

A Bill to Make English the National Language

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **Section 1.** English shall be made the official language of the U.S. government, the
3 language that federal employees, officials, and members of Congress will use for most of
4 government business.

5 **Section 2.** Making English the official language would reach out to federal "actions, documents,
6 policies ... publications, income tax forms, informational materials," records, proceedings, letters
7 to citizens – indeed, to any form of written communication from the U.S. government.

8 **Section 3.** English would be used for naturalization ceremonies.

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

10 **Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this bill are hereby null and void

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Archbishop Wood High School

A Resolution to Reinstate Capital Punishment Across All 50 States

1 **WHEREAS** current FBI data shows that there are some 15,000 murders and 90,000 rapes

2 committed in the United States every year, and

3 **WHEREAS** such crimes destroy the lives of innocent citizens and their families, and

4 **WHEREAS** those responsible for create that suffering deserve to suffer in turn, and

5 **WHEREAS** statistical evidence shows that one execution deters 18 murders on average, and

6 **WHEREAS** it is the ultimate role and moral obligation of the sovereign state to protect the lives

7 of its citizens, and

8 **WHEREAS** justice is uncompromising; now therefore be it enacted RESOLVED: The death

9 penalty shall be reinstated across all 50 states, including those with Governor-imposed

10 moratoriums.

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Respectfully submitted,

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William Tennent High School

A Resolution to Review Future Drone Strikes to Increase Accountability and Effectiveness

1 **WHEREAS**, Drone strikes can occur with little rationale in a largely secretive process and
2 harm US influence in international regions; and

3 **WHEREAS**, hundreds of civilians are killed by US drones every year often outside war zones
4 and against international law; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Numerous independent investigations have found that the Department of
6 Defense and CIA drastically underestimate the number of civilians killed by airstrikes; and

7 **WHEREAS**, The rate of civilian casualties from US drone airstrikes has been steadily
8 increasing under the Trump administration now, therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for a
10 Congressional panel to be established to review and report on the effectiveness of drone
11 strikes and the accuracy of the reporting of civilian casualties; and, be it

12 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the CIA and Department of Defense make available to the public
13 reports on each drone strike including casualties, rate of success, and civilian property damage,
14 and be it

15 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the US develop necessary military 15. technologies to decrease
16 the loss of civilian life in drone strikes.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by St. Joseph's Preparatory School

A BILL TO BAN THE USE OF SOLITARY CONFINEMENT

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The use of Solitary Confinement as a means of punishment for prisoners is hereby
3 banned in all fifty states and the territories of the United States of America.

4 **SECTION 2.** Solitary Confinement shall be defined as the isolation of a prisoner in a separate
5 cell for long periods of time as a punishment.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Bureau of Prisons shall oversee the implementation of this legislation
7 and The Department of Justice has the authority to enforce this legislation.

8 A. This legislation shall extend to privately owned prisons.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect 6 months after passage to allow ample time for
10 prisons, The Department of Justice, and the Federal Bureau of Prisons to make necessary changes
11 and create new rules.

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

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Respectfully submitted,

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*Rep. Isaac Appelbaum
Pennsbury High School*

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**A BILL TO EXPAND MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT TO
COMBAT THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC**

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

2 **Section 1.A.** The Medication-Assisted Treatment- Prescription Drug and Opioid Addiction Program
3 (MAT-PDOA) shall receive an additional \$500 million annually for the next three years. After the
4 three-year period is over, Congress shall determine whether to renew additional funding for MAT-PDOA.
5 B. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Treatment Drug Courts
6 Grant and the Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program (ADCDGP) shall each receive an additional
7 \$5 million annually for the next five years. All grant-receiving drug courts must offer Medication-Assisted
8 Treatment programs.

9 **Section 2.** Medication-Assisted Treatment shall be defined by SAMHSA guidelines.

10 **Section 3.** The following governing bodies shall implement this legislation:

11 A. SAMSHA shall implement Section 1A and the SAMHSA Treatment Drug Courts Grant of Section
12 1B, whereas the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, is solely responsible for the
13 ADCDGP of Section 1B.

14 B. The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and Department of Defense (DoD) shall have their budgets
15 reduced by \$50 million, and \$1.5 billion, respectively, over the allotted time periods.

16 C. Section 1A shall be supported by reappropriated funds from the DoD. Section 1B shall be supported
17 by reappropriated funds from the DEA.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall go into effect FY2019.

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

Respectfully Submitted

Senator Milan Chandy

Perkiomen Valley High School

**A Resolution to Remove Tariffs On Turkey To Maintain Peace and Trade
Affairs**

1 **WHEREAS**, Turkey is currently imposing tariffs on goods from the United States and threaten
2 sto further raise retaliatory tariffs against the United States; and

3 **WHEREAS**, The United States has contributed to a currency crisis in Turkey causing their
4 export market to struggle to maintain stability of their financial sector; and

5 **WHEREAS**, The impact of severe stress will jeopardize the U.S-led anti-terrorist coalition with
6 Turkey; and

7 **WHEREAS**, If the United States fails to take action, we may risk a cohesive partnership against
8 terrorist groups and risk a drastic decrease in trade volume; now, therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled encourage the President to maintain
10 peace and trade affairs with Turkey by lifting tariffs on its goods.

11 *Respectfully Submitted,*
12 *Strath Haven High School*
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A Bill to Prevent the Misuse of Guns

1 **Section 1:** The process of buying and using a gun will now require a physician's written
2 confirmation of the purchaser's sound mental health.

3 **Section 2:** To purchase a gun, the purchaser must pass a training course, and go through the
4 training course every three years. The course will be overseen by a government certified NRA
5 trainer.

6 a.) Training courses must require a written, nationwide standardized pretest that must meet a
7 certain passing grade before the user of the gun can move onto the physical test.

8 **Section 3:** This bill will go into effect January 1, 2021.

9 **Section 4:** All acts that conflict with this bill will now be declared null and void
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A Resolution to Eliminate the Production of the Penny

1 **WHEREAS:** Pennies have become unimportant in current monetary exchange since it has lost
2 too much value; and

3 **WHEREAS:** less and less people are using it in transactions annually due to its loss in value;
4 and

5 **WHEREAS:** It has become financially burdensome to produce the penny since it costs 1.82
6 cents to produce one penny, costing almost two to make one; and

7 **WHEREAS:** The U.S. could save billions over the next few years from halting its Production
8 of the penny; and

9 **WHEREAS:** It has become financially burdensome to produce the penny since the mining of
10 Zinc and Copper produces produces mass amounts of carbon dioxide and other Pollutants,
11 which can be prevented through the discontinuation of its use; now, therefore be it

12 **RESOLVED:** The production of the penny should be halted due to its loss of value coupled
13 with negative environmental and economic effects, and all transactions should be rounded to the
14 next nickel instead of the next penny.

15 Respectfully submitted,

16 William Tennent High School

**A Bill to Increase Funding to the Federal Transit
Administration
to
Improve the Practicality of America's Streetcars**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** \$500 million of funding is to be provided to the Federal Transit Administration
3 from the Department of Defense for the purpose of repurposing America's
4 streetcars from entertainment to public transportation.

5 **SECTION 2.** The implementation and execution of this legislation will be managed by the
6 Office of Management and Budget.

7 **SECTION 3.** This bill will go into effect at the start of FY 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Daniel Kowalski from Gettysburg Area High School

A RESOLUTION TO END TEACHER TENURE

- 1 **WHEREAS**, teacher tenures promote laziness among teachers who know they have job
2 security; and
- 3 **WHEREAS**, 2.3 million teachers have tenure in the U.S. and public school teachers in 46 states
4 receive tenure; and
- 5 **WHEREAS**, the tenure system makes it difficult to fire employees that are not performing well,
6 thus not allowing the students to have the best education possible; and
- 7 **WHEREAS**, teacher tenure is no longer necessary because of legislation previously passed
8 against job discrimination; therefore
- 9 **BE IT RESOLVED**, public schools will no longer provide teacher tenure; and
- 10 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Department of Education will oversee this termination

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Respectfully submitted,

Council Rock High School North

THE MILITARY JUSTICE ACT OF 2018

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Department of Defense will be barred from the use of
3 Private Military Contractors (PMCs).

4 **SECTION 2.** A Private Military Contractor shall be defined as a military contractor in a
5 role that has or will see active combat.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense shall be responsible for phasing out PMCs
7 over the course of 5 years following the passage of this legislation.

8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately after passage.

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

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Respectfully submitted,

Strath Haven High School

A Bill to Withdraw From NAFTA

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **Section 1:** The United States will withdraw from the North American Free Trade Agreement.

3 **Section 2:** Trade negotiations with the nations of Canada and Mexico will occur no later than
4 thirty days after the withdrawal of the United States from the North American Free Trade
5 Agreement.

6 **Section 3:** The Department of State, the Department of Commerce, and the Department of the
7 Treasury will enforce this legislation.

8 **Section 4:** This legislation will go into effect on January 1st, 2019.

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

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Council Rock High School North

A Bill To Require A Minimum Of Paid Weeks Leave For Maternity

1 **Section 1:** The United States will require all employees to grant 12 weeks of paid leave for
2 Maternity.

3 **Section 2:** Maternity leave be defined as the leave required before/during/post pregnancy. 12
4 weeks of leave will be paid at 100% of the employees current salary rate.

5 **Section 3:** The Wage and Hour Department of the Department of Labor will be required to
6 oversee that all businesses follow new law.

7 A. FMLA Act of 1993 will be amended to add mandated paid leave

8 B. FMLA Act of 1993 will be amended that all business comply, not simply ones over 50
9 employees

10 C. FMLA will continue to cover both private and public sector.

Section 4: New policies will go into effect on January 1st of 2020.

Section 5: All laws in conflict with legislation are null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bishop Shanahan High School

A Bill to Standardize Food and Drink Labels

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will standardize date and
2 nutrition labeling for all edible and potable products in the United States.

3 **SECTION 2.** This includes but is not limited to products sold and imported in the
4 United States.

5 **SECTION 3.** Operating underneath the Department of Health and Human Services,
6 The FDA will be given 5 Billion dollars to enact this program and help
7 offset costs to manufacturers.

8 A. This funding will come from the Department of Defense's (DoD) FY
9 2019 budget.

10 B. The DoD will will take this funding from future ship building plans.

11 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect FY 2020 (October 1st, 2019)

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

13 Respectfully Submitted,

14 St. Joseph's Prep

A Bill to Give Aid to The People of Iraq

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- Section 1.** The United States shall give 1 billion dollars in the form of humanitarian and developmental aid to Iraqi citizens in Iraq recovering from the Islamic State War.
- Section 2.** At the beginning of the 2020 fiscal year, the effectiveness of the aid will be determined, and if 10% or more of the aid is said to be improperly distributed or inefficiently utilized, humanitarian aid to Iraq in the form of this bill will stop. However, if the aid is deemed effective, an additional 3 billion dollars each year shall be given to help the Iraqi people recover.
- Section 3.** The aid shall work at the grassroots level to rebuild Iraq's water and electricity systems; provide food, health care for its people; and take care of those who were forced from their homes in the fighting
- Section 4.** USAID, Peace Corps, and Department of State will all oversee the implementation of this bill to ensure effective implementation.
- Section 5.** This legislation will be implemented on October 1, 2019
- Section 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,
Noah Shaheen
Perkiomen Valley High School

A Bill to Prevent Multi-level Marketing Schemes to Protect American Consumers

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** A. The Anti-Pyramid Promotional Scheme Act of 2017
2 (H.R.3409) is hereby passed.
- 3 B. The Federal Trade Commission shall also direct its Office
4 of Policy Planning to codify its multi-level marketing guidelines according to
5 the *FTC v. Herbalife* decision.
- 6 **SECTION 2.** “Multi-level marketing” shall be defined as marketing
7 straegies in which individuals sell products to the public — often by word
8 of mouth and direct sales, earning commissions, not only for their own
9 sales, but also for sales made by the people they recruit.
- 10 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission shall be tasked with enacting
11 this legislation.
- 12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect upon passage.
- 13 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared
 null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ridge High School.