

**Preliminary Session**  
**February 8 - 9 2019**

## **1. A Resolution to Regulate Medicinal Marijuana for Chemical Quality Control**

**WHEREAS**, legal marijuana for medicinal use, in states like Colorado, currently runs the risk of contamination by outside resources like potency test manipulators (% THC) and lacings with potentially harmful substances including but not limited to lead, fungus, laundry detergent, ketamine, and methamphetamine.

**WHEREAS**, individuals that are legally prescribed this treatment should have a safe and healthy experience with their medication, without fear of contamination.

**RESOLVED**, the United States Food and Drug Administration shall receive an additional \$10 million dollars to their annual budget to effectively mandate both tactile and visual examinations of the substance for chemical quality control be conducted by both legally licensed cannabis growers and their corresponding dispensaries.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Upper Saint Clair High School*

**2. A RESOLUTION TO BAN THE USE OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION TO CREATE A FAIR AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL EDUCATIONAL APPLICATIONS**

**WHEREAS,** Affirmative Action was initially created on the grounds of improving opportunities for historically excluded groups in American society but is now a cause of reverse discrimination by favoring one group over another, based on racial preference rather than academic achievement; and

**WHEREAS,** Colleges across the country are found guilty of affirmative action; and

**WHEREAS,** In the year 2001, there were more than 16,000 Asian American students who scored above 700 on the mathematics SAT, while fewer than 700 black students scored that high—even though blacks outnumbered Asian Americans several times over; and

**WHEREAS,** Affirmative action policies lower standards and make students less accountable; and

**WHEREAS,** Affirmative action is unconstitutional under the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, as well as programs that are illegal under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination based on race, color or national origin by recipients of federal financial assistance; and

**RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled bans the use of affirmative actions within colleges to decide on the acceptance of student applicant

*Respectfully submitted,*

*North Allegheny Senior High School*

**3. A BILL TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS BY  
BANNING NEW CONSTRUCTION OF FOSSIL FUEL CONSUMING POWER PLANTS**

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

2 Article I: The United States federal government will prohibit the future  
3 construction of power plants that consume fossil fuels in order to  
4 reduce the amount of greenhouse gas emissions. All fossil fuel  
5 consuming power plants that are in operation on the date this  
6 legislation goes into effect shall be permitted to continue operations.

7 Article II: For the purpose of this legislation, “power plants” refers to industrial  
8 facilities that generate electrical power and “fossil fuels” shall be  
9 defined as coal, petroleum, and natural gas.

10 Article III: This policy shall go into effect on January 1, 2024.

11 Article IV: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in coordination  
12 with the Department of Energy (DOE) and the Department of Justice  
13 (DOJ) shall be responsible for the implementation and enforcement of  
14 this legislation.

15 A. States with regulatory agencies that permit construction of fossil  
16 fuel consuming power plants beyond the implementation date,  
17 above, will be cut off from all DOE grants for a period of ten years.

18 B. The DOJ may file an injunction in U.S. district court to stop  
19 construction projects from proceeding.

20 Article V: All other laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null  
21 and void.

*Respectfully submitted, Danville Area H.S. Diocese of Scranton*

#### **4. A Bill to Privatize the Postal Service**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The United States Postal Service shall become a privatized corporation.

**SECTION 2.** The U.S. Postal Service is now privatized and can compete freely with competitors, such as the United Parcel Service and FedEx.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor shall oversee implementation of this bill.

- A. Any laws giving the U.S. Postal Service an unfair competitive advantage over its competition shall be abolished.
- B. All current assets shall be sold to the highest bidder.
- C. All current employees of the U.S. Postal Service will be able to retain employment up until 1 year after the implementation of this legislation.

**SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented on December 9, 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Canfield High School

## **5. A Resolution to Encourage Increased Use of Driverless Cars**

WHEREAS: A driverless car is defined to be a vehicle with total autonomy according to Brookings Institute.

WHEREAS: The Association for Safe International Road Travel finds that 37,000 people die and 2.35 million are injured in road crashes per year.

WHEREAS: One of the leading causes of death in the United States is due to car accidents.

WHEREAS: Driverless cars greatly improve the safety on roads.

WHEREAS: The usage of driverless cars is more fuel efficient and is more environmentally friendly.

WHEREAS: Driverless cars also allow for ex-drivers to have more time for other uses.

WHEREAS: Americans spend 75 billion hours driving annually.

WHEREAS: The amount of time gained from driverless cars would amount to over \$500 billion per year in productivity.

WHEREAS: The revenue from increased productivity will support the increase in jobs.

WHEREAS: The increase in jobs will lead to more consumer spending.

WHEREAS: Increased consumer spending will benefit the economy of the United States.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Student Congress here today that car manufacturers make all cars driverless in the next five years.

Respectfully submitted,

North Allegheny

## **6. A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Reform the Electoral College**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

### **ARTICLE I**

**SECTION 1:** The Electoral College shall be reformed so that Electoral Votes are apportioned to each Presidential Candidate proportional to the popular vote that each Candidate won in each state. Fractions of Electoral Votes equal to exactly half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) or greater shall be counted as the next highest whole vote; fractions of Electoral Votes less than half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) shall be counted as the previous lowest whole Electoral Vote. If there are any remaining Electoral Votes which cannot be apportioned to any particular candidate, the following shall occur: If there are sufficient Electoral Votes such that each Presidential Candidate may receive at least one Electoral Vote and all Presidential Candidates may receive an equal number, the Electoral Votes shall be divided equally amongst all Presidential Candidates then in possession of any Electoral Votes; If any remaining Electoral Votes cannot be equally divided amongst all Presidential Candidates, the Presidential Candidate with the greatest popular vote shall be awarded all remaining Electoral Votes.

**SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Highland High School

## 7. A Resolution to Attack the National Debt

1 WHEREAS the United States of America has accumulated a massive national  
2 debt over the past ten years, over 21 trillion dollars

3 WHEREAS Americans despise taxes, which could be used to pay off the  
4 national debt

5 WHEREAS the government needs to take action to establish an  
6 alternate revenue source to help pay off this astronomical national debt so that  
7 we do not continue devolving down an endless spiral toward bankruptcy,  
8 lawlessness, and apocalypse

9 WHEREAS there is a bowling alley in the White House

10 THEREFORE be it resolved by the Student Congress here assembled that a  
11 Congressional Bowling League be established, broadcast on CSPAN, with  
12 merchandise, ticketing, and TV sales being directed to paying off the national  
13 debt

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Rep. Kyle Kroboth*

*Peters Township High School*



## 8. A Resolution to End African Aid to North Korea

**WHEREAS,** The Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) is one of the most corrupt and brutal political regimes in the world; and

**WHEREAS,** The DPRK has been largely cut off from western aid and has been rebuked by international assemblies like The United Nations; and

**WHEREAS,** African nations are currently engaged with bilateral trade with the DPRK to create munitions, weapons and infrastructure for both parties; and

**WHEREAS,** The United States gives aid to several African nations who are currently involved in corrupt trade with the DPRK

**RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled move forward with further legislation to eliminate aid to any African nations engaging in trade with the DPRK.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Revere High School (Akron)*

## 9. A Bill to Institute A Universal Basic Income in the United States

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **Section 1:** A universal basic income program will be instituted in the United States.
3. **Section 2:** A. The universal basic income (UBI) will be defined as an unconditional living  
4.           stipend which all citizens above the age of 18 will receive.  
5.           B. Each American adult will receive \$1000 per month.
6. **Section 3:** The implementation of this piece of legislation will be overseen by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The Dept. of Health and Human Services shall reallocate \$3 trillion of funding for this bill.
7. **Section 4:** This legislation will be implemented over a 5 year period, with the first year paying out \$200 per month and increasing by \$200 each year. The first payments shall take place the beginning of the fiscal year after passage.
8. **Section 5:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by  
State College Area High School*

**Super Session**  
**Saturday Feb 9, 2019**

# 1. A Bill to Allocate Funds to the Department of Veterans Affairs to Increase Quality of Healthcare

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1           **SECTION 1.** Funds will be allocated to the Department of Veterans  
2           Affairs to increase the quality of veterans healthcare.
- 3           **SECTION 2.** Veterans will be defined as any citizen who has been  
4           honorably discharged from any branch of the United States military.  
5           Healthcare will be defined as the maintenance or improvement of one's  
6           overall health through the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of disease,  
7           illness, injury, and any other physical or mental impairments of any  
8           applicable veteran as defined previously.
- 9           **SECTION 3.** The Department of Veterans Affairs will oversee the  
10          enforcement of the bill.
- 11          A. 30 billion dollars will be re appropriated to the Department of Veterans  
12          Affairs from the Department of Defence's funding.
- 13          B. The funds will be re appropriated out of the defense funding  
14          specifically allocated for the Department of Defense rather than from  
15          other non Department of Defense entities.
- 16          **SECTION 4.** The bill will be implemented immediately upon passage and  
17          remain in effect indefinitely.
- 18          **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared  
19          null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bethel Park High School.*

## 2. A BILL TO INCREASE SOUTHERN BORDER SECURITY

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1           **SECTION 1.** A wall will be built on the southern border of the United  
2 States of America.

3           **SECTION 2.** The wall shall separate Mexico and the United States of  
4 America on the international border, as diplomatically recognized.

5           **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security shall oversee the  
6 enforcement of this bill.

7           A. \$20 billion shall be reappropriated from the budget of the Department of  
8 Defense to the Department of Homeland Security.

9           B. The wall must cost an amount equal to or less than \$30 billion.

10          C. Any remaining funds from this appropriation shall be returned to the  
11 Department of Defense.

12          D. The President shall choose the wall prototype for construction.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be immediately implemented upon passage.

14          A. Within six (6) months of passage, construction on the wall must begin.

15          B. During said six (6) month period, construction plans shall be created in  
16 full.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bethel Park High School.*

### 3. A RESOLUTION TO RENEW THE ANTARCTIC TREATY

1.       **WHEREAS:** The Antarctic Treaty was signed in 1959 and since has been  
signed by a total of
2.       53 countries.
3.       **WHEREAS:** This treaty ensures that no member nation will use Antarctica  
for non-peaceful
4.       purposes, scientific investigation can freely occur and that any observations  
made are freely
5.       shared.
- 6       **WHEREAS:** It additionally prevents signing countries from claiming  
territory in Antarctica or
7.       staging weapons on it.
8.       **WHEREAS:** This treaty expires in 2048. When this occurs, it could lead  
to global conflict.
9.       **BE IT RESOLVED,** The United States government should lead the way in  
pushing for a renewal
10.      of the Antarctic Treaty in order to prevent global conflict and ensure that  
the neutrality of
11.      Antarctica is protected.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethel Park High School

## 4. A Bill to Allocate Funds to State Governments to Improve Education

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1           **SECTION 1.**    A sum of \$55 billion shall be allocated to state governments  
2           in order to improve educational systems in the United States.
- 3           **SECTION 2.**    Educational systems shall be defined as all public schools  
4           that teach any grade(s) from kindergarten through 12th grade.
- 5           **SECTION 3.**    This policy, including all provisions needed to ensure the  
6           proper use of funds, will be carried out by the Department of the Treasury.
- 7           A. \$5 billion will be allocated to IL.
- 8           B. \$2.5 will be allocated to each MO, AL, and NY.
- 9           C. \$1.5 billion will be allocated to each MI, RI, TX, NH, WY, ME, WV, ID, IA,  
10           PA, MS, FL.
- 11           D. \$1 billion will be allocated to each MT, TN, VT, CT, AZ, ND, NE, KS, WI,  
12           NM, and MA.
- 13           E. \$750 million will be allocated to each OR, KY, OK, CO, VA, IN, CA, SC,  
14           MD, WA, LA, DE, AR, NC.
- 15           F. \$500 million will be allocated to each GA, SD, NJ, MN, OH, and UT.
- 16           G. Each of the respective sums mentioned in parts 3 A.-F. are based on the  
17           disparities in funding between high- and low-poverty districts,  
18           according to the *U.S. News and World Report*, with the most money  
19           going to the states that have greater funding for lower-poverty  
20           districts.
- 21           **SECTION 4.**    This bill will be implemented within a year of passage.
- SECTION 5.**    All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared  
            null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bethel Park High School.*