

A Resolution to Establish a Pacific Defense Alliance

- WHEREAS,** The United States is already working individually with a wide range of allies in the Pacific; and
- WHEREAS,** Countries like China and Russia have been encroaching on the sovereignty of many aforementioned nations; and
- WHEREAS,** The support of US allies against hostile nations is crucial for our security as a country; and
- WHEREAS,** The US has experienced the success of alliances like that of NATO; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled supports the creation of a defense alliance modeled after the North American Treaty Organization, tentatively named the Pacific Defense Alliance, with initial members being: The United States, Japan, Taiwan, South Korea, The Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, and Singapore.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by

Senator Ellen Yang,

Newton South High School

A Bill to Uphold The Standards Set By The Paris Agreement

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1: The President shall be required to develop and update annually a plan for the United States to meet its nationally determined contribution under The Paris Agreement on climate change.

SECTION 2:

a. “The Paris Agreement” is hereby defined as “the agreement developed by the United Nations Framework Convention that was adopted to address climate change”.

i. The Paris Agreement’s goal is to strengthen the global response to the threat of climate change by keeping global temperature rise below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius.

b. “Nationally determined contribution” is hereby defined as “the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) set by The Paris Agreement”.

SECTION 3: The Environmental Protection Agency will have the power to oversee the implementation and enforcement of this piece of legislation.

SECTION 4: This bill shall go into effect at the start of the fiscal year 2021.

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

*Respectfully submitted for Congressional Debate,
Sen. Christopher Gagliardi Natick High School*

A Bill to Respect New Voices

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All educational institutions that receive federal funding must adhere to tenants of student journalism:

1. Student journalists have the right to exercise free speech in school-sponsored media regardless of whether said media is financially supported by the school, unless said speech is:
 - a. Libelous, Slanderous, or Obscene;
 - b. Violates federal or State law; or
 - c. Incites students to commit an unlawful act.
2. Educational institutions will not be permitted to exercise prior restraint or prior review unless Subsection 1a. through 1d. are violated.
3. It is the responsibility of student journalists to adhere to professional journalistic standards.

SECTION 2. School-sponsored media is any material distributed or broadcast by a student journalist in a school. Prior restraint is defined as actions by a school administration to prevent the publication or broadcast of media and prior review is defined as actions by a school administration to edit or revise media before agreeing to let it be published or broadcast.

SECTION 3. The Department of Education will oversee the implementation of this legislation, in consultation with the Student Press Law Center and the Associated Press. Educational institutions that violate this legislation will have all federal funding revoked.

SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect immediately upon passage

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate
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A Bill to Ban High Frequency Trading to Stabilize the Economy

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1: The United States Federal Government hereby prohibits high frequency trading on the stock market.

Section 2: High frequency trading is defined as a method of trading that uses computer programs and algorithms to transact a large number of orders in fractions of a second, analyze multiple markets, and execute orders based on market conditions.

Section 3:

A. The Security and Exchange Commission will oversee implementation of this bill.

B. Violations of this bill will be met with a fine of 150% of the share's value.

Section 4: This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2021.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Senator Maya Nelson of Boston Latin School.

A Bill to Ban Single Use Plastics

Be it Enacted by this Student Congress here assembled:

1. Section 1: All single use plastic materials shall be banned from being sold..
2. Section 2: “Single Use Plastics” shall be defined as plastic products that are only used once before they are discarded.
3. Section 3: The Environmental Protection Agency shall enforce this legislation.
 - A. The Environmental Protection Agency may grant money from their own yearly allocation to states to enforce their own plastic material laws restricting their use, in addition to any Federal enforcement.
 - B. Public school districts, health organizations, and other public agencies may petition the Environmental Protection Agency for waivers to this law as needed for their mission.
 - C. Funding for this legislation shall come from general federal revenues.
4. Section 4: This bill shall take effect commencing on January 1, 2022.
5. Section 5: All laws in conflict with this legislation are null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Huang,

Needham High School

A Bill to Suspend US Sanctions Against Venezuela to Alleviate Ongoing Crisis

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States Federal Government suspends all economic sanctions against the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

SECTION 2. Economic sanctions shall be defined as the withdrawal of customary trade and financial relations towards businesses, people, and government entities affiliated with the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

SECTION 3. The United States Department of Treasury shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

SECTION 4. This bill shall go into effect immediately after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Nisha Gupta, Shrewsbury High School

A Bill to recognize Antifa as a Domestic Terrorist Organization

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED
THAT:

SECTION 1. Anti-fascist or “Antifa” is hereby recognized as a domestic terrorist organization in the United States of America.

SECTION 2. Antifa is defined as a political protest movement and organization consisting of autonomous groups affiliated by their modern-day militant opposition to right-wing ideology and conservative values.

SECTION 3. Domestic Terrorism is defined as a form of terrorism in which victims "within a country are targeted by a perpetrator with the same citizenship" as the victims.

SECTION 4. The Department of State shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

SECTION 5. This legislation shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate

Senator Aidan Dever

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Supersession Legislation

- 1) Please note that evidence shall be distributed which schools are expected to make use of in their speeches
- 2) Chambers shall be released mid week to facilitate prep
- 3) Songs to prepare for states released with dockets

The *Mens Rea* Criminal Justice Reform Act of 2020

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Criminal offenses under Section 18 of the United States Code shall neither be added to nor amended without either a requirement of criminal intent or a justification of strict liability. Levels of intent shall be intentional, knowing, reckless, and negligent. Any strict liability offenses shall be labeled as such and shall include a public welfare justification therefor. All existing offenses under Section 18 that lack a criminal intent requirement shall, until and unless amended, be interpreted as requiring willful intent.

SECTION 2. “Intentional” is defined as purposeful and intending to bring about a result prohibited by law. “Knowing” is defined as being certain that a result prohibited by law would occur upon undertaking the act. “Reckless” is defined as consciously disregarding a substantial or unjustifiable risk that a prohibited result would occur. “Negligent” is defined as where the defendant reasonably should have known of a substantial or unjustifiable risk of a prohibited outcome, but that the defendant did not act to prevent the outcome. “Strict liability” is defined as not requiring any level of intent to be present to prove guilt. “Willful” is defined as acting in such a manner to demonstrate a purpose to disregard or disobey the law.

SECTION 3. This law shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully Submitted

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A Resolution to Amend the Constitution

RESOLVED, *By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, 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: *States and other jurisdictions within the United States are empowered to authorize proxy votes for each parent who is legal guardian of a child under the age of sixteen for any election pertaining to elected representation or public funding of any public institution or system educating individuals under eighteen years of age in whole or in part. In no case shall the sum total of a proxy vote or votes for any child exceed one.*

Section 2: *The right of citizens of the United States, who are fifteen years of age or older, to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of age. Such individuals who shall be fifteen years of age or older on the date of a general election shall not have their right to vote in any preceding pertaining contest to the general election be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of age.*

SECTION 3: *The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.*

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by _____. Senator
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