

# 2018 Jack Howe Memorial Tournament

## Student Congress Docket for the NOVICE Division

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**B/R #102**  
**A Bill to Define Meat to Eliminate Shopper Confusion**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** No product may be marketed as “meat” unless it is derived from any edible portion of the livestock or poultry carcass.

**SECTION 2.** The term “marketed as” will refer to the product name and any branding on the packaging that declares the product to be a meat including the use of modifiers like “alternative meat” or “plant-based meat”.

**SECTION 3.** The FDA will oversee the enforcement of this legislation and the collection of all fines.

A. Persons fraudulently marketing their products as meat will face a fine of no less than \$100 per pound sold in the United States and may have their license to operate in the United States revoked.

B. Stores that knowingly sell products incorrectly labeled as meat will be subject to a \$1,000 fine per item on their shelf in violation of this order.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect 12 months from its enactment.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Jack Howe Memorial Legislation Committee.*

**B/R #202**  
**A Bill to Limit Flood Relief Funding to Discourage Building  
Below Sea Level**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.** A. The National Flood Insurance Program be renewed for a period of 3 years.
- 2                   B. Any property that currently sits below sea level or is predicted by National
- 3                   Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to be below sea level by the year 2050
- 4                   will not be eligible for new coverage.
- 5   **SECTION 2.** Coverage and benefits refer to all moneys and programs available to individual
- 6                   property and business owners in the National Flood Insurance Program.
- 7   **SECTION 3.** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will oversee the enforcement
- 8                   of this legislation and the continued administration of the National Flood
- 9                   Insurance Program.
- 10   **SECTION 4.** This bill becomes effective immediately upon passage.
- 11   **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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**B/R #302**  
**A Resolution to Sanction the Chinese Communist Party to  
Protect Religious Freedom**

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2 **WHEREAS,** The Muslim minorities of China are being forcefully interned at reeducation and  
3 work camps in violation of their rights; and

4 **WHEREAS,** Up to 1 million people are being detained for practicing the Islamic faith; and

5 **WHEREAS,** The reeducation process involves physical torture and requires detainees to  
6 renounce their religion and pledge loyalty to the Chinese Communist Party; and

7 **WHEREAS,** The Magnitsky Act was expanded in 2016 to encompass the entire globe; now,  
8 therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled instruct the Secretary of State to sanction the  
10 six members of the Politburo Standing Committee of the Chinese Communist  
11 Party as well as any other official responsible for the development of carrying out  
12 of the unlawful detainment and torture of the Muslim people of China under the  
13 power of the Magnitsky Act.

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**B/R #401**  
**A Bill to Reduce the Cost to Encourage Infrastructure**  
**Investment in Developing Nations**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The tax rate for the repatriation of income earned from investment in or contracted work on projects to build infrastructure in any country scoring below a .700 on the Human Development Index (HDI) will be set at 50% of the relevant legislated level.

**SECTION 2.** A. “Infrastructure” shall be defined as transportation excluding:

1. the manufacture and sale of automobiles;
2. water treatment and plumbing;
3. information technology availability;
4. medical care and availability; and
5. education.

B. “Income” shall be taxed at 50% of the relevant legislated rate and shall include:

1. direct income from employment,
2. capital gains, and
3. any returns on investments.

C. Any investment that begins in a year in which the HDI score was below .700 will be eligible for the special rate in perpetuity.

**SECTION 3.** The Treasury of the United States will be responsible for assessing the appropriate tax burdens and collecting the taxes.

**SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect for FY 2020.

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

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**B/R #501**  
**A Resolution to Focus on Vocational Education**  
**in High Tech Industries**

1   **WHEREAS,** The Information Technology sector is one of the least diverse economic sectors  
2                   being 70% White, 75% Male, and less than 1% women of color.

3   **WHEREAS,** Many students living in more diverse areas lack access to high quality primary  
4                   through secondary education that includes access to computer science or coding;  
5                   and

6   **WHEREAS,** The cost of a college education has significantly outpaced increases in wages and  
7                   the cost of living meaning many students will not be able to afford college  
8                   without taking on crippling debt; and

9   **WHEREAS,** A lack of exposure to basic programming and coding before college reduces the  
10                  chances that students will eventually choose to pursue a degree in tech fields; and

11   **WHEREAS,** For many students to succeed in college they need the skills to make money so  
12                  that they can work their way through school; and

13   **WHEREAS,** Students who do not feel college is the best option still need to be able to find  
14                  employment and support themselves and their families in the present; now,  
15                  therefore, be it

16   **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled recommends that the Title I programs decrease  
17                  their focus on college preparatory education and place a greater emphasis on  
18                  providing vocational education to students of lower socioeconomic levels; and, be  
19                  it

20   **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That students of all socioeconomic levels should have access to  
21                  courses in coding and computer sciences that prepare them to immediately enter  
22                  the workforce.

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