

A Bill to Provide Incentives for U.S. Businesses to “Buy American”

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Internal Revenue Service will provide tax credits as incentives to US businesses
3 which purchase raw materials, goods, or services from other US-based businesses.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. Tax credits will be issued based on how many American goods the company
5 buys, trades, and uses for manufacturing.

6 B. The business income tax of the business entity will be reduced by 15% if the
7 share of American goods and services exceeds 45% of goods and services
8 purchased. Natural resources, particularly oil, coal, and other fossil fuels, are
9 excluded from this bill.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Jacob Goetz
Wharton 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 Raise the Overtime Pay Threshold

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The overtime pay exemption threshold for white-collar workers shall be increased to
3 \$35,568 per year or \$684 per week, to be adjusted for inflation every three years.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. “White collar workers” shall be defined as persons performing managerial
5 or administrative work in an office setting.

6 B. “Overtime pay” shall be defined as pay given for hours worked in excess of
7 forty in a workweek, to be compensated at one and one-half times the
8 employee’s regular rate of pay.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor 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,

*Simone Liang
Southeast High School*

A Resolution to Protect Coral Reefs from Toxins Found in Sunscreen

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Titanium dioxide and zinc oxide nanoparticles found in sunscreen are killing coral
2 reefs; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The death of coral reefs cause the extinction of marine species and the decline of
4 tourism; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Banning sunscreen-derived titanium dioxide and zinc oxide nanoparticles would
6 reduce coral exposure to antimicrobials, which would then allow coral growth; now,
7 therefore, be it
- 8 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for a ban on the use of titanium
9 dioxide and zinc oxide nanoparticles in sunscreen.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Jeffrey
Sarasota High School*

A Bill to Ban Campaign Contributions from Lobbyists

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

2 **SECTION 1.** It shall be unlawful for candidates running for election or re-election to the House or
3 Senate to accept campaign donations from lobbyists hired by large corporations or
4 large banks.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. "Lobbyists" shall be defined as individuals who who take part in an
6 organized attempt to influence legislators.

7 B. "Large corporations or large banks" will be defined as corporations or banks
8 with annual net profit of 10 million dollars or more.

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, 2020.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Alexander Stephan
Sarasota High School*

A Bill to Reduce the Federal Budget

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal budget shall be reduced by 1 percent every year for the next 5 years.

3 **SECTION 2.** A. The amount of the reduction shall be calculated by the Congressional Budget
4 Office before the start of each fiscal year.

5 B. The Office of Management and Budget shall allocate the spending reductions so
6 that no particular agency or department shall bear an undue burden from the cuts.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Office of Management and Budget and the Congressional Budget Office shall
8 be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Race Lamboley
Sarasota High School*

A Bill to Promote Safe Zones in India for Rohingya Refugees

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall provide the Indian Government with 200 million dollars of
3 military aid each year if the Indian Government chooses to accept 100 thousand
4 Rohingya refugees yearly.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. "Rohingya refugees" shall be defined as internally displaced or immigrated
6 Bangladeshi who reside in a foreign country for asylum.

7 B. "Military aid" shall be defined as funding given to the Indian Government
8 for military purposes and earmarked for military interest.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State and the Department of Defense shall be responsible for
10 enforcing the provisions of this bill. They shall create a joint task force dedicated to
11 monitoring the acceptance of Rohingya refugees.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Ray Min
Pine View School*

A Bill to Remove U.S. Missile Defense Systems from the Korean Peninsula

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall remove the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD)
3 systems from the Korean Peninsula.

4 **SECTION 2.** THAAD shall be redeployed in Ukraine.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

*James Kim
Pine View School*

A Bill to Require Public Schools to Start after 8:30 A.M.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** It shall be unlawful to begin public schooling for any age group before 8:30 A.M.
3 for each respective school.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. “Public schooling” shall be defined herein as any educational facility
5 funded by the government below the level of specialized vocational institutions.

6 B. A “school district” shall be defined herein as any sub-state institution
7 responsible for the management of the facilities described in subsection A.

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

10 B. All public school districts not in adherence to the regulations set forth within this
11 bill shall be subject to a halt in funding from the federal government until
12 compliance is achieved, as determined by the Department of Education.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Miles Gordon
Palm Harbor University High School*

A Bill to Impose Arms Sanctions on Iran

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall halt and prohibit the sale and contribution of all forms of
3 weapons and military technology to the nation of Iran.

4 **SECTION 2.** As used herein, “weapons and military technology” shall include and all forms
5 of guns and ammunition, tanks, heavy armor, nuclear technology, drones, and
6 intelligence gathering technology.

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 immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Sahas Chintakayala
King High School*

A Resolution to Partially Privatize Social Security

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The Social Security trust fund currently pays more to citizens than it collects from
2 taxes; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The Social Security program's funds are projected to run out by 2034; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** With the current system, our current generation will not receive retirement benefits;
5 and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** With the privatization of Social Security, in which workers manage their own
7 retirement funds through personal investment accounts, workers, instead of the
8 government, will manage their Social Security funds; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** This will allow the Social Security fund to exist past 2034, unlike the current
10 system; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** Change must be made in order to provide for the retirement funds for our current
12 generation; now, therefore, be it
- 13 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for a partial privatization of Social
14 Security.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nivedan Dharmavaran
Hillsborough High School*

A Bill to Reduce the Short Term Capital Gains Tax Rate

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The short term capital gains tax rate shall be reduced by 10 percentage points for
3 households with adjusted gross incomes below \$200,000.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Short term capital gains tax” shall be defined as a tax on profits from the sale
5 of an asset held less than one year.

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

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,

*Simon Hanna
Carrollwood Day School*

A Resolution to Remove the Citizenship Question from the 2020 Census

1 **WHEREAS,** The Census is obligated to count “all persons” in the United States, regardless
2 of citizenship or documentation, for purposes of apportionment; and

3 **WHEREAS,** The Commerce Department has announced that the 2020 Census questionnaire will
4 include a question about respondents’ citizenship; and

5 **WHEREAS,** This question is not necessary for any function of the Census; and

6 **WHEREAS,** The Trump Administration’s immigration enforcement actions provide reason to
7 fear that citizenship or residency data could be used in support of removals; and

8 **WHEREAS,** This fear will drive down response rates, increasing nonresponse follow-up costs;
9 and

10 **WHEREAS,** The decreased response will result in an undercount in places with high immigrant
11 populations, depriving those places of representation and federal funds to which
12 they are entitled; now, therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for the removal of the citizenship
14 question from the 2020 Census.

Respectfully submitted,

Florida Gulf Coast CFL

A Resolution to Repeal the Religious Freedom Restoration Act

- 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 has already been found unconstitutional as applied to state and local
8 governments; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** RFRA likely violates the First Amendment by favoring religious motivations over
10 nonreligious ones; now, therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for the repeal of the Religious
12 Freedom Restoration Act.

Respectfully submitted,

Florida Gulf Coast CFL

A Bill to Reorganize the National Flood Insurance Program

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The National Flood Insurance Program shall require participating insurance
3 companies to split the cost of damages, to regularly update flood plain maps, and to
4 means-test flood insurance discounts.

5 **SECTION 2.** As used herein, “flood plain maps” shall be defined as maps that identify
6 special flood hazard areas and flood insurance risk premium zones.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security shall be responsible for enforcing the
8 provisions of this bill. Insurers that fail to comply with the provisions of this bill
9 shall be required to refund all premiums collected in the previous 60 months, less
10 benefits paid during that time.

11 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect 18 months after passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Florida Gulf Coast CFL
Drafted by William Hottenstein, Newsome HS*

A Resolution to Require the Release of Presidential Tax Returns

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The release of presidential tax returns has become customary but is not legally
2 enforceable; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The hiding of this information from the American people may impact voting
4 patterns; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** By requiring the release of these returns, the public will have more insight into
6 candidates for the office of the presidency; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** This resolution will ensure that the will of the people is more truly represented; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** This principle should be the focus of the United States' electoral system; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** By promoting the will of the people, America moves closer to its original vision;
10 and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** It is paramount that the United States allow the people to make the best and most
12 informed decision possible; now, therefore, be it
- 13 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for the required release of
14 presidential tax returns.

Respectfully submitted,

*Florida Gulf Coast CFL
Drafted by Ryan Holling, Newsome HS*

A Resolution to End the Disposal of E-Waste in Africa

1 **WHEREAS,** The United States has shipped “e-waste,” or electronics that have reached the
2 end of their useful life, to Africa for disposal; and

3 **WHEREAS,** This practice has caused soil damage and other environmental damage in African
4 countries like Ghana; and

5 **WHEREAS,** The United States has the capacity to safely dispose of or repurpose the materials on
6 e-waste; and

7 **WHEREAS,** By stopping the dumping of e-waste, we would help better the environment in
8 African nations, allowing them to start to recover the damaged environment; now,
9 therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for an end to the disposal of
11 domestic e-waste in African countries.

Respectfully submitted,

Florida Gulf Coast CFL

Drafted by Nick LaMontagna, Newsome HS

A Resolution to Limit Retention of Personal Information by Data Aggregators

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Data aggregators such as Google and Facebook hold onto personally identifiable
2 data for too long; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** This data has been seen in the past as a massive security liability that could
4 compromise numerous users' personally identifiable information, potentially
5 leading to consequences on other platforms; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Limiting the amount of time data aggregators hold personally identifiable data will
7 help ensure that in the event of a breach, a massive cluster of data will not lead to
8 far-reaching consequences; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Such limits would also help reserve some privacy for the user's data collected
10 by the aggregator; now, therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for a time limit on data
12 aggregators' retention of personally identifiable information.

Respectfully submitted,

*Florida Gulf Coast CFL
Drafted by Nick LaMontagna, Newsome HS*

Rejected Legislation

The following legislation was timely but has been deemed unsatisfactory for the reasons given below. This legislation MAY NOT be debated at this tournament, but if it can be repaired to address ALL of the issues below, it MAY be submitted to the next tournament. ADVANCE REVIEW OF LEGISLATION IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED.

Coaches may email further inquiries to the Congress Coordinator.

A Bill to Give Released Felons the Right to Vote

1. The legislation was not written using the approved FGCCFL bill template (§ 16(e)).

A Bill to Remove the Penny from U.S. Currency

1. This item was used in a prior season of FGCCFL competition and MAY NOT be used again (§ 16(c)).
2. The legislation was not written using the approved FGCCFL bill template (§ 16(e)).

A Bill for Wildfire Prevention (Ban Cigarettes in National Parks)

1. This item was used in a prior season of FGCCFL competition and MAY NOT be used again (§ 16(c)).
2. The legislation was not written using the approved FGCCFL bill template (§ 16(e)).

A Bill to Provide Remedies for Abusive Foreign Aquaculture Practices

1. The bill does not conform to the structural requirements of the FGCCFL bill template (§§ 16(e) & 17(b)).

A Resolution to Abolish the Electoral College

1. The legislation exceeds the one page maximum length (§ 16(f)).
2. The legislation does not specify a ratification method as required (§ 18(e)).

A Resolution to Limit ISP Monitoring

1. The legislation was not written using the approved FGCCFL resolution template (§ 16(e)).

A Bill to Incentivize the Use of Clean Energy Sources

1. The legislation was not written using the approved FGCCFL bill template (§ 16(e)).
2. The legislation exceeds the one page maximum length (§ 16(f)).