

Congress Docket
NSDA Qualifying Tournament
January 20, 2018

1) A Bill to Implement Adequate Food Recalls by the F.D.A.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The United States Government will implement the adequate food recalls
2. carried out by The Food and Drug Administration in order to remove contaminated food
3. from store shelves.
4. **SECTION 2.** The recalls will require the F.D.A to evaluate food-borne hazards in a
5. timely manner and require that companies initiate recalls when hazards are detected.
 - A. Define food-borne hazards as illness from consuming food contaminated with bacteria or viruses.
 - B. Define timely manner as the period in which food is recalled with as little exposure to consumers as possible.
 - C. Define recalls as the process of removing contaminated or inadequate to sell foods from store shelves and consumers.
6. **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Health and Human Services shall
7. oversee this legislation.
8. All companies failing to remove contaminated foods in a forty day period will be fined
9. \$10,000 a day until recalls have been followed through.
10. **SECTION 4.** This law shall take effect 90 days after passage.
11. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Mount Desert Island High School, Maine District

2) A Bill to Legalize Marijuana

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1. SECTION 1.** Marijuana is hereby legal for use as a recreational drug and legal for use as
- 2.** a medicinal drug. It is hereby legal to sell Marijuana for those who possess a permit to do
- 3.** so from the FDA. Marijuana shall be taxed at an additional rate of 10%. It is hereby legal
- 4.** to grow Marijuana for those who possess a permit from the FDA.
- 5. SECTION 2.** Marijuana shall be defined as a drug derived from hemp that possesses
- 6.** psychoactive properties.
- 7. SECTION 3.** Marijuana is legal to use recreationally for individuals older than 21. It is
- 8.** hereby legal to sell Marijuana for those who possess a permit to do so from the FDA.
- 9.** Marijuana shall be taxed at an additional rate of 10%. It is hereby legal to grow
- 10.** Marijuana for those who possess a permit from the FDA.
- 11. SECTION 4.** The Food and Drug Administration and the Justice Department shall
- 12.** oversee the enforcement of this bill.
 - A.** The Food and Drug Administration must go through the approval process for Marijuana. The Food and Drug Administration shall also be responsible for issuing permits to sell and grow Marijuana.
 - B.** The Justice Department shall clear all charges and cease all punishment for individuals who have been prosecuted or are being prosecuted for the possession or usage of Marijuana.
- 13. SECTION 5.** This bill shall be implemented on January 1st, 2019.
- 14. SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Mount Desert Island High School, Maine District

3) A Bill to Reduce the National Drinking Age to 18

1. **Whereas**, the legal drinking age was formerly up to the state governments to determine, and
2. **Whereas**, many states had a legal drinking age of 18 or 19 until 1984 when states were
3. compelled by the National Minimum Drinking Age Act to adopt 21 as the legal drinking age,
4. and **Whereas**, 18 is the age you become an adult and can legally vote and fight for
5. our country in the military,
6. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
7. **Section 1.** The United States will repeal the National Minimum Drinking Age Act of 1984.
8. **Section 2.** The bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and explosives shall
9. oversee the implementation of this bill.
10. **Section 3.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately.
11. **Section 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sen. Whiting, Greely High School, Maine District

4) A Bill to Mandate Schools to Offer Computer Science Courses

1. **WHEREAS** many schools will adopt online courses to teach students
2. computer science rather than in a physical classroom environment and
3. **WHEREAS** teaching through online programs allows schools with limited budgets to
4. offer these courses in their curriculum at minimal cost
5. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS ASSEMBLED HERE THAT:
6. **SECTION 1.** All public high schools shall be required to offer computer science
7. courses to all students.
8. **SECTION 2.** Courses public high schools can offer, but are not limited to:

- A. Introduction to Computer Science and Interactive Programming
 - B. Web Development Basics: HTML, CSS, JAVASCRIPT
 - C. Effective Programming with Algorithms through Java, C#, or C++
 - D. Foundations of Game Development and Game Theory
9. **SECTION 3.** If schools lack the resources to provide these courses, additional
10. funding will come from the United States Department of Education
11. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect for all public high schools before
12. the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year.
13. **SECTION 5.** The United States Department of Education will oversee the implementation of
14. this legislation
15. **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Bell, Greely High School, Maine District

5) A RESOLUTION TO MEDIATE IN INDO-PAKISTANI AFFAIRS

1. **WHEREAS**, India and Pakistan are closer to the brink of nuclear deployment than any point
2. in the last 50 years and,
3. **WHEREAS**, the attacks on the Indian military base at Uri were intended to get the attention
4. of the international community and,
5. **WHEREAS**, the current administration has yet to choose a side in the Indo-Pakistani feud,
6. now; therefore be it
7. **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled work to insert itself into the conflict between
8. India and Pakistan by pressuring India to make an agreement with Pakistan on the disputed
9. territory of Kashmir

Introduced for Congressional Debate by ELHS, Maine District

6) A Bill to Abolish the Subminimum Wage

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1. SECTION 1:** The subminimum wage shall be raised to the current federal minimum wage.
- 2. SECTION 1A:** Whenever the federal minimum wage increases, the subminimum wage shall
3. also be increased to ensure the equal amount as the minimum wage.
- 4. SECTION 2:** The *subminimum wage* shall be defined as the employment of student-learners,
5. tipped workers, or disabled workers at below the minimum wage.
- 6. SECTION 3:** The Department of Labor shall oversee this of legislation.
- 7. SECTION 4:** This legislation shall be made effective FY 2019; April 1, 2018.
- 8. SECTION 5:** All laws in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by ELHS, Maine District

7) A BILL TO RESCIND THE GLOBAL GAG RULE

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1. SECTION 1:** International health funding shall be provided to qualified
2. organizations with no limitations as to the discussion of contraception abortion.
- 3. SECTION 2:** This legislation shall not be considered a repeal of any rule prohibiting
4. U.S. funds from being used directly to directly provide abortion or abortion services.
- 5. SECTION 3:** The US Agency for International Development shall oversee the
6. implementation of this legislation.
- 7. SECTION 4:** This legislation shall be made effective immediately upon passage.
- 8. SECTION 5:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by ELHS, Maine District

8) A Bill to Relocate the U.S. Embassy in Israel

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1:** The Embassy of the United States to Israel shall hereby relocate from
3. Jerusalem to Tel-Aviv.
4. **SECTION 2:** U.S. Military personnel shall be stationed in Jerusalem to supervise the transition.
5. **SECTION 3:** The Department of State and Department of Defense shall oversee this
6. of legislation.
7. **SECTION 4:** This legislation shall be made effective May 14, 2018.
8. **SECTION 5:** All laws in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by ELHS, Maine District

9) A Bill to Means Test Social Security to Ensure Fiscal Solvency

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the NSDA

10) A Bill to Grant Amnesty to Current Undocumented Residents

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** Amnesty shall be granted over a ten-year period beginning March 1,
2. 2018 and ending on December 31, 2028 to all residents who entered the United States
3. illegally prior to its enforcement date.
4. **SECTION 2.** Residents must prove that they have not committed repeated serious
5. felony offenses. No other standards or requirements may be implemented except
6. those required for clerical purposes.
7. **SECTION 3.** Residents granted amnesty through this bill may begin voting in the
8. Presidential election following their amnesty and in every election thereafter. State
9. and city legislatures may not abridge this right.
10. **SECTION 3.** This bill shall go into effect March 1, 2018.
11. **SECTION 4.** The Department of Homeland Security shall implement this bill.
12. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the NSDA

11) A Bill to Make the Electoral College More Representative

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The Secretary shall withhold 15% of the amount required to be
2. apportioned to any State for the funding of research in public universities on the first
3. day of each fiscal year in which the votes of electors in the State are not divided as
4. outlined in Section 2.
5. **SECTION 2.** In each Presidential election, States shall total the number of votes cast for

6. each candidate in their State.
 - A. Two electoral votes shall be attributed to the candidate which has won the popular vote in the state.
 - B. The remaining electoral votes shall be divided proportionally to the popular vote in the state.
7. **SECTION 3.** This bill shall go into effect for the 2020 Presidential Election.
8. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be overseen by the Office of the Federal Register.
9. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the NSDA

12) The Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2017

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** All Interstate highway improvement needs, as determined by the Federal
2. Highway Administration and the Interstate Maintenance program, shall be put out to bid for
3. private contractors who will complete the work at their own expense.
4. **SECTION 2.** Such private contractors may be permitted to charge a toll for travel upon the
5. segment of highway which they maintain. They will retain toll rights for a period of ten
6. years. The private contractor shall be permitted to set the price of the toll at a level by which
7. they estimate they will recover their costs within seven years.
8. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Transportation shall oversee the procurement of private
9. contractors to maintain the interstate highway system. The portion of the federal tax on
10. gasoline intended for highway maintenance shall be removed for a period of 10 years.
11. **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on October 1, 2018.
12. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the NSDA

13) A Bill to Increase Public Investment in Geothermal Energy

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** \$500 million shall be allocated toward the subsidization of the US
2. geothermal energy industry.
3. **SECTION 2.** Geothermal energy shall be defined as energy derived and generated
4. from heat stored in the Earth.
5. **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Energy shall be charged with the
6. implementation of this legislation. Funding for this legislation shall come from an increase in
7. the federal gas tax of 2 cents per gallon.
8. All additional or leftover funds shall be redirected to the National Highway Trust Fund.
9. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect FY 2019.
10. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the NSDA

14) The Medicare for More Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** A public option for health insurance shall be offered nationwide in
2. individual market exchanges.
3. **SECTION 2.** A public option shall be defined as a publicly funded health insurance
4. option for those under 65 that will compete against private insurers.
5. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall be charged with
6. implementation of this legislation.
 - A. The public option shall be funded by a 0.03% financial transaction tax on high

frequency trading.

- B.** The Internal Revenue Service, in conjunction with the Securities Exchange committee, shall be charged with implementing the financial transaction tax.
- 7. SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect at the start of FY 2019.
- 8. SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the NSDA