

A Bill to Tax Opioids to Encourage Safer Alternatives

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2 SECTION 1. A 1 cent-per-milligram opioid tax will now be collected on all
3 prescription opioid medications sold in the United States. Revenue generated by
4 this sales tax will be given to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
5 Administration.
6 SECTION 2. The United States Department of Health and Human Services and
7 the United States Department of the Treasury shall oversee the implementation
8 of this legislation. Failure to comply with any portion of this legislation will result in
9 funds not being used or distributed within the offending state.
10 A. The tax will be imposed each time a transaction is made involving the sale of
11 opioid medications. From production until sale to the prescribed patient, the tax
12 will be collected after each individual sale.
13 SECTION 3. This law shall take effect at the beginning of fiscal year 2019.
14 SECTION 4. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
15 void.

Respectfully submitted,
Catholic Memorial School

A Resolution to Terminate the Iran Nuclear Arms Deal

1. *Whereas*, The passage of the Iran Nuclear Deal was in direct conflict with the
2. Corker Cardin Bill,
3. *Whereas*, sanction relief is not tied to Iran complying with the deal and cannot be
4. withdrawn once it is given
5. *Whereas*, Iran can further fund its terrorist proxies using sanction relief
6. *BE IT RESOLVED* by this Student Congress here assembled that the United States Nuclear Arms Deal with Iran be eliminated.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate
by Bancroft School*

A Bill to Shift to a Vehicle Mile Tax to Sufficiently Fund Highway Infrastructure

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The federal gasoline excise tax shall be abolished and replaced
3. with a nationwide Vehicle Mile Tax (VMT) of 0.6 cents per rural mile traveled and
4. 2.5 cents per urban mile traveled. All VMT revenue shall be allocated to the
5. Highway Trust Fund.
6. **SECTION 2. A.** A VMT is an excise tax levied on drivers based on the distance
7. they drive.
8. **B.** All registered automobiles must be equipped to track the number of vehicle
9. miles traveled in a given area. No vehicle point location data may be tracked,
10. saved, or transmitted.
11. **C.** Any automobile registered before the enactment of §2B shall be exempt from
12. this legislation.
13. **D.** Drivers must pay their VMT balance before fueling their automobiles.
14. **E.** Businesses selling gasoline for automobiles must be technologically equipped
15. to collect driver tax payments.
16. **F.** States may use VMT technology to levy taxes.
17. **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and Federal Highway
18. Administration (FHWA) shall jointly enforce this legislation.
19. The IRS shall enforce and collect VMT revenue (§1, §2D).
20. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) shall enforce §2B-C and §2E
21. and designate areas as urban or rural.
22. \$30 billion shall be allocated to the FHWA and \$1 billion to the IRS initially to
23. implement this legislation. Annually, \$2 billion shall be appropriated to the
24. FHWA and \$500 million to the IRS for enforcement. The FHWA may offer
25. grants to gas stations to fund the installation of VMT-compliant technology.
26. **SECTION 4.** FHWA will receive funding upon passage. §2B-C shall be enacted
27. 3 years after passage, §1 and §2D-F shall be enacted 8 years after passage.
28. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
29. void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate
by Newton South HS*

A BILL TO REFORM AID TO PAKISTAN

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The United States shall terminate military aid to Pakistan. Instead, the
3. United States shall allocate what was previously dedicated as military aid as civilian aid to
4. Pakistan.
5. The civilian aid shall not be outsourced. Governmental institutions in Pakistan shall directly
6. receive and implement civilian aid so as to have greater responsibility for projects towards
7. which the civilian aid shall be applied.
8. **SECTION 2.** Military aid shall be defined as all aid to Pakistan under the Coalition
9. Support Funds (CSF) program. Civilian aid shall be defined as aid intended for use in
10. improvement in infrastructure, public service development, and energy sector development,
11. as well as in institutional reform and policy changes.
12. **SECTION 3.** USAID and the Department of Defense shall oversee the enforcement of
13. this legislation
14. USAID shall oversee the enforcement of section 1A by basing conditional future civilian
15. aid, on a yearly basis, on the success of governmental institutions in projects employing
16. such aid.
17. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect during Fiscal Year 2019
18. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Acton-Boxborough Regional High School

A Bill to Increase the Capital Gains Tax

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The capital gains tax for taxpayers in the 25%-and-higher tax
3. brackets shall be raised to a 20% rate on their capital gains. The capital gains tax
4. for taxpayers in the 39.6% tax bracket shall be raised to a 25% rate on their
5. capital gains.
6. **SECTION 2.** All terms in this legislation shall be defined as in the Tax Increase
7. Prevention and Reconciliation Act of 2005.
8. **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service shall be responsible for the
9. implementation of all parts of this legislation.
10. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect beginning in fiscal year 2019.
11. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
12. void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate

By Natick High School

A Bill to Keep the US Embassy in Tel Aviv

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995 and reaffirmation of
3. 2017 shall be repealed. The US Embassy in Tel
4. Aviv.
5. **SECTION 2.** “Embassy” shall be defined as the center for the United
6. States’ diplomatic affairs inside the borders of another country, serving as
7. the headquarters of the chief of mission, staff, and other agencies.
8. **SECTION 3. a.** The State Department will oversee the enforcement of this
9. bill.
10. **b.** The executive branch is banned from spending money contrary to the
11. spirit of this bill.
12. **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect upon passage.
13. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared
14. null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate
by Needham High School*

A Bill to Reduce Recidivism Rates

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** A. The Department of Justice shall develop proper risk assessment tools
2. to adequately assess the recidivism risk of eligible offenders.

3. B. The Bureau of Prisons must provide evidenced-based rehabilitation
4. programming to all those deemed eligible.

5. C. In conjunction with the Department of Education, the Bureau of Prisons
6. shall partner with community-based organizations, both private and non-
7. profit, to provide inmates with the necessary vocational skills,
8. classes, and deterrence programming.

9. D. Eligible inmates who successfully complete these rehabilitation
10. programs will be allowed to earn credit toward sentence reduction,
11. whereas the completion of thirty successful days may result in up to five
12. days of reduced sentencing.

13. E. \$80 billion shall be allocated to the operation of this initiative.

14. **SECTION 2.** Eligible candidates will be defined as those convicted for non-violent
15. crimes, excluding repeat felony offenders. Priority will be given to those
16. determined by the Department of Justice as most at-risk of re-offending.

17. **SECTION 3.** The implementation of this bill shall be overseen by the Department of
18. Education, in conjunction with the Department of Justice's Bureau of
19. Prisons.

20. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be enacted on January 1, 2020.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate
by Revere High School*

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution and Establish Term Limits for Congressional Membership

1. **RESOLVED**, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is
2. proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be
3. valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the
4. legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its
5. submission by the Congress:
6. **ARTICLE --**
7. **SECTION 1:** Congress shall be limited to the number of total terms – either consecutive
8. or nonconsecutive – in which one individual can serve.
9. **SECTION 2:** A term is one election cycle, from session to session. Senators will be
10. limited to two six-year terms and Representatives will be limited to six two-year terms,
11. for a whole maximum of twelve years in one single chamber of Congress.
12. **SECTION 3:** This article shall not apply to any person currently holding office in
13. Congress when this article was proposed or during the term within which this article
14. becomes operative.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Shrewsbury High School*