District 6/7

Senate Packet

This Packet contains all the bills needed for Congress for the 2018 PHSSL District 6 and District 7 Tournament. Below is the schedule for the bills and who is scheduled to speak on each bill first. There will be 3 rounds of Congress (similar to speech rounds) with the Parliamentarian acting as Presiding Officer. In each round, each student will speak and take one minute of mandatory questioning for the chamber. For the 1st and 3rd rounds, the speeches will be on legislation for which there is no author or first responder. The 2nd round will be on legislation submitted by the districts. In the case of two students being from the same school, one will take the proponent/authorship speech and one will take the first response to which their school has been assigned. In the case of one student being from a school, (s)he will take both speeches. If you have 2 students, the author of your bill will be speaker 1.

Round 1

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Bill** | **Proponent** | **First Responder** |
| NCAA Tax | Gettysburg 2 | Dallastown 2 |
| House America | Dallastown 1 | Gettysburg 1 |
| CTE | Mechanicsburg 1 | West Shore 1 |
| Net Neutrality | West Shore 2 | Mechanicsburg 2 |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |

Round 2

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Bill** | **Authorship** | **First Resonder** |
| Internet (Dallastown) | Dallastown 1 | Gettysburg 2 |
| Minimum Wage (WSC) | West Shore 1 | Mechnicsburg 2 |
| Pharmaceuticals (MASH) | Mechanicsburg 1 | West Shore 2 |
| Elections and Voting (GAHS) | Gettysburg 1 | Dallastown 2 |
|  |  |  |

Round 3

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Bill** | **Proponent** | **First Responder** |
| Grain Production  | Mechanicsburg 2 | West Shore 2 |
| Tax Breaks  | Dallastown 2 | Gettysburg 2 |
| West Africa | West Shore 1 | Mechanicsburg 1 |
| PRO Sports | Gettysburg 1 | Dallastown 1 |
|  |  |  |

**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.

# 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.

# The PRO Sports Act of 2017

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

**Section 1.** No organization or entity shall be treated as tax-exempt if:

1. It is a professional sports league, organization, or association, a substantial activity of which is to foster national or international professional sports competitions.
2. Has an annual gross receipts in excess of $10 million.

**Section 2.** “Professional sports league” is defined as a professional body which governs the competition of its teams.

**Section 3.** The Internal Revenue Service shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

**Section 4.** This legislation will be implemented February 1 of 2018.

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

# A Resolution to Limit Grain Production and Allocation

**Whereas,** Almost 40% of the calories produced by the world's crops are being used for animal feed; and

**Whereas,** Only 12% of those calories ultimately contribute to the human diet; and

**Whereas,** More than 90 million acres of land in the United States are planted to corn, with the majority of the crop grown in the Heartland region; and

**Whereas,** Most of the crop is used as the main energy ingredient in livestock feed; and

**Whereas,** Millions of people in the United States could be fed if land used to grow crops for livestock were given over to crops for human consumption, therefore, be it:

**Resolved** by the Congress here assembled that: No more than 15% of the corn production produced by American farms will be used for consumption by livestock.

**A Bill to Tax the NCAA**

SECTION 1.​ The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) is hereby stripped of its Non-Profit

 Status.

SECTION 2.​ “Non-Profit” is defined as a 501 C3; an entity that receives federal funding subsidies and is

 excluded from federal taxing.

SECTION 3​. The Internal Revenue Service will be in charge of implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 4. ​This bill shall be implemented April 16 2018.

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

**A Bill to House America**

**SECTION 1.** Section 8 of the Housing Act of 1937 is amended to redefine “extremely low income” as “incomes not exceeding 45% of the local median or poverty line”

**SECTION 2.** This legislation shall have no financial impact on the Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH).

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Housing and Urban Development shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

**SECTION 4**. This legislation shall be implemented upon passage.

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

**A Bill to Identify CTE before it is too Late**

**SECTION 1. A.** $50 million shall be given to the research, improvement, and creation of a Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE) test.

**B.** This money shall be taken from the United States Military Budget (FY 2019).

**SECTION 2.** At the time of testing and development, professional athletes of the 4 major sports leagues shall pay no fee to complete the test.

**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 shall be passed on July 1 2018.

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

**A Bill to Reverse the FCC’s Net Neutrality Decision**

**SECTION 1.** This legislation will function as a Joint Resolution of Disapproval to overrule the recent FCC’s decision concerning net neutrality.

**SECTION 2.** The 2015 regulations that prohibited broadband providers from blocking websites or charging for higher quality service of certain content will remain in place.

**SECTION 3.**The Federal Communications Commission shall oversee the passage of this legislation.

**SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented immediately upon passage [within the appropriate 60 day time frame]

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

**The Reach Act**

**SECTION 1.** The complete text of the “Report and Educate About Campus Hazing” Act (REACH) is hereby enacted.

**SECTION 2.** “Hazing” is defined as any intentional, knowing, or reckless act committed by a student, or a former student, of an institution of higher education, whether individually or in concert with other persons, against another student, that—

* + 1. Was committed in connection with an initiation into, an affiliation with, or the maintenance of membership in, any organization that is affiliated with such institution of higher education; and
		2. Contributes to a substantial risk of physical injury, mental harm, or degradation or causes physical injury, mental harm or personal degradation.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall oversee the passage of this legislation.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented on July 1 2018

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

# 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.

**A Bill to Abolish the Federal Minimum Wage to
Allow for more Job Opportunity**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1**. The minimum wage as mandated by the federal government will hereby be abolished.

**Section 2**. The minimum wage shall be defined as the lowest wage an employer can legally pay an employee at an hourly rate.

**Section 3.** The Department of Labor will be responsible for the execution of this bill.

**SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

West Shore Christian

A Resolution reduce Mark up on Pharmaceuticals By Mechanicsburg Area Senior High School

1. Whereas, a 2016 U.S Senate committee found pharmaceutical
2. companies raising the prices on already established life-saving drugs;
3. and
4. Whereas, many citizens need these drugs to live comfortably;
5. and
6. Whereas, many elderly citizens on a fixed income or people
7. who have tight budgets cannot pay for these lifesaving drugs; and
8. Whereas, these up-markings have been found to be for almost
9. exclusively for profit; now, therefore,
10. BE IT RESOLVED by the PHSSL State Student Congress here
11. assembled that: drug companies cannot up-mark the price of a drug
12. more than 10 percent of the manufacturing price.

# An amendment to reform the presidential elections and push for a single transferrable vote

Pennsylvania High School Speech League

by

Gettysburg Area High School

Whereas: Our current method of federal elections perpetuates an increasingly partisan two party government; &

Whereas: This leads to the people voting for two often unfavorable parties where the people would rather vote for a more moderate third party; &

Whereas: This amendment will encourage people to vote for candidates they endorse and trust, knowing that if their first choice does not win then their second choice might.

Therefore**,** be it resolved by two-thirds of this Pennsylvania High School Speech League Student Congress here assembled, that the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States:
 ARTICLE XXVIII

SECTION 1: Article II, section I, clauses II, III, and IV of the constitution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 2: The people may vote for as many candidates as they wish, ranking them in order of preference, starting at their first choice, then their second choice, and so on. The state legislatures shall convene on a date set by congress, and shall count the nation’s votes using the following method:

 (1) Count all of the ballots highest ranked vote. (2) If a presidential candidate win a majority, said candidates shall be the president. Otherwise, continue. (3) Any ballots whose highest ranked choice was for the candidate with the least votes are transferred to their next ranked choice. Then, repeat this method.

SECTION 3: If no president can be chosen using section 2, then from the five highest on the List the said House shall in like Manner choose the President. But in choosing the President, the Votes shall be taken by States, the Representation from each State having one Vote; A quorum for this Purpose shall consist of a Member or Members from two thirds of the States, and a Majority of all the States shall be necessary to a choice.

SECTION 4: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gettysburg Area High School

**A bill to reduce the immigration rate in the United States**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH LEAGUE STUDENT CONGRESS ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Immigration rates will be reduced
3. **SECTION 2.** The immigration rate is defined as the amount of immigrants per every 1,000 people already in the United States, which is around 4 people for every 1,000
4. **SECTION 3.** The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services will be in charge of handling and enforcing the bill.
5. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go in place in effect immediately.
6. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this bill will be nullified upon approval of this bill.

*Introduced by Delone Catholic High School*

**A Bill to Force Internet Service Providers to Compete**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1**. Internet service providers operating within the US are required to undergo local loop unbundling.

**Section 2**. Local loop unbundling will be defined as leasing the last mile of infrastructure to other internet service providers.

Internet service provider will be defined as an organization that provides services accessing and using the Internet.

**Section 3.** The FCC will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented immediately following passage.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Dallastown Area High School*