

A BILL TO AMEND THE “TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES” (TANF) PROGRAM BY BETTER SPECIFYING AND LIMITING THE PEOPLE WHO ARE PERMITTED TO USE THE PROGRAM

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

2 **Section 1.** The Amendment to the TANF program would create stricter criteria for a family
3 with dependent children or elders who are applying for the program. In addition,
4 all adults who receive money via the TANF program will have to undergo a
5 random yearly drug test.

6 **Section 2.** The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the enforcement of
7 this bill by not giving financial aid to any family who does not qualify for the
8 program and hiring pharmacists to operate the annual drug test.

9 A. In order to be eligible to receive aid from the TANF program, one must have
10 at least two dependents living with them such as a child or a senior citizen, and
11 must be in search of a job.

12 B. Any adult who receives a positive result on the random drug test will no
13 longer be eligible to receive financial aid under the TANF program and will
14 immediately be cut off.

15 **Section 3.** This bill will be implemented starting on January 1, 2021.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Deer Lakes High School

**A BILL TO RECOGNIZE PUERTO RICAN STATEHOOD TO
PROMOTE ECONOMIC GROWTH**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Puerto Rico shall henceforth be recognized as a state, provided they agree to it a referendum.

SECTION 2. They will be apportioned 2 Senate seats and 5 House of Representative seats.

SECTION 3. The State Department shall be responsible for implementation and enforcement of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This bill shall go into effect 3 months upon its passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. RJ Jain
Cary Academy*

A BILL TO ADJUST PURPLE HEART ELIGIBILITY TO INCLUDE VETERANS WITH PTSD

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States Federal Government will adjust the eligibility requirements to receive the Purple Heart award to include veterans who suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

SECTION 2. Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, or PTSD, can be defined as a condition of persistent mental and emotional stress occurring as a result of injury or severe psychological shock.

SECTION 3. The United State Department of Veteran Affairs will oversee the enforcement of this bill alongside the Executive Branch and Department of Defense.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Emma Poff
York Catholic High School*

A Bill to Impose a Tax upon American Large Game-Hunters

WHEREAS, large game like Elephants, for example, are primarily hunted for economic benefit and personal enjoyment.

WHEREAS, some of these species are endangered and on the verge of extinction due to human decimation.

WHEREAS, although the game is predominantly existing in Sub-Saharan and South Africa, sale of such game is in the United States.

RESOLVED, the US Federal Government will universally impose a 20% sin tax upon the sale of the trophy hunting accessories like elephant ivory tusks, exotic furs, tails, and feet.

Respectfully Submitted,

Upper Saint Clair High School

A Bill to Establish a National Sales Tax

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** (a) The United States Federal Income tax shall, for all income brackets, be
2 established at 0% and a National Sales tax shall be established in its place.
3 (b) The Internal Revenue Service shall be tasked with researching and
4 determining an appropriate National Sales Tax Rate, for fiscal year 2020, to
5 suggest to congress two months prior to Fiscal Year 2020.
6 (c) The suggestion made in subsection(b) is not one Congress is required to
7 utilize.
- 8 **SECTION 2.** "National Sales Tax" shall defined as a tax levied upon consumers at the
9 point of sale for goods and services, calculated by applying a certain
10 percentage rate to the taxable price of a sale.
- 11 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service shall oversee the implementation of this
12 legislation.
- 13 **SECTION 4.** Section 1 subsection(b) shall take effect immediately upon passage of this
14 legislation, while all other aspects of this legislation shall take effect upon
15 August 1, 2020.
- 16 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Resolution to Restore Ethics to Congress

WHEREAS, the Office of Congressional Ethics is under attack; and

WHEREAS, rules under consideration would strip the office of its ability to investigate members of Congress; and

WHEREAS, these rules would also limit the types of behavior which would be considered unethical; and

WHEREAS, this office was created in the wake of several ethical scandals in the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, this office has identified numerous examples of wrongdoing, both criminal and ethical; and

WHEREAS, the office is intended to be non-partisan; and

WHEREAS, limiting the ability of the ethics office to investigate wrongdoing of members of Congress gives the appearance of a culture absent of ethics; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that the Office of Congressional Ethics maintain its position as an independent watchdog of ethical standards.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Upper St Clair High School.

A Bill to Stop Patents on Genetically Modified Food

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. No new patents shall be issued on livestock or agriculture which contains genetic modifications shall be issued to any for-profit corporation. All current patents for genetically modified agriculture or livestock will expire on January 1, 2020.

SECTION 2. Genetic modifications include both artificial introduction of genetic materials in a laboratory, or selective breeding for such items as pesticide resistance, high crop yield, bacterial resistance, increased muscle mass, or improved taste.

SECTION 3. The Department of Agriculture and the Food and Drug Administration will identify which patents fall under section one of this act. They will communicate which patents are invalid to the United States Patent Office for further action.

SECTION 4. This will take effect upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Upper St Clair High School.

A Bill to Provide Student Loan Relief

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. No federally funded student loan shall have a repayment schedule set until the recipient of said loan has earned a minimum of \$30,000 in a calendar year.

SECTION 2. After verification of income, the loan repayment shall begin in the following calendar year.

SECTION 3. The Internal Revenue Service shall verify income through federal tax reporting. They shall report to the Department of Education when a loan recipient has achieved the necessary threshold.

SECTION 4. This shall take effect starting on January 1, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Upper St Clair High School.

**A resolution to change public school to a four day week and
afternoon hours**

Whereas: high school students don't get the recommended hours of sleep each night.

Whereas: high school students have too much stress and not enough free time

Whereas: the cost of running a school goes up the more days of the week it is used

Whereas: sports schedules are harder to manage after school

Whereas: it is hard to recruit staff for a five day week

Whereas: students attendance goes down by 20% during a five day week

Therefore be it resolved that all public schools in the United States should move to a four day school week and start school at 1pm.

Furthermore, all extracurricular activities will be held each day before school starts.

Respectfully submitted,

Karns City High School