

A BILL TO ELIMINATE ALL FEDERAL ETHANOL SUBSIDIES

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All Federal agricultural subsidies related to the production of ethanol will hereby be terminated.

SECTION 2. Ethanol is an additive often found in gasoline and fuels. Federal agricultural subsidies are financial incentives and assistance to farmers with regard to the production and cultivation of a crop or substance.

SECTION 3. The United States Department of Agriculture will enforce to oversight of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation will be enacted immediately.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Kevin Bennett
Clover Hill High School*

A Resolution to Officially recognize The Ukraine as a NATO Nation

Whereas: The United States attaches great importance to the success of Ukraine's transition to a modern democratic state with a flourishing market economy; and

Whereas: The guiding principle of American policy throughout this period had been to stand with the people of Ukraine and to underline the importance of restoration of Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity; and

Whereas: The objective remains to restore Ukrainian control over the territory of the entire state. Russia is still far from implementing the obligations under the Minsk Agreement; and

Whereas: Any country in the Euro-Atlantic area is free to join NATO if it is prepared to meet the standards and obligations of membership, and to contribute to the security of the Alliance.

Therefore: Be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that NATO should officially recognize the Ukraine as a NATO nation.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Hannah Toman
Cosby High School

A Resolution To End The Embargo on Cuba

1 **WHEREAS,** The United States has an economic, commercial, and travel
2 ban on Cuba that has lasted for 56 years in response to Cuban
3 nationalization of all foreign-owned property, including those of
4 **WHEREAS,** the United States; and according to the General Assembly of the
5 United Nations, the embargo has cost Cuba around 130 billion
6 **WHEREAS,** dollars; and the United Nations has denounced the embargo on
7 Cuba every year since 1991, with 188 countries in the United
8 Nations General Assembly voting to condemn the policy, only
9 Israel siding with the United States; and the original purpose of
10 **WHEREAS,** the embargo, stated in the Cuban Democracy Act of 1992, to
11 move toward democratization has failed; and, be it
12 **RESOLVED** by this Congress here assembled that we urge the removal of this
13 embargo.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Demos Negash

A Bill to Instate a Gasoline Tax to Improve Infrastructure

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** All sales of gasoline or other similar fuels shall be taxed by 10%.
- SECTION 2.** Revenue from this tax shall be put into a trust fund that will be used to pay for infrastructure improvements.
- SECTION 3.** The Department of Commerce and the Internal Revenue Service shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.
- SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect three months after passage.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bridgewater-Raritan.

A Bill to Protect Journalists Across the World to Ensure Freedom of the Press

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Military aid shall be removed for countries whose governments have executed or allowed the murder of a journalist within the past year.

SECTION 2. Military aid shall be defined as grants to provide U.S. defense equipment, services, and training to defense capabilities.

SECTION 3. The Department of State, the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), and the Department of Defense (DoD) shall oversee implementation of this bill.

A. The Department of State and Central Intelligence Agency in conjunction shall create a Bureau Journalism Committee that shall review executions of journalists in countries that the U.S. provides military aid to on an annual basis to determine whether a country is eligible for military aid.

B. The Department of Defense shall oversee the termination of military aid.

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

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ruby Wang of East Chapel Hill High School.

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.

Rep. Theodora Zeibekis

A Bill to Ban Neonicotinoids in Pesticides to Increase Bee Populations

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1: Neonicotinoids in any capacity are hereby banned in pesticide production and use.

SECTION 2: Farmers continuing neonicotinoid use will be punished with the loss of farm subsidies for fifteen years (five half-lives of standard neonicotinoids).

SECTION 3: This bill will be screened by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and enforced by the US Department of Agriculture.

SECTION 4: This bill shall take effect within 90 days upon passage.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Olivia Taverni
The Mary Louis Academy

**A BILL TO GIVE AID TO
THE PEOPLE OF IRAQ**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall give 1 billion dollars in the form of humanitarian
3 and developmental aid to Iraqi citizens in Iraq recovering from the Islamic
4 State War.

5 **SECTION 2.** The aid shall work at the grassroots level to rebuild Iraq's water and
6 electricity systems; provide food, health care for its people; and take care
7 of those who were forced from their homes in the fighting.

8 **SECTION 3.** USAID, Peace Corps, and Department of State will all oversee the
9 implementation of this bill to ensure effective implementation.

10 **SECTION 4.** At the beginning of the 2020 fiscal year, the effectiveness of the aid will
11 be Determined, and if 10% or more of the aid is said to be improperly
12 distributed or inefficiently utilized, humanitarian aid to Iraq in the form of
13 this bill will stop. However, if the aid is deemed effective, an additional 3
14 billion dollars each year shall be given to help the Iraqi people recover.
15 This legislation will be implemented on March 1, 2019

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

Respectfully submitted,

[Perkiomen Valley High School]

A Bill to Ban Oil Drilling Opening on any National Wildlife Refuge or National Park

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 Section I: The United States shall not allow any oil drilling on national wildlife
3 refuges or national parks.

4 Section II: “National wildlife refuge” is defined as an area designated for protection
5 of wild animals. “National park” is defined as a scenic or historically
6 important area of countryside protected by the federal government for the
7 enjoyment of the general public or the preservation of wildlife. “Oil
8 drilling” is defined as a hole drilled or dug in the earth from which
9 petroleum flows or is pumped.

10 Section III: The United States Environmental Protection Agency shall oversee the
11 implementation of this bill.

12 Section IV: This bill will go into effect in the Fiscal Year of 2019.

13 Section V: All other laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be
14 declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Helie Macius, Wellington High School

Federal Election Security Bill

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1: A new Congressional committee, the Election Security Committee, will be established for the purpose of evaluating election security and setting security requirements in conjunction with the Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security.

Section 2: Electronic voting ballots at election jurisdictions for federal voting shall have their security audited no later than on the July of a congressional or presidential election year.

- a. Shall the election ballot not pass security requirements, the jurisdiction will be required to upgrade the security infrastructure, subsequent checks will be performed by the Department of Defense, and every month until October, until security requirements have been met.
- b. Shall the jurisdiction still fail to meet security requirements by the October audit, a paper ballot shall be enforced as the primary or only voting method in that jurisdiction

Section 3: The security audit shall be defined as a test to ensure the election systems meet the following requirements at a minimum:

- a. Voting systems must be protected against remote code execution.
- b. Voting systems must be protected against voter count tampering.
- c. Voting systems must not be part of a botnet, which is defined as a network of computers or other devices at the control of a central entity.
- d. Voting systems shall not be accessible to the public internet.
- e. All voting counts must be able to be exported from the machine manually after polls close and then sent via mail to the Electoral College, for executive elections, and to the teller, in both executive and congressional elections.

- f. Voter registration databases must not be able to be breached by domestic or foreign threats.
- g. The security audit can have additional checks added at the discretion of the Election Security Committee.

Section 4: If electronic voting is the primary voting method in an election jurisdiction, a paper ballot must be provided as an alternative for voters.

Section 5: Voting software made by private companies must have all of its source code, which is defined as the code that makes up software, exposed to the public for threat analysis.

- a. Public updates and patches to the voting software must also have their source publicized.

Section 6: If a vulnerability in the voting systems becomes public or has been discovered before elections, one of two actions will occur, depending on how much time is left before elections.

- a. If there is at least a month's time before the election, a test will be done to ensure the vulnerability is patched or worked around.
- b. If there is less than a month left, voters will be required to fill a manual paper ballot in addition to an electronic ballot.

Section 7: The Department of Defense, and Department of Homeland Security, along with the newly established Election Security Committee, will be responsible for carrying out this legislation.

Section 8: This bill will take effect on January 21, 2019.

Section 9: All laws in conflict with this legislation are declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted for congressional debate by Senator Arminster Singh of
Union Catholic High School.*

A BILL TO DECRIMINALIZE DRUG USE AND POSSESSION

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

2 **SECTION 1.** A. Use of all narcotics and illicit substances shall be decriminalized.

3 B. Possession of up to a 10-day supply of narcotics or illicit substances
4 shall be decriminalized.

5 C. Those who are found using narcotics or illicit substances or possessing
6 up to a 10-day supply are to be offered but mandated to accept support
7 services by the state in which the offense occurred.

8 D. States that fail to comply with the above provision shall have all federal
9 drug control funding cut.

10 **SECTION 2.** A. Narcotics and illicit substances shall be defined as a drug or other
11 substance affecting mood or behavior and sold or used for nonmedical
12 purposes.

13 B. Decriminalization shall be defined as the removal of criminal penalties.

14 C. Support services shall be defined as methadone programs, needle
15 exchange programs, and rehabilitation services.

16 **SECTION 3.** The Drug Enforcement Agency shall oversee the enactment of this
17 legislation

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect January 1, 2020

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Cameron Hardy
Dallastown Area High School*