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This House believes that: The United States Federal Government should significantly restructure the power grid.

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Caleb Shook	Bethel Park
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Emma Enos	Moon Area
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Tanush Bahl	Bethel Park
Eeshaan Jadhav	Peters Township

A Bill to Fund Biodiversity

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States will fund 1 million dollars from the budget of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to the Fish and Wildlife services to inform and research to protect main pollinators.

SECTION 2. Main pollinators are insects known to help greatly with pollination such as Bee, wasps, butterflies, and other pollinators. These insects greatly increase the number of plants, which leads to an increase of all other animals, thus increasing the biodiversity of the environment of the US.

SECTION 3. The Fish and Wildlife services will oversee this bill. This agency will provide education to people willing to help and will fund research to save declining populations.

SECTION 4. This will take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully Submitted: Bethel Park High School

A Resolution to End FISA

- 1. WHEREAS**, the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act is a federal law which establishes procedures for the physical and electronic surveillance and collection of “foreign intelligence information” between “foreign powers” and “agents of foreign powers” suspected of espionage and terrorism
- 2. WHEREAS**, sections of the bill allow for breaches of privacy
- 3. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the federal law be put to a Congressional vote in order to end the invasive policy

Respectfully submitted by,

Moon Area High School

A Bill to Place Restrictions on Early Voting

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 SECTION 1. Early voting in the United States of America will be limited to U.S.

2 citizens who have legitimate reasons for not being able to vote on any
3 given federal election day.

4 SECTION 2. Early voting (also known as pre-poll voting or advance polling) can be
5 defined as a method in which American voters in a public and, in this case,
6 federal election are able to vote in advance to any given scheduled and
7 specified election day.

8 SECTION 3. Because early voting can discourage voters from casting ballots as well as
9 be manipulated by candidates to aid them in any specific race, it will not
10 be available to American citizens who do not have legitimate reasons for
11 being unable to vote on a specified scheduled election day.

12 SECTION 4. U.S. citizens eligible for legitimate early voting will include civilians and
13 those serving in the military who would not be in close proximity to their
14 polling locations on a scheduled election day due to their travel and
15 service. Also, early voting will be allowed for citizens who are mentally
16 physically ill and cannot reach a destination on a specified election day.

17 SECTION 5. This legislation applies to all United States federal elections and
18 encourages state and local election commissions to assume similar stances.

19 SECTION 6. This legislation shall go into immediate effect by September 1, 2018.

20 SECTION 7. All laws conflicting with this legislation shall be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted by Craig Wolfley Jr. from Lakeview Christian Academy

**A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Allow Foreign-Born Citizens to become
President of the United States**

1 **WHEREAS**, in 2010, the percent of the U.S. population that was foreign-born was
2 12.9% and rising,

3 **WHEREAS**, foreign-born US nationals are already required to register for the Selective
4 Service and serve in the Armed Forces,

5 **WHEREAS**, All U.S. citizens ought to have the right to aspire to the Presidency,
6 therefore, be it

7 **RESOLVED**, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is
8 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which
9 shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
10 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within
11 seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

12 ARTICLE--

13 SECTION 1: In Article II, Section 1, Clause 10, the following lines are hereby
14 stricken: “No person except a natural born citizen,”

15 And replaced by: “All citizens, be they naturalized or native-born, of
16 the United States,”

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Daniel Speer,

Upper Saint Clair

A Resolution to Reduce Automobile Accidents

Whereas:

- I. Teens are more likely to be involved in a fatal crash than any other age group.
- II. 16-17 year old teens are more likely to be involved in a crash than even 18-19 year olds.
- III. There are 39% percent of teens who reported not wearing their seat belts, in contrast to 9.9% of people overall who do not wear seat belts.
- IV. In crashes involving teenagers ages 16-20, almost a quarter of them were known to have been drinking prior to the accidents.
- V. Per 100 drivers, 16-19 year olds get an average of 36 traffic citations, compared to 17.3 traffic citations per 100 drivers for drivers of all ages.

Therefore, be it resolved that:

- I. The driving age is increased from 16 years of age to 18 years of age to reduce risk for accidents on the roads overall.
- II. Teenagers aged 18-20 will be issued a junior/probational license with a curfew at 12 p.m.
- III. At age 21, a driver may receive a permanent license if he/she has a driving record free of any serious accidents/citations.
- IV. This bill will be placed into effect on January 1, 2019.
- V. All laws in contrast with this bill are declared null and void on the date January 1, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Peters Township High School

A BILL TO BAN PUSH NOTIFICATIONS ON ELECTRONIC DEVICE APPLICATIONS

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will ban all push notifications
3 involving all smartphone, tablet, and other electronic device applications
4 (apps). This will be done to reduce roadway accidents and deaths in the
5 United States, as well as to increase workplace productivity.

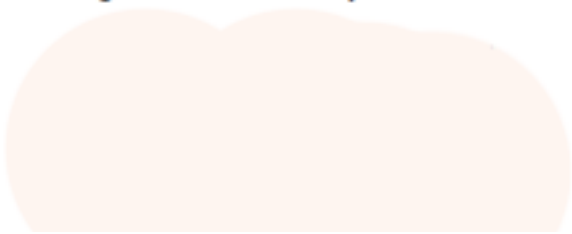
6 **SECTION 2.** “Push notifications” are defined as messages that pop up on mobile
7 devices from app publishers. Examples of apps with push notifications
8 that this bill will be affecting include, but are not limited to, social media,
9 news sources, games, and general apps.

10 **SECTION 3. A.** This legislation will be overseen by the Office of Science and
11 Technology Cooperation (within the Department of State’s Bureau of
12 Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs) and the
13 Department of Treasury.

14 **B.** Corporations and businesses, which fail to comply with this legislation,
15 will be penalized of \$50,000 for each incident.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect on January 1, 2019.

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



A RESOLUTION TO HALT THE PRODUCTION OF PENNIES

- Whereas: Pennies are becoming useless, expensive, and harmful; and
- Whereas: Eliminating the penny is long overdue as there has never been a coin in circulation as worthless as the penny is today. The fiscal advantages are immense and the environmental advantages are huge as well; and
- Whereas: The penny is almost completely worthless in 2017. It costs more for the U.S. Mint to produce a penny than the penny is worth. The materials that go into a penny and the disregard that many people have for the coin, due to its low value, cause it to be thrown out as litter,
- Therefore, be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that: The United States should halt the production of 1 cent pennies effective immediately.

A Bill to Provide Additional Funding to Public School Bands

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS ASSEMBLED HERE THAT:

SECTION 1. The government shall provide additional funding to public school bands. This will allow public school band programs to purchase new instruments, equipment, uniforms, repair existing instruments, hire additional staff, and participate in more state and national events.

SECTION 2. “Public school bands” are defined as a group of student musicians who rehearse and perform instrumental music together, while under the direction and supervision of one or more staff members employed by their school.

SECTION 3.

- A. The bill will allocate funds to public schools to create and sustain official school supported/led band programs.
- B. A subdivision within the Department of Education – the Department of School Supported Music (DSSM) – will be created to oversee the creation and funding of official school bands.
- C. Schools that – at the time of the DSSM’s creation – do not have an official band program will be investigated by the DSSM, to determine the necessary amount of funding they require in order to create and sustain one. Schools that already have an official band program will also be investigated, and administered the necessary funds required to sustain it (some schools may not require any additional funding).
- D. To fund this program, an annual budget of \$2 billion will be allotted to the DSSM, based off of initial estimates.

SECTION 4. This bill will be enacted immediately, and will continue indefinitely.

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

A Resolution Regarding the Use of One-Man Crews

1. WHEREAS The Federal Railroad Association (FRA) has the power to mandate the
2. size of crews on freight and passenger railroads,
3. WHEREAS The FRA is set to rule soon on crew sizes for freight railroads,
4. WHEREAS The usage of one-person train crews by the Montreal, Maine, and Atlantic
5. Railroad may have been a contributing factor in the 2013 Lac Megantic
6. accident,
5. WHEREAS Autonomous train technology is not yet ready for mainline use, be it
6. RESOLVED that this Congress here assembled firmly supports the use of two-man
7. operating crews on freight and passenger trains, and be it
8. FURTHER RESOLVED that this Congress implores the FRA to rule as such in its upcoming
- decision.

A Bill to Institute an Indexed Minimum Wage

Be it Enacted by the House of Representatives and Senate of the United States of America in Congress Assembled,

1. SECTION 1: Findings

- 2. The adjust of the minimum wage is subject to contentious political debate.
- 3. Many jobs other than those at the minimum wage are adjusted for inflation.

4. SECTION 2: Legislation

- 5. A. The nationwide minimum wage shall be set at a value of \$9.75 per hour, indexed for
- 6. inflation.
- 7. B. The rate of inflation shall be calculated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics using the
- 8. Consumer Price Index method; the basket of goods in the CPI should be updated
- 9. at least a month prior to each new calculation of inflation.
- 10. C. Current exemptions to the federal minimum wage requirement will continue to be applied.

11. SECTION 3: Enactment

- 12. A. The Bureau of Labor Statistics shall oversee the calculation of the inflation rate, and is
- 13. allotted \$10,000 to that effect.
- 14. B. This legislation shall be enacted 1 year from passage.
- 15. C. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.