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A RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE THE PRESIDENT TO SIGN THE PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED

WHEREAS, The President's refusal to sign the Paris Climate Agreement has led to international embarrassment.

WHEREAS, The United States is the only nation to not sign the agreement and is thus not aligned with the interests of our allies who have signed and shown compliance.

WHEREAS, Climate change is a danger to our planet and nation and must be addressed accordingly, therefore be it

RESOLVED, The Congress here assembled strongly recommends the President sign the Paris Climate Agreement.

Respectfully Submitted,

St. Joseph Hill Academy

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 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

A Bill to Eliminate Loopholes in the Gas-Guzzler Tax Provisions of the Energy Tax Act of 1978 to Protect the Environment

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The loophole of the Gas-Guzzler Tax allowing light-trucks to be tax exempt shall be removed. The light-truck class shall be taxed at the same rate as all vehicles currently included in the tax based on their combined MPG ratings as outlined in the Energy Tax Act of 1978.

SECTION 2. Light trucks shall be defined as all SUVs, non-commercial pickup trucks, and non-commercial vans.

SECTION 3. The Internal Revenue Service shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

A. The Environmental Protection Agency shall determine the MPG of all vehicles sold in the United States.

B. The IRS shall determine the tax for all vehicles based on their combined MPG ratings ; each interval shall have a set tax amount that increases with decreasing MPG.

The current brackets for combined MPG are:

- I. at least 22.5
- II. at least 21.5, but less than 22.5
- III. at least 20.5, but less than 21.5
- IV. at least 19.5, but less than 20.5
- V. at least 18.5, but less than 19.5
- VI. at least 17.5, but less than 18.5
- VII. at least 16.5, but less than 17.5
- VIII. at least 15.5, but less than 16.5
- IX. at least 14.5, but less than 15.5
- X. at least 13.5, but less than 14.5
- XI. at least 12.5, but less than 13.5
- XII. less than 12.5

SECTION 4. This law shall be implemented January 1, 2018.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Daniel Igielski.

Daniel Igielski

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*

The Stabilize the Arabian Peninsula Act of 2017

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. The United States hereby suspends all approved and pending arms sales
3 and military aid to Saudi Arabia.

4 **SECTION 2.**

5 A. The Department of Defense shall define approved and pending arms sales and
6 military aid to Saudi Arabia.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State shall prepare quarterly updates for this Congress
8 on the military activities and political influence of Saudi Arabia in
9 Lebanon, Qatar, Yemen, and throughout the region. The suspension of
10 arms sales and military aid shall be brought to a reauthorization vote in 12
11 months or sooner if warranted by the quarterly Department of State report.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect 30 days after passage.

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

14 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by The Bronx High School of Science.*

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 Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Abolish the Electoral College

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:

SECTION 1: The Constitution of the United States is hereby amended as follows:
The Electoral College will no longer be in effect and the Presidential candidate will no longer be elected by the Electoral college, but by the popular vote of the registered voters of America.

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

SECTION 3: This law will take effect in the election 2020.

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

Introduced by Sacred Heart Greenwich

A Bill to Lower the Annual Contribution Cap on 401(k) Plans

BE IT ENACTED BY A STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States federal government will lower the maximum annual contribution to 401(k) plans from the current \$18,000 to \$2,400.

SECTION 2. A. Contributions in excess of \$2,400 in a year made before the end of the fiscal year 2017 will remain tax-qualified up to the former \$18,000 cap.

B. Beginning in fiscal year 2018, all contributions in excess of \$2,400 will lose any applicable tax benefits

C. The specific tax benefits will not be affected; only the contribution cap will change.

SECTION 3. The implementation of this bill will be carried out by the Internal Revenue Service.

SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect at the beginning of the fiscal year 2018.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Aidan O'Gara
Regis High School*

A Bill to Place Stricter Sanctions on Cuba

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Sanctions will hereby be placed in order to force the Cuban Regime to act lawfully. Severe violations to these said policies will result in up to \$20 million in fines and/or up to 30 years in prison.

SECTION 2. (A) Sanctions will be placed to ban states and Americans from doing business, living, traveling, lending money or any other means of helping the Cuban regime prosper.

(B) Serious violations are defined as sharing secrets with the Cuban government and doing business there.

(C) Human Rights includes freedom of expression, speech, economic flexibility, and social rights.

SECTION 3. This bill will be overseen by the Department of Treasury.

SECTION 4. This law will enacted this coming fiscal year.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Sofi Daniels of Loyola School

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A BILL TO PROHIBIT POLITICAL DISCRIMINATION IN LABOR

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall cease to allow workplace discrimination based on political
3 beliefs.

4 **SECTION 2.** Political beliefs are defined as an opinion as to the social, economic, and political
5 structure of the United States expressed both outside and inside the office.

6 **SECTION 3.** Workplace discrimination is defined as the choice to disfavor employees in status,
7 benefits, or salary based on the political beliefs of the party concerned and
8 perceived effects on the workplace.

9 **SECTION 4.** Perceived effects is defined as implied consequences for the expression of
10 controversial ideas that fail to accord with reports of interactions with the concerned
11 parties prior to expression of the respective beliefs.

12 **SECTION 5.** The above shall not apply in cases where the political belief conflicts with
13 fundamental rights outlined in the Constitution, such as threat of harm.

14 **SECTION 6.** Political beliefs deemed insulting will be reviewed with regard given to the perpetrator
15 and the parties involved; mainline political belief supersedes claim of maligning
16 speech.

17 **SECTION 7.** This shall add political belief to the protected classes under the E.E.O.C.
18 discrimination law, but does not apply in cases where there are no such protections.

19 **SECTION 8.** The Department of Labour and the Office of Civil Rights shall be responsible for
20 enforcing this legislation.

21 **SECTION 9.** This bill will be implemented within a week of passage to allow for public awareness.

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

Respectfully submitted by the Pelham Memorial High School

**A BILL TO PROTECT VIRUNGA NATIONAL PARK TO
ENSURE PEACE, SECURITY AND PROSPERITY**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will reallocate \$400 million to secure the borders of
3 Virunga National Park in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

4 **SECTION 2.** The borders of Virunga National Park shall be defined as its borders when
5 it was renamed it 1969.

6 **SECTION 3.** AFRICOM, the African Command of the United States Army will be in
7 charge of implementing this piece of legislation.

8 A. The Department of Defense as well as the UNESCO World Heritage
9 Site Board will provide oversight in this legislation's implementation.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect 3 months after passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Michael Miller
The Bronx High School of Science*

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 INCREASE THE MONETARY RESERVE OF DISASTER RELIEF FUND OF
FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The amount of the monetary reserve in the Disaster Relief Fund shall be increased to \$15 billion dollars in preparation for catastrophic disasters.

This monetary reserve shall be used for emergency and long-term disaster response.

SECTION 2. A. Catastrophic disaster shall be defined as unusually extreme events that affect an entire nation and/or parts of the world, require extensive resource assistance and cause long-term disruption to the social order, security or psyche of a nation or its peoples, including but not limited to hurricanes, earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions, floods, tornadoes, and nuclear accidents.

B. Response towards catastrophic disasters includes but is not limited to the rescue of civilians and medical assistance as well as the rebuilding of houses and infrastructure.

SECTION 3. The funds appropriated under this bill shall be used solely to aid residents and persons located in the States of the United States of America, its protectorates, and territories.

SECTION 4. The Federal Emergency Management Agency will oversee the implementation of this bill.

SECTION 5. This bill shall become effective at the start of the next fiscal year.

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