

Bill to Defend the People of Syria

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS THAT:

SECTION 1:

1. The Syrian Arab Republic shall receive military and fiscal relief from the United States.

SECTION 2:

1. Military forces and fiscal assets shall be given to the Syrian military and Syrian Kurdish forces.

SECTION 3:

1. This bill will be backed by the Department of Defense and Department of Treasury

SECTION 4:

1. This bill will be enacted as soon as this congress may allow

SECTION 5:

1. Any department of defense directives in opposition to this bill will be declared null and void.

This bill is introduced by Manchester High School

Representative Caleb Summers

A Bill To Reduce Gun Violence in Virginia

Be it enacted by this Student Congress that:

Section 1: The United States government shall raise the legal age to purchase tobacco to the age of 99 in all 50 states.

Section 2: A tobacco product is defined as cigarettes, cigars, bidis, kretek, pipe, hookah, snuff, dip, snus.

Section 3: The FDA (Food Drug Administration) will oversee the passage of this bill.

Section 4: This bill shall be implemented after its passage.

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

Respectfully Submitted

Ty Redmond

James River High School

A Bill to de-criminalize Marijuana

Line00: Be it enacted

Line01:

Line02: Article I: The United States Federal government shall amend
Line03: the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) to decriminalize and reclassify
Line04: marijuana in the United States to Schedule III.

Line05:

Line06: Article II: Schedule III is defined as drugs with a moderate to low
Line07: potential for physical and psychological dependence.

Line08:

Line09: Article III: This plan shall be implemented immediately upon its passage.

Line10:

Line11: Article IV: The United States Drug Enforcement Administration
Line12: shall see that the enforcement of this amended act is carried out
Line13: as they are already charged with the enforcement of the CSA.

Line14:

Line15: Article V: All laws and policies in conflict with this new law
Line16: are hereby deemed null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Representative Rowan Sharma
James River High School*

A Resolution Bring Democracy to Hong Kong

Line00: Be it resolved

Line01:

Line02: WHEREAS a democratic referendum will be held in Hong Kong regarding independence
Line03: of the semi-autonomous territory; and

Line04:

Line05: WHEREAS it is the opinion of many Hong Kong residents that Chinese rule is oppressive
Line06: and not in line with their values; and

Line07:

Line08: WHEREAS Citizens of Hong Kong have faced repeated abuse from the Chinese regime;
Line09: ;and

Line:10

Line11: WHEREAS The referendum will be held immediately upon passage of this resolution and
Line12: the effects will take place in January of 2020; now ,therefore, be it

Line 13:

Line14: RESOLVED by congress here assembled that a referendum be held in Hong Kong
Line 15: regarding independence.

Respectfully submitted,

Alex Winch

James River High School

A Bill to Enact A Risk-Limiting Audit After Every Election In Order To Improve Election Security

Line00: Be it enacted
Line01:
Line02: Article I: That every state in the United States of America aught be
required
Line03: to issue a risk-limiting audit after every election.
Line04:
Line05: Article II: A risk-limiting audit is the manual checking of statistical
samples
Line06: of paper ballots in order to assure official election results were counted
Line07: correctly.
Line08:
Line09: Article III: The Department of Homeland Security shall be responsible for
Line10: the provisions of this bill.
Line11:
Line12: Article IV: The provisions of this bill shall take effect on January, 1st
2020.
Line13:
Line14: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Representative Lexi Gambardella
James River High School*

A Bill to Raise the tobacco user Age to 21 in the Commonwealth in Virginia

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. *The Tobacco user age should be raised to 21.*

SECTION 2. *Tobacco is defined as a preparation of nicotine-rich leaves of an American plant, which are cured by a process of drying and fermentation for smoking or chewing.*

SECTION 3. *The Department of Health for Virginia will oversee this bill.*

SECTION 4. *This bill will go into effect on January 1st.*

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

Respectfully submitted

Rep. Jaden Wright

Cosby High School

A Bill to Enact the Green New Deal to

Stop Climate Change

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. *This bill will officially pass House resolution 109.*

SECTION 2. *House resolution 109 otherwise known as the Green New Deal is a proposal to put regulations on businesses to prevent climate change, and to create new jobs for those who need them.*

SECTION 3. *The United States environmental protection agency will oversee this bill.*

SECTION 4. *The actions of this bill will go into work immediately after this bill is passed*

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Evan Dyer

Cosby High School

A BILL TO FIX AND IMPROVE MEDICAL CARE FOR VETERANS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** This bill will strictly focus on improving as well as fixing medical care for U.S veterans.
- SECTION 2.** A. The Bill to improve medical care for veterans shall include all forms of physical and mental health.
- SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Veterans Affairs shall oversee this bill into action
- SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect July 1, 2020
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rachael Gonzales
James River High School*

A Resolution to Encourage Peace Talks Between Representatives of the Chinese and Hong Kong Governments

Whereas: *Protests have erupted in Hong Kong sparked by the 2019 Hong Kong Extradition Bill and overall threatening of the region's democratic system by Beijing; and*

Whereas: *This has caused a forceful police response; and*

Whereas: *As reported by Reuters, police officers have used weapons such as tear gas, pepper spray, sponge grenades, rubber bullets, and live fire with real bullets; and*

Whereas: *An economic recession is occurring in Hong Kong as tourism rapidly declines China experiences a lack of economic growth; and*

Whereas: *According to a study performed by CNN, the number of visitors to Hong Kong has dropped by over 50% as of October this year; and*

Therefore: *Be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that multilateral peace talks should be held to mediate the conflict in Hong Kong.*

Respectfully submitted,

Sadie Bilenkin

Cosby High School

A Bill to Reclassify Marijuana To A Schedule 5 Drug

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. *Marijuana will be reclassified to a schedule 5 drug, making it accessible for medical uses in all states, with the exception of state individual anti-marijuana laws.*

SECTION 2. *Marijuana is currently classified as a schedule 1 drug, meaning it is identified as having no medical uses, and is classified as having a high risk for developing a substance use disorder.*

SECTION 3. *Medical uses for cannabis have been proven time and time again, and banning a plant that is less harmful to the average body than soda, and classifying it alongside LSD, ecstasy, and heroin is misleading.*

SECTION 4. *All laws in conflict with this legislation is hereby declared null and void.*

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Ryan Niermann

Cosby High School

A Bill to Implement More Rigorous Security to Promote the General Welfare of the people at Elections

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Funding Allocated to Physical and Cyber Security Presence at all State and Federal elections will henceforth be doubled.

SECTION 2. Security is defined as measures to promote general safety, Doubled is defined as being increased by twice the original amount

SECTION 3. The state elections agencies will be entrusted to enforce and implement all increases in Security at State and Federal Level elections

SECTION 4. The law will go into Effect July 1st, 2020

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

Respectfully submitted,

Damian Thayer

Cosby High School

A Bill to Reclassify Marijuana

- Article I:** Marijuana (cannabis) shall be reclassified in the United States of America.
- Article II:** Classifications include Schedule I, Schedule II, Schedule III, Schedule IV, and Schedule V drugs. Marijuana shall be reclassified from a Schedule I drug to a Schedule II drug.
- Article III:** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on January 1, 2020.
- Article IV:** The Drug Enforcement Administration shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.
- Article V:** All laws or portions of laws in conflict with this bill shall be null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Representative Carter Blanks
Clover Hill High School*

A RESOLUTION TO PROTECT AND MAINTAIN ALLIANCES WITH SYRIAN KURDS AND TURKEY

WHEREAS, United States military assets have been removed from the Northern Syrian border, and the Turkish military has engaged in conflict along the border; and

WHEREAS, We maintain alliances with both demographics within the conflict and the United States of America's goal is to promote democracy and freedom domestically and internationally; and

WHEREAS, If action is not taken to prevent further humanitarian crisis within Northern Syria, the progress of the US military and many lives of innocent Syrian Kurds will be in jeopardy; and

WHEREAS, It is our role as a nation of democratic ideals and being within alliance with the Syrian Kurds and Turkish government; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled that we must urge the Turkish government to restrain from attacking the Syrian border based on the ethnic demographic; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That if conflict continues, trade restrictions, tariffs, and alternative routes for leverage over Turkey be enacted in order to preserve the peace and potential prosperity between the two nations.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Jake Bennett
Clover Hill High School*

A Bill to Support the Hong Kong's Independence

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States of America will recognize and support Hong Kong's
2 independence.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Hong Kong is an island facing the South China, which is a Special
4 Administrative Region, overseen by the People's Republic of China. Hong
5 Kong was governed as British colony until 1997 when it was turned over to
6 China.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of State will oversee the enforcement of the bill along
8 with the specific enforcement mechanism.
- 9 **SECTION 4.** The implementation date of the bill will be January 1, 2021.
- 10 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Jake Wood

Clover Hill High School

A Bill to End the Manipulation of the Economy by Federal Reserve

Article I: The Federal Reserve shall only produce money in congruence with the creation of capital and thus be stripped of the ability to freely print arbitrary amounts of money.

Article II: A. Capital is created through loans lent by banks.

B. The Fed shall only print money based on the total loans lent by all American banks.

Article III: The provisions of this bill shall take effect February 1, 2020.

Article IV: The Board of Governors shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

Article V: All laws or portions of laws in conflict with this bill shall be null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Zach Burgess,
Clover Hill High School

A Bill to Promote Veteran's Affairs Change in Veteran's Health Care

- Article I:** A new policy that states veterans facing a wait of at least 14 to 20 days can seek private care instead of health care at a V.A. health care center shall replace the Veterans Choice Program in Virginia as well.
- Article II:** The Veterans Choice Program is a program that was put into place after the 2014 scandal over hidden waiting lists. The Veterans Choice Program allows a section of the Department of Veterans Affairs' nine million veterans/enrollees, who face a wait of at least 30 days to receive treatment to seek private care funded by the government. Veterans that qualify for the program must also be at least 40 miles from a V.A. health care center as well.
- Article III:** The provisions of this bill shall take effect at the beginning of the year 2020.
- Article IV:** The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill and funding the implementation of this new program.
- Article V:** All laws or portions of laws in conflict with this bill shall be null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Ayathi Gogineni
Clover Hill High School

A Bill to Enact The Green New Deal

Article I: The United States will transition to 100% renewable energy by 2030, maintaining zero carbon emissions.

Article II: A Nationwide transition to 100% renewable energy by 2030 will require absolutely no fossil fuels to be in use as a large scale energy source. Zero carbon emissions applies to energy companies meaning they will no longer be able to intentionally cause carbon emissions. All other legislation specifications are within the commonly known “Green New Deal” authored by Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio Cortez.

Article III: The provisions of this bill shall take effect immediately upon passage, to ensure full awareness of the 2030 deadline.

Article IV: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

Article V: All laws or portions of laws in conflict with this bill shall be null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Andrew Bennett
Clover Hill High School

A Bill to Increase Funding for Veteran's Affairs Hospitals in Virginia

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Increasing funding for Veteran's Affairs (VA) Hospitals to \$1.75 billion dollars in order to stop inhumane conditions and doctor's uncivil actions in VA Hospitals.

SECTION 2. Giving the VA a mandatory budget of \$1.75 billion dollars to their Veterans Health Administration (VHA) that must be put towards better hospital conditions, updating technology systems, and employing properly experienced doctors for their work.

SECTION 3. The Veterans Health Administration will be responsible for implementing better hospital conditions, new technology, and better doctors. While, the Department of Veteran Affairs will overlook the job to confirm the implementation will go smoothly and that veterans are treated well with the new implementation.

1. Inhumane is defined as without compassion for misery or suffering; cruel. Uncivil is defined as discourteous; impolite.
2. A \$5 million dollar fine will be administered to The Veterans Health Administration if they do not comply with this bill.

SECTION 4. This bill will be enacted on July 1st, 2020.

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

Submitted for Congressional Debate by Jennifer Rumans

Deep Run High School

A Bill to Increase Tobacco Age Restriction to 21

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The current legal age allowed to consume tobacco be raised by three years.

SECTION 2. All citizens in the VA state would be allowed to consume any tobacco products, (or anything containing tobacco,) at the legal age of at least 21.

SECTION 3. The VA police would enforce the bill, observing anybody under the age of 21, making sure that anybody caught using any tobacco/tobacco products, (under 21) shall be fined \$600.

SECTION 4. The bill shall be implemented by November 1st, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rafael Dietsch

Deep Run High School

A Resolution to End the Conflict in Syria

WHEREAS, The Syrian War has terrorized its citizens and caused the political stature of Syria to crumble under its totalitarian leader.

WHEREAS, So now, after 5 years and 1.5 billion dollars in aid deep in this issue, it is time to replace their leader or come to a consensus with the country on its internal ongoing civil war, for peace.

WHEREAS, the American led altercation in the Syrian war has lasted 5 years; and

WHEREAS, all efforts have resulted in an internal humanitarian crisis; and

WHEREAS, the US and other countries have military control within the country; and

WHEREAS, it is time to come to a conclusion on this issue ; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that the war in Syria be ended due to the fiscal impact it has had on the US and the nation of Syria itself, and its leader be replaced and the economic and political aspects of the country be put back into stability.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Harnoor Sandhu
Deep Run High School*

A Resolution to Deploy Troops to Protect the Kurds

WHEREAS, The US should protect its long standing ally in the Middle East and it should also protect its values and morals abroad and

WHEREAS, The US needs to help those who need it and save those who need saving and

WHEREAS, If the Kurds aren't saved then they will most likely be massacred by the government of Turkey and other nations/peoples if the US and its allies don't help the Kurds and

WHEREAS, The US has left a power vacuum for opposing governments like the Russian Federation and the People's Republic of China to step in and let it play in their own favors and

WHEREAS, The US has already lost respect on the global stage by withdrawing from Syria and

WHEREAS, The US can still earn back respect from other nations and the Kurds if we return and

WHEREAS, Once the troops have been deployed they will stand their ground and protect themselves at all costs and

WHEREAS, The troops will protect the Kurds especially the civilians but will not protect those who try to start/encourage violence and

WHEREAS, The US will encourage and try to start peace talks with the Kurds and the Kurds enemies so many US troops can leave the area in peace once peace has been achieved, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that a resolution to deploy troops to protect the Kurds

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Atticus Harms

Deep Run High School

A Resolution to Support Hong Kong Citizens

WHEREAS, Nearly 50% of Hong Kong citizens approve US's leadership; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. supports Hong Kong's autonomy under the "One Country, Two Systems" framework by concluding and implementing bilateral agreements; promoting trade and investment; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, it has broadened law enforcement cooperation; bolstering educational, academic, and cultural links; supporting high-level visits of U.S. officials; and serving the large community of U.S. citizens and visitors; and

WHEREAS, According to the New York Times, Hong Kong is explicitly asking for help from America; and

WHEREAS, According to ForeignAffairs.com America is not allies with China. They share no interests, values, nor conceptions; and

WHEREAS, In 1984, China had promised Hong Kong autonomy, yet (today) China has gradually imposed control over Hong Kong; and

WHEREAS, Freedom and civil courtesy is being taken away from Hong Kong citizens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that *A Resolution to Support Hong Kong Citizens*.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Erin Lim
Deep Run High School*

A Resolution to Prevent Pharmaceutical Companies from Monopolizing Patents on Drugs

WHEREAS, Pharmaceutical companies currently participate in government sanctioned and enforced monopolies on the drug industry; and this is a factor for the steep increase in drug prices.

WHEREAS, The “Evergreening” strategy on drug patents has allowed for drug companies to renew patents and prevent competition; and study finds that 74% of drug patents in the past 10 years have been for pre-existing drugs preventing competition.

WHEREAS, Large pharmaceutical companies such as Perdue Pharma and Cengue have denied the release of samples to generic brands to decrease cost for consumers; and this is preventing cost competition.

WHEREAS, Merging of large pharmaceutical companies causes a decrease in spending research; and this results in a decrease of innovation due to an increase in incentive for profits.

WHEREAS, Research done by the Association of Affordable Medicines states that the cost of prescription drugs decreases 60% after 12 months of generic drugs on the market.

WHEREAS, The use of patents for drugs is illogical because drugs are not a manufactured product, thus patents simply decrease consumer affordability.

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that A Resolution to Prevent Pharmaceutical Companies from Monopolizing Patents on Drugs.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Zannatul Shahla
Deep Run High School*

A Bill to Immediately Enact the Green New Deal

Line00: Be it enacted
Line01:
Line02: Article I: The United States should immediately enact House Resolution
109
Line03:
Line04: Article II: The goal of The Green New Deal is to address climate issues
Line05: and economic inequality.
Line06:
Line07: Article III: A new government agency will be formed to implement this
bill.
Line08:
Line09: Article IV: The provisions of this bill shall take effect immediately
Line10: upon passage
Line11:
Line12: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Representative Emberly Quiroz
James River High School*

A Resolution to Amend the Green New Deal

Whereas: the Green New Deal would be one of the most expensive projects in US history;
and

Whereas: the Green New Deals presents extreme concepts that create challenges in possible
compromise; and

Whereas: the Green New Deal presents ideas without providing alternative options.

Therefore: Be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that The Green New Deal
should be amended of its current weaknesses and improved to reach a consensus
for possible growth.

Respectfully submitted,

Nahom Donald Gaines
Salem High School

A Bill to Increase Tobacco Age Restrictions

Article I: The tobacco age restriction will be raised to 25.

Article II: Identification will be required on purchase of tobacco products showing age 25 or higher.

Article III: The provisions of this bill shall take effect on January 1, 2020.

Article IV: Anyone found with tobacco under the age of 25 will be fined anywhere from 100 to 500 dollars and possible loss of driver's license. Anyone caught selling tobacco to a minor will be fined 250-1000 dollars. Repeat offences may be classed as a misdemeanor.

Article V: All laws or portions of laws in conflict with this bill shall be null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Harrison Taylor
Salem High School

A Resolution to End the Political and Civil Unrest in Hong Kong

- Whereas:** Hong Kong has the ability to support itself financially and economically as an independent nation free of Chinese rule; and
- Whereas:** they are facing unfair and unjust oppression, violence, and police brutality under Chinese control; and
- Whereas:** Hong Kong is culturally and socially independent and unique from China and should not be included under a “One China” policy as the two entities are ideologically polarized.
- Therefore:** Be it resolved by the Congress here assembled that, the United States of America should support Hong Kong and its efforts to become an independent, autonomous state with the assistance and intervention of an international Aid organization such as the United Nations.

Respectfully submitted,

Asha Cooper
Salem High School