

Session 1**Congressional Debate****Start: 9:00 AM**

Chamber 1				Room:
Raymond Adderly	Christian Bae	Patrick Bai	Spencer Baimel	
Thomas Bakos	Jonathan Bar-On	James Bole	Sarayu Cheemalapati	
Rafal Cohciej	Nivedan Dharmavaram	Richik Haldar	Jake Konigsberg	
Lauren Koo	Garrett Larson	Adriel Lewis	Akshat Parthiban	
Israel Pierre	Shreya Raghuram	Marguerite Speaker	Catherine Terwilliger	
Hunter Ulry	Jeremy Valle			

Chamber 2				Room:
Raheel Abubakar	Lance Allen	Isaac Appelbaum	Galilee Best	
Isaac Blackburn	Caleb Buzard	Sonali Chandy	Sabrina Chen	
Mohammad Durrani	Nicole Greenberg	Isabella Hoang	Joey Huang	
Alessandra Iben	Patrick McMillan	Jon Murdoch	Stella O'Brien	
Veejay Parsotan	Michael Ryan	Jason Sanchez	Florence Shen	
Nick Szanty	Jack Viscuso			

Chamber 3				Room:
Sarah Abrams	Theo Bammi	Aditya Desai	Dashiell DeStefano	
Brett Dobert	Eli Dzialo	Parker Fite	Amey Gupta	
Rae Seong Jeong	Steven Jones	Yulee Kang	Nate Kelley	
Injae Lee	Liam Mackey	Sarang Patki	Ben Prochaska	
Harper Richardson	Jack Rivera	Emma Semus	Ben Shpetner	
Shreya Thalvayapati	Grace Zhu			

Chamber 4				Room:
Nithin Bommareddy	Steven Brunetti	John Carlson	Peyton Conn	
Daniel Fallon	Gabriella Farrell	Leah Goodkin	Mitchell Herold	
Kieran Hicks	Kellen Knight	Brandon Kopkas	Kaitlyn Maher	
Brenna McConnell	Liam McLaughlin	Ishan Parasher	Risa Ramkissoon-Hardeen	
Zubin Rekhi	Lior Schwartz	Samuel Tang	Sebastian Tucker	
Grace Weinberg	Ivan Zhang			

Chamber 5				Room:
Jason Andreacchio	Samuel Bullen	Nathaniel Bullock	Sanchita Chandran	
Santino Gohu	Hannah Hirsch	Lamisa Khan	Niki Khare (NOV)	
John Lee	Jesse Levitan	Carter Ley	Nicholas Lieggi	
Shree Manivel	Jack Matthews	Aidan McGahey	Michael McGinty	
Jonathan Pizzali	Sanjula Reddy	Daniel Rogers	Michael Ruggiero	
Zhaklene Sanders	Michael Zhang			

Chamber 6**Room:**

Gautham Anand	Timothy Brett	Arjun Chadha	Michael Evrard-Vescio
Anwen He	Cameron Hines	Ben Hitchcock	Riley Howington
John Kaleta	Olivia Klepk	Andrea Li	Ben Li
Nishad Manohar	Thomas McNulty	Jonathan Murgida	Arul Nigam
Ian Parry	Jemma Parsons	Deeya Rodrigues	Colin Short
Abigail Stadelmann	D’Naja Willis		

Chamber 7**Room:**

Angelena Bougiamas	John DiTredici	Ellington Fagan	Jessica Fernandez
Daniel Greenberg	Derek Halligan	Kayla Howie	Reanna Hunter
Claire Jimerson	Colin McVety	Gianluca Medigovic	Michael Moschello
Evan Newland	Krish Pamnani	Gabby Quallich	Neeya Shetty
Veronica Shirokov	Trevor Silverman	Katie Spillane	Jakob Taylor
Allen Underwood	Ruby Wang		

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1. Each chamber has a docket assigned to it. After all bills in the docket are disposed of, the chamber shall move onto the shadow chamber's docket. No other bills may be introduced for consideration.

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2. Each bill shall be debated for 1 hour. After 1 hour has elapsed, an immediate vote will be taken. There is no need to call the question at that point. This rule may not be suspended.

3. After 3 back-to-back speeches on one side of a bill, an immediate vote will be taken. There is no need to call the question. This rule may not be suspended.

4. After the first 2 speeches, there will be a 2-minute questioning period. After each subsequent speech, there will be a 1-minute questioning period. This rule may not be suspended.

5. If any speaker should drop from the tournament, we will admit another student off the waitlist. If we go through the entire waitlist, we will move students from the school that dropped a speaker to balance rooms. WE will not move students from schools that have not dropped speakers.

6. Direct questioning may be used if the chamber wishes.

6. We will advance the same number of speakers from each chamber. However, if at the start of the tournament, there is a large imbalance of chambers, we reserve the right to admit more students to semis from a larger chamber.

7. Advancement to semis will be based upon the total scores of all judges, minus the worst score. In the event of a tie for the last spot, the parliamentarian's rank will be the final criterion.

8. Advancement to finals will be based upon the ranks in semifinals. In the event of a tie, reciprocals will be used.

9. Final placement will be based upon ranks in the finals. In the case of a tie, reciprocals will be used.

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Chamber 1

A Bill to Ban Private Prisons

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Federal Private prisons will be banned in the United States. All current
2 contracts with third party organizations shall be terminated, and all prisoners
3 currently in private prisons shall be moved into public prisons by December 31, 2023.

4 **SECTION 2.** Private prisons shall be defined as federal prisons in which individuals are
5 physically incarcerated or confined by a third party contracted by the government.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice and the Bureau of Prisons shall be responsible
7 for the implementation of this legislation.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will become effective immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Patrick Bai from Thomas Jefferson High School

A Resolution to Remove “In God We Trust” from US Currency

WHEREAS, “In God we Trust” is the United States of America motto; and

WHEREAS, its religious reference goes against the Establishment Clause of the First

Amendment of the Bill of Rights; and

WHEREAS, the motto has been continuously shown on all U.S. coins; and

WHEREAS, the motto favors theistic religions over monistic religions due to the presence of

God; be it

RESOLVED, that the motto “In God we Trust” should be phased out of US currency.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarayu Cheemalapati

Council Rock High School North

A Bill to Increase Contraceptive Availability

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All women aged 18-30 living in the United States shall have fully subsidized access to contraceptive pills at no cost.

SECTION 2. A. Contraceptive Pills shall be defined as any drug taken in the tablet form which prevents pregnancy without risk to the woman.

B. Fully subsidized shall be defined as the full coverage of cost for contraceptive pills in order to eliminate the cost for anyone trying to obtain them.

SECTION 3. A. The US Department of Health and Human Services, in conjunction with Planned Parenthood, will be responsible for the implementation of this legislation.

B. The US Department of Health and Human Services will allocate \$6 billion per year to Planned Parenthood to properly implement this legislation.

SECTION 4. Upon passage this legislation will become effective on 1/1/2020.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Nivedan Dharmavaram
Hillsborough High School*

A Bill to Repeal Sanctions on Russia

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall remove all economic sanctions placed on the state
2 of Russia.

3 **SECTION 2.** Economic sanctions are defined as commercial and financial penalties
4 placed on a government, state, or individual, in order to change the behavior of elites
5 in the target nation.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Office of Foreign Assets Control under the Department of the
7 Treasury shall oversee the enforcement of this bill.

8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will become effective immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Richik Haldar from Thomas Jefferson High School

Comprehensive Tax Reform Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Pub.L. 115-97 shall be repealed. All corporate income over 100 million dollars
3 shall be taxed at 7% concurrent with the general corporate income tax that was originally under
4 Pub.L 99-514.

5 **SECTION 2.** Public Law 115-117 is also known as the 'Tax Cuts and Public Jobs Act of 2017'

6 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Treasury shall oversee the implementation of
7 this legislation

8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect one year after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Israel Pierre, Xavier High School

A Bill to Legalize Marijuana in the United States

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Marijuana will be legalized for medicinal and recreational use in the United States
- 2 and will be removed from the list of controlled substances in the Controlled Substances Act.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Marijuana refers to the Schedule I drug created from the cannabis plant.
- 4 Recreational use is defined as use of marijuana without medical benefits. Medicinal marijuana is
- 5 defined as marijuana prescribed by a physician.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** The implementation of this bill shall be overseen by the Department of Justice.
- 7 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented immediately after passage.
- 8 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Shreya Raghuram from Thomas Jefferson High School

A Bill to Expand the Availability of Gender-Neutral Bathrooms in Education

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All schools built on or after January 20, 2021 are hereby required to make available at least one (1) accessible gender-neutral bathroom to the students and faculty of the school.

SECTION 2. An "accessible gender-neutral bathroom" is defined as a bathroom available without unnecessary burden to anyone without prejudice towards gender identity.

SECTION 3. A “school” is defined as any place of learning that receives public funding, including but not limited to primary schools, secondary schools, and colleges.

SECTION 4. Schools built before January 20, 2021 must make available sufficient resources for students and faculty who would otherwise require an accessible gender-neutral bathroom through existing restrooms to the reasonable extent of their ability.

SECTION 5. The implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this legislation is to be overseen by the Department of Education.

SECTION 6. Schools that fail to comply with this legislation risk withdrawal of federal funds, civil liability, and additional enforcement at the discretion of the Department of Education.

SECTION 7. This legislation will take effect January 20, 2021.

SECTION 8. All legislation in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marguerite Speaker

Council Rock High School North

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Chamber 2

**A BILL TO BAN FEDERAL RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT GRANTS FOR COLLEGES WITH
ILLEGAL ADMISSION PRACTICES**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal government shall cease to issue research and development
3 grants to all colleges and universities that fail to implement college
4 admissions practices in a legal and transparent manner.

5 **SECTION 2.** Federal Research and Development Grants include all funding provided
6 by the US federal government to colleges and universities for the purposes
7 of research and development.

8 Illegal admissions practices include but are not limited to, financial bribes
9 to university and college administration, falsified test scores, and
10 racketeering conspiracies.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall work in conjunction with the Department
12 of Education to create a system of regulations further specifying college
13 admission legal parameters and shall oversee the implementation of this
14 bill.

15 **SECTION 4.** This law shall effect for all federal research and development grants issued
16 after January 1, 2020.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sonali Chandy

Perkiomen Valley High School

**A Bill to Increase the Number of U.S. Representatives to
Magnify the Voice of the American People**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **Section 1.** Utilizing the cube root law of assembly apportionment, the House of
2. Representatives shall be reapportioned and increased based upon the population
3. determined by the decennial United States Census.
4. **Section 2.** Cube Root Law: A mathematical equation in which the cube root of the
5. population is taken in order to apportion various assemblies.
6. Equation: $S = (n)^{1/3}$
7. S is the assembly size and n is the population size
8. United States Census: A national survey conducted every ten years to
9. enumerate the population for taxation and political representation.
10. **Section 3.** The Census Bureau and Congressional Budget Office will implement this bill.
11. A. The Census Bureau will be responsible for the reapportionment and
12. increase of the size, and will do this 5 years after every census.
13. B. The Congressional Budget Office will be responsible to conduct an estimate for
14. the cost of this bill and budget/report to Congress appropriately.
15. **Section 4.** This will be fully implemented by the 2026 General Election for the
16. House of Representatives.
17. **Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
18. void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mohammad Durrani from Southern Lehigh High School

A RESOLUTION TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **WHEREAS**, The United States has the duty of promoting human rights and democracy
2. around the globe; and
3. **WHEREAS**, The People Republic of China is assuming greater authority over the
4. government of Hong Kong starting with a proposed extradition bill; and
5. **WHEREAS**, As a result the people of Hong Kong have staged mass protests against the
6. bill and the Chinese government in Beijing; and
7. **WHEREAS**, The Chinese government has been ruthless against the protesters,
8. employing violent tactics and stripping away the rights of the people of Hong Kong; now,
9. therefore, be it
10. **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that the people of Hong Kong have the
11. full support of the United States behind their demands; and be it
12. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, The United States government shall engage in diplomatic
13. talks with the Peoples Republic of China to ensure that the people of Hong Kong have
14. their previous rights respected.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Nicole Greenberg
Syosset High School*

A Bill to Give NCAA Athletes Third-Party Compensation and a Salary to Lift Them from Poverty

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Athletes managed by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)
2 will be given compensation for third parties' use of their names, images,
3 and likeness as well as paid a base salary by their university.

4 **SECTION 2.** A base salary shall be defined as a lower limit of hourly compensation and
5 shall be determined by the minimum wage in each state that a university is
6 located in. Third parties shall be defined as any business or brand seeking
7 the use of the name, image, or likeness of an athlete for means of
8 advertisement or profit.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will implement this legislation.

10 A. If the NCAA is found to not be in compliance with Section 1 at the date
11 of passage, the IRS shall revoke their nonprofit status under Section
12 501(j)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

13 B. If the NCAA comes into compliance at a later date, the IRS shall
14 readminister nonprofit status to the NCAA for the following fiscal year.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect one year after passage.

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

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Senator Joey Huang of Ridge High School.

A BILL TO FORCE US COMPLIANCE TO WITH THE NPT TO ENSURE ITS VALIDITY

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The US must be in full compliance with the Non-Nuclear Proliferation
3 Treaty. The US cannot violate any of the terms listed in the NPT.

4 **SECTION 2.** Compliance will be defined as acting in accordance to and agreeing to the
5 terms and conditions.

6 Violation will be defined as a failure to obey such aforementioned.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense will oversee the enforcement of the bill.

8 A. The Department of Defense will undergo the according procedures
9 through the NNSA.

10 **SECTION 4.** Bill will go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully Submitted for Congressional Debate,

Rep. Kirtana Krishnakumar

Acton-Boxborough Regional High School

The Free Green Market Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Federal Government shall end all subsidies to nonrenewable energy sources over a ten year period.

SECTION 2. A. Nonrenewable Energy Sources within this legislation are defined as entities operating in the procurement, refinement, and combustion processes of fossil fuels such as coal, oil, and natural gas to generate energy.

B. Subsidies within this legislation are defined as federal assistance and support through tax credits, waivers, exemptions, grants, and other such programs to artificially lower the cost of production for the benefit of the recipient.

SECTION 3. The Department of Energy and the EPA, in coordination with all other necessary departments and agencies, shall begin the implementation of this bill upon passage.

A. Immediately upon passage, no new subsidies shall be allowed nor provided to nonrenewable energy sources.

B. Existing subsidies shall be diminished by 10% each year, starting from Fiscal Year 2021, where no subsidies should be given by Fiscal Year 2031.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jon Murdoch of Phillipsburg High School.

A BILL TO ABOLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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

2 SECTION 1. The Department of Education shall be abolished.

3 SECTION 2. Upon passage, this legislation will become effective on 1/1/2020.

4 SECTION 3. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Jack Viscuso

Chaminade High School

Princeton Congress

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Chamber 3

A Bill to Improve Public Transportation to Lower Carbon Emissions

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The U.S Government will invest in and build eco-friendly public transportation in large cities with the goal of reducing CO2 emissions by 50% in those cities by 2030.

SECTION 2. A. Eco-friendly shall be defined as not releasing any CO2 during regular operation.

B. Public transportation shall be defined as mass transit provided by the city including but not limited to trains and busses.

C. Large cities shall be defined as cities whose metropolitan areas have a population greater than 2.5 million.

D. CO2 emissions shall be defined as emissions of carbon dioxide arising from the operation of vehicles.

SECTION 3. This bill shall be carried out by the Department of Transportation in conjunction with the state and local governments of affected cities.

A. 20% of the Highway Trust Fund shall be allocated annually each year until 2030, or until CO2 emissions have been reduced by 50%, whichever comes first.

B. Emissions shall be measured the EPA in conjunction with state and local officials, and shall be measured in the same location each year.

SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect October 1, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dashiell DeStefano of Ransom Everglades School.

A Bill to Remove All Monopolies in Technological Industries to Increase Economic Competition

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) shall investigate potential
2 monopolies in technological industries, including, but not limited to, Amazon,
3 Facebook, Alphabet Inc., Microsoft, Apple and Intel. The United States Department of
4 Justice (DOJ) Antitrust Division will cooperate with the FTC to prosecute said
5 monopolies and remove them from the marketplace.

6 **SECTION 2.** A “monopoly” is defined as any corporate body that holds significant
7 market power over an industry.

8 **SECTION 3.** The FTC and the DOJ Anti-Trust Division will jointly implement this bill.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented immediately upon passing.

10 A. The FTC shall be provided 6 months for its investigation.

11 B. The DOJ Anti-Trust Division will be given 2 months after the conclusion 12
of the FTC investigation to formally register charges against potential 13
monopolies.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Amey Gupta from Thomas Jefferson High School

A BILL TO ABOLISH TENURE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

2 SECTION 1. A. Education Tenure shall be eliminated from all public school teacher's

3 employment contracts.

4 B. Education Tenure shall not be permitted in any future public school

5 teacher's employment contract.

6 SECTION 2. Education Tenure shall be defined as a permanent position or an "ever

7 green" contract granted to a staff member in an education facility.

8 SECTION 3. The Department of Education shall oversee the implementation and enforcement

9 of this bill. Any school or school district which fails to implement this policy

10 shall lose 60% of its federal funding.

11 SECTION 5. Upon passage, this legislation will become effective at the beginning of the

12 2020/2021 school year.

13 SECTION 6. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted

Steven Jones

Chaminade High School

A Bill to Reduce Opioid Addiction

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Any large pharmaceutical companies that include opioids in the
2 production of any medications must pay an additional \$1M fee each year towards the
3 movement to stop opioid addiction in the forms of outreach programs, overdose
4 antidotes, and addiction treatment.

5 **SECTION 2.** Pharmaceutical companies are defined as any large commercial business
6 that researches, develops, produces, and distributes drugs for medical purposes.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Food and Drug Association (FDA) shall oversee the implementation of 8 this
legislation.

9 **SECTION 4.** Upon passage, this legislation will become effective 1/1/2020

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Yulee Kang from Thomas Jefferson High School

A Resolution in Support of a Pacific Defense Treaty

1 **WHEREAS,** The United States and her Pacific allies presently lack a formal
2 alliance for mutual defense and diplomatic coordination, such as
3 the U.S. enjoys with NATO in Europe; and

4 **WHEREAS,** States in the Pacific Ocean and its surrounding seas face ongoing
5 and escalating threats from aggressive, expansionist nations,
6 including Russia, North Korea, and the People's Republic of China,
7 as well as a host of smaller regional disputes; and

8 **WHEREAS,** The United States' recent withdrawal from the Trans-Pacific
9 Partnership and other international agreements has eroded the
10 trust of its allies and diminished its level of diplomatic influence
11 around the world; and

12 **WHEREAS,** A formal alliance would provide a structure for more coordinated
13 & effective responses to threats, lend international legitimacy to
14 such responses, and create a structure for dispute resolution
15 within said alliance; now, therefore, be it

16 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here, assembled that the United States supports
17 the creation of a Pacific Defensive Treaty that formalizes ties and
18 institutes a policy of mutual defense, with the original members
19 being The United States of America, Canada, Japan, the Republic
20 of Korea, Republic of China, the Republic of the Philippines, the
21 Republic of Indonesia, Malaysia, Republic of Singapore, the
22 Commonwealth of Australia, and New Zealand.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Nate Kelley, Xavier High School

A Bill to Invest in Brazil's Infrastructure

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall invest twenty billion dollars into the infrastructure
2 of Brazil over the next decade.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Infrastructure shall be defined as transport, communication systems, water,
4 power, and public institutions (hospitals, public education, and prisons).
- 5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State shall oversee the management of this investment.
6 A. If funds are misallocated, the Department of State shall freeze
7 its investment until the misallocation has been properly
8 addressed.
- 9 **SECTION 4.** The funding for this investment shall come out of the budget of the
10 Department of Defense.
- 11 **SECTION 5.** This bill shall go into effect January 1, 2020.
- 12 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ben Procheska, Medina High School

A RESOLUTION REGARDING HONG KONG

1 WHEREAS, the people of Hong Kong oppose the dictatorial governance of their country by the
2 People's Republic of China.

3 WHEREAS, The People's Republic of China is one of the worst violators of human rights.

4 AND WHEREAS, a free Hong Kong is in the best interest of the United States and our world.

5 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by this Student Congress assembled, that the United States shall
6 provide as much assistance as possible to the people of Hong Kong in their pursuit of freedom from
7 the governance of the People's Republic of China.

Respectfully Submitted

Madeline Stibitz

Notre Dame HS

Princeton Congress

2019

Chamber 4

A Bill to Repeal the PATRIOT Act to Promote Domestic Freedoms

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

2. **Section 1.** The PATRIOT Act is hereby repealed.

3. **Section 2.** The PATRIOT Act is defined as a piece of legislation that was
4. passed on October 12, 2001 that allowed the government to track
5. and intercept communications for law enforcement and
6. intelligence collection.

7. **Section 3.** The United States Department of Justice shall work in coordination
8. with the National Security Agency (NSA) to implement this piece
9. of legislation. Any funding necessary for the implementation of
10. this bill shall be redirected from the U.S. Department of Defense's
11. budget.

12. **Section 4.** This bill will go into effect immediately after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Nithin Bommareddy

Southern Lehigh High School

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT REMOVAL OF ARTICLE 9 FROM JAPAN'S
CONSTITUTION IN RESPONSE TO SINO-KOREAN TENSION

1 WHEREAS, The People's Republic of China and North Korea are posing an
2 increasing threat to democracy in the region; and
3 WHEREAS, Japan's Article 9 inhibits build up of armed forces; and
4 WHEREAS, Support among the Japanese population for removal of Article 9 is
5 increasing; now, therefore, be it
6 RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled should publicly support
7 the removal of Article 9 from Japan's Constitution.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Steven R. Brunetti
Chaminade High School

**A BILL TO ESTABLISH A UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME TO
ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS OF POVERTY AND AUTOMATION**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Every viable American not otherwise receiving direct assistance from the
3 Federal Government shall receive 1,000 U.S. dollars per month from the
4 Federal Government. The Federal Government shall implement a Value
5 Added Tax of 12.75% to all sales (other than non-prepared food items).

6 **SECTION 2.** A viable American shall be any person having full U.S. citizenship
7 residing in one of the 50 United States or a territory or protectorate of the
8 United States and is above 18 years of age, and not currently incarcerated.

9 **SECTION 3.** This Bill shall be enacted and enforced by the Internal Revenue Service,
10 Interstate Commerce Commission, Federal Communication Commission,
11 Food and Drug Administration, and the Department of Homeland
12 Security.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect 6 months after enactment.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Sidney Essex
Loyola School*

The Mothers Over Management Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Employers will now be required to offer parental leave to new parents.
2 Employers will be required to offer new and expectant mothers a minimum
3 of 14 weeks full paid maternity leave.
4 i. Employers will be required to offer new and expectant fathers a
5 minimum of 8 week full paid paternity leave.
6 ii. In the case of parents adopting a child, employers are required to
7 offer both mothers and fathers 8 weeks full paid paternity leave.
8 iii. Hourly Employees on parental leave will be entitled to a weekly
9 allowance from their employer equal to the wages they would earn
10 working 15 hours.
11 **SECTION 2.** New mothers will be defined as an employee who has given birth to a
12 child, regardless of if the child survives. Expectant mothers will be defined
13 as an employee who is in the final 2 weeks of pregnancy. New fathers will
14 be defined as the father of a newborn child. Expectant fathers will be
15 defined as the father of a child who is within 2 weeks of being born.
16 **SECTION 3.** This bill is to be enforced by the Department of Labor
17 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect March 1, 2020.
18 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mitchell Herold, Medina High School

Family First Bill

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Upon passage of this bill a 3% income tax increase will be instituted on all
2 persons within the top one percent tax income bracket. This money will be
3 allocated to help restore and revive the prosperity of families in poverty by
4 establishing programs to bring families out of poverty and promote
5 self-sufficiency.
- 6 **SECTION 2.** Poverty will be defined as living below the national poverty line. Family will
7 be defined as a unit consisting of either one or both of the legal parents of
8 one or more children. The children must still be under the legal care of the
9 parents for a unit to be considered a “family.”
- 10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee enforcement
11 of this bill. They will do so by establishing programs to bring families above
12 the poverty line. They will focus on implementing programs aimed at
13 bettering education, housing, and utility expenditures, while promoting job
14 application and success.
- 15 A. All programs instituted by DHS must be approved by the United States
16 Committee on Appropriations, and a new Sub-Committee on Family
17 Finance Appropriations, to receive funding allocated in this bill.
- 18 **SECTION 4.** October 1, 2020
- 19 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Brandon Kopkas, Medina High School

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO CHANGE THE NUMBER OF SUPREME COURT JUSTICES

1. **WHEREAS**, The current number of 9 SCOTUS justices is too low and
2. **WHEREAS**, It is unrepresentative of the judicial experience of all 50 of the states and
3. the District of Columbia to have a limited number of Justices that are nominated by the
4. executive.
5. **RESOLVED**, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled that the following article is
6. proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States:
7. ARTICLE --
8. SECTION 1: “, Judges of the supreme Court” shall be removed from Article II Section
9. 2 Clause 2 of the Constitution.
10. SECTION 2: Chapter XXII Section 1 of the Judiciary Act of 1869 will be repealed and
11. replaced with “There shall be one Chief Justice nominated by the Council of the District
12. of Columbia and fifty Associate Justices each nominated by the individual state
13. legislatures, any thirty four of whom shall constitute a quorum.”
14. SECTION 3: The current 9 SCOTUS justices will be dismissed upon this legislation’s
15. Passing
16. SECTION 4: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
17. legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Liam McLaughlin

Chaminade High School

A Resolution To Protect The Rights of The People of Hong Kong

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States has the duty of promoting human rights and
2 democracy around the globe; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The People Republic of China is assuming greater authority over the
4 government of Hong Kong starting with a proposed extradition bill ; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** As a result the people of Hong Kong staged mass protests against the bill
6 and the Chinese government in Beijing; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The Chinese government has been ruthless against the protesters
8 employing violent tactics and stripping away the rights of the people of
9 Hong Kong; now, therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the people of Hong Kong have the
11 United States full support behind their demands; and be it
- 12 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** The United States government shall engage in diplomatic talks
13 with the Peoples Republic of China to ensure that the people of Hong
14 Kong have their previous rights are respected.

Respectfully Submitted By Sebastian Tucker

Unionville High School

Princeton Congress

2019

Chamber 5

**A BILL TO REQUIRE CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING TO
BE CONDUCTED THROUGH PLAN OF INDEPENDENT STATE COMMISSION**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Congressional redistricting will be conducted through an independent organization selected by each state given they follow requirements mandated by this bill.

SECTION 2. Congressional redistricting organizations must be in compliance with each of the following requirements:

(1) Individuals must be thoroughly screened upon conformation of a job title for any and all potential conflicts of interest. Any individuals who fail cannot become members of the commission.

(2) Membership and information regarding how the commission operates must be public information.

(3) The proposed or final plan must receive a majority of approval from members of the commission and must follow federal guidelines for redistricting.

SECTION 3. The Federal Election Commission will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect immediately following its passage

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Bullock

West Orange High School

The American Healthcare Prosperity Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Federal support for residency training in graduate medical education shall
3 be increased.

4 **A.** The number of residency positions eligible for graduate medical education
5 payments under Medicare shall be increased by 3,000 positions per fiscal
6 year for five years.

7 **B.** Of these positions, at least 1,500 per fiscal year must be for residents in
8 a shortage specialty residency program. A shortage specialty residency
9 program shall be defined as a program in a specialty in which baseline
10 physician requirements projections exceed the projected supply of total
11 active physicians.

12 **C.** At least 1,000 per fiscal year must be for residents in rural and other
13 geographical areas which the Health Resources and Services
14 Administration (HRSA) has identified as being underserved.

15 **D.** Funding for the Medicare Direct Graduate Medical Education (DGME)
16 shall be increased by \$10 billion.

17 **SECTION 2.** The Health Resources and Services Administration shall oversee the
18 administration of the bill.

19 **SECTION 3.** This bill will go into effect on May 1, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sanchita Chandran, Revere High School

A Bill to Ban Felony Disenfranchisement

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Felony disenfranchisement will no longer be enforced unless the convict

2 has committed a Capital Crime.

3 **SECTION 2.** Felony disenfranchisement is defined as removing the right to vote

4 and/or become politically involved once convicted of a felony. A Capital Crime

5 includes those such as murder, treason, espionage, and terrorism.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will oversee the implementation and

7 enforcement of this legislation.

8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect in the next six months.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Niki Khare from Thomas Jefferson High School

A Bill to End Military Support to Saudi Arabia to End the Yemeni Conflict

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States will no longer provide arms and tactical intelligence to
2 Saudi Arabia.

3 **SECTION 2.** Arms shall be defined as any instrument of war designed with the intent
4 to harm individuals. Tactical Intelligence shall be defined as any information that can
5 be used to support war efforts in any way.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

7 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. John Lee from Thomas Jefferson High School

A BILL TO BAN THE USAGE OF PRIVATE MILITARY CONTRACTORS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** Private military contractors (PMCs) may no longer be utilized by the US
2. Department of Defense.
3. **SECTION 2.** Private military contractors (PMCs) will be defined as companies
4. that engage in armed security services. These armed security services include but are not
5. limited to combat missions, provision of protective services, security advice and
6. planning, prison administration, interrogation, and intelligence gathering.
7. **SECTION 3.** The congressional Armed Services committee shall oversee the
8. implementation of this bill.
9. The Congressional Armed Services Committee will make cuts to the Department of
10. Defense budget by the specific amount spent on missions that continue to utilize private
11. military contractors (PMCs)
12. **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect within one year of passage.
13. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Jesse Levitan
Syosset High School*

A BILL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO ABOLISH THE PRESIDENTIAL POWER TO PARDON

RESOLVED, that the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

ARTICLE –

SECTION 1: The president shall no longer have the power to grant any
judicial pardons or commutations as outlined in Article 2
Section 2 of the Constitution.

SECTION 1: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Olivia Pasquerella
Loyola School

A Resolution to Protect Pitbulls in Cities

WHEREAS, Pitbull Terriers are banned in many cities across the United States, such as Denver,

Colorado, where these dogs are euthanized or harmed among other things if caught; and

WHEREAS, American Pitbull Terriers are not inherently violent; and

WHEREAS, Other dog breeds are not prosecuted to the same extent as Pitbull Terriers; be it

RESOLVED, the Student Congress assembled should recommend that cities provide equality to

Pitbull Terriers as other breeds of canines, without discrimination.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sanjula Reddy

Council Rock North High School

A Bill to Fund Oversight of Organ Procurement Centers to Ensure a Proper Organ Donation System

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) shall be allocated
2 \$900 million to initiate effective oversight of organ procurement
3 organizations and ensure adequate transport of organs.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. An “organ procurement organization” is an organization authorized by
5 the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, under Section 1138(b) of
6 the Social Security Act, to procure organs for transplantation.

7 B. “Adequate transport of organs” refers to the successful transport of the
8 organ(s) from the donation site to the recipient, meaning organs are stored
9 in a proper environment and responsibly monitored.

10 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be implemented over a two year period by the HHS in
11 conjunction with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
12 and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

13 A. The \$900 million used for regulatory infrastructure will come from the
14 HHS budget.

15 B. The HHS will be able to terminate the federal contracts of organ
16 procurement centers that it identifies as improperly managed.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented in the following fiscal year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sakthishreenidhi “Shree” Manivel of Ridge High School.

Princeton Congress

2019

Chamber 6

A BILL TO IMPLEMENT A UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall provide \$1000 a month to all citizens over the age
3 of 18, regardless of income or employment status.

4 **SECTION 2.** Recipients do not include a) non-citizens, b) felons, and c) unbanked
5 citizens.

6 **A.** For current welfare and social program beneficiaries, the choice
7 between their current benefits or \$1,000 cash unconditionally shall be
8 voluntary and optional.

9 **B.** For citizens abroad, the cash transfers will stop after a 60-day period
10 outside of the United States. At this point, the \$1000 per month will
11 accrue and is attainable upon return to the United States.

12 **C.** The legislation will be funded through a 10% VAT (value-added tax)
13 and the consolidation of current social welfare programs.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health & Human Services and the Internal Revenue
15 Service shall be responsible for the implementation of this legislation.

16 **A.** The Department of Health & Human Services shall be responsible for
17 the consolidation of current social welfare programs and distribution
18 of the \$1000 a month to recipients.

19 **B.** The Internal Revenue Service shall be responsible for the collection
20 and enforcement of the VAT.

21 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect one year from the date of passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Arjun Chadha
Syosset High School*

A Bill to Expand Cannabis Research and Information

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **Section 1.** The Commission on Cannabis Research shall be established to develop a
2. national cannabis research agenda that addresses lingering questions and gaps in evidence
3. pertaining to cannabis, including:
 4. A. The effectiveness of cannabis in treating various medical conditions.
 5. B. The effect of cannabis on at-risk populations, including children, the disabled,
 6. the elderly, and pregnant women.
 7. C. The long-term effects of cannabis use.
 8. D. Public safety considerations related to cannabis.
9. **Section 2.** “Cannabis” shall be defined as any part of the plant *Cannabis sativa* L.
10. “Commission” shall be defined as a nonpartisan group of 15 uncompensated medical
11. professionals and legal experts, appointed by Congress.
12. **Section 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall be responsible for
13. implementing this legislation. The department shall allocate \$10 billion annually to the
14. commission to redistribute in the form of private research grants.
15. **Section 4.** This legislation shall go into effect on January 1, 2021.
16. **Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by

Senator Cameron T. Hines

Southern Lehigh High School

Theft Reduction Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Federal Income tax for American households who make less than
- 2 \$100,000 per year will have their income tax lowered by 0.5% each
- 3 **SECTION 2.** \$100,000 threshold is based on per adjusted gross income as reported on
- 4 IRS federal income tax forms
- 5 **SECTION 3.** IRS will oversee the enforcement of this act
- 6 **SECTION 4.** Once this act is passed, this will go into effect at the start of the next fiscal
- 7 year
- 8 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ben Hitchcock, Medina High School

A BILL TO REPEAL THE UNITED STATES-HONG KONG POLICY ACT

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. This bill is meant to repeal The United States-Hong Kong Policy Act and identify Hong Kong as a part of China.

SECTION 2. Under The United States-Hong Kong Policy Act, the U.S. is allowed to treat Hong Kong as separate from China for economic and trade export reasons.

SECTION 3. The Department of Commerce will report to Congress on China's effort to use Hong Kong to evade U.S. export controls and sanctions and will oversee the repeal of the United States-Hong Kong Policy Act.

A. If the President determines that Hong Kong has proposed or enacted legislation that puts U.S. citizens at risk, the President shall report to Congress on (1) a strategy for protecting U.S. citizens and businesses in Hong Kong, and (2) whether Hong Kong is legally competent to administer agreements between Hong Kong and the United States.

SECTION 4. This bill will be implemented as soon as passage occurs.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Olivia Klepk

West Orange High School

**A RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND THE SENATE TO RATIFY UNCLOS TO
VALIDATE CLAIMS TO THE ECONOMIC EXCLUSION ZONES**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, The United States has not ratified the United Nations Convention on the Law of
2 the Seas (UNCLOS) and as such, does not have any internationally recognized Economic
3 Exclusion Zones; and
- 4 **WHEREAS**, Due to this fact Foreign Nations do not respect American claims to Economic
5 Exclusion Zones, threatening American Sovereignty; and
- 6 **WHEREAS**, Domestic Sailors could compete with Foreign Sailors in what should be
7 American waters; therefore be it
- 8 **RESOLVED**, that the Student Congress here assembled recommend the Senate Ratify the
9 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Seas; and, be it
- 10 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the United States Government should, upon ratification,
11 oversee diplomatic and military efforts to enforce these economic claims.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Nishad Manohar from Thomas Jefferson High School

A BILL TO ESTABLISH MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS IN SCHOOLS

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All state middle and high schools are now required to have mental health
3 programs that adequately address the mental illnesses of their students.

4 The federal government shall provide funds for the training and hiring of
5 qualified therapists.

6 **SECTION 2. (A)** State and local school systems that receive any federal education
7 funding are subject to the revocation of such funds if they are deemed not
8 to be in compliance with this legislation.

9 **(B)** Mental illnesses include, but are not limited to: depression; anxiety;
10 drug addiction; and eating, mood, and personality disorders.

11 **(C)** A school is considered to have fulfilled the requirement of Section 1
12 when they provide treatment and/or appropriate referrals that have aided at
13 least 75% of students deemed to be in need of assistance.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education and the National Institute of Mental Health
15 (NIMH) will oversee the legislation. The Department of Education will
16 disburse \$15 billion over three years for the hiring and training of
17 qualified therapists sufficient to address the requirements of this
18 legislation.

19 **(A)** The NIMH shall create and enforce guidelines which define the
20 minimum qualifications for these therapists, as well as the required
21 standard of care.

22 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect within one year from the date of passage. The
23 bill's requirements, and the potential revocation of funding, shall take
24 effect within four years of passage.

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

*Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan Murgida
Xavier High School*

A Bill to Increase University Accountability for Student Debt

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 SECTION 1. University eligibility for the Guaranteed Student Loan Program shall be
2 contingent on the Department of Education certifying that the following conditions are met:

3 A. Universities provide students with a bona fide projection of lifetime student
4 loan payments.

5 B. Universities take financial responsibility for repayment of 50% of defaulted
6 loans.

7 SECTION 2. The universities' "bona fide" projections shall signify that the institutions have
8 acted without intention to deceive students, or otherwise. A defaulted loan is
the result of a
9 borrower failing to repay a loan according to the agreed upon terms, generally
resulting in
10 legal action by the lender to retrieve lost money. The Guaranteed Student
Loan Program
11 refers to loans provided through the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan
Program where the
12 federal government compensates private lenders if a borrower defaults on a
loan.

13 SECTION 3. The Department of Education shall oversee the implementation of this
14 legislation.

15 SECTION 4. This legislation shall go into effect on January 1, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Arul Nigam from Thomas Jefferson High School

A Bill to Raise the Armed Forces Enlistment Age to 21

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Anyone under the age of 21 will be prohibited from enlisting in the armed
2 forces.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Prohibit will be defined as not allowed under any circumstances and
4 considered unlawful. Enlistment will be defined as any individual wanting
5 to take the ASVAB (Armed 4 Services Vocational Aptitude Battery).
- 6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense shall oversee the enforcement of this
7 legislation.
- 8 A. Military recruitment services will be required to check potential recruits
9 birth certificates to verify age and authenticity before accepting
10 applicants.
- 11 B. All current members of the armed forces under 21 will be
12 grandfathered in.
- 13 C. If the armed forces do not abide by this rule and commit multiple
14 offenses, their funding budget will be assessed and could be cut up to
15 as much as 8%.
- 16 **SECTION 4.** The bill will go into effect immediately upon passage.
- 17 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Deeya Rodriguez, Medina County Career Center

Princeton Congress

2019

Chamber 7

A BILL TO LOWER THE DRINKING AGE TO 16

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

2 SECTION 1. A. The National Minimum Drinking Age Act of 1984 shall be repealed.

3 B. The United States federal government shall set the minimum legal drinking
4 age to 16.

5 SECTION 2. All alcoholic beverages shall now be available for consumption and purchase by
6 all persons ages 16 or older.

7 SECTION 3. Alcoholic beverages shall be defined as all beverages that are suitable for human
8 consumption and contain .5% or more of alcohol by volume.

9 SECTION 4. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives shall oversee the
10 implementation of this legislation.

11 SECTION 5. Upon passage, this legislation will become effective on 1/1/2020.

12 SECTION 6. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Sen. John DiTredici
Chaminade High School

PRISONER REHABILITATION ACT OF 2020

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall allocate \$20 billion over the next 5 years for the
3 introduction of G.E.D. programs and Pell grants to state and federal
4 prisons. This shall be made available to inmates who lack a high school
5 diploma and/or postsecondary education.

6 **SECTION 2.** Participation in the program on the part of states, prison systems, and
7 universities shall be voluntary and optional

8 **SECTION 3.** Adult inmates between the age of 18 and 65 who upon release will be no
9 older than 65 will be eligible to participate in this program.

10 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Justice, Department of Education and each
11 participating State's respective department of corrections shall be
12 responsible for the implementation of this legislation.

13 (A) The Department of Education shall be responsible for selecting and
14 approving participating Universities.

15 (B) The Department of Justice and each participating state's department of
16 corrections will be responsible for overseeing the inmates and their
17 classes.

18 (C) This legislation shall draw necessary funds from the budget of the
19 Department of Education.

20 **SECTION 5.** This bill will go into effect one year from the date of passage.

21 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Derek Halligan
Xavier High School*

A Bill to Tax the Use of Plastic Straws to Help the Environment

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **Section 1.** The United States shall impose a graduated tax on the sale of plastic
3. straws and the revenue generated shall be funneled to the Environmental Protection
4. Agency (EPA).
5. **Section 2.** “Graduated tax” shall be defined as a tax that grows progressively
6. proportionate to the amount of plastic straws bought. The tax shall start at 10% per
7. straw, until hitting one hundred thousand (100,000) straws where the tax will increase to
8. 20% per straw until 50% per straw at one million (1,000,000) straws.
9. **Section 3.** The United States Department of Treasury shall oversee the enforcement
10. of this legislation by collecting revenue and directing it to the EPA.
11. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented January 1, 2021.
12. **Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by
Congresswoman Kayla Howie
Southern Lehigh High School*

A Bill to Increase Funding for NASA to Pursue More Public-Private Partnerships

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) shall
3 be allocated \$15 billion dollars for the purpose of contracting
4 domestic aerospace firms. Funds shall be given out to corporate
5 proposals that meet current Artemis program guidelines.
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7 **SECTION 2.** Domestic aerospace firm is defined as a US company involved in
8 the various aspects of designing, building, testing, selling, and
9 maintaining aircraft, aircraft parts, rockets, or spacecraft.
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11 **SECTION 3.** The Executive Office shall oversee the implementation of this
12 bill. All necessary funding will be taken out of the Department of
13 Defense's discretionary budget.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented at the start of fiscal year 2021.

15 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
16 and void.
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A BILL TO PHASE OUT THE FEDERAL USE OF PRIVATE PRISONS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government will phase out the use of private
2. prisons and/or for-profit prisons.
3. **SECTION 2.** A private prison or for-profit prison shall be defined as a place in which
4. five or more individuals are physically confined or incarcerated by a third party that is
5. contracted by a government agency. Phase out shall be defined as the act of
6. discontinuing a process or project.
7. **SECTION 3.** Immediately from passage, every year the United States will reduce
8. the number of prisoners in private prisons by 20% from the number at the time of
9. passage. Therefore in five years, the use of private prisons shall be completely phased
10. out.
11. All contracts with private prison corporations shall be terminated and no new contracts
12. shall be implemented.
13. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect immediately
14. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Krish Pamnani
Syosset High School*

A RESOLUTION TO END CASH BAIL

1 **WHEREAS**, under the current bail system, individuals in custody who make cash bail may need
2 to pay a deposit to be released, and

3 **WHEREAS**, lower-income individuals cannot afford to pay cash bail in some cases, and

4 **WHEREAS**, these individuals serve extensive time in the penal system whilst waiting for their
5 trial; therefore, be it

6 **RESOLVED**, by the Student Congress here that cash bail in state courts shall be abolished, and
7 be it

8 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Congress urges State legislatures to act on this resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Neeya Shetty

Half Hollow Hills High School East

RESTORE ELECTORAL INTEGRITY ACT

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. This bill can also be cited as the REI Act.

SECTION 2. Federal, State, County, and Local governments in the United States and its territories are hereby prohibited from using Electronic Voting Ballots during elections.

- A.** Electronic Voting Ballots shall be defined as a ballot or any other form of voting device that incorporates a computer connected to a network.
- B.** A computer shall be defined as an electronic device where data is stored, retrieved, and processed. (Merriam-Webster)
- C.** A network shall be defined as a group of computers sending and retrieving data from each other and outside sources.

SECTION 3. The Federal Electoral Commission shall supply paper ballots as a replacement to Electronic Voting Ballots.

- A.** Paper ballots shall be defined as a ballot that utilizes a paper as the method of recording a vote.
- B.** The Federal Electoral Commission shall provide the funding for the acquisition of paper ballots.
- C.** The Department of Justice shall examine the implementation of paper ballots to ensure proper distribution.

SECTION 4. The Federal Electoral Commission, the Department of the Treasury, and the Department of Justice shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

SECTION 5. This bill shall be implemented sixty (60) days after the passage of this bill.

SECTION 6. All laws in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Trevor Silverman
Council Rock High School North

Princeton Congress

2019

Semifinals

1 **WHEREAS,** In the United States, every vote should count, and
2 **WHEREAS,** The Electoral College denies the will of the majority
3 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is
4 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which
5 shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
6 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within
7 seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

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A Bill to Abolish the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **Section 1.** The United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement is hereby abolished.
3. **Section 2.** The Department of Homeland Security shall enforce this law
4. **Section 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2020.
5. **Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
6. and void.

An Act to Criminalize Cyber-Bullying

1. Article I. If an individual encourages another person to kill oneself by using any electronic
2. medium , and such encouragement is a significant cause of the death of that person, the
3. individual who encourages such acts will be charged with a Class A felony, punishable by up to
4. 25 years to life in prison and a \$5,000.00 fine.
5. Article II. If an individual encourages another person to harm oneself, and such encouragement
6. is a significant cause of serious physical or emotional injury to that person, the individual
7. who encourages such acts will be charged with a class B Felony, punishable by up to 10 years in
8. prison and a \$1,000.00 fine.
9. Article III. Electronic medium shall include, but not limited to, all electronic medium, including
10. emails, Facebook, Twitter and Snapchat.
11. This bill will become effective January 1, 2020.

A Bill to Remove the United States from the United Nations

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **Section 1.** The United States shall immediately withdraw its support from the United Nations.
3. **Section 2.** The United Nations shall have until Jan 1, 2021 to relocate. After that date, all UN officials shall lose diplomatic immunity and all UN properties shall lose tax exemption.
4. **Section 3.** The Department of State will be charged with the implementation of this policy.
5. **Section 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2021.
6. **Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
7. and void.

A Bill to Institute a Wealth Tax

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

2. Section 1. A wealth tax of 3% will be instituted on all persons whose wealth exceeds \$100 million dollars.

3. Section 2. Wealth shall be calculated as all possessions, properties, and an d monetary holdings.

4. Section 3. The Internal Revenue Service will be charged with the implementation of this tax.

5. Section 4. This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2020..

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

7. and void.

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A Resolution to Admit the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico into the Union

1. The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico will be granted full statehood
2. Whereas: a majority of Puerto Rican's would like Puerto Rico to be granted statehood
3. Whereas: Puerto Rico has a large enough population to qualify as a state
4. Whereas Puerto Rico is a crucial component of our country that ought to be ensured a more
5. secure and equal place within the American federal government.
6. Whereas: this measure respects the United Nations charter and its upholding of peoples' right
7. to self determination, and the Atlantic Charter of 1941.
8. Whereas: Puerto Rico will be given all the rights and responsibilities of a state, such as
9. representation on the federal level akin to any other state
10. Whereas: the federal government has an obligation to grant statehood to territories and
11. commonwealths where a majority of the respective territory or commonwealth desire
12. statehood.
13. Be it resolved that: this Congress should admit Puerto Rico into the Union as the fifty- first
14. state of the United States of America.

A Bill to Legalize Euthanasia

1: **Section 1:** Euthanasia by a licensed physician is hereby subject to legalization in all

2: fifty states.

3: **Section 2:** Euthanasia will only be available to patients with terminal illnesses, and

4: those patients must give written consent to be euthanized.

5: **A:** Patients who are comatose may not be euthanized unless stipulated in their

6: will.

7: **B:** Patients must be informed of all available choices of treatment for their

8: terminal illness before choosing to be euthanized.

9: **C:** Patients who wish to be euthanized must attend a minimum of six sessions

10: with a licensed psychiatrist, paid for by the patient, and must be deemed to be in a

11: sound state of mind in order to be euthanized.

12: **Section 3:** Euthanization will be carried out by gradually increasing the dose of

13: anesthetic the patient receives until the patient passes away.

14: **A:** The euthanization will be carried out by a doctor not currently treating the

15: patient

16: **B:** The euthanization will be carried out in the presence of the patient's current

17: physician, an additional physician who is neither performing the procedure nor the

18: patient's current physician, and a psychiatrist.

19: **Section 4:** This bill will come into effect 91 days after passage.

A RESOLUTION TO EXPAND THE ELECTORATE

1. WHEREAS, The United States requires the voices of all its citizens, and
2. WHEREAS, Incarceration denies a voice to many citizens
3. RESOLVED, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is
4. proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which
5. shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
6. ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within
7. seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:
8. ARTICLE --
9. SECTION 1: The rights of citizens of the United States shall not be
10. denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on criminal records
11. SECTION 2: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
12. appropriate legislation.

A Resolution to Encourage US Investment in Green Energy

1. **Whereas,** Energy independence has been a major issue in the US for many years;
2. and
3. **Whereas,** A blanket investment in many different fields of green energy,
4. Hydrofracking, Wind Energy, Hydropower, Solar Energy, and even Nuclear Energy,
5. would create thousands of sustainable jobs; and
6. **Whereas,** The goal of this investment, beyond lowering unemployment, would be to
7. promote innovation within the US; and
8. **Whereas,** Green energy jobs are well suited for Veterans and would help to combat
9. the high veteran unemployment; and
10. **Resolved,** The Congress assembled strongly promotes green energy investment, both
11. publicly and privately, so as to promote job growth and improve global innovation.

A BILL TO PURCHASE ALL ASSAULT WEAPONS FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 SECTION 1.A.The Federal Government will confiscate all assault-style weapons from
2 the American gun-owners and purchase assault weapons from gun owners.

3 SECTION 2.Assault weapons will be defined as semiautomatic weapons, weapons
4 able to accept detachable magazines, weapons with any of the following: pistol grip,
5 forward grip, folding, telescoping, or detachable stock, grenade launcher, barrel shroud,
6 or a threaded barrel.

7 SECTION 3. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives shall oversee
8 the enforcement of this legislation. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and
9 Explosives is a federal law enforcement organization within the Department of Justice.

10 A. The estimated cost of the federal buyback of assault weapons is \$15 billion
11 dollars if all the 15 million assault rifles are bought back at \$1,000 each.

12 SECTION 4. This piece of legislation will be implemented on February 14, 2020.

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