

A Resolution to Allocate Funds to Supplement the Animal Welfare Act of 1966

WHEREAS, the Animal Welfare Act of 1966, enacted by President Lyndon B. Johnson, congressionally states in policy: § 2131: insurance that animals intended for use in research facilities or for exhibition purposes or for use as pets are provided humane care and treatment; to assure the humane treatment of animals during transportation in commerce.

WHEREAS, this outdated law does not adequately protect these animals from exploitation and cruelty for profit.

WHEREAS, industrial research factories and mills have not been insuring this humane treatment and have been manipulating and abusing these lenient laws.

RESOLVED, this bill will allocate an additional \$20 billion to the United States Department of Agriculture's annual budget of \$140 billion to supplement the creation of better conditions, environments, and resources for all animals used in research or for public entertainment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Upper Saint Clair High School

Pittsburgh Central Catholic 10/12

A Resolution to End the Use of Standardized Testing as a Measure of Public School
Performance

1. WHEREAS, since the No Child Left Behind Act, which utilized high-stakes testing to
2. rank and give funding to public schools, passed in 2002, the US’s world education
3. ranking has dropped dramatically; and
4. WHEREAS, according to the Brookings Institution 50-80% of test score improvements
5. were temporary and not due to long term learning changes; and
6. WHEREAS, according to the University of Maryland, standardized tests have caused
7. education to be geared towards tests themselves and not the material at hand; and
8. WHEREAS, the Center on Education Policy reports that school curricula are narrowed
9. due to broad-based standardized tests, and;
10. WHEREAS, standardized tests cause extremely high stress for extremely young students.
11. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT standardized tests no longer be used to
measure and compare school performance in the United States.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shady Side Academy

A Bill to Reform the Environmental Protection Agency

Be it enacted by the Student Congress here assembled that:

SECTION 1. A tax of \$60 per metric ton shall be imposed on carbon dioxide emissions. The GAO shall audit the EPA to identify unnecessary and unreasonable funds that do not fit their directive.

SECTION 2.

- A. Those residents whose household income is less than or equal to the level required for Medicaid shall be exempt from the carbon tax.
- B. The Government Accountability Office shall be synonymous with the term “GAO” within this legislation.
- C. The Environmental Protection Agency shall be synonymous with the term “EPA” within this legislation.
- D. The budget of the EPA shall be altered to reallocate the funding as deemed unnecessary from the GAO.
 - a. Unnecessary funding shall be reallocated as seen fit by the EPA to solely be for actions necessary and proper to fulfill the mission of the Agency.
- E. Net funds deriving from the carbon tax shall be added to subsidize farmers’ usage of equipment and materials that use sustainable farming methods or techniques.
 - a. Sustainable farming shall be defined as found in 7 U.S. Code § 3103(19)
 - b. Discretion of appropriate funding shall be determined by the Environmental Protection Agency
- F. The Department of Justice shall launch an investigation against Monsanto and other biotech companies suspected of being in violation with antitrust laws and farming abuses. After completing the investigation, if found to be in violation, shall have appropriate measures to prevent reoccurrence.

SECTION 3.

- A. This legislation shall be enforced by the departments and agencies listed in Section 2.

SECTION 4.

- A. This bill shall take effect in the next fiscal year.
- B. Any necessary temporary funding shall be authorized from the overseas contingency operations of the necessary departments/agencies/branches as deemed required by the Congressional Budget Office until the next fiscal year’s budget is approved by this congress which includes funding for the departments and agencies as appropriated by and for this legislation shall be placed into the budgets of the proper departments and agencies.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation shall be amended to be in accordance with this legislation.

*Respectfully Submitted by
North Hills High School*

A Resolution to Not Pursue Nuclear Power as a Viable Alternative to Fossil Fuels

WHEREAS, Nuclear power poses significant risks of meltdown and extreme radiation exposure

WHEREAS, Nuclear disasters abroad have led to the deaths of whole cities and regions, and have incurred upon their host countries great financial costs, for example the Chernobyl disaster as well as the Fukushima disaster

WHEREAS, There are many viable significantly safer energy alternatives such as wind, solar, and hydroelectric power

WHEREAS, Other countries have already transitioned away from Nuclear power, such as Germany

WHEREAS, The US has faced its own incidents with nuclear power, such as the Three Mile Island accident

RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled make the following recommendation that the US no longer pursue Nuclear power as a viable alternative to fossil fuels.

Respectfully submitted,

Shady Side Academy

A Bill To Close the Gun Show Loophole

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

1. **Section 1.** All firearm transactions occurring at a gun show must first be approved by the
2. National Criminal Instant Background Check System (NICS).
3. **Section 2.** A) A firearm transaction shall be defined as any sale, exchange, or transfer of
4. a firearm between private parties.
5. B) Gun show shall be defined as an event at which 25 or more firearms are
6. exhibited for sale, exchange or transfer.
7. **Section 3.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) will oversee
8. the implementation of this legislation
9. **Section 4.** The will shall be implemented immediately upon its passing.
10. **Section 5.** Any gun show that fails to meet the required background checks will face a
11. fine of \$75,000 for the first offense, a \$150,000 fine as well as a revocation of
12. the license to sell for the second offense.
13. **Section 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Upper St. Clair

A resolution to ban single use plastics

1 WHEREAS, The overuse and waste of harmful, disposable plastic products is increasing every
2 day; and

3 WHEREAS, Of the 6.3 billion metric tons of all plastic produced has become waste, filling landfills,
4 the wilderness, and the oceans; and

5 WHEREAS, 300 million tons of plastic are produced each year, mostly intended for single use;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Projections indicate that more than 12 billion metric tons of plastic will be in landfills
8 by 2050, causing greater magnitudes of dangerous chemicals to be released into the soil and
9 water systems, and causing many animals to be harmed from various forms of both microdebris
10 and macrodebris; and

11 WHEREAS, tiny plastic particles are now being found in our food and water supply,

12 WHEREAS, Action needs to be taken in order to reduce this harmful overproduction of plastic
13 starting with the unnecessary overuse of items such as plastic drinking straws and microbeads (or
14 “rollers” as some cosmetic companies have started to call them) that are used in face cleaners;

15 WHEREAS, A study, published in *Science*, claimed that fish became “smaller, slower and more
16 stupid” when exposed to tiny plastic fragments in the marine environment.

17 WHEREAS, Microbeads have become so ubiquitous that an estimated 808 trillion pieces swirl
18 down American drains every day. When this plastic-laden wastewater goes through treatment
19 plants, about 99 percent of the beads settle into sludge, which is often used as fertilizer.
20 Microbeads enter the water supply, from rain and runoff, and roughly 8 trillion microbeads are
21 released directly into our waterways. That's enough plastic to cover 300 tennis courts.

22 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Student Congress here assembled recommends laws
23 calling for the limitation of all single use plastics, starting with straws, microbeads and plastic bags.
24 The use of microbeads in all cosmetic products must be banned.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that single-use plastic consumption, sale, production, and trade be
banned.

Respectfully submitted,

North Allegheny Senior High

A Resolution to Join the FPAQ

1 **WHEREAS,** Consistent maple syrup prices and industry standard quality controls are
2 mutually beneficial for producers in both America and Quebec; and

3 **WHEREAS,** The maple syrup industry is highly susceptible to weather related fluctuations
4 in production from year to year causing prices to vary as well; and

5 **WHEREAS,** The Federation of Quebec Maple Syrup Producers (FPAQ) has stabilized the
6 market at a price that has allowed for the regrowth of the maple syrup industry in the United
7 States; and

8 **WHEREAS,** As the United States production of maple syrup continues to grow, the scope of
9 harms, and therefore risk, of sudden production and price fluctuation on American Maple
10 Syrup producers grows; now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled petition FPAQ to allow for the
12 admittance of all American maple syrup producers making more than 100 gallons of maple
13 syrup with the promise of full statutory support of the United States Federal Government for
14 enforcement; and be it

15 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That FPAQ will restructure marketing and governance of the
16 Federation to represent both countries, including the construction of new reserves warehouses
17 in the United States to store syrup produced in the United States.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Yale Congressional Debate Staff

**A RESOLUTION TO PROHIBIT THE POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT
PROMOTE RACIAL SUPERIORITY IN ORDER TO PROTECT MINORITIES**

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The tragic events that took place on August 12, 2017, in Charlottesville,
2 Virginia prove that white nationalism and neo-Nazism remain very real
3 threats to social and racial progress; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Throughout the course of our nation's history, white nationalism has
5 promoted intimidation and violent repression of individuals solely on the
6 basis of their race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, and immigration
7 status; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** While free speech is a bedrock value for Americans, white nationalist and
9 neo-Nazi groups promote agendas that are in irreconcilable conflict with
10 our nation's foundational principles of liberty and justice for all; and now,
11 therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is
13 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which
14 shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
15 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within
16 seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:
- 17 **ARTICLE --**
- 18 **SECTION 1:** All political organizations that promote racial superiority
19 shall be outlawed.
- 20 **SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
21 appropriate legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

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Collegiate School*