**A BILL TO SANCTION MYANMAR TO**

**MITIGATE VIOLENCE AGAINST THE ROHINGYA PEOPLE**

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

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

3. sanctions on Myanmar.

4. **SECTION 2.** A. “Economic sanctions” shall be defined as a suspension on the

5. importation and the exportation of consumer products to and from Myanmar.

6. B. “Military sanctions” shall be defined as a suspension on the transfer of all

7. 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 recommendation to

10. Congress for the removal of the sanctions when the following two conditions have been

11. met: A. The Burmese government grants citizenship to its Rohingya minority.

12. B. The Burmese government proposes a plan to mitigate future violence against the

13. Rohingya people.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Luke Tyson Sewickley Academy

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE START TIME FOR HIGH SCHOOLS**

1. WHEREAS, many students are falling asleep during their morning classes, and
2. WHEREAS, sleeping during classes causes the students to perform poorly in those classes, and
3. WHEREAS, an extra hour or two of sleep in the morning would make the difference between a tired student and a well-rested student, and
4. WHEREAS, scientific studies show that teenage Circadian Rhythms are such that their sleep hormone does not make them ready for sleep until 11:00 or 11:30 pm, and
5. WHEREAS, it is recommended that teenagers receive a minimum of 8 hours of sleep per night, and
6. WHEREAS, this sleep deprivation is causing the quality of teenagers’ lives to suffer, and
7. WHEREAS, students do not have time to eat in the morning with the current early school start times, and
8. WHEREAS, students perform optimally when they are well fed and well-rested,
9. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS STUDENT GOVERNMENT HERE ASSEMBLED, THAT:
10. School districts in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania should explore the possibility of moving the start time for high schools to a later time.

Respectfully submitted,

Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic High School

**A BILL FOR STRENGTHENING PUNISHMENTS FOR ACCESSORIES TO SEXUAL MISCONDUCT, ESPECIALLY IN ATHLETICS**

1. Whereas: Scandals like the ones with USA Gymnastics and Penn State University have attracted significant media attention.

2. Whereas: It is unacceptable that young people are being abused by the adults they are supposed to trust.

3. Section 1: Accessories includes all parties that are aware of allegations of misconduct but fail to report them to authorities.

4. Be it resolved that this house strengthens legal punishment for accessories to sexual misconduct cases, with a special emphasis on athletic organizations, in order to protect the rights and safety of athletes.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Jaffe

Shady Side Academy

**A BILL TO PROVIDE FREE FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS TO**

# **AMERICAN PUBLIC AND CHARTER SCHOOLS**

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

2 **SECTION 1**. American public and charter schools meeting a 30% pupil poverty

 3 threshold and maintaining any combination of classes from grade 6 to grade 12 must stock

4 restrooms with feminine hygiene products, as defined, free of charge. The bill

5 would prohibit schools from charging for these products.

6 **SECTION 2**. American public and charter schools are defined as those schools accepting 7. public funding. “Feminine hygiene products” means tampons and sanitary napkins for

8 use in connection with the menstrual cycle.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education and Department of Health and Human

10 Services will oversee the enforcement of the bill, imposing required learning modules on 11 sexual and reproductive health to be completed for every first violation and monetary

12 fines of up to $500 for all subsequent violations.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill would become effective by August 1, 2018.

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

 *Respectfully submitted,*

*Hampton High School*

**A Resolution to Tax Vape Paraphernalia and Start Anti-Vaping Programs**

**WHEREAS**, Vaping has proven to be addictive, and introduces nicotine and other addictive chemicals to students as young as 6th grade; and

**WHEREAS**, Vaping has permeated American schools nationwide; and

**WHEREAS**, There is still a large number of vape pens and products (pods and cartridges) present throughout society, especially schools; and

**WHEREAS**,Heavy taxes and decreased public perception of tobacco products, originated by government programs have proven effective in the decrease of the use of tobacco products present in American society,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Student Congress here assembled that a 200% sales tax on vape pens and cartridges be levied, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we use the money gained from the tax to develop and maintain a developmentally-appropriate, evidence-based, and results-oriented anti-vaping program targeting college, high school, and middle school level students.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fox Chapel Area High School

A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE

In the Pennsylvania High School Speech League

by

Quigley Catholic High School

1 Whereas, labels such as homophobic, racist, xenophobic, and bigot are often

2 used, without clarification, to describe individuals believed to be intolerant, and

3 Whereas, political labels like left wing,right wing, Nazi, or fascist are often used,

4 without clarification, to identify individuals as intolerant or as extremists, and

5 Whereas, these labels are socially and politically charged and can instantly

6 and unfairly stigmatise the person being labeled, and

7 Whereas, the overuse and misuse of such words is becoming more prevalent

8 among young people at an even younger age, and

9 Whereas, the educational system is best equipped to instruct on the impact of

10 such words in everyday language,  therefore

11 BE IT RESOLVED by the PHSSL student congress here assembled that all

12 school districts in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania receiving state funds

13 must include in the ninth or tenth grade curriculum, a minimum of ten (10) hours

14 of awareness instruction on politically and socially charged language.

**A RESOLUTION TO MANDATE ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE UNISEXUAL BATHROOMS**

1 **WHEREAS,** Transgender school students are constantly judged by others for using their chosen 2 bathroom and are ordered to use the bathroom of a gender in which they don’t classify; and

3 **WHEREAS,** This judgement is occurring in schools all across the United States and must be

4 stopped as currently one in every 137 teenagers identifies as a transgender; and

5 **WHEREAS,** These transgender students continuously feel unwelcomed and unsupported by

6 their peers, lowering their self-esteem and feeling of being free to make an individual choice; and

7 **WHEREAS,** These teenagers who identify as transgender need to feel included in their school

8 regardless of their chosen gender and the use unisexual bathrooms in schools is a step in the right

9 direction to help eliminate the judgement towards these teenagers;

10 **THEREFORE BE IT** **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled make the

11 following recommendation to mandate that all public schools provide unisexual bathrooms.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Deer Lakes High School*

A Resolution to Ban Zoos

1. WHEREAS: Zoos are harmful to animals and deprive them of the

2. opportunity to satisfy their most basic needs; and

3. WHEREAS: Zoos severely restrict and limit animals from their natural

4. behaviors such as flying, hunting, swimming, climbing,

5. scavenging, and foraging; and

6. WHEREAS: Zoos are also harmful to humans as human can easily

7. enter the exhibits and harm themselves or the animal; and

8. WHEREAS: The continuous observation of animals causes the animals

9. stress and depressive behaviors such as “zoochosis”; and

10. WHEREAS: Many animals sicken and die because they contract

11. diseases from other animals and species such as yellow

12. fever, tuberculosis, the herpes B virus and other

13. unidentified diseases. now,

14. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled make

15. the recommendation that no more zoos be constructed; and

16. be it

17. FURTHER RESOLVED, That all current zoos close to the public and

18. the animals within be transported to an animal

19. rehabilitation center or a sanctuary that accurately

20. represents the animal’s natural environment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pine-Richland High School

**A Bill to Reform Scheduled Drug Laws and End Homelessness in the United States**

1. Be it enacted by the Student Congress here assembled that:

2. **SECTION 1**: All criminal penalties from the possession, consumption, or selling of all

 3. scheduled drugs is null and void. A national needle exchange program shall be put into place 4. to reduce HIV and other blood transmitted diseases. Funds will also eliminate homelessness. 5. **SECTION 2**: A. The definition of all scheduled drugs can be found in the Department of

6. Justice’s list of controlled substances.

7. B. There shall be a 50% excise tax on the retail prices on the scheduled drugs.

8. C. The assistance for the homeless shall be put into place as seen in the Opening Doors:

 9. Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness report as amended in 2015 published 10. by the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness.

11. D. The program ending homelessness shall be alloted $6 billion dollars from the savings

12. from the elimination of drug enforcement services.

13. E. For those that are currently in prison with non-violent drug-related offenses will receive 14. federally-funded rehabilitation into society upon release.

15. **SECTION 3**. The Department of Justice, Internal Revenue Service and the Bureau of

16. Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and 17. the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness shall be the agencies responsible for 18. the enforcement of this bill.

19. A. The Internal Revenue Service shall be responsible for the implementation of the taxation 20. methods of this bill.

21. B. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shall be responsible for the execution of 22. the national needle exchange program and rehabilitation of inmates with only illicit drug

23. consumption charges.

24. C. The United States Interagency Council on Homelessness shall be responsible for enacting 25. the ending of homelessness.

26. D. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives shall be renamed Bureau of 27. Drugs, Firearms and Explosives and shall target, identify, and dismantle criminal enterprises 28. with ties to violent crime, that traffic drugs into and within the United States.

29. **SECTION 4**. This bill shall take effect in the next Fiscal Year.

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

Respectfully Submitted by North Hills High School

**A RESOLUTION TO BAN THE USE OF PLASTIC BAGS WITHIN PA**

1. WHEREAS, Plastic bags are extremely harmful to the environment; and

2. WHEREAS, In a landfill, plastic bags take up to 1000 years to degrade; and

3. WHEREAS, As litter, they breakdown into tiny bits, contaminating our soil and water; and

4. WHEREAS, Plastic bags harm wildlife greatly. Plastic bags can choke or poison fish, animals

5. and birds; and

6. WHEREAS, Banning plastic bags has reduced pollution in California; and

7. WHEREAS, Pollution should be decreased as to protect Pennsylvania’s local wildlife, rivers,

8. and our bordering Great Lake, Lake Erie;

9. WHEREAS, The constituents of Pennsylvania will not be limited as there are alternatives to

10. plastic bags that are reusable;

11. now, therefore be it RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled calls for a ban

12. every plastic bag distributed within the state of Pennsylvania.

 Respectfully submitted, North Allegheny

**A BILL TO LEGALIZE SPORTS BETTING**

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

 2. SECTION 1​. Sports betting will now be legalized throughout the United States.

 3. SECTION 2​. Let “sports betting” be defined as placing a wager on a sporting event at either the professional or amateur level.

4. SECTION 3​. This bill will be implemented and overseen by the Federal Government.

5. SECTION 4. This piece of legislation will be implemented immediately.

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

Formally Submitted, Knoch High School

**A bill to normalize federal funding for the first two years of local “community college” tuition or trade school tuition for the offspring of United States citizens.**

Section 1. Since college debt has reached dramatic levels here in the United

 States and is diminishing the available resources for the

 average America famiy,

Section 2. And since normal college tuition is a non-issue in almost every

 developed nation including Europe, Canada and much of China,

Section 3. And since a system of testing can easily separate those who

 qualify for academic college work as opposed to preparation for

 trade or assembly jobs,

Section 4. And since trade schools can also be funded under this law for the

 first two years after high school,

We submit the bill above to take effect in the 2022 academic year, preceded by national testing to discern the precise track—academic or trade—that each student should pursue.

St. Joseph High School

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