

A Bill to Lower the Federal Income Tax

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal income tax shall be lowered by 7 percent for all with a salary under
3 \$192,000.

4 **SECTION 2.** The “federal income tax” is defined as a tax levied by the United States
5 Internal Revenue Service on the annual earnings on individuals, corporations, trusts,
6 and other legal entities.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of the Treasury shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of
8 this bill.

9 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect 1 year after passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Simon Hanna
Carrollwood Day School*

A Bill to Subsidize Sustainable Energy Producers

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall offer subsidies to any power utility company that generates more than 25% of their energy from renewable sources.

SECTION 2. A. The subsidies shall consist of \$50,000 per megawatt of nominal power generation at peak.

B. Any energy bought from other power generators can be counted toward the 25% minimum, so long as it is guaranteed to renewable.

SECTION 3. A. The Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

B. A 1% tariff shall be levied on all imports of fossil fuels to provide the funding for these subsidies.

SECTION 4. The provisions of this bill shall take effect on January 1, 2019.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Hirsh Kabaria
Hillsborough High School*

A Bill to Ban Asbestos

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Businesses engaged in interstate commerce shall be required to remove all asbestos
3 from their products, and recall any products containing asbestos that are currently
4 offered for sale.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. As used herein, “asbestos” shall be defined as any of the asbestiform
6 varieties of the six types of silicate minerals classified as such in the Asbestos
7 Hazard Emergency Response Act.

8 B. Nothing in this bill shall require the removal of a permanently installed product
9 containing asbestos.

10 **SECTION 3.** A. The Environmental Protection Agency shall be responsible for enforcing the
11 provisions of this bill.

12 B. Failure to comply with the provisions of this bill shall result in forfeiture and
13 destruction of the noncompliant goods and a fine not to exceed three times the
14 revenues generated from sales of said products.

15 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on January 1, 2019.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Logan Agnew
Jesuit High School*

A Bill to Provide Military Equipment to Ukraine

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall provide military equipment to Ukraine.

3 **SECTION 2.** A. As used herein, “military equipment” shall include Javelin missiles and
4 other antitank weaponry, small explosives, and assault weapons and other small
5 arms.

6 B. For items not included above, the United States may institute a lend-lease
7 program to provide the Ukrainian army with modern military equipment.

8 C. The United States may furnish military operatives to train Ukrainian soldiers.

9 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of Defense shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of
10 this bill.

11 B. The provisions of this bill shall be funded by a \$25 million appropriation from
12 the defense budget.

13 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on January 1, 2019.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Joseph Lyons Doherty
Jesuit High School*

A Bill to Make Voting Mandatory for All Eligible U.S. Citizens

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

2 **SECTION 1.** It shall be mandatory for all eligible citizens of the United States to vote in
3 Presidential and Congressional elections.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. As used herein, “eligible citizens” refers to citizens of the United States who
5 are eighteen, reside in one of the fifty states, are eligible to vote in their state of
6 residence, and do not have a sincere religious objection to voting.
7 B. The Friday and Saturday immediately following the first Monday in November
8 shall be designated as Election Days and shall be federal holidays.

9 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of Justice and the Department of the Treasury shall be
10 responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.
11 B. Failure to vote as required shall incur a \$100 penalty, which may be recovered
12 through the Treasury Offset Program.

13 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on January 1, 2019.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Gary Huddleston
Jesuit High School*

A Bill to Terminate US Funding of UN Peacekeeping Forces

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall end all funding to United Nations peacekeeping operations
3 and redistribute it to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Funding” is defined as any monetary value as well as troops being provided
5 by the United States for United Nations peacekeeping operations.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this
7 bill.

8 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on October 1, 2018.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Aaditya Daga
King High School*

A Resolution to Implement Uniform Yellow Light Lengths in Florida

1 **WHEREAS,** Throughout the state of Florida, the yellow lights at traffic signals vary in lengths of
2 three to seven seconds; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Automobile accidents are very common at traffic lights, many of which are caused
4 by vehicles going through red lights at an intersection; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Such accidents often result in serious injury, death, and loss of property; and

6 **WHEREAS,** A uniform time promotes muscle memory, which is a scientifically proven method;
7 and

8 **WHEREAS,** Other states have had their own uniform yellow light time, the result of which has
9 been lower accident occurrence at intersections compared to when those times
10 varied; now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for the implementation of a uniform
12 five second yellow light length at all traffic signals in the state of Florida.

Respectfully submitted,

Benjamin Allen
Osceola Fundamental High School

A Resolution to Pursue a Military Intervention in the South China Sea

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The People's Republic of China continues to form man-made islands in the
2 South China Sea, attempts to enforce an air identification zone, and deceitfully
3 threatens neighboring countries with military action; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Neighboring countries will not have the access to their Exclusive Economic Zones
5 granted to them by international law; and thus, will not be able to fully use the trade
6 routes, fishing locations, and natural gases of the area; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** American military intervention will deter all Chinese aggression in the area and will
8 lead to a prosperous South China Sea without violations of international law; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Revenue of 3.37 trillion dollars passes through the South China Sea yearly and one
10 nation should not have absolute authority over international trading routes; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** A further 40 percent of natural gas in the globe can be found in the South China Sea
12 and the People's Republic of China shall not steal natural resources by force;
13 and
- 14 **WHEREAS,** The region continues to destabilize, leading to an unavoidable military intervention
15 by the United States in the support of American allies; now, therefore, be it
- 16 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for an American military
17 intervention in the South China Sea.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jorge Hernandez
Riverview High School*

A Bill to Impose a Tax on Palm Oil Imported into the United States

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall impose taxes on the importation of palm oil.

3 **SECTION 2.** The tax rate for palm oil imports shall be determined by the Secretary of Agriculture
4 and shall be the same regardless of country of origin.

5 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of Agriculture shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions
6 of this bill.

7 B. Failure to remit the tax will result in a minimum fine of \$20,000 for each offense.

8 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on January 1, 2020.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Dana Molina
Riverview High School*

A Resolution to Ban Hydraulic Fracturing in the United States

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Hydraulic fracturing for natural gas and fossil fuels, commonly known as
2 “fracking,” involves the use of chemicals and hazardous materials during
3 construction, drilling, hydraulic fracturing, gas production and delivery; and
4 **WHEREAS,** Many of the chemical constituents injected during hydraulic fracturing have
5 documented harmful health effects and harmful environmental impacts; and
6 **WHEREAS,** The pollution of water caused by fracking threatens the long-term economic
7 well-being of communities, as businesses and consumers depend on clean drinking
8 water; and
9 **WHEREAS,** Protection of the United States’ water supplies and resources is better
10 accomplished by prevention of contamination, rather than attempting to cleaning up
11 contamination and restoring damaged environments; now, therefore, be it
12 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for a ban on the use of hydraulic
13 fracturing in the United States of America.

Respectfully submitted,

*Omer Turkomer
Riverview High School*

A Resolution to Eliminate Paper Currency in the United States

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States' paper currency system has become antiquated in the face of
2 digital competition; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** In the face of said competition, an overhaul of the United States' system of
4 currency is a necessity; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** A new digital system for United States currency should be created; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** The new digital system can be encrypted and safeguarded to ensure that any and all
7 personal information will not be accessible by any government organization; now,
8 therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for the United States to begin the
10 transition to an alternative digital currency from the current paper currency.

Respectfully submitted,

*Arianne Shedlock
Sarasota High School*

A Bill to Abolish Voter Identification Laws

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All state laws requiring legal identification for voter registration and acquisition of
3 voting ballots shall be repealed.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Legal identification” shall be defined as any state-issued driver license or
5 identity card, as well as any US government-mandated documents such as passports
6 and social security cards.

7 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of Justice shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of
8 this bill.

9 B. The Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice shall be permitted to
10 obtain and review any state voter registration documents to oversee compliance with
11 this bill.

12 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect 30 days after passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Simone Liang
Southeast High School*

A Bill to Eliminate Solitary Confinement

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Solitary confinement shall be prohibited from all correctional facilities nationwide.

3 **SECTION 2.** A. "Solitary confinement" includes administrative segregation, special or
4 restrictive housing units, and any other form of confinement characterized by
5 isolation in a cell.

6 B. Current solitary confinement inmates will be gradually transitioned into the
7 general population unit and provided regular re-socialization and mental health
8 counseling.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this
10 bill.

11 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on January 1, 2019.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Melanie Van Peenen
Southeast High School*

A Bill to Renegotiate NAFTA

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement
3 (NAFTA) to ensure that all member nations enforce the International Labor
4 Organization's (ILO) fundamental worker rights.

5 **SECTION 2.** As used herein, the "fundamental worker rights" shall comprise freedom of
6 association and collective bargaining, elimination of forced labor, abolition of child
7 labor, and elimination of discrimination in respect of employment.

8 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of Commerce shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions
9 of this bill.

10 B. If these mandates are not enforced in NAFTA by January 1, 2020, the United
11 States shall immediately withdraw from NAFTA.

12 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Jack McKyton
St. Petersburg High School*

A Bill to Make Medicare Available to Children and Pregnant Women

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal Medicare program shall be expanded to cover, with no premiums or
3 cost-sharing, all citizens or lawful permanent residents of the United States who are
4 (i) under the age of 19, (ii) pregnant, and/or (iii) parents of children under 12 months
5 of age.

6 **SECTION 2.** A. As used herein, “Medicare” shall include Part A hospital coverage, Part B
7 medical coverage, Medicare Advantage, and Part D prescription coverage.
8 B. Individuals who are eligible for Medicare shall be ineligible for the Medicaid
9 expansion or premium tax credits under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care
10 Act.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall be responsible for enforcing
12 the provisions of this bill.

13 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect 90 days after passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

FGCCFL

A Resolution to Restrict the President's Tariff Powers

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The Constitution grants Congress the power to lay and collect taxes and duties,
2 including tariffs; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Congress extended to the President a limited authority to levy tariffs on imported
4 goods for national security purposes; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The sitting President has used this authority to levy tariffs on steel, aluminum, and
6 various other goods; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The economic harms of a trade war and the alienation of our allies far outweigh any
8 national security benefits put forth by the Administration; now, therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for the elimination of the
10 President's tariff authority; and be it
- 11 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That all tariffs adopted on or after January 20, 2017, be terminated
12 unless approved by the Congress.

Respectfully submitted,

FGCCFL

**A Bill to Prohibit the Census Bureau from Collecting Citizenship Information
in the 2020 Census**

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Census Bureau shall be prohibited from collecting citizenship or immigration status information in the 2020 Decennial Census of Population and Housing.

SECTION 2. A. The Census Bureau shall destroy all 2020 Census materials containing a citizenship or status question, except those required to be retained under the Freedom of Information Act.

B. Nothing in this bill shall prohibit the Census Bureau from including a citizenship question in surveys.

C. Nothing in this bill shall affect the confidentiality requirements of Section 9 of Title 13, United States Code.

SECTION 3. The Department of Commerce shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

SECTION 4. The provisions of this bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

FGCCFL

A Bill to Provide for an Independent Counsel

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A special counsel appointed by the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, or Associate Attorney General to investigate unlawful conduct involving the Executive Branch, or an employee of such special counsel, shall not be subject to removal except for misconduct.

SECTION 2. A. As used herein, "misconduct" shall mean the commission of any felony or the violation of any Department of Justice rule governing attorney conduct, except as provided herein.

B. Insubordination shall not be considered "misconduct" if a reasonable observer would conclude that the alleged conduct was in furtherance of the investigation.

C. All findings of fact in any removal decision shall be determined by a three-judge panel of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

SECTION 3. The Department of Justice shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill. Unlawful removal of a special counsel or employee shall be punishable by removal from office and a term of imprisonment not to exceed four years.

SECTION 4. The provisions of this bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with the provisions of this bill shall be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

FGCCFL

A Resolution to Repeal the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Congress passed the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) to protect
2 individual religious liberty from government intrusion; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Since then, activist groups have twisted RFRA’s meaning by claiming a
4 religious need to violate other people’s rights, an argument validated by the U.S.
5 Supreme Court in Hobby Lobby v. Burwell; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Congress intended RFRA to be a shield, not a sword; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** RFRA was found unconstitutional as applied to state and local governments,
8 necessitating passage of a more limited law applicable only to zoning laws and
9 prisons; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** What is left of RFRA likely violates the First Amendment by favoring religious
11 motivations over nonreligious ones; now, therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for the repeal of the Religious
13 Freedom Restoration Act.

Respectfully submitted,

FGCCFL

A Bill to Establish a Mission to the Palestinian Authority in East Jerusalem

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall establish a dedicated mission to the Palestinian Authority, to
2 be located in East Jerusalem.

3 **SECTION 2.** A. All official representation of the United States to the Palestinian Authority shall
4 be removed from the Consulate General in Jerusalem.

5 B. The provisions of this bill shall not be construed to grant recognition to a
6 Palestinian state.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this
8 bill.

9 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect six months after passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

FGCCFL