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Student Congress

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A Bill to Ensure Safety and Quality of Experience for Commercial Airline Passengers

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **Section 1.** The Airline Passenger Protection Agency (APPA) is hereby established.

3 **Section 2.** The APPA is an agency that will provide suggestive guidelines to private
4 commercial airlines regarding employees to ensure quality and safety from these airlines to their
5 consumers. "Commercial airline" will be defined as an airline with an air operator's certificate
6 which transports passengers and cargo between airports.

7 "Airport" is defined under the U.S Code Title 49 §47102 definition of "Air carrier airport".

8 **Section 3.** The implementation of this bill shall be overseen by the Federal Aviation
9 Administration.

10 A. The APPA shall perform periodic checks on all current commercial airlines. These
11 checks shall quantitatively measure the overall safety of the passengers taking flights from these
12 commercial airlines. These checks will also quantitatively measure the overall quality of
13 treatment of the passengers.

14 B. The APPA shall release information regarding these checks to the public in monthly
15 reports.

16 C. APPA shall be given \$140,000,000 annually as funding.

17 **Section 4.** This legislation shall be implemented 60 days after passage.

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

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Respectfully Submitted by Christ the King High School

**A BILL TO IMPLEMENT A TAX ON HIGH FREQUENCY TRADING TO
CREATE A MORE FAIR FINANCIAL SYSTEM**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. A tax shall be put in place on all financial transactions. The tax rate shall be set relative to the value of the transaction, and be equal to:

- I. 0.05 percent for stocks;
- II. 0.01 percent for bonds;
- III. 0.005 percent for derivatives;

Section 2. The Securities and Exchange Commission shall oversee the enforcement and funding of this bill;

Section 3. This legislation will take effect at the start of the next fiscal year;

Section 4. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Stuyvesant High School.

A BILL TO REPEAL THE COMMON CORE STANDARDS INITIATIVE

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal government shall no longer fund, promote, or develop the
3 Common Core State Standards Initiative.

4 **SECTION 2.** Public schools shall be defined as an institution that is funded by state or
5 local governments and educates grades from K-12. This includes both
6 traditional public schools and charter schools. Common Core State
7 Standards Initiative shall be defined as the detailed education initiative
8 that determines what students in grades K-12 should understand in English
9 Language Arts and Mathematics by the end of each grade.

10 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Education will oversee this bill and will
11 ensure that the choice of curriculum shall be left to the discretion of states
12 and their respective school districts.

13 A. Furthermore, the curricula decided on by said school districts shall be
14 used by all schools in the district.

15 B. All curricula must be approved by local departments.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented in the next academic year of 2018-2019.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Xavier High School

A RESOLUTION TO CONDEMN CHILD MARRIAGES

1 **WHEREAS**, children are allowed to be married under the age of eighteen, and
2 **WHEREAS**, child marriage is considered to be a humans rights violation, and
3 **WHEREAS**, children are more likely to be abused and drop out of school; therefore, be it
4 **RESOLVED**, by the Student Congress here assembled that marriage for individuals under 18
5 years of age, with or without parental consent, shall be outlawed, and be it
6 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Congress urges State legislatures to act on this resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Neeya Shetty

Half Hollow Hills High School East

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Abolish the Electoral College

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

6 **SECTION 1:** The Constitution of the United States is hereby amended
7 as follows:

8 The Electoral College will no longer be a in effect and the
9 Presidential candidate will no longer be elected by the
10 Electoral college, but by the popular vote of the registered
11 voters of America.

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

14 **SECTION 3:** This law will take effect in the election 2020.

15 **SECTION 4:** All laws in conflict with this piece of legislation are hereby
16 declared null and void.

Introduced by Sacred Heart Greenwich

A Bill to Eliminate Agricultural Subsidies

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All current federal agricultural subsidies are hereby eliminated.

3 **SECTION 2.** No appropriation shall be made and no funds shall be expended for the Federal
4 Crop Insurance Program, the Agricultural Risk Coverage Program, the Price Loss
5 Coverage Program, the Conservation Reserve Program, the Foreign Agricultural
6 Service Program, or for any program providing marketing loans or agricultural
7 disaster aid to individual farmers, to farm businesses or corporations, or for
8 agricultural and food research and development programs.

9 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall take effect on the first day of Fiscal Year 2019.

10 **SECTION 4.** The Departments of Agriculture and the Treasury shall oversee enforcement of
11 this legislation.

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

13 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Christopher Lombardi, Msgr. Farrell High School.*

THE MEDICARE FOR ALL ACT OF 2018

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

2 **SECTION 1. A.** The United States shall create a national insurance program under a
3 single payer healthcare system. Any individual is eligible to receive this
4 healthcare, with automatic enrollment for all U.S. citizens upon birth and
5 all lawful immigrants.

6 **B.** To fund this program, the United States shall:

7 **I.** Establish a .1% Financial Transaction Tax.

8 **II.** Employers shall be required to pay a 6.2% payroll tax and all
9 households earning over 29,000 per year will pay a 4% premium.

10 **III.** Marginal income tax rates shall increase to 37% on income
11 between \$250,000 and \$500,000, 43% on income between
12 \$500,000 and 2 million, 48% on income between \$2 million and
13 \$10 million, and 52% on income above \$10 million.

14 **SECTION 2.** A “Single Payer Healthcare system” is defined a system in which all
15 Americans are required to annually pay into.

16 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human services (DHHS) shall oversee the
17 establishment of the single payer healthcare system. The Department of
18 the Treasury shall oversee the establishment of the Financial Transaction
19 Tax.

20 **A.** Priority in hiring will be given to any individual that’s previous place
21 of employment was with a private insurance company.

22 **SECTION 4.** This Act shall go into effect at the start of Fiscal Year 2021.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Xaverian High School

A Bill to Impose Sanctions on Myanmar to End Burmese Persecution of the Rohingya Muslims

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall impose economic sanctions on the government of
2 Myanmar to end the unjust persecution of Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar.

3 **SECTION 2.** “Economic Sanctions” shall be defined as the withdrawal of aid and the
4 termination of trade and any financial relations for foreign interests.

5 **SECTION 3.** The State Department shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

6 A. The United States Ambassador to Myanmar shall submit quarterly
7 reports to the State Department regarding the status of the Rohingya
8 Muslims in Myanmar.

9 B. When provided with clear and conclusive evidence that such persecution
10 has ended, the State Department shall remove all sanctions imposed by
11 this legislation from Myanmar.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be effective immediately after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Garreth Hui of the Bronx High School of Science

**A Bill to Increase Minimum Wage for all Workers to
Improve the Standard of Living and Decrease Poverty**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The minimum wage will be raised to a living wage.

2 A. Section 203(M)(1) of the Fair Labor Standards Act is hereby repealed.

3 B. Section 206(A) of the Fair Labor Standards Act is hereby repealed.

4 **SECTION 2.** Living wage will be defined as \$16.00 an hour.

5 A. As defined by the United States Department of Labor a tipped employee engages in
6 an occupation in which he or she customarily and regularly receives more than \$30
7 per month in tips.

8 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Labor will oversee the implementation of this
9 legislation.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be enacted on January 1, 2019.

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

A Bill to Increase the Amount of Veteran Treatment Court Programs in the United States

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill will expand the Veteran Treatment Court Program to all
3 states. Each state is mandated to have a minimum of one Veteran
4 Treatment Court Program for every 3 counties in the state and is
5 mandated along with the court to require public prosecutors, public
6 defenders, and the VA to refer all cases of veterans that commit non-
7 violent crimes to a Veteran Treatment Court. Moreover, every Veteran
8 Treatment Court Program shall have volunteers and professionals from
9 Veterans' Administration Hospitals available to mentor the Veterans that
10 choose the court as opposed to prison.

11 **SECTION 2.** (A) Veteran Treatment Court Programs is defined as a program
12 that encompasses: regular court appearances, mandatory attendance at
13 Treatment sessions, frequent and random drug and alcohol tests, medical
14 and mental health treatment, training and helping veterans find jobs,
15 housing, and transportation.

16 (B) The number of Veteran Treatment Court Programs in a given
17 state will be in proportional to the population of Veterans in a given state
18 as determined by the Veteran Administration.

19 (C) Eligible Veterans for the Treatment Court must have committed a
20 non-violent crime and have a mental health/substance abuse problem.

21 **Section 3.** The Department of Mental Health and Hygiene, and the Veteran
22 Administration will oversee the implementation of this bill along with
23 making sure that all States are in compliance with the requirements.

24 **SECTION 4.** This bill will become effected within 6 months after the bill is
25 passed.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Loyola School

A BILL TO UPGRADE THE US ELECTRICAL GRID

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. \$20 billion shall be annually allocated to the Department of Energy for
3 the next 25 years (or until Congress or the Department of Energy deems funding no
4 longer necessary) for the repair and upgrade of the national grid, and implementation
5 of a “smart grid” with a target date for 50% completion by December 31, 2044.

6 A. Up to 80% of the annual allocation may be awarded in the form of grants.

7 B. Entities requesting grant assistance under this bill must submit individual
8 applications to the Department of Energy detailing their projects.

9 C. Applications will be evaluated on various relevant factors, including: communities
10 served, scale, technical efficiency, environmental impact, & levelized energy cost.

11 SECTION 2. The following terms are defined for clarity:

12 A. The national grid shall be defined as, “the power plants, transmission lines,
13 distribution lines, substations for routing power on the transmission grid,
14 substations on the distribution grid, and transformers that all contribute to
15 powering the United States.”

16 B. A “smart grid shall” be defined as, “An intelligent electricity grid—one that uses
17 digital communications technology, information systems, and automation to
18 detect and react to local changes in usage, improve system operating efficiency,
19 and in turn reduce operating costs while maintaining high system reliability.”

20 SECTION 3. The Department of Energy in association with the Environmental
21 Protection Agency shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

22 SECTION 4. This bill shall go into effect Fiscal Year 2019.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rory Mahon of Chaminade High School

A Bill to Eliminate Agricultural Subsidies

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1:** All current federal agricultural subsidies are hereby eliminated.
2. **SECTION 2:** No appropriation shall be made and no funds shall be expended for
3. the Federal Crop Insurance Program, the Agricultural Risk Coverage Program,
4. the Price Loss Coverage Program, the Conservation Reserve Program, the
5. Foreign Agricultural Service Program, or for any program providing marketing
6. loans or agricultural disaster aid to individual farmers, to farm businesses or
7. corporations, or for agricultural and food research and development programs.
8. **SECTION 3:** This legislation shall take effect on the first day of Fiscal Year 2019.
9. **SECTION 4:** The Departments of Agriculture and the Treasury shall oversee
10. enforcement of this legislation.
11. **SECTION 5:** All laws in conflict with this legislation hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by The Mary Louis Academy

A Bill to Limit the Use of Opioids

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Prescriptions for opioids written for first-time users 18 or older shall not exceed
3 the appropriate dosage for a 7-day period.

6 **SECTION 2.** Prescriptions for opioids written for any minor shall not exceed the appropriate
7 dosage for a 7-day period.

8 **SECTION 3.** "Opioids" shall be defined as an opium-like compounds that bind to one or more
9 of the three opioid receptors of the body.

10 **SECTION 4.** Physicians must be aware of a patient's history of opioid usage as well as any
11 family history of addiction before ordering a refill for their patient.

12 **SECTION 5.** This bill shall be implemented immediately.

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

*Respectfully introduced for Congressional Debate by
Angelina Rosa, Pelham Memorial High School*

**A BILL TO REINSTATE THE VOTING RIGHTS TO ALL
EX-FELONS IN THE UNITED STATES**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** All felons in the United States will have their voting rights fully restored
2 after the completion of their sentence.

3 **SECTION 2.** Voting rights shall be defined as the ability to vote in federal and state
4 elections.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall oversee the implementation of this
6 piece of legislation.

7 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect immediately after passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Achievement First Brooklyn High School

A BILL TO END AID TO PAKISTAN

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1: The United States will withdraw all humanitarian and military aid from Pakistan

SECTION 2: Aid will be restored when annual intelligence reports provided to Congress by the State Department determine that Pakistan has ceased support for terrorist groups.

SECTION 3: This act shall not apply with respect to assistance to ensure the security of nuclear weapons.

SECTION 4: USAID and the Department of State shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 4: This legislation shall take effect on the date of enactment.

SECTION 5: All laws in conflict with this piece of legislation shall be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Saint Joseph Hill Academy

**A BILL TO FUND THE DEPLOYMENT OF ANTI-BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEMS
TO JAPAN**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** 2.5 Billion dollars shall be allocated for the purpose of funding the
3 deployment of either THAAD or Aegis Ashore units to Japan, pending
4 Japanese state approval.

5 **SECTION 2.** Funding allocated should be enough for 2 THAAD units or 3 Aegis
6 Ashore units, whichever the Japanese government desires

7 A. THAAD shall be defined as Terminal High Altitude Area Defense.

8 B. Aegis Ashore shall be defined as the land-based component of the
9 Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense System

10 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Political-Military Affairs shall oversee the implementation
11 of this legislation

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Sohail Mohammed
Syosset High School*

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**A BILL TO PROTECT VICTIMS OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT
IN THE WORKPLACE**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States hereby prohibits the inclusion of mandatory sexual
3 harassment arbitration clauses in employee contracts.

4 **SECTION 2.** 'Sexual harassment' is hereby defined as unwelcome sexual advances,
5 requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual
6 nature when submission to or rejection of such conduct, explicitly or
7 implicitly, affects an individual's employment, unreasonably interferes
8 with an individual's work performance or creates an intimidating, hostile
9 or offensive work environment without regard to actual economic injury to
10 or discharge of the individual.

11 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Justice and the United States Department
12 of Labor will create a joint task force that oversee this piece of legislation.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect on September 1, 2018.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Neeya Shetty

Half Hollow Hills High School East

A Bill to Abolish the Federal Minimum Wage

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal minimum wage statute of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 as
3 amended, 29 USC §206, is hereby revoked.

4 **SECTION 2.** This legislation shall not affect any current agreements with employees of the
5 United States government nor with any employees of contractors of the United
6 States government.

7 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall take effect on the first day of Fiscal Year 2019.

8 **SECTION 4.** The Departments of Labor and the Treasury shall oversee enforcement of this
9 legislation.

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

11 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Msgr. Farrell High School.*

**A RESOLUTION TO CREATE A DEPARTMENT THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR
DEMOGRAPHICALLY BLIND JURY SELECTION TO INCREASE THE CHANCES
OF A FAIR TRIAL**

1 **WHEREAS**, Prosecuting attorneys have a history of using race and gender to select
2 a jury against a defendant; and
3 **WHEREAS**, Current selection procedures disadvantage the
4 defendant by forcing them to be judged by a group that is rarely of their peers; and
5 **WHEREAS**, This does not allow for the defendant to have a fair trial and violates the
6 6th Amendment; and
7 **WHEREAS**, Numerous appeals occur over the demographic lack of diversity of
8 juries arising from the selection; now, therefore, be it
9 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled forms a committee
10 responsible for investigating methods to make jury selection demographically
11 blind allowing for a fairer jury selection.

Respectfully submitted,

Achievement First Brooklyn High School

A Bill to Establish a Minimum Wage for Public Attorneys to Ensure Equal Protection Under the Law

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **Section 1.** A minimum salary shall be established for public defense attorneys and public
3 prosecutors. Public attorneys shall also be granted a minimum of twelve days of paid time off.

4 **Section 2.** A public attorney shall be defined as a prosecutor or defender not affiliated with a
5 private firm that works for a state, local, or the federal judicial system. A minimum salary shall
6 be defined as a base yearly payment that a county or state must pay their public attorneys at or
7 above.

8 **Section 3.** The United States Department of Labor shall oversee that public attorneys are
9 given the required salary and paid time off.

10 A. The minimum annual salary shall be set at a minimum of \$70,000 before taxes. \$50
11 million shall be allocated to the Department of Labor to give to governing bodies that
12 demonstrate a financial inability to pay the required rate.

13 B. Federal, state, and local governments are required to submit a report to the Department of
14 Labor proving they pay their attorneys their required salaries.

15 C. If the governing body is not paying the minimum salary the Department of Labor shall
16 ask for a follow up report on financial inability to pay the salary.

17 **Section 4.** This bill shall be implemented on January 1st, 2019.

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

19 *Respectfully Submitted by Christ the King High School*

A Bill To Ban the Use of Private Military Contractors

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Beginning January 1st, 2020, the US Armed forces will be barred from the usage of Private Military Contractors (PMCs)

SECTION 2. The Department of Defense will be tasked with the execution and funding of this bill.

SECTION 3. This legislation will take immediately after passage.

SECTION 4. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Stuyvesant High School

A BILL TO END SANCTIONS AGAINST NORTH KOREA

SECTION 1: The North Korea Sanctions and Policy Enhancement Act of 2016 and all amendments thereto are hereby repealed.

SECTION 2: Any executive order issued pursuant to The North Korea Sanctions and Policy Enhancement Act of 2016 and all amendments thereto shall be declared null and void.

SECTION 3: The State Department shall submit annual reports detailing a U.S. strategy to address the human rights situation in North Korea.

SECTION 4: The Department of State shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

SECTION 5: This act will take effect immediately after the date of passage.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
St. Joseph Hill Academy

A Bill to Limit the Use of Solitary Confinement in United States Prisons and Detention Centers

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **Section 1:** The use of involuntary solitary confinement of prisoners shall not
2. exceed a period of 3 days.
3. **Section 2:** A. The term “solitary confinement”, also referred to as “segregation”
4. or “restrictive housing” shall be defined as any practice in which an inmate is
5. held in isolation from other prisoners.
6. B. the term “involuntary” shall be defined as, without explicit consent,
7. request, or conscious control.
8. **Section 3:** The United States Department of Justice shall be responsible for the
9. implementation of this legislation.
10. **Section 4:** This legislation shall go into effect one month after passage
11. **Section 5:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
12. void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by The Mary Louis Academy

A RESOLUTION TO COUNTER EUROPEAN DEPENDENCE ON RUSSIAN ENERGY

1 **WHEREAS,** In recent years Russia has been a bad actor: aggressive, expansionist, meddling
2 in the internal affairs of the United States and other countries, and supportive of
3 abusive and non-democratic regimes; and

4 **WHEREAS,** The ability of the United States to counteract Russia is severely circumscribed by
5 our European allies' reliance on Russian oil & natural gas exports, and

6 **WHEREAS,** The existence of realistic energy alternatives for Europe will create meaningful
7 leverage against the Russian petro-state, while U.S. financing of major
8 construction projects in the Middle East region will provide numerous "soft
9 power" opportunities there; and

10 **WHEREAS,** Natural gas is a much cleaner alternative to oil or coal, and should in general be
11 promoted; now, therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED,** That the United States shall, through the use of subsidies, tax breaks, and other
13 methods, seek to counteract Russian influence by facilitating the completion of a
14 natural gas pipeline from sources in the Middle East or elsewhere to our allies in
15 Europe, and by subsidizing the purchase of such natural gas, for a time, if
16 necessary.

Respectfully Submitted,

Xavier High School

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A Bill to Limit the Use of Solitary Confinement

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Federal prisons shall adopt a new set of criteria to determine
3 whether an inmate may be sent to solitary confinement.

4 A. This criteria requires evidence of violence within the
5 prison and/or its facilities.

6 **SECTION 2.** Upon entering confinement, prisoners shall be informed of the
7 duration of their punishment.

8 A. Mentally ill prisoners shall be granted shorter periods of time
9 spent in isolation.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Bureau of Prisons shall oversee the implementation
11 of this law.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect one-hundred days after its enactment.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sacred Heart Greenwich

A BILL TO BAN THE USAGE OF PRIVATE MILITARY CONTRACTORS

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Private military contractors (PMCs) may no longer be utilized by the US

3 Department of Defense

4 **SECTION 2.** Private military contractors (PMCs) will be defined as companies that

5 engage in armed security services. These armed security services include

6 but are not limited to combat missions, provision of protective services,

7 security advice and planning, prison administration, interrogation, and

8 intelligence gathering.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Congressional Armed Services Committee shall oversee the

10 implementation of this bill

11 A. The Congressional Armed Services Committee will make cuts to the

12 Department of Defense budget by the specific amount spent on

13 missions that continue to utilize private military contractors (PMCs)

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take into effect within one year of passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Suhail Younus
Syosset High School*

A Bill to Place Stricter Sanctions on Cuba

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Sanctions will be hereby placed in order to force the Cuban regime to act
3 lawfully. Severe violations to these said policies will result in up to \$20
4 million in fines and/or up to 30 years in prison.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. Sanctions will be placed to ban states and Americans from doing
6 business, taking residency, traveling, lending money, or any other means
7 of helping the cuban regime prosper.

8 B. Severe violations are defined as sharing secrets with the Cuban
9 government and doing business in Cuba.

10 C. Human rights include freedom of expression, speech, economic
11 flexibility, and social rights.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Treasury shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be enacted at the start of the next fiscal year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Loyola School

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Abolish the Electoral College

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

6. **ARTICLE 1**

7. **SECTION 1.** The Electoral College is hereby abolished. The President and Vice
8. President shall be elected by a popular vote. If no candidate receives a majority of the
9. vote, a runoff will be held one week after Election Day. The winner of the runoff will be
10. declared President.
11. **SECTION 2.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
12. legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rory Mahon from Chaminade High School

A BILL TO STOP THE SYRIAN REFUGEE CRISIS

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

2 **SECTION 1.** A. The United States shall give the nations of Yemen, Lebanon, Jordan,
3 Libya, and Turkey \$3 billion each annually in conditional aid.

4 B. The United States shall accept 35,000 Syrian refugees per year until
5 January 1, 2020.

6 **SECTION 2.** A “Syrian refugee” is defined as an individual who is currently fleeing the
7 persecution or conflict within the Syrian state.

8 B. “Conditional aid” will only continue to be granted to the above nations
9 if the respective state:

- 10 i. spends 90% of all aid received on food, water, shelter, education,
11 or other necessities in the refugee population;
- 12 ii. grants the United Nations High Commissioner on Refugees full
13 access to the state’s refugees and their living conditions; and
- 14 iii. is determined by USAID to be fit to receive the previously
15 defined quantity of the aid for the next fiscal year.

16 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State and USAID shall oversee this legislation.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect 30 days after passage.

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

*Respectfully submitted,
Xaverian High School*

A Bill to Reform Solitary Confinement In All Prisons to Improve Mental Health of Inmates

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Before every occurrence of an inmate being sent to solitary confinement they must have
3 either been found to possess an illegal substance(s) or have been examined by a correctional counselor,
4 who concluded that the inmate is a danger to themselves and/or others.

5 A. Within a period of 30 days, solitary confinement may not exceed 3 days, during which, the inmate
6 shall receive help from a correctional counselor.

7 B. For a psychiatric evaluation to occur, from a correctional counselor, either a prison staff member
8 must have requested one to occur or a correctional counselor deemed it is necessary for one to occur.

9 **SECTION 2.** Solitary confinement is hereby defined as the placement of an inmate into a cell isolated
10 from other inmates for any time that exceeds 20 hours. Correctional counselors are hereby defined as
11 trained psychiatric officials. Help is hereby defined as a session with a counselor lasting at least a half
12 hour for at least once a day.

13 A. The highest ratio of correctional counselors for all prisons must now be 1 to 150 adult inmates and 1
14 to 60 for juvenile inmates.

15 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Bureau of Prisons, United States Department of Justice and Substance Abuse
16 and the Mental Health Services Administration shall oversee the passage of this legislation.

17 A. Prisons will now only be provided enough funding to give the inmates two meals daily. Funding
18 originally intended for this third meal will now be directed towards the implementation of this
19 legislation.

20 B. If a prison does not adhere to the standards set forth in Section 1, funds for the prison will be
21 withheld until the requirements are met.

22 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2019.

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

The Stabilize the Arabian Peninsula Act of 2018

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

SECTION 1. A. The United States hereby suspends all approved and pending arms sales and military aid to Saudi Arabia.

SECTION 2.

A. The Department of Defense shall define approved and pending arms sales and military aid to Saudi Arabia.

SECTION 3. The Department of State shall prepare quarterly updates for this Congress on the military activities and political influence of Saudi Arabia in Lebanon, Qatar, Yemen, and throughout the region. The suspension of arms sales and military aid shall be brought to a reauthorization vote in 12 months or sooner if warranted by the quarterly Department of State report.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect 30 days after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by The Bronx High School of Science.