

MILLARD WEST WILDCAT 2018 CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE

All legislation must have at least an authorship/sponsorship speech and a negative speech before motions to previous question. Tabling bills before being debated is permitted.

Millard West Congress Questioning

We are piloting direct questioning at this tournament, which allows questioners who are called upon to ask questions and respond back and forth with the speaker for up to 30 seconds. After that time elapses, the questioner sits down and the next questioner gets 30 seconds. This repeats until the questioning period ends.

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A BILL TO REESTABLISH SSI

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Individuals who apply for Supplemental Security Income cannot be automatically denied benefits for having more than \$2,000 in assets. Individuals with a qualifying disability who live at or below the poverty line, or less than 15% over the state poverty line, for the state in which they reside will be deemed eligible for SSI benefits.
3. **SECTION 2.** The Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program pays benefits to disabled adults and children who have limited income and resources. The definition of a qualifying disability does not change from previous legislation.
4. **SECTION 3.** The Social Security Administration will oversee the enforcement of this bill. States who are found in violation of this bill will be denied federal grant money.
5. **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect one year after passage.
6. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Submitted by Marian High School

A Bill to Have Mandatory STD Testing for Public High

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. Section 1: All public high schools, grades 9 through 12, are required to have STD
3. (Sexually Transmitted Diseases/Infections) testing once every fiscal year for their high
4. school students. Such testing will be administered by registered nurses at each school.
5. Schools must complete requirements by the months of September through December.
6. Section 2: STD testing will be defined as testing for commonly known STDs such as
7. HIV/AIDS, Herpes, Syphilis, Gonorrhea, Chlamydia, etc. Testing will be through urine
8. testing, swabbing of mouth cheeks, swabbing of genitalia, or blood testing.
9. Section 3: Each state will be allocated \$250 million through block grants in order to
10. fund all testing in that state.
11. Section 4: Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Education, and
12. the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will oversee enforcement of this bill.
13. Section 5: This bill will be enforced 180 days after passage.
14. Section 6: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Elkhorn South High School.

A Bill to Abolish HAARP

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The High-frequency Active Auroral Research Program (HAARP) will be abolished. The facility at University of Alaska Fairbanks which houses the program and the equipment will be repurposed to uses that are in no way related to HAARP. Any other facilities which house similar equipment and perform similar experiments will also be repurposed.
3. **SECTION 2.** The High Frequency Active Auroral Research Program (HAARP) is an ionospheric research program that uses the Ionospheric Research Instrument (IRI), a high-power, high frequency (HF) transmitter. "Abolished" means permanently shut down.
4. **SECTION 3.** This bill will be jointly enforced by the United States Air Force (USAF), the United States Navy, and the Governor of Alaska.
5. **SECTION 3A.** If the HAARP program is not abolished, all scientific researchers associated with the continuing program will have their credentials stripped.
6. **SECTION 3B.** If the HAARP program in Fairbanks, Alaska is not abolished, the state of Alaska will lose all federal funding. If any other state is found to house or otherwise support a HAARP facility, that state will also lose all federal funding.
7. **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect one year after passage.
8. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Submitted by Marian High School

A Resolution to Require All Plants to Disclose the Chemicals in the Plant

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. WHEREAS, States have cited the Homeland Security Act to avoid having to disclose
3. chemicals within plants due to terrorist fears; and
4. WHEREAS, The Arkema chemical plant had chemicals in the facility that were heat
5. reactive, but this information was not disclosed to the public until there was a risk of
6. explosions due to no electricity caused by Hurricane Harvey; and
7. WHEREAS, This lack of disclosure opens companies up for lawsuits; and
8. WHEREAS, The public has a right to know, especially people living near these plants
9. and are at risk; and
10. WHEREAS, Past disclosure laws have excluded certain chemicals from being inspected;
11. THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the student congress assembled that:
12. All plants must disclose all chemicals being used or stored on the facility property to the
13. public.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hastings High School.

A BILL TO REQUIRE MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Any school that receives United States federal government funding will be required to perform at least one mental health assessment each school year for each student.

SECTION 2. A mental health assessment is the examination used to evaluate the level of one's psychological, social or development.

SECTION 3. The Department of Education will conduct audits to ensure assessments are being performed. All federal funding will be rescinded for the following fiscal year for districts that are not conducting assessments. The Department of Health & Human services will oversee the assessments to ensure they apply best practices.

SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect on August 6, 2020

SECTION 5. All laws that are in conflict with this policy shall hereby be declared null and void.

Submitted by Norfolk Senior High School

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Balance the Federal Budget

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 RESOLVED, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article

3 is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States,

4 which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution

5 when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states

6 within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

7 ARTICLE --

8 SECTION 1. Total spending for any fiscal year may not surpass total

9 income for that same fiscal year, unless two thirds of the House and two

10 thirds of the Senate, as well as the President pass the budget in the case

11 of explicit declared war, emergency, or recession.

12 SECTION 2. The limit of debt that the Federal Government can take on

13 cannot be raised without 4/5 approval from the House and Senate.

14 SECTION 3. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article

15 through appropriate legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Creighton Prep High School.

A Bill to Require More Thorough Vetting for Candidates of the Supreme Court Justice

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 Section 1. Vetting will be required for all candidates that are nominated for
2 Supreme Court Justice.

3 Section 2. Vetting is defined as a thorough investigation where the past of the
candidate is

4 studied and observed by FBI officials and things that others have accused the
candidate of are

5 taken into consideration.

6 Section 3. The United States government will take any necessary actions to thoroughly
7 investigate candidates of the Supreme Court Justice

8 Section 4. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln East High School

A Resolution to Require Video Surveillance

1. WHEREAS, Video surveillance on the streets are not required under any current laws;
2. and
3. WHEREAS, Many civil lawsuits and criminal prosecutions are won or lost based on
4. footage from cameras that have recorded scenes of accidents or alleged crimes; and
5. WHEREAS, the amount of criminals who have successfully escaped an arrest
6. are due to the lack of surveillance on the streets, now, therefore, be it
7. RESOLVED, By this Congress: that video surveillance be required on every street.

Introduced by Hastings Senior High School

**A Bill to Limit the Power of the Executive Branch and to Reduce the
Risk of
Intercontinental Annihilation and Emphasize Constitutional Checks
and Balances on the
POTUS**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
 2. SECTION 1. According to Article I, Section VIII, Clause XI of the United States
 3. Constitution grants Congress the power to declare war against foreign powers. Seeing to
 4. this, the power to launch, drop, or detonate any atomic or nuclear weapon will be
 5. delegated to a new committee, the Senate Nuclear Arms Committee. This committee will
 6. meet behind closed doors in the event of a national emergency and would require a 4/5
 7. vote in order to launch, drop or detonate any nuclear explosive. Moreover, this
 8. committee will be compromised by the most senior member from each state in the
 9. union, from the Senate, and will be presided over by the Chief of Justice of the Supreme
 10. Court. In order to ensure the secrecy of the proceedings to protect national security,
 11. \$100 million will be allotted for establishing a secure and secret location that is able to
 12. sustain a nuclear blast. In the event that a member of the committee dies, resigns, or is
 13. not physically or mentally able to serve, then the governor of that state would temporarily
 14. become the acting representative of that state in the committee until a new
 15. representative is elected. If a president refuses to cooperate fully with these
 16. proceedings, the Committee has full authority to indict person(s) on counts of Contempt
 17. of Congress.
 18. SECTION 2. A nuclear explosive shall be defined as a device designed to release
 19. energy in an explosive manner as a result of nuclear fission, nuclear fusion, or a
 20. combination of the two processes. Foreign powers shall be defined as a foreign
 21. government, any faction of a foreign nation not substantially composed of U.S. persons,
 22. and any entity directed or controlled by a foreign government.
 23. SECTION 3. The U.S. Department of Defense shall work jointly with the President of the
 24. United States, The Senate Nuclear Arms Committee, and the Department of Justice.
 25. SECTION 4. This piece of legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.
 26. SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
- Introduced for Congressional Debate by Elkhorn South High School.*

A Bill to Increase Funding for the Department of Energy

1 Be it enacted by the Student Congress here assembled that:

2 Section 1: The funding for the Department of Energy is five
3 billion dollars.

4 Section 2: The Department of Energy is a federal Cabinet
5 department of the US government concerned with energy.

6 Section 3a: The Office of Management and Budget will oversee the
7 implementation of this bill.

8 Section 3b: Funding will be reallocated from the military.

9 Section 4: The law shall be implemented one month after passage.

10 Section 5: All other laws conflicting with this policy shall hereby be
11 declared null and void.

12 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Norfolk Senior High School*

A Bill to Ban Vehicles Powered by Fossil Fuels

1 Be it enacted by the Student Congress here assembled that:

2 Section 1: The production and commerce of passenger vehicles powered by fossil
3 fuels is illegal.

4 Section 2: Any vehicle used for the transportation of people is a passenger vehicle.

5 Fossil fuels are converted geologic deposits of organic materials: crude oil, coal,
6 natural gas, or heavy oils.

7 Section 3a: The US Department of Transportation will oversee the implementation of
8 this law.

9 Section 3b: The penalty for infringing this law is a fee of \$5,000, a fee of \$10,000 for
10 a second offense, and a fee of \$50,000 for a third offense.

11 Section 4: The law shall be implemented on January 1st, 2050.

12 Section 5: All other laws conflicting with this police shall hereby be declared null and
13 void.

14 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Norfolk Senior High School*

A Bill to Make College Tuition Free

1 Be it enacted by the Student Congress here assembled that:

2 Section 1: Tuition in all public colleges must be free by 2020.

3 Section 2: Tuition is a sum of money charged for teaching by a college,
4 not room and board or books. College is an educational institution of
5 postsecondary education.

6 Section 3a: The US Department of Education will oversee the
7 implementation of this law.

8 Section 3b: If a public college does not provide free tuition to their
9 students, the college will lose all federal funding until in compliance with
10 the requirements.

11 Section 3c: Funding will be reallocated from the military.

12 Section 4: The law shall be implemented on January 1st 2020.

13 Section 5: All other laws conflicting with this police shall hereby be
14 declared null and void.

15 **Introduced for Congressional Debate by Norfolk Senior High School**