

2018

**West Allegheny Tournament
Congress Bills**

A Bill to Place a Tax on Vaping

1. Article I: a) The Congress shall levy a tax of 15% of the value of any products
2. necessary for inhaling water-vaporized smoke
3. b) States shall retain the option of adding an additional tax of 10%.
4. c) Those who have a medical condition or who are prescribed vapor products
5. may apply for a waiver from the federal tax with written proof of
6. their circumstances from a practicing physician in good standing.
7. Article II: A “vape” shall be defined as a device that electronically combusts for
8. personal consumption a hallucinogenic or other substance that causes a
9. stimulating or depressing effect on the end user.
10. Article III: This tax shall go into effect on January 1st, 2018.
11. Article IV: The Department of Commerce shall be responsible for enforcing this
12. legislation.
13. Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Upper St. Clair

A Bill to Require Citizens to Pass a Test Before Purchasing a Deadly Weapon

Be it enacted by the congress assembled here that:

1. **Article I:** A deadly weapon will be defined as a firearm or anything manifestly designed,
2. made, or adapted for the purposes of inflicting death or serious physical injury.
3. **Article II:** The test will be comprised of questions that test the citizens knowledge of
- care
4. and handling of the weapon but it will be mostly made up of questions
5. regarding safety.
6. **Article III:** A 90% or higher will be required before any citizen is able to purchase a
7. deadly weapon.
8. **Article IV:** The test will be online and must be completed in a government approved
9. setting and a valid ID must be presented at the time of the test.
10. **Article V:** Gun shops may apply for a testing license beginning in January of 2019.
11. They must have a private testing location with the proper equipment for
12. testing.
13. **Article VI:** The tests will be created by weapons experts. Each weapon will have a
14. separate test that will require the person to demonstrate a thorough knowledge
15. and competency about the specific weapon they are looking to purchase.
16. **Article VII:** This bill shall be enacted by all states by 1 January 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethel Park High School

A Bill to Prevent Burning of the American Flag

- SECTION 1: Flag burning intentionally incites controversy and prevents unity among Americans.
- SECTION 2: Desecration of the American flag is disrespectful and dismissive to the veterans who served the United States.
- SECTION 3: Burning an American flag in any circumstance shall be punishable by up to two years in federal prison.
- SECTION 4: The United States Federal Government will work with state and local law enforcement to ensure the policing and enforcement of this legislation.
- SECTION 5: This bill shall be made law one month following its passage.
- SECTION 6: All legislation conflicting with this bill is null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Peters Township High School

A Bill to Sanction Myanmar

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States government shall impose economic and military
2 sanctions on Myanmar.

3 **SECTION 2.** A. “Economic sanctions” shall be defined as a suspension on the
4 importation and the exportation of consumer products to and from
5 Myanmar.

6 B. “Military sanctions” shall be defined as a suspension on the transfer of
7 all military aid to Myanmar.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State shall be in charged with the implementation and
9 enforcement of these sanctions. The Department of State shall submit a
10 recommendation to Congress for the removal of the sanctions when the
11 following two conditions have been met:

12 A. The Burmese government grants citizenship to its Rohingya minority.

13 B. The Burmese government proposes a plan to mitigate future violence
14 against the Rohingya people.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

*Respectfully submitted,
Sewickley Academy*

A BILL TO BAN COMPANIES FROM COMBINING WEB COOKIE INFORMATION WITH PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION

1. Whereas: Companies like Google and Facebook utilize “web cookies” to track their users’ internet activity by way of IP addresses.
2. Whereas: Cookies enable such companies to deliver targeted advertisements to the user.
3. Whereas: According to the Guardian, such companies can estimate a user’s location, acquire the user’s name, and store specific search data. This is an undeniable breach of privacy.
4. Section 1: Personally identifiable information does not include general information about web activity, so long as this information cannot be directly traced back to a specific individual.
5. Be it resolved that no private or public company may combine web cookie information with personally identifiable information of its users, for the purposes of targeted advertising or any other motive.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Jaffe
Shady Side Academy

A Bill to Repeal the JASTA

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

1. Section 1: Purpose, Definitions, and Findings

2. (a) PURPOSE—To repeal the JASTA.

3. (b) DEFINITIONS

4. (i) “JASTA” shall be defined as the United States Law “Justice Against

5. Sponsors of Terrorism Act.”

6. (c) FINDINGS

7. (i) JASTA has damaged America’s reputation at home and abroad

8. (ii) JASTA sets a dangerous precedent by allowing US citizens to sue foreign

9. governments

10. In United States court for any perceived wrongful act made by that foreign government

11. or that foreign government’s agents on a US citizen.

12. Section 2: Effective Date

13. This Act shall go into effect immediately upon passage

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Upper Saint Clair High School

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- SECTION 5: This bill shall be made law one month following its passage.
- SECTION 6: All legislation conflicting with this bill is null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Peters Township High School

A Bill to Improve Defense against Cyberattacks

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States military shall assemble a Cyberspace Defense

3 Taskforce to deal with cyber threats/attacks on U.S. interests.

4 **SECTION 2.** A cyber threat/attack shall be defined as an attack on United States

5 technologies, programs, processes, and data which all will be applied in

6 context of internet security. This shall act as defense to U.S. technology

7 interests throughout the world.

8 **SECTION 3.** Department of Defense shall oversee the establishment, and allocation of

9 the program and funds.

10 A. All members of the Cyber Defense Taskforce shall be deemed military

11 personnel.

12 B. This taskforce shall be funded through the United States Military.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented on December 1, 2017.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Moon Area High School

A Bill to Revoke the Declaration to Withdraw from the Paris Climate Accords

Be it enacted by the Student Congress here assembled that:

SECTION 1. The United States of America must remain with the rest of the world in abiding by the Paris Climate Accords and become compliant with all terms mentioned in said agreement. Additionally, the Environmental Protection Agency shall receive \$75.8 billion annually in addition to their annual budget. The Department of the Interior shall receive an additional \$63.87 billion annually in addition to their annual budget.

SECTION 2. The terms Paris Climate Accords, Paris Agreement, or Paris Climate Agreement shall be considered synonymous. The Paris Climate Accords refers to the international agreement on greenhouse gas emissions mitigation, the supporting of climate action to reduce emissions and build the resilience to climate change effects in developing nations, supporting humanity's ability to deal with the impacts of climate change, and ultimately keeping the increase of global average temperatures to well below two degrees celsius above pre-industrial levels.

SECTION 3. The Environmental Protection Agency shall work in conjunction with the Department of the Interior in the effective enforcement of the guidelines set in the accord.

A. For the delegation of responsibilities in regards to species protection within the Department of the Interior, shall be defined as found in the United States Endangered Species Act of 1973.

B. All other environmental issues shall be delegated to the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect upon passage.

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

*Respectfully Submitted by
North Hills High School*