**A Bill to Raise the Minimum Wage to Begin Closing the Wage Gap**

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| 1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:  **SECTION 1**.    Upon the passage of this bill, the minimum wage throughout all states in the United States shall be raised to $9.00 per hour. This will ensure a minimum annual pay of $18,720 for those working 40-hour weeks with no vacations.  **SECTION 2**.    Where minimum wage is defined as the lowest wage permitted by law or by a special agreement (such as one with a labor union). Raising minimum wage will ensure an increased standard of living among workers.  **SECTION 3.**    The Department of Labor will oversee the enforcement of this bill.  **SECTION 4.**This law will be put into place January 1, 2018.  **SECTION 5.**     All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.    Jeffersonville High School  Autumn Webster |

**A Resolution to Celebrate the diversity in society to** **Promote understanding between people of dramatic differences.**

1 **WHEREAS**,    A lack of respect toward people different from ourselves.

2 **WHEREAS**,    This lack of respect has bred vast amounts of fear and hatred among people of 3 this nation. If it continues, America will be consumed by hatred.

4 **WHEREAS**,    This hatred will be released. Forms of such hatred has already been shown 5 through the countless remarks and actions that target human life. The shooting in the US; the 6 genocides around the world.

7 **WHEREAS**,If we can understand our differences, and respect another’s choices, this hatred 8 will dissipate. We fear the unknown, we hate being oppressed by said fear. That’s why we 9 need a day to celebrate and educate our differences to one another, so the unknown becomes 10 known.

11 **RESOLVED,**    That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for 12 solution dedicating a day to celebrate and educate our variance, so nothing between us is 13 feared and hated.

Submitted by Tien Lu Huang

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**A Bill to prohibit the use of standardized testing to better our education system**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. SECTION 1. Whereas the reliance upon standardized testing by school systems and colleges/universities as the primary success criteria of overall student performance has resulted in teaching curricula targeted primarily to the achievement of high test scores rather than a well-balanced education, the use of standardized testing shall be prohibited as the primary standard of student success.
3. SECTION 2. Standardized testing is defined as any test or other assessment created by an entity not associated with the school system or college/university performing the testing or assessment that is made available to schools or school systems nationwide
   1. This legislation does not include tests and assessments created by classroom teachers and professors for individual classes.
4. SECTION 3. The Department of Education shall oversee this legislation and its implementation.
5. SECTION 4. This legislation will be in effect by January 1st, 2019
6. SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ben Taylor.

**A Bill to Gradually Increase Minimum Wage**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 Section 1: The United States will require minimum wage to be gradually raised to 3 alleviate the gap between the salary of a minimum wage worker and the average 4 cost of living in each state.

5 Section 2: Minimum wage is described as the minimum hourly wage that one can 6 receive as determined by each state. Average cost of living includes the cost of 7 housing, utilities, food, transportation, health care, child care, entertainment, 8 taxes, and miscellaneous purchases.

9 Section 3: The minimum wage will increase at a rate of one dollar per year,

10 starting on January 1st, 2018 and ending on December 31st, 2020.

11 Section 4: The United States Department of Labor will oversee enforcement of 12 this bill.

13 Section 5: All laws in conflict of this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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**A Bill to Legalize, Regulate, and Tax all Schedule 1-5 drugs, and Implement a Free Rehab System for Drug Abusers**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION I: All schedule 1-5 drugs are hereby legalized for use by adults 21 or older.

SECTION II: The definition of Schedule 1-5 drugs will be that which the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) defines them as, and ranges from cannabis, to heroin, to relatively non addictive drugs such as Robitussin AC.

SECTION III: This bill will be enforced by the Federal Drug Agency (FDA).

A. All drugs legalized through this bill will have an additional 10% sales tax in addition to any preexisting taxes, except in cases when the substance is being prescribed by a doctor for medicinal purposes.

B. All persons addicted to any of these drugs will be afforded free rehabilitation when a medical professional signs a waiver saying that person is indeed addicted to said substance.

SECTION IV: This legislation will be put into effect on January 1, 2018.

SECTION V: All other legislation in conflict with this shall be considered null and void.

Respectfully submitted by,

Bowling Green High School

**A Bill to Ban the Sale or Possession of Bump Stocks**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2. SECTION 1. The use and possession of the firearm attachments known as bump stocks

3. be banned by the federal government.

4. SECTION 2. A bump stock is defined as a device for a weapon that increases the rate of

5. fire for the weapon by using energy from the recoil of the weapon to

6. generate a reciprocating action that facilitates repeated activation of the

7. trigger.

8. SECTION 3. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives shall be given

9. legal authority to oversee and regulate

10. firearm attachments, and will

11. oversee and enforce this legislation.

12. SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect ninety days after passage.

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

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**A Bill to Solve Puerto Rico’s Debt Crisis**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. A. The Puerto Rico Economic Revitalization Commission (PRERC) shall be

3 established.

4 B. $100 billion shall be allocated to the PRERC for the purposes of debt 5 forgiveness and economic revitalization.

6 SECTION 2. The PRERC shall be charged with implementing a debt forgiveness

7 program and managing the remaining allocated monies, which shall be

8 used for investment incentives and direct government stimulus

9 programs.

10 SECTION 3. PRERC will implement this legislation. The Departments of Commerce

11 and Treasury will determine the structure and oversight of PRERC.

12 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage.

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

**A Bill to Fund School Vouchers**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. A. An additional $20 billion in funding shall be allocated for distribution to

3 the states. This fund shall be distributed to each state proportionally

4 based on the number of residents living below the poverty line.

5 B. In order to receive a portion of this fund, states must use it to finance a

6 school voucher program for students living in poverty.

7 SECTION 2. “School voucher program” shall be defined as a program that makes state

8 funding available to families to send their children to private primary and

9 secondary educational institutions. “Students living in poverty” shall be

10 defined as any student qualifying for a free or reduced lunch program.

11 SECTION 3. The Department of Education shall oversee the implementation of this

12 legislation.

13 SECTION 4. Funding shall be allocated on October 1, 2019. States must elect whether

14 they wish to receive funds by September 1, 2019.

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

**A Bill to Modify Travel Restrictions**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. The travel restrictions placed on entry from Syria, Chad, Yemen, Libya,

3 Somalia, Sudan, Iraq, and Iran through the Visa Waiver Program (VWP)

4 will be lifted.

5 SECTION 2. People visiting the United States through the VWP program from these

8 6 countries will only be allowed to stay in the United States for 30 days

7 before being required to leave the country.

8 SECTION 3. $50 million will be allocated towards the Department of Homeland

9 Security to strengthen the Electronic System for Travel Authorization

10 (ESTA) system.

11 SECTION 4. This bill will be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

**A Resolution to Intervene in Burma**

WHEREAS, The Burmese military regime is committing acts of genocide against the Rohingya; and

WHEREAS, The United States stands firmly against ethnic cleansing and other crimes against humanity; and

WHEREAS, The international community has failed to effectively act in this crisis; and

WHEREAS, The United States recognizes that aside from the humanitarian implications of this crisis, such acts of genocide destabilize the region and may spur future threats to national security; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled authorize the President to use military force to end the ethnic cleansing of the Rohingya in Burma.

**A Bill to Protect Consumers from Banks**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. Banks and investment firms shall be prohibited from using consumer

3 agreements requiring arbitration for future disputes or limiting the

4 consumer from participating in a class action concerning a covered

5 consumer financial product.

6 SECTION 2. “Consumer financial product” shall be defined as any product or service

7 offered by a bank or investment firm for the benefit of one or multiple

8 customers.

9 SECTION 3. The Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection shall be responsible for the

10 implementation of this legislation.

11 SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect immediately upon its passage. Any

12 agreements containing a clause restricted by this legislation shall remain

13 in effect, however, the specific clause shall be nullified. Banks and

14 investment firms must notify all customers of this change to their

15 agreement within thirty (30) days of the passage of this legislation.

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