

Chaminade

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Student

Congress

Prelims

A Bill to Fund Seawalls to Protect the U.S from Rising Sea Levels

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **Section 1.** \$60,000,000,000 shall be set aside for the construction of concrete seawalls on
3 United States shorelines.

4 **Section 2.** “Concrete seawalls” shall be defined as sloped walls made of concrete
5 constructed on shorelines for the purpose of preventing establishments from being flooded or
6 damaged by water.

7 **Section 3.** The U.S Department of the Interior in conjunction with the Environmental
8 Protection Agency will be responsible for the implementation of this legislation.

9 A. Necessary shorelines, such as public beaches and wildlife conservation centers will have
10 the seawall constructed a necessary distance from the water.

11 B. Owners of necessary shorelines must submit a report to the Department of the Interior
12 and the Environmental Protection Agency indicating the necessary distance and the length of the
13 shoreline.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill should be implemented a month after passage.

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

16 *Respectfully Submitted by Christ the King High School*

A BILL TO MAKE PUERTO RICO A STATE

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1:** Puerto Rico is admitted into the Union on an equal footing with the other States.

2 **SECTION 2:** The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico shall be accepted as the
3 constitution of the State.

4 **(A)** The State shall consist of all of the territory, together with the waters included in the seaward
5 boundary, of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

6 **(B)** The individuals holding legislative, executive, and judicial offices of the Commonwealth of
7 Puerto Rico shall continue to discharge the duties of their respective offices

8 **SECTION 3:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby considered null and void

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10 **SECTION 4:** This bill shall be implemented by January 2020

Respectfully submitted,
Saint Joseph Hill Academy

A BILL TO REQUIRE CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATIONS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1: Children in the United States shall receive all childhood immunizations at the appropriate ages. However, children with cancer or children taking drugs that lower the body's immunization shall be exempt until their immunities are back to normal.

SECTION 2: Children shall be defined as "a person between birth and full growth; anyone between the ages of 1 month to the day before their 18th birthday." Childhood immunizations shall be defined as, "vaccines that protect children from more than a dozen childhood diseases."

SECTION 3: The United States Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) shall oversee the implementation of this bill

- A. All parents/guardians who do not vaccinate their children will be charges with felony child endangerment and shall be imprisoned for between 1-10 years.
- B. Children who do not receive vaccines will not be allowed to attend school until they receive said vaccinations.
- C. Vaccines will be subsidized for those who are unable to afford it and are in the lowest tax bracket.

SECTION 4: This law shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

Respectively Submitted,
The Mary Louis Academy

A BILL TO ELIMINATE AGRICULTURAL SUBSIDIES

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

2 Article I: All current federal agricultural subsidies are hereby eliminated.

3 Article II: No appropriation shall be made and no funds shall be expended for the
4 Federal Crop Insurance Program, the Agricultural Risk Coverage Program,
5 the Price Loss Coverage Program, the Conservation Reserve Program, the
6 Foreign Agricultural Service Program, or for any program providing
7 marketing loans or agricultural disaster aid to individual farmers, to farm
8 businesses or corporations, or for agricultural and food research and
9 development programs.

10 Article III: This legislation shall take effect on the first day of Fiscal Year 2019.

11 Article IV: The Departments of Agriculture and the Treasury shall oversee
12 enforcement of this legislation.

13 Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Monsignor Farrell High School*

A RESOLUTION BANNING RED-LIGHT TRAFFIC CAMERAS

1 **WHEREAS**, Red-Light Traffic Cameras have caused a significant rise in traffic accidents

2 by prompting many motorists to stop abruptly when nearing traffic lights,

3 **WHEREAS**, many Red-Light Traffic Cameras have been rigged to change from green to

4 yellow to red with very little time in order to boost revenues for municipalities

5 **WHEREAS**, public traffic safety should take priority over profit for municipalities,

6 **RESOLVED**, that the Student Congress here assembled make the following

7 recommendation for solution that all red-light traffic cameras be either

8 disabled or removed throughout the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Zachary Martin
Cold Spring Harbor High School*

**A RESOLUTION TO CREATE A DEPARTMENT THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR
DEMOGRAPHICALLY BLIND JURY SELECTION TO INCREASE THE CHANCES OF A FAIR
TRIAL**

1 WHEREAS, Prosecuting attorneys have a history of using race and gender to select a jury

2 against a defendant; and

3 WHEREAS, Current selection procedures only disadvantages most likely the defendant by

4 forcing them to be judged by a group that is rarely of their peers;

5 and WHEREAS, This does not allow for the defendant to have a fair trial and violates the 6th

6 Amendment; and

7 WHEREAS, Numerous appeals occur over the demographic lack of diversity of juries arising

8 from the selection; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled forms a committee responsible for

10 investigating methods to make Jury selection is demographically blind allowing

11 for a fairer jury selection.

Respectfully submitted,
Achievement First Brooklyn High School

A BILL TO BAN THE USE OF BUMP FIRE STOCKS

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The manufacture, sale, and possession of bump fire stocks is hereby
3 prohibited by federal law.

4 **SECTION 2.** "Bump fire stock" shall refer to any accessory for a firearm that has the
5 effect of converting a semi-automatic weapon to one capable of fully-
6 automatic fire by utilizing the force from a gun's recoil to depress the
7 trigger in rapid succession.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives shall oversee
9 this legislation.

10 A. Bump fire stocks -- and any firearms equipped with them -- shall be
11 treated by law as analogous to automatic machine guns, pursuant to the
12 National Firearms Act of 1934 and the Firearm Owners' Protection Act
13 of 1986, and subject to the restrictions and penalties of same.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect within 30 days of passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Xavier High School

A BILL TO LIMIT UNNECESSARY VIOLENCE AS A RESULT OF FIREARM MISUSE

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

2. **SECTION 1.** A: The United States hereby institutes quinquennial (5 year) drug tests and
3. mental health evaluations for all owners of lethal firearms - excluding owners solely of
4. single-shot shotguns and rifles.
5. B: If a prospective and/or existing firearm owner fails either the drug test or the mental
6. health evaluation, the individual will be prohibited from possessing any lethal firearm for
7. a period of 5 years, with the ability to appeal the disqualification decision within 90 days,
8. one time only.
9. C: If a firearm owner fails to take their quinquennial tests, than a warrant will be issued for
10. law enforcement officers to confiscate the firearm owner's firearms until they pass the tests.
11. D: When acquiring lethal firearms, prospective and/or existing firearm owners are
12. required to present a current certification attesting to their passing of the drug test and
13. mental health evaluation, or if requested to do so by a law enforcement officer with
14. reasonable suspicion. If a law enforcement officer has probable cause, they may also
15. administer a non-invasive drug test.
16. E: Firearm owners may not transfer firearms to an individual without the recipient
17. possessing a current certification attesting to their passing of the drug test and mental health
18. evaluation.
19. **SECTION 2.** A: The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) will
20. ensure the enforcement of this legislation and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health
21. Services Administration (SAMHSA) will oversee the execution of the tests.
22. B: In the first year, \$1 billion will be set aside for ATF and SAMHSA each to pay for
23. enforcement and testing/evaluations respectively, with \$200 million for each department
24. annually thereafter.
25. **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be implemented on January 1, 2019.
26. **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Rory Mahon

Chaminade High School

THE COLLEGE FOR ALL ACT

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

2 **SECTION 1.** S.1373 – the College for All Act is hereby passed.

3 **SECTION 2.** The College for All Act makes college tuition free in public universities.

4 To fund this a .1% transaction tax shall be put on all stock and securities transfers.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall oversee this act.

6 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 1st, 2020

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Suhail Younus

Syosset High School

A Bill to Bolster U.S. Flood Protection

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A. \$10 billion in federal funding will be allocated from the U.S. discretionary budget and military budget every year for ten years in order to fund flood protection projects around the nation.

B. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will determine which parts of the country needs the funding and allocate it accordingly.

C. The United States Army Corps of Engineers will need to approve projects that cost \$1 billion or more.

SECTION 2. A. Federal funding shall be defined as any funds directly allocated by Congress or

a federal agency.

B. Flood protection projects shall include but not be limited to floodwalls, dams, levees, drains, pumps, floodplains, and water-retention basins.

SECTION 3. A. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in conjunction

with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

B. The United States Army Corps of Engineers will oversee any and all projects worth \$1 billion or more.

SECTION 4. This legislation will be implemented at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Anwen He of Montville Township High School.

A Resolution to Abolish Dress Codes and Grooming Codes in Public Schools

- 1 **Whereas.** Local governments', especially local Boards of Education, have bans on
2 specific articles of clothing and manners of grooming; and
- 3 **Whereas.** Said dress and grooming codes were created without the consultation or
4 consent of the student bodies the regulations are supposed to protect; and
- 5 **Whereas.** Said dress and grooming codes are both written and enforced in a sexist
6 manner; and
- 7 **Whereas.** Said dress and grooming codes exist in violation to the right to freedom of
8 expression pursuant to the First Amendment of the Constitution; therefore
9 be it
- 10 **Resolved.** That the assembled body shall hereby ratify and order all local Boards of
11 Education to cease and desist, within 30 days of this bill's passage, the
12 enforcement of school dress and grooming codes, and shall adhere
13 only to state indecent exposure laws, or face termination of any and all
14 Federal grants and funds; which will be enforced at federal level by a
15 special working group directly under the Assistant Secretary of Education
16 for Civil Rights, with an attache assigned from both the Senate Health,
17 Education, Labor and Pension committee and the Federal Bureau of
18 Investigation's Civil Rights Division; and order said working groups'
19 budget to come from the budget of the Civil Rights Division of the
20 Education Department.

Respectfully submitted by Pelham Memorial High School

A Bill To Ban the Use of Private Military Contractors

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Beginning January 1st, 2020, the US Armed forces will be barred from the usage of Private Military Contractors (PMCs)

SECTION 2. The Department of Defense will be tasked with the execution and funding of this bill.

SECTION 3. This legislation will take immediately after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Stuyvesant High School

A Bill to Put Boots on the Ground in Yemen to Effectively Combat the Houthi Rebels

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States military will be providing military support to the Yemen
3 government, by placing 15,000 U.S troops on the ground. The United
4 States will end support for the Saudi Air Coalition.

5 **SECTION 2.** The United States will place boots on the ground to gain back the major
6 cities of Yemen to establish a foothold in the region.

7 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Defense will oversee the enforcement of the bill.

8 **SECTION 4.** This will be enacted on February 9, 2018.

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

*Respectfully submitted,
Xaverian High School*

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A BILL TO CEASE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE IRAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT

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

2 **SECTION 1. A.** The United States will formally withdraw from the 2015 Joint

3 Comprehensive Plan of Action, the multilateral nuclear agreement with
4 Iran.

5 **B.** All political and economic sanctions withdrawn in the signing of the
6 2015 agreement will be reinstated until Iran agrees to renegotiate a nuclear
7 agreement with the United States.

8 **SECTION 2.** Political and economic sanctions refer to sanctions against individuals and
9 businesses, barring their ability to travel or do business within the United
10 States, or company based in the United States.

11 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will be overseen by the Department of the Treasury.

12 **SECTION 4.** Upon its passage, this legislation will be implemented on January 1, 2018.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Joshua Weiner
Stuyvesant High School*

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO ABOLISH THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE

Whereas: Multiple presidents have been elected into office without gaining the popular vote; and

Whereas: This has led to millions of people losing any form of voice in the presidential election;

and

Whereas: Abolishing the Electoral College would lead to equal voting power for everyone across America, and would stop the election from being decided by a few 'swing' states.

Be It Resolved by this Student Congress Here Assembled that:

That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures:

ARTICLE ---

SECTION 1: With the passing of this amendment, the Electoral College shall hereby be abolished and the electoral process shall be determined by the national popular vote.

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

Respectively Submitted,

The Mary Louis Academy

A BILL TO ABOLISH THE FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE

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

2 Article I: The federal minimum wage statute of the Fair Labor Standards Act of
3 1938 as amended, 29 USC §206, is hereby revoked.

4 Article II: This legislation shall not affect any current agreements with employees of
5 the United States government nor with any employees of contractors of
6 the United States government.

7 Article III: This legislation shall take effect on the first day of Fiscal Year 2019.

8 Article IV: The Departments of Labor and of the Treasury shall be responsible for
9 implementation of this legislation.

10 Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby to be declared null and
11 void.

Respectfully submitted,

Msgr. Farrell High School

BITCOIN EXCHANGE REGULATION ACT OF 2017

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Any digital currency exchange seeking to legally do business within the
3 United States shall be required to obtain and hold a license from the Office
4 of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC).

5 **SECTION 2.** To qualify for a license, an exchange must:

6 (A) Implement and maintain an AML/CTF (anti-money laundering and
7 counter- terrorism financing) program, as other financial institutions are
8 required to,

9 (B) File a currency transaction report on transactions exceeding a value of
10 \$10,000, and

11 (C) Make a good faith effort, in the judgment of the OCC, to track and
12 report any suspicious activity by users of their services.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Department of the Treasury shall be tasked with enforcement of the
14 this legislation.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect six months from the date of passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Xavier High School

A BILL TO SANCTION SAUDI ARABIA TO STOP THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. The United States shall implement an oil sanctioning of the Saudi Arabian government until such a time that their domestic and international human rights abuses have been ended. The US shall prohibit any domestic business from trading oil with Saudi Arabia until the Secretary of State has determining the human rights abuses have ended. The Secretary of States will have to investigate if human rights abuses have stopped in the form of a report given to congress. Once congress approves the report, sanctions may be lifted.

Section 2. Human rights abuses shall be defined as an extreme violation of the rights stipulated in the current version of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations.

Section 3. If the US deems that Saudi Arabia has no intention of ending the human rights abuses, we shall refer, through the UN Security council, Saudi Arabia be investigated and prosecuted through the International Criminal Court.

Section 4. This legislation shall go into effect immediately after passage.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Joshua Muroff

Chaminade High School

A BILL TO SANCTION UZBEKISTAN COTTON TO PREVENT FORCED LABOR

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will place sanctions on the Uzbek cotton industry,
3 preventing all US manufacturers from buying Uzbek cotton and retailers from selling any
4 products made with Uzbek cotton.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. Uzbek cotton is any cotton that is grown and harvested in the country
6 of Uzbekistan.

7 B. Sanctions refer to a total embargo on the purchase of or sale of Uzbek
8 cotton from any American entity or entity that does business in America.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Treasury will enforce these sanctions.

10 A. Entities purchasing Uzbek cotton or products containing Uzbek cotton
11 will be fined no more than \$1,000,000 per offending purchase and be
12 held in contempt of Congress.

13 B. Entities selling products with Uzbek cotton will be fined the total price
14 of the sale and be held in contempt of Congress.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect 1 month after passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Sohail Mohammed

Syosset High School

A Bill to Fund Ford-Class Aircraft Carriers

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A. The Department of Defense will reallocate \$45-60 billion from the Air Force and Army to the Navy to fund existing plans for the creation of Ford-class aircraft carriers.

B. Half of the \$45-60 billion will come from the U.S. Air Force and half will come from the U.S. Army.

C. The funds will be reallocated over the course of 10 years as existing plans for the Ford-class aircraft carriers mature and require the funding.

D. Up to \$10 billion will be allocated from the U.S. discretionary budget if any additional funding is deemed necessary for the aircraft carriers by the U.S. Navy.

SECTION 2. A. Ford-class aircraft carriers shall be defined as aircraft carriers belonging to the class of supercarriers planned by the U.S. Navy to eventually replace the existing Nimitz-class carriers.

B. Existing plans shall be defined as the plans for the creation of the aircraft carriers currently titled CVN-78, CVN-79, CVN-80, and CVN-81.

SECTION 3. A. The Department of Defense will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

B. The Department of Defense will shift from \$45 billion to \$60 billion in accordance to the amount of funding it deems necessary.

SECTION 4. This legislation will be implemented at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Chelsea Burns of Montville Township High School.

A Bill to Limit the Use of Opioids

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Prescriptions for opioids written for first-time users 18 or older shall not exceed
3 the appropriate dosage for a 7-day period.

6 **SECTION 2.** Prescriptions for opioids written for any minor shall not exceed the appropriate
7 dosage for a 7-day period.

8 **SECTION 3.** "Opioids" shall be defined as an opium-like compounds that bind to one or more
9 of the three opioid receptors of the body.

10 **SECTION 4.** Physicians must be aware of a patient's history of opioid usage as well as any
11 family history of addiction before ordering a refill for their patient.

12 **SECTION 5.** This bill shall be implemented immediately.

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

*Respectfully introduced for Congressional Debate by
Angelina Rosa, Pelham Memorial High School*

A Resolution to Prevent Use of Social Media by Elected US Officials

1 **WHEREAS**, There have been discrepancies on the authority of the U.S Officials' social media
2 accounts' posts and the opinion of the U.S citizens, and

3 **WHEREAS**, These social media posts do not necessarily represent the goals and Constitution
4 of the United States, and

5 **WHEREAS**, These discrepancies cause the constituency to question the authority and purpose
6 of these accounts, and

7 **WHEREAS**, These questions could also be considered by other U.S officials and officials in
8 other nations, and

9 **WHEREAS**, These questions cause distrust in government officials from the constituency,
10 therefore,

11 **BE IT RESOLVED**, That this Congress here assembled, ban the use and creation of social
12 media accounts for official governmental positions of power.

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the people of said positions maintain their personal
14 private accounts separate from the position they hold.

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Respectfully Submitted by Christ the King High School

A BILL TO STOP THE SYRIAN REFUGEE CRISIS

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

2 **SECTION 1.** A. The United States shall give the nations of Yemen, Lebanon, Jordan,
3 Libya, and Hungary \$3 billion each annually in conditional aid.

4 B. The United States shall accept 35,000 Syrian refugees per year until
5 January 1, 2020.

6 **SECTION 2.** A “Syrian refugee” is defined as an individual who is currently fleeing the
7 persecution or conflict within the Syrian state.

8 B. “Conditional aid” will only continue to be granted to the above nations
9 if the respective state:

- 10 i. spends 90% of all aid received on food, water, shelter, education,
11 or other necessities in the refugee population;
- 12 ii. grants the United Nations High Commissioner on Refugees full
13 access to the state’s refugees and their living conditions; and
- 14 iii. is determined by USAID to be fit to receive the previously
15 defined quantity of the aid for the next fiscal year.

16 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State and USAID shall oversee this legislation.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect 30 days after passage.

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

*Respectfully submitted,
Xaverian High School*