

Princeton Student Congress

- 1) Attached are the bills for the Princeton Student Congress. No other bills may be debated.
- 2) Each chamber has between 5 and 6 bills. If all of these bills are debated, the chamber will debate bills from its Shadow Chamber

Chamber	Shadow Chamber
1 ----->	5
2 ----->	6
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6 ----->	2
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- 3) Judges will rank the top 8 in a chamber. All others will receive a rank of 9.
- 4) Advancement to semis will be based on:
 - A) Total ranks with the worst rank dropped.
 - B) Reciprocal ranks (i.e. number of 1's, 2's. etc.)
 - C) Ranking by the parliamentarian
- 5) We will advance an equal number from each chamber unless dropped students make chambers severely unbalanced.
- 6) Advancement to finals will be based on results of the semifinals. Preliminary scores will be dropped. Finals placement will be based on judge scores in the finals.

Chamber 1		Chamber 2	
Garreth Hui	Bronx HS Of Science	Jack Viscuso	Chaminade
Sadie Karp	Bronx HS Of Science	Veejay Parsotan	Ft Lauderdale
Andreas Pantazakos	Chaminade	Dylan Bousquette	Loyola
Steven Brunetti	Chaminade	Zain Masri	McDowell
Michael Evrard-Vescio	FAU	Paige Gibeault	Medina Senior
Syed Naqvi	Holy Ghost Prep	Gabrielle Quallich	Medina Senior
Nicholas Imam	Loyola	Verina Megala	Montville
Sean Griffin	Loyola	Ellen Yang	Newton South
Madison Motroni	Millburn	Reya Brahmhatt	Ridge
Liana Stoll	Oxbridge Academy	Emily Ruttgeizer	Roslyn
Sebastien Limbourg	Oxbridge Academy	Luke Tyson	Sewickley
Isaac Blackburn	Pelham Memorial	Hailey Torgerson	St. Joseph Hill
Isaac Appelbaum	Pennsbury	Patrick Adams	St. Joseph's Prep
Tiger Du	Revere	Thomas Avington	St. Joseph's Prep
Nicole Blattman	Roslyn	Adja Seck	Success Academy
Kayla Howie	Southern Lehigh	Dalton Lin	Syosset
Ben Shpetner	Stuyvesant	Sean Lewis	West Orange
Moiez Qamar	Thomas Edison	Jeremy Valle	Xaverian
Galilee Best	Xaverian	Giuliana Tepedino	Xaverian
Ivona Kulusic-Ho	Xaverian	Israel Pierre	Xavier

Chamber 3		Chamber 4	
Miguel Walsh	Belen Jesuit Prep	Artea Brahaj	Bronx HS Of Science
Timothy Brett	Bronx HS Of Science	John Feighery	Bronx HS Of Science
Helena Macrigiane	Bronx HS Of Science	Albert Zhang	Buchholz
Neeya Shetty	HHHE	Aalisha Jhaveri	CR North
Henry Fina	Holy Ghost Prep	Donovan Dolan	CR North
Karim Limayem	King	Adam McCormick	King
Samantha Zaphiris	McDowell	Lucas Pombo	Loyola
Robert Olszewski	Medina Senior	Emma Semus	Medina Senior
Bryce Gardiner	Oxbridge Academy	Nathalia Ulsh	Notre Dame
Jack Krasulak	Oxbridge Academy	Will Willson	Oxbridge Academy
Milan Chandy	Perkiomen Valley	Nicolas Raffinengo	Oxbridge Academy
Maggie McGovern	Perkiomen Valley	Anna Marie Bonner	Perkiomen Valley
Sam York	Revere	Jon Murdoch	Phillipsburg
Jonathan Nemetz	Ridge	Julien Guillory	Randolph
Mohammed Durrani	Southern Lehigh	Dylan Saini	Ridge
Lena Lofgren	Strath Haven	Stella O'Brien	St. Josphe Hill
Hailey Torgerson	St. Joseph Hill	Carter Ley	Stuyvesant
Alioune Dia	Success Academy	Grace Weinberg	Summit
Yusra Amir	Thomas Edison	Claire King	Suncoast Comm
Emma Cassidy	Xaverian	Susanna Fox	Xaverian
Nate Kelley	Xavier	Michael Lustrì	Xaverian

Chamber 5		Chamber 6	
Michael Ryan	Archbishop McCarthy	Rajdeep Banerjee	Acton-Boxborough
Eshaan Modi	Bronx HS Of Science	Kenneth Carolan	Braddock
Marcus Kim	Bronx HS Of Science	Jason Wang	CR North
Nathaniel Bernich	Chaminade	Alex Liu	CR North
Daniel Cano	Elizabeth	Mallory Durkin	CR North
Hannah Hirsch	Millburn	Thomas Bizub	Delbarton
Henry Josephson	Millburn	Jimmy Gannon	Loyola
Max Plottel	Newton South	Caleb Buzard	McDowell
Ryan Casey	Oxbridge Academy	Paige Johnson	Medina Senior
Finley Murray	Oxbridge Academy	Sanah Singh	Millburn
Noah Shaheen	Perkiomen Valley	Anwen He	Montville
Bharat Sanka	Ridge	Leah Goodkin	Newton South
Olivia Ben-Levy	Roslyn	Ellis Lee	Oxbridge Academy
Rohan Roy	St. Joseph's Prep	Sonali Chandy	Perkiomen Valley
Aiden Vallecillo	St. Joseph's Prep	Victoria Pizzali	Phillipsburg
Mariema Sarr	Success Academy	Claire Jimerson	Revere
Sohail Mohammed	Syosset	James Bole	St. Joseph's Prep
Roopa Irakam	Watchung Hills	Devyn Sword	St. Joseph Hill
Joseph Fallon	Xaerian	Christian Bae	Stuyvesant
Michael Ljubich	Xavier	Akshat Parthiban	Thomas Edison
		Alina Yu	Xaverian

Chamber 7		Chamber 8	
Kirtana Krishnakumar	Acton-Boxborough	Sydney Teh	Bronx HS Of Science
Dominic Abreu	Belen Jesuit Prep	Juliet Daniel	Bronx HS Of Science
Joshua Muroff	Chaminade	Steven Jones	Chaminade
Allen Underwood	Chaminade	Thomas Catapano	Delbarton
Trevor Silverman	CR North	Steven Urdaneta	Elizabeth
Barouni Palayam	CR North	Liam Mackey	Highview
Catherine McCullough	CR North	James Samuel Jr.	Holy Ghost Prep
Gianluca Medigovic	Ft Lauderdale	Shreya Thalvayapati	Hopkinton
Jason Andreacchio	King	Maurea Lollar	Medina Senior
Olivia Pasquerella	Loyola	Alessandra Iben	Millburn
Jackson Radzinski	McDowell	Amy Xiao	Newton South
Tina Tarighian	Millburn	Prem Ganesh	Perkiomen Valley
Andrew Lin	Montville	Abigail Stadelmann	Phillipsburg
Laila Polk	Newton South	Aditya Annamreddi	Revere
Ryan Sheats	Southern Lehigh	Gordon Li	Ridge
Aidan McGahey	St. Joseph's Prep	Isabelle Friedfeld-Gebaide	Roslyn
Theodora Zeibekis	Strath Haven	Daniel Sponseller	St. Joseph's Prep
Raeseong Jeong	Stuyvesant	Cooper Scher	Syosset
Brandon Lee	Suncoast Comm	Sarang Patki	Thomas Edison
		Michael Manta	Xavier

Chamber

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A Bill to Reduce the Timespan of the Adoption Process to End the National Orphan Crisis

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. Section 1. The maximum time it takes to review and assess a potential adopter shall
3. be set at a one and a half (1.5) years for domestic adoptions, and three (3)
4. years international adoptions.
5. Section 2. “Review and Assess” shall be defined as any pre-application, home
6. studies/visits, and training/classes that the adopter would have to complete
7. before the adoption of a child.
8. Section 3. The United States Department of State will oversee the implementation of
9. this legislation.
10. Section 4. This legislation will be implemented the beginning of the fiscal year after
11. passage.
12. Section 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Kayla Howie
Southern Lehigh High School*

A BILL TO PREVENT PUBLIC COLLEGES IN THE UNITED STATES FROM RESTRICTING
CONSTITUTIONALLY PROTECTED SPEECH

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1:** Funding of public colleges and universities in the US will be
3. reduced if they restrict constitutionally protected speech. Funding
4. of these institutions will decrease by 12% if the college does not
5. comply when the legislation is first enacted. Funding will be reduced 1%
6. more every single year until it reaches a cap of 20%.
7. **SECTION 2:** A. Public colleges shall be defined as any institution of higher education
8. or any technical or vocational school above the secondary school level,
9. that is operated by a State, subdivision of a State, or governmental agency
10. within a State, or operated wholly or predominantly from or through the
11. use of governmental funds or property, or funds or property derived from a
12. governmental source.
13. B. Constitutionally protected free speech shall be defined as the right to
14. express information, ideas, and opinions free of government restrictions
15. based on content and subject only to reasonable limitations (as the power
16. of the government to avoid a clear and present danger) especially as
17. guaranteed by the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S.
18. Constitution.
19. **SECTION 3:** The Department of Education will enforce this legislation.
20. **SECTION 4:** This bill will take effect at the beginning of the 2020 school year.
21. **SECTION 5:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Andreas Pantazakos
Chaminade High School

A Bill to Implement a National Sexual Education Program

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall mandate the teaching of sexual education to
3 youths in grades 6-12, states and municipalities that fail to have students
4 receive 100 hours of sexual education per school year will lose 90% of
5 federal funding for the following year.

6 **SECTION 2.** A curriculum deemed to include teaching “Sexual Education” shall be one
7 that includes the teaching of: forms of consent, causes of STDs, causes of
8 STIs, forms of protection, alternatives to abstinence only and gender
9 fluidity,

10 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Education shall be tasked with
11 overseeing this piece of legislation and shall have the authority to expand
12 the list of requirements.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect in the new school year of 2020.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Galilee Best

Xaverian High School

A Bill to Aid Djibouti

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall provide \$300 million in developmental aid to Djibouti.

SECTION 2. ‘Developmental Aid’ shall be defined as financial aid to support the economic, environmental, social, and political development of developing countries.

SECTION 3. USAID shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

- A. \$120 million shall be allocated to the pre-existing pilot WASH project in Djibouti and the Djibouti Department of Rural Hydraulics
- B. \$90 million shall be allocated to the Power Africa, Workforce Development and the UN World Food Programme project
- C. The remaining \$90 million shall be allocated with the discretion of USAID.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect at the beginning of FY 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Garreth Hui

The Bronx High School of Science

A BILL TO ENSURE HEALTHY EATING HABITS AMONG SNAP RECIPIENTS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (S.N.A.P.) recipients will
2. receive 70% of their benefits in the form of Federally Assisted Responsible Meals
3. (F.A.R.M.) food boxes each month, which will consist of shelf-stable, healthy foods such
4. as juices, grains, cereal, pasta, beans, canned meats, canned fruits and vegetables, and
5. other products to be determined by the United States Department of Agriculture.
6. **SECTION 2.** “Shelf-stable” will be defined as foods that can be safely stored at room
7. temperature. “Healthy” will be defined as foods which meet the U.S.D.A.’s *Dietary*
8. *Guidelines for Americans*, 8th Edition.
9. **SECTION 3.** The U.S.D.A. will implement and oversee America’s F.A.R.M. Food Box
10. program as a part of S.N.A.P.
11. All products and foodstuffs in America’s F.A.R.M. Food Boxes will be bought wholesale
12. from producers competing for placement and all products must be American-produced.
13. The U.S.D.A. will make available a range of F.A.R.M. food box choices to accommodate
14. S.N.A.P. recipients’ religious and dietary preferences.
15. F.A.R.M. food boxes will be delivered to recipients’ domiciles.
16. **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect fiscal year 2019.
17. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rep. Michael Evrard-Vescio, FAU High School

Chamber

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**A BILL TO CREATE STRICTER REGULATIONS ON OVER-THE-COUNTER DRUG
ADVERTISING TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) shall hereby replace the
3 Federal Trade Commission (FTC) as the regulatory agency for overseeing
4 the advertising of all over-the-counter drugs.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. “Regulation” means reviewing and approving all advertisements of
6 over-the-counter drugs before their release on media platforms.

7 B. “Over-the-counter drugs” are medicines sold directly to consumers
8 without prescriptions from health care professionals.

9 **SECTION 3.** The FDA shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect six months after passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Reya Brahmhatt
Ridge High School*

The Japanese Security Act of 2018

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The U.S-Japan Security Treaty shall be revoked.
- 2 **SECTION 2.** The U.S-Japan Security Treaty (Treaty of Mutual Cooperation) shall be
3 defined as the treaty that grants the United States the right to military
4 bases on the archipelago in exchange for a U.S. pledge to defend Japan in
5 the event of an attack.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense shall oversee the implementation of this
7 legislation.
- 8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented 90 days after passage.
- 9 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Veejay Parsotan, Ft. Lauderdale HS.

**A BILL TO CONTRACT PRIVATE ENTITIES TO
PROSECUTE TAX EVASION AND WELFARE FRAUD**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In order to combat the growing issue of tax evasion and social welfare
3 fraud, the IRS is hereby directed to enter into contracts allowing private
4 entities to investigate possible instances of tax evasion and social welfare
5 fraud.

6 **SECTION 2.** Private entities shall be defined as professional service firms.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service shall oversee implementation of this bill.

8 A. The IRS shall work with state governments in the investigation and
9 prosecution of social welfare fraud.

10 B. Contracts shall be financed by a percentage of money won in criminal
11 and civil proceedings of tax fraud and social welfare fraud.

12 C. Contracts shall be created by the IRS on a case by case basis

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect at the beginning of the 2019 fiscal year.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Dylan Bousquette
Loyola School*

PRISONER REHABILITATION ACT OF 2018

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall allocate \$20 billion over the next 5 years for the
3 introduction of G.E.D. programs and Pell grants to state and federal
4 prisons. This shall be made available to inmates who lack a high school
5 diploma and/or postsecondary education.

6 **SECTION 2.** Participation in the program on the part of states, prison systems, and
7 universities shall be voluntary and optional

8 **SECTION 3.** Adult inmates between the age of 18 and 65 who upon release will be no
9 older than 65 will be eligible to participate in this program.

10 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Justice, Department of Education and each
11 participating State's respective department of corrections shall be
12 responsible for the implementation of this legislation.

13 (A) The Department of Education shall be responsible for selecting and
14 approving participating Universities.

15 (B) The Department of Justice and each participating state's department of
16 corrections will be responsible for overseeing the inmates and their
17 classes.

18 (C) This legislation shall draw necessary funds from the budget of the
19 Department of Education.

20 **SECTION 5.** This bill will go into effect one year from the date of passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Israel Pierre
Xavier High School*

A Bill to Improve America's Water Infrastructure

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

2 **SECTION 1.** America's water infrastructure spending will be increased at a rate of 120
3 billion annually over 10 years.

4 **SECTION 2.** "Water Infrastructure" shall be defined as what is built to pump, divert,
5 transport, store, treat and deliver safe drinking water.

6 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of the Interior, Department of
7 Transportation, and the Environmental Protection Agency will oversee the
8 implementation of this bill.

9 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect on January 1st, 2020.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Jeremy Valle

Xaverian High School

A Bill to Dissolve the Regional Monopolies of Cable and ISP Companies

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Providing exclusive usage of any cable or internet lines to cable or
3 internet service providers will be prohibited as to create competition
4 between corporations improving quality of cable and internet services.

5 **SECTION 2.** Cable or Internet service providers will be defined as companies that
6 provide access to television programming or the internet based on
7 physical means such as coaxial cables and fiber optics. Cable and Internet
8 lines are the physical means used to transport television programming or
9 the internet.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission in conjunction with the Federal
11 Communications Commission shall oversee the enforcement of this bill.

12 A. Both agencies will be required to submit a quarterly report detailing
13 all state and local governments not complying with this legislation.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented on January 10th, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Sean Lewis West Orange High School

A Bill to Prevent Foreign Interference in U.S. Elections

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Within 30 days of any U.S. federal election, the Director of the Federal
2 Bureau of Investigation and the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency
3 shall determine whether or not a foreign government, or any person acting
4 as an agent of that government, interfered in the election.

5 a. If interference is suspected, the Directors shall immediately report to
6 the Congress their findings and open an investigation.

7 b. If credible evidence of interference is found within one year from the
8 start of the investigation, the appropriate economic sanctions will be
9 imposed upon the aforementioned foreign nation, including the ban of
10 dollar clearing.

11 **SECTION 2.** “Interference” is hereby defined as the obtaining of unauthorized access to
12 election and campaign infrastructure or related systems or data and
13 releasing or modifying of any such data, infrastructure, or systems.

14 “Dollar clearing” is hereby defined as the conversion of payments on behalf
15 of clients into U.S. dollars from a foreign currency.

16 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Bureau of Investigation, Federal Election Committee, Central
17 Intelligence Agency, and the Department of the Treasury shall oversee the
18 implementation of this bill.

19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect immediately after passage.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Ellen Yang
Newton South High School

Chamber

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A Bill to Combat the Growing Crisis in East Africa

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall allocate a total of 5 billion dollars in economic aid
3 for nations with a Gross Domestic Product per capita below 800 US
4 dollars per person. Each East African nation shall be allocated 200 million
5 annually over 6 years.

6 **SECTION 2.** ‘Economic Aid’ shall be defined as direct cash transfers for the purposes
7 of providing for an individual’s basic needs.

8 **SECTION 3.** USAID shall oversee the implementation of this bill and shall determine
9 the size and quantity of cash transfers to the individuals in the affected
10 areas. Furthermore, USAID shall be required to submit a annual report to
11 congress on the efficacy of the cash transfers.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect 1 year after passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Emma Cassidy

Xaverian High School

A Bill to Eliminate Food Deserts

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal government shall grant grocery stores a 10% reduction in
3 their effective corporate tax rate if they establish themselves in areas
4 considered food deserts. For every year that the company stays in
5 business in these food deserts, they shall receive an additional 2.5% tax
6 break up to 25% tax breaks.

7 **SECTION 2.** A food desert is defined as an urban area in which it is difficult to buy
8 affordable and fresh produce due to the absence of grocery stores within
9 convenient travelling distance.

10 **SECTION 3.** This shall be overseen by the Department of Commerce, which shall be
11 charged with establishing and publishing specific regulations regarding
12 which stores and areas qualify for the tax reduction.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect at the start of the first fiscal year following its
14 passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Nathaniel Kelley
Xavier High School*

**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

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.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Lena Lofgren

A RESOLUTION TO STRENGTHEN FOREIGN RELATIONS WITH THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

1 **WHEREAS**, the current state of diplomatic, economic, and political relations between
2 the United States of America and the Republic of Turkey is significantly
3 strained; and

4 **WHEREAS**, these tensions, because of varying foreign policy agendas, pose a
5 significant threat to the interests of the United States and its allies in the
6 Eastern Hemisphere; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the further escalation of tensions between the United States and Turkey
8 enables the Russian Federation to strengthen its own hegemonic interests
9 and influence in the region and for the rise of terrorism; and

10 **WHEREAS**, a robust diplomatic relationship between the United States and Turkey is a
11 necessity in order to address economic and geopolitical issues within
12 Europe and Asia; now, therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED**, that the Student Congress here assembled make the following
14 recommendation that the United States of America should seek to restore
15 cooperation and further strengthen economic and geopolitical relations
16 with the Republic of Turkey by continuing delivery of US military
17 technologies and removing steel and aluminum tariffs.

Respectfully submitted,

*Senator Milan Chandy
Perkiomen Valley High School*

A BILL TO FUND KURDISH REBEL GROUPS
TO IMPROVE HUMAN RIGHTS IN TURKEY

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The United States of America will reallocate all current Turkish aid to
2. various Kurdish rebel groups in Turkey in order to promote and foster
3. democratic ideals and the expansion of civil rights. All the aid
4. budgeted for the 2018 fiscal year will be automatically renewed through
5. the 2021 fiscal year to aid the Kurdish forces. Aid may be spent on
6. humanitarian, military, and other democratic purposes.
7. **SECTION 2.** A. All Turkish current aid shall be defined as all aid going directly to the
8. Turkish government for a fiscal year.
9. B. Kurdish rebel groups shall be defined as groups that support the civil
10. rights of the Turkish people, regardless of ethnicity or gender. The
11. organization's activity must support democratic ideals. Groups may
12. include but are not limited to the Kurdish Workers Party, the
13. Peoples' Democratic Party, and the People's Protection Unit.
14. **SECTION 3.** This bill will be enforced by the Department of State and USAID. The
15. Department of State may choose to which groups the aid shall be merited,
16. based on cooperation with the United States.
17. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect immediately after passage.
18. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mohammed Durrani
Southern Lehigh High School*

Chamber

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A Bill to Establish a Two-State Solution

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall recognize the state of Palestine and
2 help establish its sovereignty through diplomatic mediation and
3 developmental aid.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. The United States shall recognize the current Israeli
5 territory encompassing Gaza and the below the 31st Parallel as the
6 sovereign area of Palestine.

7 B. The United States shall grant \$500 million over a ten
8 year period in developmental aid to set up and enable an effective
9 provisionary Palestinian government to be instituted.

10 C. The United States shall be willing to mediate between
11 Palestine and Israel to peacefully implement this legislation. Terms
12 negotiated shall supersede terms stated within this legislation.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State and the USAID shall implement
14 this legislation.

15 **SECTION 4.** A. The United States shall recognize Palestine upon passage.

16 B. Developmental aid shall be allocated at the beginning of Fiscal Year
17 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jon Murdoch of Phillipsburg High School.

A Bill to Establish Election Day as a Federal Holiday

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. Election day shall be declared as a federal holiday.

3 B. All employers will be required to offer their employees paid leave for
4 the entirety of election day.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Election Day” shall be defined as the Tuesday after the first Monday in
6 the month of November in even-numbered years. A “federal holiday” is
7 an authorized holiday in which all non-essential federal offices will be
8 closed and federal employees will be given paid leave. “Paid leave” shall
9 be defined as an employee receiving normal compensation despite being
10 absent from work.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Office of Personnel Management and the Department of Labor will
12 oversee implementation of this legislation.

13 A. Any employer found to be in violation of this legislation will be fined
14 an appropriate amount at the discretion of the Department of Labor,
15 based on the extent of the violation.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect January 1, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Albert Zhang, Buchholz High School, FL

A Bill to Abolish the Use of Capital Punishment

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2 **Be it enacted by the Congress here assembled that:**

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4 **Section 1.**Whereas, Capital Punishment, or the application of the death penalty, shall be
5 discontinued in use from federal prisons in the United States of America because it is
6 contrary to the protections afforded citizens from excessive and unusual punishment
7 pursuant to the 8th amendment.

8 **Section 2:** Capital Punishment is the legally authorized killing of a person as
9 punishment for a crime. These crimes include some of the following but not limited to:

10 capital murder, the 41 federal crimes, treason, ex...

11 Capital murder is murder that it involves special circumstances, such as killing a police
12 officer or firefighter while on duty, or committing a crime while committing another
13 serious felony like rape or kidnapping.

14 Federal prisons are prison facilities run by the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP).

15 Prisoners housed in these facilities are under the legal authority of the federal
16 government. This excludes private facilities under exclusive contract with BOP.

17 **Section 3:** This bill shall be enforced by the Department of Justice.

18 **Section 4:** Implementation of this bill it will begin January 1 of the new year

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

20

A Bill to Denuclearize the United States

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall begin the process of denuclearization, with the
3 goal of complete and total denuclearization by the year 2050.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Denuclearization” shall be defined as the process of converting
5 weaponized fissionable nuclear material into civilian grade nuclear
6 material.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense shall oversee this piece of legislation.

8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2019.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Susanna Fox

Xaverian High School

A BILL TO INCENTIVIZE ORGAN DONATION

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall establish a system that will
3 incentivize organ donation. This system will be created and implemented by the
Department of 4 Health & Human Services.

5 **SECTION 2.** The incentive system shall compensate organ donors by offering monetary
6 rewards to them or a charity of choice.

7 **SECTION 3.** \$350 million dollars from the Department of Health and Human Services
budget 8 will fund the creation and first year implementation of this system.

9 **A.** Five years after the passage of this bill, Congress shall review and adjust
10 funding needed for long term implementation of this system.

11 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect immediately after passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Aalisha Jhaveri
Council Rock North High School

A Bill to Make Permanent the Federal IRS Tax Credit for New Electric Vehicles

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The cap of 200,000 electric vehicles sold by one company before the
3 phase-out of the \$7,500 tax credit shall be abolished.

4 **SECTION 2.** An electric vehicle shall be defined as any vehicle that uses
5 electric propulsion as its only source of propulsion, and uses batteries to
6 store the electricity required by the propulsion of the vehicle.

7 **SECTION 3.** The IRS will oversee the enforcement of this bill

8 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect on January 1, 2019

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Lucas Pombo,
Loyola School*

Chamber

5

A Bill to Give Aid to The People of Iraq

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **Section 1.** The United States shall give 1 billion dollars in the form of humanitarian and
2. developmental aid to Iraqi citizens in Iraq recovering from the Islamic State War.
3. **Section 2.** At the beginning of the 2020 fiscal year, the effectiveness of the aid will be
4. Determined, and if 10% or more of the aid is said to be improperly distributed or
5. inefficiently utilized, humanitarian aid to Iraq in the form of this bill will stop. However, if
6. the aid is deemed effective, an additional 3 billion dollars each year shall be given to help
7. the Iraqi people recover.
8. **Section 3.** The aid shall work at the grassroots level to rebuild Iraq's water and electricity
9. systems; provide food, health care for its people; and take care of those who
10. were forced from their homes in the fighting
11. **Section 4.** USAID, Peace Corps, and Department of State will all oversee the
12. implementation of this bill to ensure effective implementation.
13. **Section 5.** This legislation will be implemented on January 1, 2019
14. **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 PERMIT THE IMPORTATION OF PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION FROM CANADA

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

2 **SECTION 1.** A. The United States Department of Health and Human Services shall
3 allow prescription medication that has been approved for use in Canada to
4 be imported into as well as sold in the United States.

5 B. On behalf of Medicare Part D, the Secretary of Health and Human
6 Services shall be authorized to negotiate drug prices with domestic
7 pharmaceutical companies as well as Canadian manufacturers of drugs
8 approved by Health Canada.

9 **SECTION 2.** A. "Prescription medication" shall be defined as a pharmaceutical drug
10 that requires a medical practitioner's authorization for access.

11 B. Medication that has been approved for use in Canada must have been
12 approved by the department Health Canada.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the
14 implementation of this bill.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take into effect immediately after passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Roopa Irakam
Watchung Hills Regional High School*

A BILL TO REPLACE THE DOLLAR BILL WITH A DOLLAR COIN

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The production of the one-dollar bill will hereby be terminated. The bills
3 will continue to be legal tender and may be circulated, but their production will be
ended.

4 A. One-dollar coins shall be produced more frequently in order to
5 adequately replace the lost dollar bills.

6 I. It is understood that as the dollar bill usage declines, the dollar
7 coin production shall increase in response, in an attempt to create a
8 balance.

9 **SECTION 2.** The U.S. Department of the Treasury will enforce this law.

10 A. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing will be responsible for
11 terminating production of the one-dollar bill.

12 B. The U.S. Mint will be responsible for production of the one-dollar
coin.

13 **SECTION 3.** The implementation of this legislation will be funded by the U.S.

14 Department of the Treasury.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented at the start of the 2020 fiscal year.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Alex Liu

Council Rock High School North

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 Resolution to Ban Hypersonic Weapons

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The development of hypersonic weapons, which are weapons that travel
2 at Mach 5 or higher, is threatening global peace; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Hypersonic weapons will upend the global doctrine of Mutually Assured
4 Destruction (MAD); and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** MAD has prevented direct conflict between major foreign powers; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** The collapse of MAD poses grave risks to global peace; now, therefore, be
7 it
- 8 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled urge all nations in possession of
9 nuclear weapons to form and ratify a treaty banning the development
10 and usage of hypersonic weapons.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Maxwell Plottel.

Newton South High School.

A Bill to Invest in India's Energy Sector

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall invest two billion dollars in India's
2 energy sector in ten intervals over the course of five years.

3 **SECTION 2.** India's energy sector will be defined as the creation of the
4 infrastructure for and funding of research of renewable energy sources.

5 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of State and the United States Agency
6 for International Development (USAID) shall jointly oversee the
7 implementation of this bill.

8 A. USAID will review India's use of the funds twice every year.

9 B. If USAID determines that these funds are being improperly used or are
10 being used ineffectively, the funding shall immediately cease.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect in fiscal year 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hannah Hirsch of Millburn High School.

A Bill to Reform Federal Student Loans to Base Repayment on Future Income Equity

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All Federal Direct Loans to students shall no longer be repaid in terms of
3 the total amount borrowed plus interest. Instead, these loans shall be
4 repaid in the form of equity in the borrower's future income.

5 **SECTION 2.** "Equity" shall refer to a set percentage of a borrower's income from all
6 sources over a given time period. All recipients of these loans shall repay
7 them with a fixed percentage (see below) of their total income, from all
8 sources, during the twenty-five (25) years immediately following the
9 departure from their educational institution.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall continue to administer the Direct
11 Loan Program. It shall establish a uniform base rate of repayment based
12 on the average expected earnings of all college graduates during the
13 repayment period (as determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics) and
14 the average borrower's debt load. This base rate will then be adjusted
15 according to each individual student's specific amount borrowed to
16 determine his or her actual repayment rate.

17 A. The Internal Revenue Service shall act as the collection arm for these
18 student loans.

19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect on January 1st, 2020.

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

Respectfully submitted by Michael Ljubich, Xavier High School

Chamber

6

A Bill to Rectify the Effects the War on Drugs

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall hereby legalize marijuana while
2 expunging the records of all nonviolent drug offenders as well as releasing
3 them from prison.

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5 **SECTION 2.** Criminalization is defined as the act of turning an activity into a
6 criminal offense by making it illegal. Legalization is defined as the action of
7 making something that was previously illegal permissible by law.

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9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will oversee the release of
10 nonviolent marijuana offenders as well as expunge their records

11 A. Return voting rights

12 B. Return all rights to the released criminals

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14 **SECTION 4.** This Bill shall be implemented by 2019 by the Department of
15 Justice.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Victoria Pizzali from Phillipsburg High School.

A Bill to Reduce Sanctions on North Korea

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall remove sanctions on the trade and exportation
- 2 of any and all necessities to The Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (North Korea).
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Necessities shall be defined as goods and materials that are essential to human
- 4 survival and agriculture.
- 5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.
- 6 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately after passage.
- 7 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Anwen He of Montville Township High School.

A Resolution to Aid Endangered Pollinators

1 WHEREAS: Pollinators are species that move pollen from flower to flower and include
bees,
2 birds, bats, butterflies, moths, and beetles;
3 WHEREAS: Improving pollinator density and diversity boosts crop yields; and
4 WHEREAS: Pollinators affect 35 percent of global agricultural land; and
5 WHEREAS: Close to 75 percent of the world's fruit- and seed-producing crops (for human
consumption) depend on pollinators for sustained production, yield, and quality; and
6 WHEREAS: Pollinator-dependent food products contribute to healthy diets and nutrition;
and
7 WHEREAS: Honey bees are disappearing globally at an alarming rate due to pesticides,
8 parasites, disease, and habitat loss; and
9 WHEREAS: The United States has lost over 50 percent of its managed honeybee colonies
10. over the past ten years; now, therefore be it
11 RESOLVED: Pesticide regulations shall be increased, and states shall be mandated to
implement pollinator protection plans.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Mallory Durkin
Council Rock High School North*

A Bill to Strengthen Our Public School System to Establish Effective Grassroots Academic Programs

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Each state shall have a panel of researchers who determine the
3 effectiveness of the state’s academic programs in its schools. Using this
4 information, states will then implement evidence-based programs to
5 replace programs deemed unsuccessful.

6 **SECTION 2.**

7 **A.** “Evidence-based programs” shall be defined as programs shown to improve
8 the academic performance of students.

9 **B.** “Unsuccessful programs” shall be defined as those programs instituted at
10 schools not measuring up to National Assessment of Educational Progress
11 (NAEP) proficiency standards.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education (DOE) shall oversee the implementation of
13 this legislation.

14 **A.** The DOE shall appropriate an amount of money to each state equivalent to
15 five percent of the state’s education budget as a federal grant for research by
16 each state’s panel into evidence-based programs.

17 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect on January 1st, 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by:

Rajdeep Banerjee

Acton-Boxborough Regional High School

A Bill to Help Small Farmers

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) may no longer be
2 patented.

3 **SECTION 2.** GMOs shall be defined as any organism that has had their genetic
4 information modified through genetic engineering.

5 **SECTION 3.** The United States Patent and Trademark Office in will oversee the
6 implementation of this legislation.

7 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect January 1, 2020.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Representative Leah Goodkin

Newton South High School

**A BILL TO FORCE ALL FOOD AND DRINK COMPANIES TO RECORD GMOS
IN THEIR PRODUCTS**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All companies shall be forced to write how many GMOs are contained in
3 a product.

4 **SECTION 2.** GMOs shall be defined as genetically modified organisms whose genetic
5 material has been artificially manipulated in a laboratory through genetic
6 engineering.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Food and Drug Administration shall oversee the follow through of this bill.

8 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect November 30, 2019.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Jimmy Gannon
Loyola School*



The Promote Endurance and Colombian Equality (P.E.A.C.E.) Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The US Federal Government shall disburse \$20 million to the agriculture
3 sector in Colombia.

4 A. All funding shall be disbursed to Colombian citizens via microloans
5 through non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

6 **SECTION 2.** Microloans are a small sum of money lent at low or no interest to a new
7 business.

8 **SECTION 3.** USAID will be tasked in distributing the microloans to the NGOs.

9 A. The US Ambassador to Colombia and USAID shall submit independent
10 quarterly reports on the impact the microloans have on violence in
11 the country.

12 B. The Inter-American Development Bank shall be tasked with awarding
13 contracts to the specific NGOs specified in Section 1.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect on the first day of the next Fiscal Year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Christian Bae, Stuyvesant High School

The American Freedom Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will further develop and expand
3 its enhanced interrogation program, and will now be permitted to use
4 enhanced interrogation methods on all United States military property
5 and federal and state maximum-security prisons, for prisoners who pose
6 a significant security risk to the United States.

7 **SECTION 2.** Prisoners of significant risk will be defined as any prisoner who is or has
8 been affiliated with an institution, trade, or illegal activity which poses a
9 clear and present danger to the American people and the interests of its
10 government.

11 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be enforced by the Department of Homeland Security, with
12 financial and logistical support from the Department of Justice, the
13 Federal Bureau of Prisons, the Department of Defense and the Central
14 Intelligence Agency.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill we be implemented on May 1st, 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Claire Jimerson (Akron, OH)

Chamber

7

A Bill to create better infrastructure to improve the United States by increasing excise taxes and combining federal agencies

1. **BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

2. **SECTION 1.** This policy shall instate an increase on excise taxes on fuel to 35 cents a gallon of
3. gasoline. This shall increase taxes enough to allow funding of new and needed infrastructure and
4. help us wean off of non-renewable energy. Also as a means to increase funding we shall create a
5. unified department to merge the federal highway, transit, aviation, maritime, and railroad
6. administrations; the Army Corps of Engineers; and the Environmental Protection Agency's programs
7. to reduce inefficiencies and better secure federal funding. This new department will be called the
8. Department of Infrastructure and Safety.

9. **SECTION 2.** Infrastructure shall be defined as "the system of public works of a country, state, or
10. region also : the resources (such as personnel, buildings, or equipment) required for an activity"
11. which is seen in the Merriam-Webster Dictionary. The Internal Revenue Service define excise tax
12. by saying it is "Excise taxes are taxes paid when purchases are made on a specific good, such as
13. gasoline. Excise taxes are often included in the price of the product."

14. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Infrastructure and Safety shall oversee the implementation of this
15. legislation.

16. **A.** Since we combine all of Infrastructure main departments this will also be overseen by Congress
17. and there will be evaluations done by outside engineers to of make sure this new agency offers
18. maximum efficiency.

19. **B.** This will also include the IRS as a means to regulate the excise tax

20. **SECTION 4.** January 1, 2020

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

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
2 and harm US influence in international regions; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** hundreds of civilians are killed by US drones every year often outside war
4 zones 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
7 airstrikes; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** The rate of civilian casualties from US drone airstrikes has been steadily
9 increasing under the Trump administration now, therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation
11 for a Congressional panel to be established to review and report on the
12 effectiveness of drone strikes and the accuracy of the reporting of civilian
13 casualties; and, be it
- 14 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the CIA and Department of Defense make available to the
15 public reports on each drone strike including casualties, rate of success,
16 and civilian property damage, and be it
- 17 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the US develop necessary military technologies to decrease
18 the loss of civilian life in drone strikes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Aidan McGahey
St. Joseph's Prep

A Resolution to Enhance Emergency Response Services

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 WHEREAS, Natural disasters are one of the most dangerous problems in the United
2 States, worsened by climate change.

3 WHEREAS, The United States' government's response to natural disasters has been
4 inadequate.

5 WHEREAS, 2,975 Puerto Ricans died due to Hurricane Maria.

6 WHEREAS, The 2017 wildfires in California have caused an estimated \$10 Billion
7 in damages.

8 WHEREAS, Hurricane Sandy devastated the East Coast of the United States.

9 BE IT RESOLVED, Emergency response services should be enhanced in order to prevent
10 casualties and damages caused by natural disasters.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine McCullough
Council Rock High School North

A BILL TO ABOLISH MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCING

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All federal and state mandatory minimum sentencing laws shall hereby be
3 repealed.

4 **SECTION 2.** A mandatory minimum sentencing law shall be defined as a law that establishes a
5 minimum amount of years of jail sentencing for a specific crime, regardless of
6 any mitigating factors in the particular case.

7 **SECTION 3.** If a state has any law enforcing mandatory minimum sentencing practices, that
8 law will no longer be in effect. Other state and federal sentencing guidelines shall
9 be preserved.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect January 1, 2020.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Olivia Pasquerella
Loyola School*

BILL TO RESTORE MILITARY AID TO PAKISTAN

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The United States shall hereby give \$150 million dollars in military aid to
3. Pakistan.
4. **SECTION 2.** 'Military aid' is defined as military equipment designed for combat or
5. combat support operations, which does not include security software. It may also be
6. given as monetary aid specifically allocated for the purchase of military equipment.
7. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense shall oversee the implementation of this
8. legislation.
9. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented upon passage.
10. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted for Congressional Debate,

Rep. Kirtana Krishnakumar

Acton Boxborough Regional High School

**A BILL TO BAN THE PRIVATIZATION OF PRISONS TO
PROMOTE EQUALITY**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Bureau of Prisons is hereby barred from interacting with, contracting
3 to, and/or utilizing services provided by a private prison or a business
4 owned by private individuals involved in the private prison industry.

5 **SECTION 2.**

6 A. A “private prison” is defined as an institution that is owned or
7 operated by a non-government entity.

8 B. “Contracting to” is defined as a business arrangement between The
9 Bureau of Prisons and a business owned by private individuals
10 involved in the private prison industry for the supply of goods or
11 services at a monetary price.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will be responsible for overseeing the closure
13 of all privatized prisons, the divesting of all contracts with private prison
14 businesses, and the opening of all new prisons.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect 15 years after passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Laila Polk
Newton South High School*

RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE TRANSPARENCY FOR POSITION HEARINGS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 WHEREAS, The recent confirmation hearings for Brett Kavanaugh have exposed a lack of
2 transparency in the United States Government.

3 WHEREAS, 42,000 documents were given to the United States Senate only one day
4 before Brett Kavanaugh's confirmation hearings in the Senate, giving senators far too little
5 time to properly process all of the documents.

6 WHEREAS, The Trump Administration withheld 100,000 documents related to Brett
7 Kavanaugh's time in the Bush White House.

8 WHEREAS, The American congressmen and citizens deserve to have access to potentially
9 important information about future public servants.

10 BE IT RESOLVED, Actions should be taken in order to promote transparency in the
11 nomination of government officials.

Respectfully submitted,
Trevor Silverman
Council Rock High School North

Social Security Solvency Act of 2018

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **Section 1.** Full Retirement age will be redefined as 10 years less than the average
2. life expectancy of the United States. Average life expectancy is to be
3. updated, for this purpose, every ten years after passage of this legislation.
4. **Section 2.** Full retirement age is defined as the age at which an individual may
5. receive full Social Security benefits. The average life expectancy is to be
6. determined by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
7. **Section 3.** This legislation will be implemented by the Social Security
8. Administration.
9. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented at the beginning of the next fiscal
10. year, with an adjustment of the full retirement age per the average life
11. expectancy at that time.
12. **Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sen. Sheats Southern Lehigh 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
2 threatens to further raise retaliatory tariffs against the United States; and

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Theodora Zeibekis

Chamber

8

1 **A Bill To Repair The Engine Of American Diplomacy Abroad – “READ Act”**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

3 **SECTION 1.** The State Department should receive significant additional funding allocation for the
4 benefit of the Foreign Service and Diplomatic Corps.

5 **SECTION 2.** Where “significant funding” is equal to or greater than the sum of 10 million dollars
6 added to its budget, and the Foreign Service and Diplomatic Corps is the primary personnel
7 system used by the diplomatic service of the United States federal government, under the
8 jurisdiction of the United States Department of State.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of the Treasury will oversee the additional funding allocation, with an
10 Congressional oversight committee under the Committee of Appropriations to be created to
11 ensure that the funding goes towards the opening of diplomatic offices abroad, the training of
12 new diplomats, and financial or other support for extant diplomatic efforts overseas.

13 **SECTION 4.** The new funding allocation shall be integrated into the next fiscal year budget to
14 follow passage.

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

16 Respectfully submitted by Representative Liam Mackey of Highview Academy

A BILL TO BAN DRONE WARFARE IN YEMEN

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall ban the use of offensive drones in Yemen so that innocent
3 are not killed in the collateral damage of a drone strike.

4 **SECTION 2.** Drones shall be defined as Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) and
5 Remotely Piloted Aerial Systems (RPAS), and are aircrafts controlled
6 remotely by an operator with the intent to attack a target.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense shall oversee the implementation of this
8 legislation.

9 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Manta, Xavier High School

A Bill to Legalize released Felons Voting Rights

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Released felons will now be able to legally vote for any
2 election.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Elections will include municipal, federal, and state elections.
- 4 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will be responsible implementing
5 and enforcing this bill.
- 6 A. This bill provides for unrestricted voting rights for released felons
- 7 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented by January 1, 2019.
- 8 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared
9 null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Abigail Stadelmann from Phillipsburg High School.

**A BILL TO INCREASE FUNDING TO THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND
PREVENTION TO CURB DISEASE EPIDEMICS IN THE UNITED STATES**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) shall
3 be given an additional \$800 million each year to fight and prevent the
4 spread of harmful pathogens, per the CDC's definition, in the United
5 States.

6 **SECTION 2.** The CDC shall use this funding to:

7 A. Improve hospital response protocol during an epidemic by providing
8 training, drills, lectures, etc. for hospital staff.

9 B. Purchase provisions to contain and treat patients for hospitals not
10 currently equipped with supplies such as masks, HAZMAT suits,
11 quarantine facilities, etc.

12 C. Develop public service announcements meant to either prevent an
13 epidemic or respond in aiding containment.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall implement this
15 legislation. This legislation shall be funded by redirecting \$800 million
16 from the Department of Homeland Security annually.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect 1 year after passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Gordon Li
Ridge High School*

**A Bill to Establish an Opt-out Organ Donation System to
Increase Organ Donations**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. The U.S will utilize an opt-out organ donation system.

3 B. This system excludes those who do not currently qualify to be organ
4 donors.

5 C. Under this system, a new registry of non-donors will be created.

6 Individuals who would like to be added to the opt-out registry must
7 contact the Department of Health and Human Services.

8 **SECTION 2.** A. The opt-out organ donation system is defined as a method of presumed
9 consent where individuals are automatically donors unless they indicate
10 otherwise.

11 B. The opt-out registry is defined as a record of those who have refused
12 to give consent to be an organ donor.

13 **SECTION 3.** The department of Health and Human Services will oversee the
14 implementation of this legislation.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect at the start of FY2022.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate

*by Rep. Amy Xiao
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Semifinals Bills

A Resolution Concerning the American Embassy in Israel

1. **WHEREAS**, the United States has situated its Embassy in Tel Aviv since the creation
2. of Israel; and
3. **WHEREAS**, tensions in the Middle East have increased in recent years; and
4. **WHEREAS**, Jerusalem has been important to Jewish and Islamic peoples in the Middle
5. East; now, therefore, be it
6. **RESOLVED**, the United States move its embassy back to Tel Aviv.

A Resolution for a Constitutional Amendment to Eliminate the Electoral College

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

7. **SECTION 1:** The Electoral College will be abolished and shall be replaced by a direct popular vote for the President of the United States.
8. **SECTION 2.** If no candidate receives a majority of the vote, there will be a runoff of the two candidates receiving the most votes. This runoff election will take place exactly one week after Election Day.
9. **SECTION 3.** Congress shall be empowered to make any necessary changes to existing laws.

**A BILL TO REINSTATE STATE AND LOCAL TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR ALL
AMERICANS**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The tax deduction for state and local taxes is hereby reinstated.

3 **SECTION 2.** This bill shall go into effect at the beginning of the 2019 fiscal year.

4 **SECTION 3.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Finals Bills

A Resolution for a Constitutional Amendment to Eliminate Lifetime Tenure on the Supreme Court

1. **BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**
2. By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is
3. proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall
4. be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by
5. the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the
6. date of its submission by the Congress:
7. **SECTION 1:** Supreme Court Justices will serve a single nonrenewable term of 15 years.
8. **SECTION 2.** The term shall begin on the day the Justice is sworn in.
9. **SECTION 3.** Congress shall be empowered to make any necessary changes to existing laws.

A Resolution Concerning the Independent Counsel Investigation

1. **WHEREAS**, the integrity of United States elections is of supreme importance ; and
2. **WHEREAS**, the presidential authority over the Attorney General of the United States
3. makes it difficult for the Attorney General to remain impartial; and
4. **WHEREAS**, the results of this investigation, whether they find that there was Russian
5. interference in the election or not, are essential in restoring confidence in the United
6. States' electoral system now, therefore, be it
7. **RESOLVED**, this Congress calls for an unimpeded conclusion to the Mueller
8. investigation.

A Bill to Withdraw from the United Nations

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall officially withdraw its membership in the United
3 Nations.

4 **SECTION 2.** The United States shall end all dues payments to the United Nations.

5 **SECTION 3:** Diplomatic immunity shall be revoked for all United Nations ambassadors
6 and staffs.

7 **SECTION 3.** The State Department shall oversee this piece of legislation.

8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2020.

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