

WSFA Spring Congress Legislative Packet 2018

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A

A Bill to Establish Federally Mandated Maternal and Paternal Leave

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This legislation requires employers to provide mandatory paid leave to
3 both males and females during the birth of their child. The employers are
4 also required to maintain the same standards, that the employee enjoyed
5 prior to their leave of absence.

6 **A.** Paternal Leave is now 4 weeks paid leave paid at 100% of the normal
7 salary

8 **B.** Maternal Leave is now 14 weeks paid leave paid at 100% of the
9 normal salary

10 Employees returning from leave are also not allowed to be penalized in
11 any way, both in terms of their work, work status, and in their employee
12 benefits.

13 **C.** Any termination or penalty deemed unnecessary according to the
14 given terms will result in the organization paying at minimum the
15 employee's salary for 2 years plus an extra 25% of the salary. All of it
16 as extra compensation.

17 **SECTION 2.** Leave shall be a period of time that one must be away from one's primary
18 job, while maintaining the status of employee.

19 Penalty shall be defined as an unnecessary restriction placed on the
20 employee.

21 **SECTION 3.** The Employee Benefits Security Administration within Department of
22 Labor will go about implementing this legislation. The Department of
23 Justice will oversee enforcement of this legislation.

24 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect on January 1st 2018

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Interlake High School.

B

A Bill to Aid Refugees from Myanmar

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All accepted refugees native to or citizens of Myanmar will be admitted to
3 the United States, up to a limit of at least 25,000 annually for Fiscal Years
4 2018 and 2019. Refugees native to or citizens of Myanmar will be granted
5 Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) Status upon application, after being
6 physically present in the United States for at least 4 years.

7 **SECTION 2.** The Department of State and the Department of Homeland Security will
8 oversee the implementation of this bill.

9 A. \$300 million will be allocated to the Department of State from the
10 Department of Defense to aid with transportation, processing,
11 reception, and resettlement costs.

12 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Federal Way High School.

C

A Resolution to Sanction the Philippines

1 **WHEREAS**, President Rodrigo Duterte’s War on Drugs and hostile foreign policy has resulted
2 in the demise of due process and massive human rights violations; and

3 **WHEREAS**, President Duterte has called on police and citizens to kill drug dealers and users
4 on sight resulting in over 6,000 deaths at the hands of police and vigilantes; and

5 **WHEREAS**, President Duterte’s harmful rhetoric and foreign policy has damaged U.S. and
6 Philippines relations;

7 **WHEREAS**, Now, therefore, be it

8 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that the United States imposes economic
9 sanctions against the Philippines; and, be it

10 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the United States will call on its allies to join in this human
11 rights endeavor to restore a democratic rule of law in the Philippines

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Seattle Academy.

D

A Bill to Implement a Flat Tax

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

13 **SECTION 1.** A flat tax of 20% shall hereby be implemented.

14 **SECTION 2.** A flat tax shall be defined as a personal income tax, the value of which is
15 exactly equal throughout all income brackets.

16 **SECTION 3.** The Department of the Treasury shall oversee the implementation of this
17 bill.

18 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect beginning in 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Kingston High School.

E

A Bill to Constrain the Deployment of Nuclear Weapons

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States' past precedent for the use of nuclear weapons has been
3 decided by one person; the President. This bill shall require the Chief
4 Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, the Speaker of the
5 House, and the President of the United States to vote in a majority (two of
6 three) for a nuclear strike, before a missile may be fired.

7 **SECTION 2.** A vote in majority shall be defined as two of the three people must vote in
8 affirmation of a nuclear strike, before a missile may be fired

9 **SECTION 3.** The vote must be verified by the U.S. Secretary of Defense. If the
10 Secretary of Defense is unavailable or incapacitated, the Chairperson of
11 the Joint Chiefs of Staff will verify. Verification shall occur by video
12 conference and/or any form of face to face conference.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented as of August 6th, 2018

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Puyallup High School.

F

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution Abolish the Death Penalty

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

7 **ARTICLE**

8 **SECTION 1**: All laws permitting a death sentence shall be repealed. People who are
9 convicted of a capital felony will be sentenced to life in prison rather than
10 a death sentence. A capital felony will be defined as a serious crime that
11 would customarily result in a death sentence. A death sentence will be
12 defined as a sentence to put to death for committing a capital felony

13 **SECTION 2**: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
14 legislation in coordination with the United States Department of Justice.
15 All laws in conflict with this amendment shall be inoperative by
16 December 2020.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Eisenhower High School.

G

A Bill to Ban the Construction of All New Oil Pipelines on Federal Land

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All new oil pipeline construction on federal land is now prohibited.

3 **SECTION 2.** An oil pipeline shall be defined as a pipeline which transports crude oil or
4 refined oil across state lines.

5 New construction shall be defined as any new pipeline construction
6 project which is not for repairing or maintaining current oil pipelines and
7 has not yet received governmental approval.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy and the Department of the Interior shall
9 oversee the implementation of this legislation.

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

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Governor John R Rogers High School.

H

A Resolution to Increase the use of Safe Injection Sites to Decrease Overdose Rates in the United States

1 **WHEREAS,** the heroin epidemic is making for less safe areas, such as schools, playgrounds
2 and shopping centers.

3 **WHEREAS,** overdose deaths in the U.S overall have risen from approximately 11,000 deaths
4 per year in 2002 to approximately 33,000 in 2015

5 **WHEREAS,** overdose deaths in states like West Virginia have nearly tripled
6 since the 1990's

7 **WHEREAS,** Intravenous drug use increases the likelihood of transmittable diseases such as
8 HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis B and C

9 **WHEREAS,** In 2010, there were 17,000 new cases of Hepatitis C where 53
10 percent were from intravenous drug users

11 **WHEREAS,** Access to care for mental health and substance abuse are currently limited in
12 capacity and are crucial to recovery

13 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that every state be required to establish plans to
14 implement safe injection sites to combat the heroin epidemic in the United States

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Thomas Jefferson High School.

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Prohibit Sole Private Ownership of Utilities

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

7 **ARTICLE –**

8 **SECTION 1:** Public Utilities, including water, power, refuse collection, and electronic or
9 wireless communications may not be one-hundred percent privately owned. Each such utility
10 shall be at least fifty-one percent publicly owned. Public ownership shall involve local, state, and
11 federal agencies.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by University High School.

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Set Term Limits for Supreme Court Justices

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

14 **RESOLVED**, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is
15 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be
16 valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the
17 legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date
18 of its submission by the Congress:

19 **ARTICLE 1**

20 **SECTION 1**: Beginning in 2019, on January 1st of every year ending with an odd last digit, the
21 longest serving justice shall be dismissed and a replacement shall be selected to
22 fill the vacancy by the sitting president, using procedures outlined in Article V of
23 the United States Constitution.

24 **SECTION 2**: Appointments will continue in this manner every two years, even after all current
25 Supreme Court justices have been replaced.

26 **SECTION 3**: No justice on the Supreme Court confirmed after ratification of this amendment
27 shall serve for a term longer than 18 years.

28 **SECTION 4**: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Redmond High School.

K

A Bill to Ban Bump Stocks To Limit the Fatalities in the US

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will ban bump stocks to limit the number of
3 fatalities in shootings.

4 **SECTION 2.** Bump stocks shall be defined as any device that allows bump fire,
5 or the act of using the recoil of a semi-automatic firearm to fire
6 shots in rapid succession, which simulates the ability of a fully
7 automatic weapon.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives will
9 enforce this bill.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect one year from the date of passage.

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

Introduced to Congressional Debate by Lake City High School.

L

A Resolution to Sanction Myanmar

WHEREAS, The escalating violence in the Rakhine State of Myanmar has led over 600,000 Rohingya refugees to flee to Bangladesh; and

WHEREAS, Aung San Suu Kyi has failed to act towards reversing the human rights abuses committed in Myanmar; and

WHEREAS, The United States has not taken any formal action towards aiding the crisis; now, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled move to place economic sanctions on Myanmar until such time as the government of Myanmar can be found to have taken significant steps to address the injustices perpetrated against the Rohingya people.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Raisbeck Aviation High School

M

A Bill to Enact a Tax on the Purchase of Pesticides to Preserve the Bee Population

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A retail and wholesale federal tax of ten percent on pesticides.

3 **SECTION 2.** Pesticides being here defined as any chemical product being sold for the purpose
4 of eliminating insects or other organisms harmful to plants or animals.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Agriculture will oversee the implementation of this bill.

6 A. The revenue gained from the tax imposed will go towards organizations with
7 the purpose of preserving and increasing the bee population.

8 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 1st, 2021.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Tumwater High School.

N

A Resolution to Remove Tax on the Sale of Feminine Hygiene Products

1 **WHEREAS,** Sales taxes and gross receipts taxes are levied on the sale of feminine
2 hygiene products in 36 of the States; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Feminine hygiene products are necessary during menstruation for the
4 management of vaginal discharge, and other bodily functions related to the
5 vulva and vagina; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Items that are considered necessities are generally exempt from sales tax;
7 and

8 **WHEREAS,** Feminine hygiene products include such products as tampons, sanitary
9 napkins, menstrual cups, and menstrual sponges; and

10 **WHEREAS,** being essential, without adequate feminine hygiene products, women are
11 at increased risk for bacterial infections; and

12 **WHEREAS,** without adequate feminine hygiene products, women can experience
13 hardship in school, work, and social activities; now, therefore, be it

14 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation
15 for solution, namely, that all States shall remove and prohibit any and all
16 forms of tax on the sale of feminine hygiene products.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Orcas Island High School.

O

A Bill to Ban Private Military Contractors

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Private Military Contractors will not be used.

3 **SECTION 2.** A Private Military Contractor is defined as any private sector business
4 organization or 501(c) organization hired, contracted, or in any way employed
5 directly by any State or Federal agency for the sole, primary, or significant
6 purpose of providing military and/or military police services.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense will oversee the implementation of this bill.

8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented at the end of fiscal year 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Federal Way High School.

A Bill to Pass the Family and Medical Leave Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Family and Medical Insurance Leave Act will provide workers up to
3 15 weeks of partial income when they take time off for their serious health
4 condition (including pregnancy and childbirth) or for the serious health
5 condition of a child, parent, or spouse;

6 **SECTION 2.** Serious Health conditions are defined as:

- 7 A. One that involves an overnight stay at a hospital or medical facility;
- 8 B. A chronic condition or sickness that persists over time with necessary
9 visits back to the facility described i.e. cancers, Alzheimer's, severe
10 strokes, etc.;
- 11 C. Pregnancy and childbirth;
- 12 D. Substance abuse treatment.

13 Partial Income is defined as a rate of 90 percent up to 1.5 times the federal
14 minimum wage, then 50 percent beyond that up to a cap of \$1,000 of
15 benefit per week.

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

- 18 A. Funded by an additional payroll tax of 0.3%;

19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented starting January 1, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Seattle Academy.

Q

A Bill To Require Private Corporations To Comply With Requests From The Federal Government To Release Sensitive Information

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The intelligence agencies of the United States will be permitted to request data
3 from private corporations in the name of national security. Private corporations
4 may not refuse to relinquish this information, under any circumstance from here
5 on out.

6 **SECTION 2.** Intelligence agencies shall be defined as a government department involved in the
7 gathering of military or political information. This may include but shall not be
8 limited to the FBI, CIA, NSA, and the House and Senate Intelligence Committees.
9 Sensitive information shall be defined as information pertinent to an investigation
10 regarding national security, including information relating to terrorism and
11 foreign surveillance.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission will oversee the implementation of this piece of
13 legislation. The Department of Justice will oversee the enforcement of this piece
14 of legislation.

15 A. The Department of Justice will be granted an additional 50 Million Dollars
16 annually to properly enforce these measures, coming from the Department of
17 Defense's Counterterrorism division

18 B. The Federal Trade Commission will be granted an additional 30 million
19 dollars annually to properly implement these measures coming from the
20 Department of Defense's Counterterrorism division

21 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately after passage

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Interlake High School

R

A Bill to Repeal the Johnson Amendment

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The 1954 Johnson Amendment shall hereby be declared null and void. Congress
3 will also be prohibited for twenty years from reinstatement of said amendment or
4 any other legislation with a similar purpose.

5 **SECTION 2.** The 1954 Johnson Amendment shall be defined as the United States tax code that
6 prohibits all 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations from endorsing or opposing
7 political candidates.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service (IRF) will oversee the implementation of this bill.

9 **SECTION 4.** This bill will come into effect in the first fiscal quarter of 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Skyview High School.

S

A Resolution to Recognize Catalonia

1 WHEREAS, Spain has forcefully repressed Catalonia during a referendum for independence;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, The people of Catalonia maintain their own culture and have proven to be one of
4 Spain's most rich and industrialized regions; and

5 WHEREAS, the United States should support democratic institutions of government and
6 support the rights of Catalonia; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for the
8 United States to recognize Catalonia as an independent nation; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That sanctions will be placed on Spain until human rights violations
10 against Catalonia are terminated.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Kingston High School.

T

A Resolution to Re-Allocate Grant Funds to the Department of Homeland Security's Countering Violent Extremism Programs

1 **WHEREAS,** The current presidential administration has eliminated \$10 million in
2 grants allocated to the Department of Homeland Security(DHS)
3 Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) programs; and

4 **WHEREAS,** CVE programs have proven to be successful community-based
5 interventions in stopping and reversing the radicalization efforts of
6 extremist groups, especially among youth; and

7 **WHEREAS,** the Obama Administration had previously allocated \$10 million in funds
8 for the continuation of these programs; and

9 **WHEREAS,** the Trump Administration has not reallocated the funds to other programs
10 after eliminating the grant funds to CVE programs; now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation
12 for solution to reinstate the \$10 million in grant funds previously allocated
13 to the Department of Homeland Security's Countering Violent Extremism
14 program.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mt. Spokane High School

U

A Bill to Raise Taxes on the Super Wealthy

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** That the top tax rate in the United States be raised to 75% for those
3 making more than 1.25 million individually or 1.5 million for joint filings.

4 **SECTION 2.** Tax rate shall be defined as the rate people pay in taxes. Joint filings is
5 two people filling one tax return. (I.E. Married Couples)

6 **SECTION 3.** The IRS will be in charge of oversight and implementation of this bill.

7 **SECTION 4.** This law will go into effect on January 1st, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Gig Harbor High School.

SUPER CONGRESS
LEGISLATION

AA

A Resolution to Ratify the Law of the Sea Treaty

1 **WHEREAS,** The United States currently recognizes that the UN Convention on the
2 Law of the Sea is customary international law but is not legally bound to
3 the Law of the Sea Treaty; now, therefore, be it,

4 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled advise and consent to the
5 ratification of the United Nations Law of the Sea Treaty which became
6 effective on November 16, 1994

Introduced for Congressional Debate by WSFA

BB

A Bill to Sanction the Government of Pakistan

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

2 **Section 1.** Pakistan shall be designated as a State Sponsor of Terrorism by the United
3 States Department of State.

4 **Section 2.** “State Sponsor of Terrorism” is defined as a government which supports
5 violent non-state actors engaged in terrorist activities.

6 **Section 3.** The United States shall place targeted economic sanctions on Pakistan in
7 accordance with section 6(j) of the Export Administration Act, section 40 of the Arms
8 Export Control Act, and section 620A of the Foreign Assistance Act.

9 **Section 4.** The United States Department of State, Department of Commerce,
10 Department of Defense, and the Office of Foreign Assets Control shall oversee the
11 implementation of this bill.

12 **Section 5.** This bill will go into effect four months upon the passage of this legislation
13 if and only if the Department of Defense determines that Pakistan has not entirely ceased
14 support for Taliban and Haqqani Network operatives.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by WSFA

DD

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Abolish the Electoral College

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

7 **ARTICLE --**

8 **SECTION 1:** Clauses 2 and 3 belonging to Article II Section I of the U.S.
9 Constitution shall be repealed.

10 **SECTION 2:** The aforementioned Clause 2 and Clause 3 shall simply be
11 replaced with the following text: *“The office of President*
12 *and Vice President of the United States shall be determined*
13 *by popular vote; the party ticket with a simple majority OR*
14 *plurality of such votes wins the election.”*

15 **SECTION 3:** Clause 4 of Article II Section I shall be amended to the
16 following: *“The Congress may determine the day of voting,*
17 *and such day must be the same throughout the entirety of*
18 *the United States.”*

19 **SECTION 4:** The 12th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution shall also
20 hereby be repealed as its presence has been rendered
21 redundant.

22 **SECTION 5:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
23 appropriate legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by WSFA

EE

A Bill to Limit the Subsidization of American Big Oil

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. Three of the six largest federal subsidies to oil-producing corporations will be
3 terminated. The three terminated subsidies are Master Limited Partnerships (MLPs,) Intangible
4 Drilling Costs, and Royalty Payment Deductions on Federal Lands.

5 SECTION 2. A subsidy is defined as any federally-administered financial levity, including the
6 transfer of money and/or tax or cost deductions, offered to an industry to reduce the prices of the
7 products it provides.

8 SECTION 3. The Department of Energy will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

9 SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect on January 1st, 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by WSFA.

A Resolution to Audit the Department of Defense

1 **WHEREAS,** The Department of Defense has never been externally audited; and

2 **WHEREAS,** The Department of Defense has failed to be honest about its spending; and

3 **WHEREAS,** It is important to hold government agencies accountable for their actions,

4 therefore, be it

5 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled recommends a full external audit to the

6 Department of Defense; and, be it

7 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** If the Department of Defense fails the external audit, Congress will

8 cease to increase funding to the Department of Defense.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by WSFA.