levied and collected by the N.I.G.C. with the proceeds being administered by the Indian Health Service (Department of Health and Human Services) and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Agent of enforcement will be the N.I.G.C.

**SECTION 4.** This bill will be go into effect during the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

 *Beverly Hills High School*

**VARSITY ROUND 4 (POTENTIAL SEMIS)**

**NOVICE SEMIS**

**The Smart Grid Act of 2017**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1**. $1.5 trillion shall be allocated starting in 2018 and ending in 2050 to the Department of Energy (DOE) to institute public-private partnerships for an international smart grid to modernize and expand the Alaska, Western, Eastern, Quebec, and Texas interconnections.

**Section 2**. An international smart grid is defined as an autonomous electric grid with smart grid technology that connects the U.S. and Canadian electric grids together.

**Section 3.** The DOE, in collaboration with the National Institute of Standards, the Department of Commerce, the Smart Grid Interoperability Panel, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation, and the Government of Canada will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

1. All grants under 42 U.S. Code § 17386 will be allocated to funding for this legislation, then 42 U.S. Code § 1738 will be removed.
2. All nonrenewable power stations will be phased out by FY 2050.
3. Funding for this legislation will come from a 20% VAT tax on all consumed energy.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect in fiscal year 2018, and the international smart grid must be completed by fiscal year 2050.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

 *El Camino Real Charter HS*

**VARSITY ROUND 4 (POTENTIAL SEMIS)**

# A Resolution to Bring an End to the Persecution of the Rohingya People

**WHEREAS**, The Burmese government denies the Rohingya people citizenship, rendering them stateless; and

**WHEREAS**, The UN has described the human rights violations in Myanmar against the Rohingya people as crimes against humanity; and

**WHEREAS**, Ultra-nationalist Burmese Buddhists are participating in illegal and systemic religious discrimination against the Rohingyas; and

**WHEREAS**,Extrajudicial killings, gang rapes, arsons, and other brutalities have become commonplace offenses against the Rohingyas; and

**WHEREAS**,There exists a substantial, international refugee crisis of Rohingya people fleeing from Myanmar; thus

**RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled make the following recommendation to the UN to pursue heavy sanctions against Myanmar.

 *Respectfully submitted,*

 *Cupertino High School*

**VARSITY FINALS**

**A Bill to Give Aid to Somalia to Extract Natural Resources**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1**. The United States Agency for Intelligence Development will provide $500 million for Somali corporations to build infrastructure to extract Somalia’s natural gas.

1. USAID will prioritize giving funds to companies who employ Somalis for constructing the infrastructure as well as extracting natural resources.
2. 75% of extracted resources must be utilized for Somali domestic needs.

**Section 2**. The United States will also provide $250 million for the African Union to protect the infrastructure from possible surrounding attacks.

**Section 3.** The US Department of State and Department of Defense will collaborate to enforce and oversee the projects to make sure the monetary funds are used properly.

1. The agencies in charge of enforcing this legislation shall prepare a public viewable report to Congress on an annual basis tracking the usage of the funds provided and monitoring for misuse.
2. If at any point this aid is misused, the agencies in charge of enforcing this legislation must reconsider whether or not to provide the funds and, if necessary, revoke such funds.

**SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented before January 2019

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

 *Respectfully submitted,*

 *Canyon Crest Academy*

**VARSITY FINALS**

**NOVICE FINALS**

**A Bill to Regulate Law Enforcement Usage of Aerial Drones**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1**. Every law enforcement agency within the United States shall be allowed the usage of aerial drones for surveillance operations, evidence collection, and detection and disarming of lethal weapons, within certain regulations.

**Section 2**. A. “Within the United States” is defined as the 50 states, and associated protectorates and territories.

B. Regulations include:

1. Usage of aerial drones for surveillance operations require either a search warrant acquired from a judge or magistrate or law enforcement must be able to demonstrate probable cause.

2. Any evidence obtained by the aerial drone not pertaining to the case, that justified the usage of the aerial drone, must be deleted from evidence within ten (10) days.

3. Any audio or visual recordings not pertaining to the case that lead to the issuance of the search warrant shall be inadmissible in a court of law.

4. No aerial drone will be allowed to carry weapons of any kind.

5. Aerial drones using an Internet feedback system will only be permitted when viewing or detecting harmful weapons such as bomb or biological weapons. All other usages of aerial drones will record audio and visual but can only be view when the drone has return to the law enforcement agency.

**SECTION 3.** A.Any disobedience of the regulations above will lead to punitive consequences set forth by the local District Attorney’s office.

B. The law enforcement agency is responsible for the maintenance and usage of the aerial drone and will be held accountable for any disobedience of the regulations listed above.

C. All aerial drones must be purchased from a United States Federal Government certified manufacturer.

D. The United States Government will set aside no more than thirty-five (35) million dollars per year for the inspection and certification of aerial drone manufacturers.

E. The Department of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms will be responsible for the inspection and certification of aerial drone manufacturers.

**Section 4.** This legislation will go into effect ninety (90) days from passage**.**

**SECTION 5.**  All laws in conflict will be declared null and void.

 *Respectfully submitted,*

 *Fairmont Prep*