

# Legislative Docket for the 2017 de Toledo High School Invitational

## SESSION ONE

### **I. A Resolution to Grant High Schools Subsidies for Competitive Sports Teams**

*Submitted by Nick (Taft High School) for the 2017 Tri-County Forensic League Fall Student Congress Tournament*

WHEREAS sports in high schools benefit both schools and students; and

WHEREAS public high schools across the nation are sacrificing their sports programs due to a lack of adequate financial support; and

WHEREAS the Department of Education offers a variety of grants to schools to improve the quality of their academic offerings and outcomes, but neglects to grant funding for the development and maintenance of competitive sports teams; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CONGRESS ASSEMBLED HERE will make monies available to be applied for through existing Department of Education grant procedures for the sole purpose of supporting public high school competitive athletics.

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

*Submitted by Beverly Hills High School for the 2017 Invitational at Cal. State Long Beach*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS ASSEMBLED HERE THAT

**Section 1.** Congress shall impose a 5% federal tax on all gross earnings of Native American casinos. Proceeds from this federal tax shall 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 shall 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. The agent of enforcement shall be the N.I.G.C.

**Section 4.** This bill shall go into effect during the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

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

## SESSION TWO

### I. A Resolution to Urge Reform of OPEC Oil Policies

*Used at the October 2017 Invitational at Cal. State Fullerton*

WHEREAS global oil production is exceeding demand; and

WHEREAS production quotas by OPEC (Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries) are artificially perpetuating this trend; and

WHEREAS low global oil prices threaten the income of producing states and threaten recession and instability; and

WHEREAS oil production should be dictated by market demand to maintain long term stability; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CONGRESS ASSEMBLED HERE shall urge OPEC to lower or eliminate their oil production quotas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CONGRESS ASSEMBLED HERE shall urge the President of the United States to initiate a global forum to discuss strategies for the security of the global oil market.

### II. A Bill to Enforce the Usage of Police Body Cameras

*Submitted by Westridge School for the 2017 Invitational at Cal. State Long Beach*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS ASSEMBLED HERE 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 officer 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 police 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.

**A.** Any and all officers caught without their camera on at the time of an arrest shall be discharged.

**B.** 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.

## SESSION THREE

### I. A Resolution to Sign a Free Trade Agreement with Mercosur

*Used at the October 2017 Invitational at Cal. State Fullerton*

WHEREAS the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) has built a healthy and essential political and economic relationship between the United States, Canada, and Mexico; and

WHEREAS states vital to the United States' interests in South America are slipping from its sphere of influence; and

WHEREAS the Mercosur trade bloc discourages members from engaging in bilateral trade agreements with members outside the bloc; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CONGRESS ASSEMBLED HERE will urge the President of the United States to actively pursue a free trade agreement between the United States and Mercosur.

### II. A Bill to Combat College Campus Sex Crimes

*Submitted by Eleanor Nishioka (Hart High School) for the 2017 Tri-County Forensic League Fall Student Congress Tournament*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS ASSEMBLED HERE THAT

**Section 1.** College and university administrators must immediately report any and all allegations of campus sexual assault and rape to an outside law enforcement agency. Any college or university official failing to do so shall be charged as an accomplice to a sex crime if proved they concealed a campus related sexual assault and/or rape allegation or in any way obstructed a criminal investigation.

**Section 2.** Definitions: *Sexual assault* is any type of physical sexual contact that occurs without the explicit consent of all parties. *Rape* is a type of sexual assault involving unwelcome sexual intercourse and other forms of bodily penetration forcibly carried out against a person without that person's conscious consent. *Campus sexual assault* is defined as the sexual assault of a student while attending an institution of higher learning, such as a college or university.

**Section 3.** Enforcement. This Act shall be enforced through the Department of Justice.

**Section 4.** Implementation. This Act shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

**Section 5.** Any other laws in conflict with this new policy shall be declared null and void.

## FINAL ROUND

### I. A Resolution to Stop the Use of the Penny

*Used at the 2016 Brusckhe Invitational at Cal. State Fullerton*

WHEREAS prices for goods and services are arbitrarily marked up for profit; and

WHEREAS the marketing ploy of rounding whole dollar prices down to fool the customer into thinking items are significantly cheaper is outdated; and

WHEREAS despite efforts by the United States Mint, it still costs more than one penny to manufacture one penny; and

WHEREAS the United States only has five percent of the world's copper reserves; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CONGRESS ASSEMBLED HERE shall abandon the use, production, and distribution of the penny as a form of legal tender, and that businesses operating within the United States shall cease the acceptance of the penny as a form of legal tender for the purchases of goods and services.

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

*Submitted by The Harker School for the 2017 Invitational at Cal. State Long Beach*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS ASSEMBLED HERE THAT

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

- A. 50% to federal programs that incentivize renewable energy development; and
- B. 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 shall oversee the allocation of revenue. Collection of the tax shall be under usual Internal Revenue Service procedures.

**Section 4.** There shall be a two-year implementation plan: The first year the tax shall be set at 50%, and the second year the tax shall be set at 100%.

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