

South Medford
RVC Student Congress

Legislation

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

A Bill to Fairly Pay New Parents

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. The United States will require all businesses to provide six weeks paid maternity/paternity leave to all new parents.

Section 2. A “New Parent” will be defined as anyone who is the parent of a child who is under the age of one via bloodline or someone who adopts a child under the age of 18.

Section 3. The United States Department of Labor will oversee the enforcement of this Bill.

A. All funding for the leave will be paid for by the respective businesses of which the employee is employed.

Section 4. This bill shall take effect in the fiscal year of 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Crater High School

A Bill to Enact New Requirements to Possess Firearms to Help Protect the Public

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. Only three in five gun owners are educated on how to properly use their firearms. To
3 help educate firearm owners, the United States of America will implement stricter
4 requirements to possess firearms by requiring standards to be met.

5 SECTION 2. Proficiencies include a set of tests, courses, and to give information about the location
6 that the firearms are being kept.

7 SECTION 3. The local police departments will be in control of all applications and educating
8 people who are within their city limits. People who live outside of city limits and within a
9 county will be taken care of by neighboring cities working together and equally splitting
10 the number of people up between the police stations.

11 A. If a person wants to buy or inherit a firearm they will:

- 12 i. complete an application to the police department,
- 13 ii. then take a class on firearm safety and then pass a test on the
14 information they have learned from class,
- 15 iii. prove that they can successfully fire the weapon at a
16 shooting range properly and accurately, at least 70% accuracy in a test of 10
17 shots. Accuracy means at least in the second ring around a circle target that
18 has a total of four rings.

19 B. The person buying the firearm will have to pass a psych evaluation proving the
20 person is mentally capable of owning a firearm.

21 SECTION 4. This bill will be implemented by January 1, 2019.

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

A Bill to Enact the Holiday Initiative to Help Those in Need During our Holiday Season

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. This initiative would be using funds set aside by the government each year to help those in need including but not limited to: homeless, children in foster care, children in need such as those in poorer socioeconomic statuses, and veterans. The government will be helping by providing food, healthcare supplies, hygiene supplies and warm clothing for the winter season.

SECTION 2. The funding for this initiative will be made available by taking funds from large departments in the US government, such as the Department of Defense.

SECTION 3. The department of Health and Human Services will oversee that the initiative is effective, and the Department will have to inform Congress every 5 years of the effectiveness of the program.

SECTION 4. This initiative will be put in effect by 2021 and budget allotments will be finalized by the end of 2020.

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

Introduced by South Medford High School

A Bill to Decrease Prices of Public Transport During the Holiday Season

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The prices of public transport during the Holiday season will be lowered
to an amount dictated by the state.

SECTION 2.

A. Public Transport involves all federally owned forms of transportation
including but not limited to: Subway, trains, buses, etc.

B. Holiday season is defined as the stretch of time from November to January.

SECTION 3. The United States department of Transportation will oversee the
implementation and enforcement of this Legislation.

SECTION 4. This bill will be enacted by November 2019.

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

Introduced by South Medford High School

A Bill to Stop Gerrymandering

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED AFFIRMS THAT TO GERRYMANDER IS DEFINED AS: “TO DIVIDE OR ARRANGE
2 (A TERRITORIAL UNIT) INTO ELECTION DISTRICTS TO GIVE ONE POLITICAL PARTY AN ELECTORAL MAJORITY IN A
3 LARGE NUMBER OF DISTRICTS WHILE CONCENTRATING THE VOTING STRENGTH OF THE OPPOSITION IN AS FEW
4 DISTRICTS AS POSSIBLE”. THIS IS DETRIMENTAL TO THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS BECAUSE IT UNFAIRLY SKEWS
5 THE OUTCOMES OF ELECTIONS AWAY FROM THE POPULAR WILL.

6 **SECTION 2.** THE STATES SHALL BE REQUIRED TO USE THE SHORTEST SPLIT-LINE ALGORITHM (SSA), AN ALGORITHM
7 INVENTED BY WARREN D. SMITH, TO DIVIDE THEIR STATES INTO EQUIPOPULOUS ELECTORAL DISTRICTS USING
8 CENSUS DATA.

9 **SECTION 3.** THE ELECTION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION (EOC) SHALL BE CREATED TO ENSURE THAT THE STATES HAVE
10 ADHERED TO THE SSA.

11 **SECTION 4.** THE EOC SHALL BE FUNDED THROUGH DISCRETIONARY SPENDING.

12 **SECTION 5.** CONGRESS MAY ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THE EOC THROUGH APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION.

13 **SECTION 6.** THIS BILL WILL GO INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY 1ST, 2020 IF PASSED.

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15 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY SEAN HICKS OF ST. MARY’S SCHOOL

A Resolution to Institute the Equal Rights Amendment

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** THIS CONGRESS ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE EQUAL PROTECTION CLAUSE OF THE FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT OF
2 THE CONSTITUTION CAN AND HAS BEEN INTERPRETED TO APPLY ONLY TO MEN DUE TO HISTORICAL CONTEXT,
3 AND THUS THERE IS A NEED FOR GENDER EQUALITY TO BE EXPLICITLY PROTECTED IN THE CONSTITUTION.

4 **SECTION 2.** TO THESE ENDS, THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT (ERA) SHALL BE ADDED TO THE CONSTITUTION,
5 STATING: "EQUALITY OF RIGHTS UNDER THE LAW SHALL NOT BE DENIED OR ABRIDGED BY THE UNITED STATES
6 OR BY ANY STATE ON ACCOUNT OF SEX."

7 **SECTION 3.** THE CONGRESS SHALL HAVE POWER TO ENFORCE THIS ARTICLE THROUGH APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION.

8 **SECTION 4.** THIS RESOLUTION REQUIRES A 2/3 CONGRESSIONAL MAJORITY AND A 3/4 STATE RATIFICATION TO PASS.

9 **SECTION 5.** THIS RESOLUTION WILL GO INTO EFFECT UPON PASSAGE.

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A Resolution to Discourage Zero-Tolerance Policies in School

Whereas: Each case by case situation is different because each student is different

Whereas: Students do not get to defend themselves and their 5th amendment right are often
violated by these policies

Whereas: Schools often use zero-tolerance policies as a mask for dealing with difficult
situations which arise

Be it resolved that zero-tolerance policies in public schools should be discouraged in American
schools.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by North Valley