**A Bill to Require Mandatory Drug Testing to Any Person Applying for Welfare**

1. **BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**
2. **SECTION 1.** Any person wishing to apply for welfare must first pass a mandatory drug test.
3. They must submit to repeat testing at the discretion of the Department of Health and Human
4. Services.
5. **SECTION 2.** Welfare is financial support given by the government for those who are unable
6. to support themselves. A drug test is the use of biological specimen to test for the presence of illegal substances in the body.
7. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will oversee the
8. implementation of this bill.
9. A. Any person looking to enroll in the welfare program must pass a drug test.
10. i. A person must wait 6 months before they are allowed to attempt another drug test.
11. ii. A person may be subject to investigation in connections to drug trafficking.
12. iii. The person must also show proof of rehabilitation in order to retake the drug test.
13. B. Anyone already on welfare has six months after enactment to cease drug use and take
14. a drug test.
15. i. If they are found to be using drugs, their welfare privileges will be revoked.
16. ii. Any drug users with families could be subject to having their children legally
17. taken from them.
18. iii. To regain welfare privilege, a person will enter a rehabilitation program and join
19. a support group following completion.
20. **SECTION 4.** Legislation shall take effect January 2019. Current welfare recipients will
21. have six months to comply with the aforementioned law before being subject to penalties.
22. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

***Introduced by Paton-Churdan Community Schools***

**A Bill to Require Firearm Owners to Obtain Licensing and Insurance Prior to Purchasing a Firearm**

1. **BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**
2. **SECTION 1.** Any person wishing to own a firearm needs to provide firearm licensing and
3. proof of insurance.
4. **SECTION 2.** A firearm license shows proper training and an understanding of firearm use.
5. Insurance is a means to protect firearm owners from theft; also protects firearm owners
6. and/or secondary parties from harm due to discharge of firearms.
7. **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (hereafter referred
8. to as the ATF) will oversee this bill.
9. A. The ATF will fine any business owner or seller who does not obtain proof of licensing
10. and insurance from the buyer.
11. i. First violation or first violation within two years – $1,500 civil penalty or 14-day
12. license suspension.
13. ii. Second violation within two years – 30-day license suspension and $2,000 civil
14. penalty.
15. iii. Third violation in three years – 60-day license suspension and $2,500 civil
16. Penalty.
17. iv. Fourth violation in three years – revocation of the license.
18. B. Any individual in possession of a firearm but cannot provide proof of insurance or
19. licensing will be fined by the ATF and may result in prison time.
20. i. First offense-$1,500 civil penalty and possible imprisonment for up to 1 year.
21. ii. Second offense- $2,000 civil penalty and possible imprisonment for up to 5 years
22. iii. Third offense- $5,000 civil penalty and imprisonment for up to 5 years
23. **SECTION 4.** Legislation shall take effect January 2019. Current firearm owners will have
24. six months to comply with the aforementioned law before being subject to penalties and
25. imprisonment.
26. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

***Introduced by Paton-Churdan Community Schools***

**A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Abolish the Peremptory Challenge**

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| 1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:  RESOLVED, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, 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 of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:  ARTICLE --  SECTION 1: The number of peremptory challenges an attorney is allowed during jury selection shall be reduced to zero.  SECTION 2: All legislation and amendments will be revised to incorporate these changes. |

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Grinnell High School.*

**A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to establish a Parliamentary Form of Government**

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| 1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10  11  12  13  14  15  16  17  18  19  20 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:  RESOLVED, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, 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 of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:  ARTICLE --  SECTION 1: The offices of President and Vice President shall be eliminated.  SECTION 2: The Prime Minister will be elected by the majority party or a coalition of parties in the House of Representatives.  SECTION 2: The Prime Minister will be a member of the House of Representatives.  SECTION 3:The Prime Minister will have all the powers of the president and will have a cabinet of other members of the legislature.  SECTION 4:A Cabinet member will be appointed by the Prime Minister to serve as Deputy Prime Minister and fulfill the responsibilities of the Vice President.  SECTION 5: All provisions of the Constitution that refer to the Office of President or Vice President shall be revised to reflect the parliamentary form of government described above.  SECTION 6: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation. |

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Grinnell High School.*

**A Resolution to Require The National Football League to   
Donate 10% of all Proceeds to Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy Research and Prevention**

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| 1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10 | **WHEREAS**, players in the NFL suffer from Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy; and  **WHEREAS**, an increased number of NFL players are being diagnosed with CTE; and  **WHEREAS**, we see a decreased life span of players suffering from the disease; and  **WHEREAS**,the NFL is the most lucrative sports league in the world; now, therefore, be it  **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled require the National Football League to Donate 10% of all Proceeds to Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy Research and Prevention and, be it  **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this resolution be carried out by the US Department of Health & Human Services. |
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*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Atlantic High School.*

**A Resolution to Amend the Power of Judicial Review**

1. **WHEREAS**, In the 200 years of governance under the Constitution of the United States since
2. ratification the political and cultural philosophies of the original Framers is no longer appropriate
3. **WHEREAS**,      The language of the Constitution is too vague and left no clear direction on its
4. interpretation by the Supreme Court
5. **WHEREAS**,      Attempts made to interpret the Framer’s meanings of the Constitution has created
6. idiosyncrasies between interpretations, creating conflict between interests and dividing the nation into
7. factions
8. **WHEREAS**,      The powers of judicial review are not only ignored by the Constitution, but have also
9. granted the judicial branch of the government to effectively legislate from the bench and stressing the
10. separation of powers described by the Constitution and the fundamental philosophy behind the document
11. **RESOLVED,**    That the Congress here assembled make the commitment for the federal government to
12. Amend Article III of the Constitution to explicitly define judicial review in order to resolve these issues
13. with the court fulfillment of the United States Constitution.

Respectfully submitted,

Atlantic High School

**A Bill to Increase Education in Prisons**

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|  | BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:  **SECTION 1**. Inmates are released from prisons without the skills necessary to support themselves and avoid being re-incarcerated. A program should provide long-term prison inmates with resources to receive postsecondary education and earn a college degree.   1. “Long-term” is defined as a stay of 2 years or longer. 2. “Degree” is defined as a 2 year associate degree.   **SECTION 2**. The state where the prison is located must provide degree opportunities through its public state or community colleges.   1. The budget of the Department of Education will be increased by $20 million to fund this program. 2. Inmates must have a high school diploma or GED to be eligible for the program. 3. Inmates must be within 6 years of their release date to enroll in the program. 4. Inmates that have life sentences are not eligible. 5. Other criteria for participation in this program (such as good behavior) may be set by individual prisons.   **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee the implementation of this bill.  **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect in August of 2018.  **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void. |
|  | Respectfully submitted by Ames HS |

# The Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act of 2017 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1.** The complete text of the Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act of 2017 (S. 1917) is hereby enacted.

**Section 2.** Sections 101-109 of ‘Sentence Reform’ and Sections 201-212 of ‘Corrections Act’ shall apply to:

* 1. Any offense that was committed before the date of enactment of this legislation , if a sentence for the offense has not been imposed as of such date of enactment.
  2. In the case of a defendant who, before the date of enactment of this legislation, was convicted of an offense for which the penalty is amended by this section and was sentenced to a term of imprisonment for the offense, a term of imprisonment may be reduced if:
     1. The instant violation was for a drug trafficking offense that did not involve a violation of clause (ii) or (iii) of section 924(c)(1)(A) of title 18, United States Code.
     2. The defendant has not otherwise been convicted of any serious violent felony.
     3. The sentencing court, after considering the factors set forth in section 3553(a) of title 18, United States Code, the nature and seriousness of the danger to any person, the community, or any crime victims, and the

post-sentencing conduct of the defendant, finds a reduction is consistent with this section.

**Section 3.** The Department of Justice shall be responsible for the oversight and implementation of this legislation.

**Section 4.** This legislation shall take effect on March 1, 2018.

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

*Respectfully borrowed from the NSDA – December 2017 Legislation*

# A Bill to WASH Away the Water Worries of West Africa

**Section 1. A.** The United States will renew their involvement in the West Africa Water Supply, Sanitation, and Hygiene Program (WA-WASH) for seven more years (2018-2025).

**B.** The United States will increase their funding to the program from $24 million to

$35 million.

**Section 2. “**Western Africa” will include Northern Ghana, Burkina Faso, and Niger

**Section 3.** The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) will oversee the   
implementation of this legislation.

**Section 4.** This legislation will be implemented on January 1, 2018

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

*Respectfully borrowed from the NSDA – December 2017 Legislation*

**A Resolution to Eliminate Tax Breaks for Professional Sports Stadiums**

**Whereas,** 25 states do not have a franchise in any of the 4 major sports leagues and are

therefore paying for stadiums they have connection to ; and

**Whereas,** Organizations like the NFL [national office] have taken responsibility and relinquished their tax-exempt status;

**Whereas,** The IRS has created loopholes through municipal bonds for franchises to avoid taxation; and

**Whereas,** Millions of dollars have been lost to this tax exemption status; and

**Whereas,** Professional sports stadiums should be longer be eligible to receive federal tax-exempt financing, therefore, be it:

**Resolved** that the Congress here assembled eliminate the “private payment test” for professional sports stadiums.

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# A Bill to “Just Do It” for Student Athletes

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

**Section 1.** Universities that receive federal funding and have sports contracts worth over 1 million dollars, per year, will be required to disperse 50% of that respective income to university athletes.

**Section 2. A.** “Sports contracts” are defined as athletic apparel contracts.

1. “University athletes” must be full time students of the school.
2. University athletes shall receive this supplement for health, education, and welfare.

**Section 3.** The Department of Education shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

**Section 4.** This legislation will be implemented July 1, 2018.

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

*Respectfully borrowed from the NSDA – December 2017 Legislation*

# A Bill to Fund CRISPR

**Section 1.** A. $50 million shall be given to the research and improvement of Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats (CRISPR).

B. This money will be taken from the U.S. Military Budget (FY 2019)

**Section 2.** This funding will be allocated to projects already underway at the time of implementation.

**Section 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Defense shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

**Section 4.** This legislation will be implemented October 1, 2019.

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

*Respectfully borrowed from the NSDA – December 2017 Legislation*

# 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.

*Respectfully borrowed from the NSDA – November 2017 Legislation*

# 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.

*Respectfully borrowed from the NSDA – November 2017 Legislation*

# A Bill to Limit Firearm Modifiers

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1**. It shall be unlawful for any person in or affecting interstate commerce to
3. manufacture, possess, or transfer any part that functions to (1) increase
4. the rate of fire of a semiautomatic rifle or (2) reduce the noise or light
5. emitted when a firearm is fired.
6. **SECTION 2**. In accordance with the timeline set forth in Section 4, the United States
7. government shall establish one collection facility in each Congressional
8. district and shall provide a cash rebate for the fair market value of any
9. confiscated item turned in by an American citizen.
10. **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (“ATF”) shall be
11. responsible for implementing the provisions of this legislation.
12. **SECTION 4.** The manufacture and sale of any item restricted by Section 1 shall be
13. unlawful immediately upon the passage of this legislation. The ATF shall
14. set up collection centers within thirty (30) days of the passage of this
15. legislation. Collection centers shall close one (1) year from their opening
16. date, after which point, it shall be unlawful to possess any item restricted
17. by Section 1.
18. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully borrowed from the NSDA – November 2017 Legislation*

# A Bill to Means Test Social Security to Ensure Fiscal Solvency

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1**. Future retirees who earn more than $110,000 per year during ten or
3. more years of their career will be ineligible for Social Security benefits
4. upon retiring.
5. **SECTION 2**. “Future retirees” refers to those who begin eligibility for Social Security
6. after the implementation date of this legislation.
7. **SECTION 3.** The Social Security Administration will oversee the implementation of
8. this legislation.
9. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on October 1, 2020.
10. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully borrowed from the NSDA – November 2017 Legislation*

# A Bill to Counter the Opioid Crisis

* 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
  2. **SECTION 1**. $100 million shall be allocated to fighting opioid addictions across the
  3. country.
  4. **SECTION 2**. $30 million from this fund will be added to the Public Health Emergency
  5. Fund, with the requirement that this money only be used to combat the
  6. drug epidemic.
  7. **SECTION 3.** The remaining $70 million will be given to the US Department of Health
  8. and Human services.
  9. A. This money must be used for Substance Abuse and Mental Health
  10. Services Administration (SAMHSA) grants.
  11. B. The SAMHSA grants provided through the funding in this legislation
  12. cannot be given to any private entities.
  13. **SECTION 4.** Funding shall be allocated immediately upon the passage of this
  14. legislation.
  15. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully borrowed from the NSDA – November 2017 Legislation*

# 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.

*Respectfully borrowed from the NSDA – November 2017 Legislation*

# 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.

*Respectfully borrowed from the NSDA – November 2017 Legislation*

# Tax Simplification Act of 2017

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1**. **A)** The seven-bracket system shall be abolished and replaced by a
3. consolidated three-bracket system as follows:

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| **Yearly Income (after deductions)** | **Tax Owed** |
| $0 - $37,950 | 12% of taxable income |
| $37,951 – $191,650 | $4,554 + 25% of the excess over  $37,950 |
| $191,650+ | $47,912.50 + 35% of the excess  over $191,650 |

1. **B)** The estate tax and all other taxes levied against monies transferred as
2. part of an inheritance are hereby repealed.
3. **C)** Taxpayers shall no longer be permitted to receive a tax benefit for
4. itemized deductions of any kind.
5. **D)** All tax incentives for mortgage interest shall be abolished.
6. **SECTION 2**. As an exemption to Section 1(C), the Child Tax Credit shall remain intact.
7. **SECTION 3.** The Department of the Treasury and Internal Revenue Service shall carry
8. out the provisions of this legislation.
9. **SECTION 4.** These provisions shall take effect for all income received after December

14 31, 2018.

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

*Respectfully borrowed from the NSDA – November 2017 Legislation*

# 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.

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