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Spring 2019 Item 1 : A Resolution to Guarantee the Rights of Asylum Seekers

- 1 **WHEREAS,** the forcible displacement of persons has increased worldwide as a result
2 of conflict in Syria, Myanmar, the DRC, Yemen, and other regions; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** cartel violence and political oppression have forced many to flee their
4 homes throughout Latin America; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** many of these individuals and families fleeing violence, oppression, and
6 persecution seek refuge in the United States where both US and
7 international law have long supported these rights; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** the current administration has established numerous barriers in an effort
9 to prevent asylum seekers from invoking their asylum rights; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** asylum application is a lengthy process which requires an understanding
11 of US law to complete documentation, compile evidence for
12 presentation, and navigate court hearings; and
- 13 **WHEREAS,** most asylum seekers, including children, facing language barriers and
14 lacking the necessary knowledge of how the US legal system functions,
15 are forced to represent themselves in court; now, therefore, be it
- 16 **RESOLVED,** by the Congress here assembled that any individuals seeking asylum in
17 the United States should be guaranteed an asylum hearing; and be it
- 18 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** that all persons seeking asylum in the United States should be
19 guaranteed legal counsel.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by James E. Taylor High School



Spring 2019 Item 2 : A Bill to Provide Opportunities To Terminate Stratification (POTTS) Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal minimum wage under the Fair Labour Standards Act shall be
3 raised to \$15 per hour

4 **SECTION 2.** A. "Minimum wage" shall be defined as the lowest wage permitted by
5 federal law

6 B. "Fair Labour Standards Act" shall be defined as the federal law which
7 establishes minimum wage, overtime pay eligibility, recordkeeping, and
8 child labor standards affecting full-time and part-time workers in the
9 private sector and in federal, state, and local governments.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Labour will oversee the enforcement of the bill

11 A. A budget of \$500 million will be transferred from the existing
12 Department of Defense budget

13 B. The International Revenue Service will oversee the Department of
14 Labour to ensure the proper use of allocated funds.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be enacted in FY 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Plano Senior HS



Introduced for Congressional Debate by Central Debate



Spring 2019 Item 4 A Bill to Eliminate the Gender Wage Gap

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall hereby establish mandatory
3 equal pay regardless gender dependent on the profession and job
4 position.

5 **SECTION 2.** Equal pay shall be defined as the concept of labor rights that individuals
6 in the same workplace be given equal pay.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor shall oversee implementation of this bill to
8 ensure individuals in the same workplace shall receive equal pay

9 A. All business that fail to comply shall be fined 4% of the business'
10 annual income and shall increase by 2% for every other infraction

11 B. Yearly audits shall be mandated across all businesses to ensure this
12 bill is being implemented properly.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect fiscal year 2021.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hereford High School



Spring 2019 Item 5 : A Resolution to limit qualified immunity

1 **WHEREAS,** Qualified immunity is an antiquated legal doctrine with a blatant
2 disregard for civil liberties that has created a dangerous precedent
3 of un-accountability for government agents, and

4 **WHEREAS,** the provision Language now known as 42 U.S. Code Section 1983,
5 that was written into the Civil Rights Act of 1871 has been
6 manipulated beyond recognition; instead of protecting the people it
7 has become an unlawful shield for reckless government agents,
8 and

9 **WHEREAS,** The Supreme court established in 1982 that qualified immunity
10 protected government officials from liability for civil damages insofar
11 as their conduct does not violate clearly established statutory or
12 constitutional rights of which a reasonable person would have
13 known established law, and
14 now, therefore, be it

15 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following
16 recommendation for solution to abolish qualified immunity.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Samuel V. Champion High School



Spring 2019 Item 6 : A Bill to Protect Victims of Domestic Violence

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Eligible employers must provide 10 days paid leave for eligible employees
3 who are victims of domestic violence and who:

4 **A.** Leave their current, abusive living condition so that these employees
5 may establish a safe, new living condition and a safe routine.

6 **B.** Were helpful, are helpful, or are likely to be helpful to law
7 enforcement in the investigation or prosecution of the crime.

8 **SECTION 2.** "Eligible employer" will be defined according to 29 U.S. Code § 2611(4).

9 "Eligible employee" will be defined according to 29 U.S. Code § 2611(2).

10 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Labor will be in charge of enforcing this bill.

11 **A.** Eligible employers that violate this bill will be fined \$50,000 for the
12 first violation.

13 **B.** Eligible employers will be fined \$100,000 for each subsequent
14 violation.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect January 1, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Tascosa High School



Spring 2019 Item 7 : A Bill to Establish Supervised Injection Sites to Curb Dangerous Illicit Drug Use Practices

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall establish supervised injection sites in order to curb dangerous
3 illicit drug use practices.

4 **SECTION 2.** "Supervised injection sites" are defined as government regulated areas where
5 individuals can bring illegal drugs to use intravenously with sterile injection equipment.
6 A. Trained healthcare professionals will be available to administer medical assistance
7 upon signs of overdose and referrals and information on addiction treatment shall
8 be readily accessible; illicit drugs will not be directly provided at the sites.

9 Those who use illicit drugs in these sites cannot be arrested, charged, or otherwise penalized by law
10 enforcement for substance abuse or illicit drug possession, nor are they obligated to
11 provide personal information. Entry to these sites shall not be barred unless the safety
12 of other individuals is directly threatened.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and Department of Justice (DoJ)
14 will be tasked with implementing this policy.

15 A. The DHHS will provide trained personnel and proper equipment, as well as oversee
16 the maintenance of these facilities with an allocated \$600 million per year in
17 discretionary funds.

18 B. The DHHS will also use data collected on drug overdoses to determine the optimal
19 locations for and number of the supervised sites.

20 C. The DoJ will oversee law enforcement's compliance with supervised sites.

21 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect in FY 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jasper High School



Spring 2019 Item 8 : A Bill to Establish Congressional Term Limits

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Members of Congress including the House of Representatives and Senate
3 may serve a maximum of four terms in office. These terms can be either
4 served consecutively or apart just as long as one's congressional service
5 does not exceed four terms.

6 **Section 2.** Terms limits in the House will not conflict with terms in the Senate. Term
7 limits in the Senate will not conflict with the House. Thus, one could serve
8 four terms in the House and four terms in the Senate.

9 **Section 3.** The Federal Election Commission will oversee the regulation of
10 Congressional term limits in accordance with this Bill.

11 **Section 4.** All members of Congress who have already exceeded their term limits
12 will not be eligible for reelection the next time their seat is available for
13 reelection.

14 **Section 5.** This legislation will go into effect on January 1st, 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Northland Christian School



Spring 2019 Item 9: A Resolution to Rejoin the Paris Climate Accord Agreement

- 1 **WHEREAS,** In September of 2016 The United States held a conference with over 190
2 nations whom all agreed to the agreement (with the exceptions of Russia
3 Turkey Iran and Colombia) ; and on June 1st of 2017 The United States
4 withdrew from the accords under a new executive administration we
5 have contradicted our stance on fighting climate change.
- 6 **WHEREAS,** The National Aeronautics and Space Exploration (NASA) warn that If
7 fossil-fuel burning continues at a business-as-usual rate, such that
8 humanity exhausts the reserves over the next few generations, CO2 will
9 continue to rise to levels of order of 1500 ppm. The atmosphere would
10 then not return to pre-industrial levels even tens of thousands of years
11 into the future.; and have irreversible effects to the environment.
- 12 **WHEREAS,** The negative effect of rejoining the Paris Climate Agreement does not
13 exist to the capacity that has been spread within the media and by the
14 executive branch who unfairly favors business over the environment,
- 15 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that The United States rejoin the
16 international communities approach to stopping climate change by
17 Rejoining the Paris climate agreement.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Klein Oak High School.



Spring 2019 Item 10: A Resolution to Encourage NGO Involvement in South Sudan to Better the Nation

- 1 **WHEREAS,** South Sudan is currently ravaged by civil war; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** this crisis has been going on since 2013 without aid from the
- 3 international community; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** it has spiraled the nation into destabilization and left them susceptible to
- 5 terrorist activities; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** NGOs are the most effective solution because they not politically based,
- 7 and can adapt and respond to changing needs faster than government
- 8 agencies which require executive and electoral approval for action; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** the U.S is key, as we are interested in increased relations with South
- 10 Sudan, therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that a grant program will be established
- 12 to fund and encourage NGO projects; and be it
- 13 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** this Congress will utilize influence in the UN to encourage
- 14 aforementioned NGO projects.

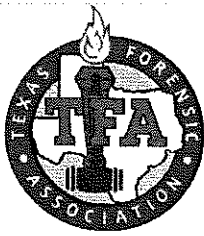
Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hendrickson High School



Spring 2019 Item III. A Resolution to Use Targeted Sanctions Against the Officials Responsible for the Genocide in Myanmar

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The state of Myanmar is committing gross atrocities against its people;
2 and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** According to the New York Times, Myanmar's military systematically
4 planned a genocidal campaign to rid the country of Rohingya Muslims,
5 including the exodus of approximately 700,000 Rohingya Muslims to
6 Bangladesh last year after a campaign of mass slaughter, rape and village
7 burnings; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Myanmar will continue to commit atrocities unless this calculated
9 genocide is stopped; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** Such targeted sanctions have historical precedence for success in
11 Myanmar; now, therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that targeted sanctions against the
13 Myanmar officials responsible for this genocide be implemented.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sudan High School



Spring 2019 Item 12: A Bill to Establish a Federal Ban on the Use of Cellular Phones in Primary and Secondary Schools to Bolster US Educational Achievement

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Education (DoE) shall recommend that students
3 under the age of sixteen shall not use cellular devices during school hours
4 while on primary and secondary education campuses. Exceptions shall
5 apply to emergency situations or educational purposes as determined by
6 campus administration. States and school districts electing to adopt this
7 policy will receive a portion of allocated grant funds.

8 **SECTION 2.** A cellular phone is defined as a mobile system used as a
9 telecommunication device with the option of additional capabilities such
10 as text messaging and internet access.

11 **SECTION 3.** The DoE shall oversee the implementation and enforcement of the
12 Cellular Phones ban along with the distribution of funding

13 A. The DoE Student Support and Academic Enrichment grants shall
14 allocate \$150 million to award to school districts electing to adopt a
15 Cellular Phones ban.

16 **SECTION 4.** This shall go into effect at the beginning of FY 2021.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Canyon High School



Spring 2019 Item 13: A Bill to Mandate the use of Carbon Dioxide Scrubbers to Increase Air Purity

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will mandate that all businesses with a factory or
3 warehouse larger than 20,000 square feet will implement a carbon
4 dioxide scrubber (CO2 scrubber) within that factory or warehouse.

5 **SECTION 2.** Carbon sequestration is a necessary component of air purity in the future
6 and must be treated as such. Carbon Dioxide Scrubbing shall be defined
7 as a form of carbon capture that takes place after fossil fuels have been
8 combusted, but before the exhaust is released into the air.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor will work in conjunction with the Department
10 of Energy to enforce this legislation. \$20 billion in funds will be allocated
11 from both departments to help oversee the implementation of these
12 scrubbers.

13 A. There will be a period of 2 years amnesty for businesses to implement
14 the CO2 scrubbers that they must pay for themselves.

15 **SECTION 4.** This law will be strictly enforced by January 1, 2020 and enacted
16 immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lamar High School



Spring 2019 Item 14: A Bill to Subsidize Guardians To Incentivize Family

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All legal guardians who have born or adopted a child will receive an
3 annual subsidy up to \$2,000 with an added \$1,000 per child.

4 **SECTION 2.** A guardian shall be a U.S. citizen who is over the age of 18 with legal
5 custody over the child according to court or by birth.

6 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services shall oversee the
7 implementation of this bill.

8 A. Any person without legal guardianship of the child shall be barred
9 from any of the benefits of this bill.

10 B. Funding will come from the 68.4 billion dollars in HHS FY 2019
11 budget.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect January 1, 2020

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Leander High School



Spring 2019 Item ~~15~~: A Bill to Increase Funding to the US' Points of Entry

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** An increase in funding to all 328 points of entry located along the
3 national borders of the continental United States would allow for
4 maximization of efficiency in economy and residency of new citizens.

5 **SECTION 2.** "Points of Entry" shall be defined as places along the US border that a
6 citizen, more specifically, from international bodies may lawfully enter
7 the United States.

8 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Homeland Security, further with the
9 United States Citizenship and Immigration Services will oversee the
10 implementation of this bill.

11 A. In the current state of the United States, the ports of entry are limited
12 in the fact that they decrease efficiency with a lack of technology.

13 B. The federal government shall aid all border states in allocating funds
14 to increase technology and provide adequate resources to better suit
15 the ever-present need for drastic updates and dramatic revamps on
16 the Ports of Entry located in all border states of the US.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented no later than the fiscal year 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Andrews High School.

