

**#1 A Bill Concerning Hemp Farming in the United States**

1. **Whereas:** Current laws prohibit American farmers from farming hemp; and
2. **Whereas:** These laws prevent farmers from, as Representative Ron Paul states,
3. “competing in the global industrial hemp market”; and
4. **Whereas:** Both George Washington and Thomas Jefferson were hemp farmers; and
5. **Whereas:** Again according to Representative Ron Paul, “the founders of our nation,
6. some of whom grew hemp, would surely find that federal restrictions on farmers growing
7. a safe and profitable crop on their own land are inconsistent with the constitutional
8. guarantee of a limited, restrained federal government”; and
9. **Whereas:** Hemp is more environmentally friendly to grow than other crops that are legal
10. including tobacco; and
11. **Whereas:** Hemp has such a low content of THC that smoking it will not cause the same
12. effects as its genetic relative marijuana; and
13. **Whereas:** Hemp is a raw material which can be used in many products; and
14. **Whereas:** Currently, United States companies are forced to import millions of dollars in Hemp
15. Raw Materials a year; and
16. **Whereas:** This is a truly bipartisan bill with members of both sides of the isle and national
17. organizations such as The National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA)
18. and National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) having backed similar legislation in
19. previous years; and
20. **Whereas:** Eight states already allow industrial hemp production or research in accordance with
21. state law; and
22. **Whereas:** During WWII Industrial Hemp growth was actively encouraged by the federal
23. government through film’s such as “Hemp for Victory”; and
24. **Whereas:** Hemp is an established agricultural commodity in over 30 nations in Europe;
25. **Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Student Congress Here Assembled That:**
26. That the Federal Government Respect State Laws Allowing the Growing of Industrial Hemp.

Respectfully Submitted,

Moon Area High School

**#2      A Resolution Concerning School Lunches**

1      Whereas according to the Center for Disease Control, approximately 1 in 5 children is  
2      obese, and

3      Whereas according to the University of Michigan, children are more likely to be obese  
4      and consume fatty meats and sugary drinks if they buy lunch at school, and

5      Whereas according to the No Kid Hungry initiative, 65% of teachers report that children  
6      rely on school lunches as their primary source of nutrition, and

7      Whereas 96% of teachers surveyed feel that good nutrition is very important to a child's  
8      ability to concentrate on academics, and

9      Whereas his or her school is often the only place that a child has the opportunity for good  
10     nutrition, and

11     Whereas providing healthier options could drastically reduce the rate of childhood  
12     obesity in the US,

13     Be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that the government provide  
14     adequate funding to the Department of Education to research viable, healthy alternatives  
15     for school lunches in all public schools in the US.

Respectfully submitted,

Oakland Catholic High School

### #3      A Resolution to Ban Embryonic Stem Cell Research

1. **Whereas**, Embryonic stem cell research requires destruction of blastocysts; and
2. **Whereas**, blastocysts are fertilized human eggs, and destroying them can be considered murdering of human life in some ways.
3. **Whereas**, The extensive attention in embryonic stem cell research can cause inattention to adult stem cell research; and
4. **Whereas**, the funding from embryonic stem cell research can be used for adult stem cell research to cure diseases like Alzheimer's.
5. **Whereas**, Embryonic stem cell research focuses on preventing diseases, while we should be focusing on curing current diseases before we can prevent them.
6. **Resolved**, That the Student Congress here assembled ban embryonic stem cell research effective immediately.

Respectfully Submitted By,

West Allegheny

#4      **A RESOLUTION TO LOWER THE NATIONAL VOTING AGE TO 17**

1.     **Whereas** 17-year olds are able to hold jobs and subsequently pay taxes, but they have
2.     no influence on tax legislation.
3.     **Whereas** 17-year olds may be tried in the court of law in 36 states.
4.     **Whereas** 17-year olds may enlist in the military with parental consent, and thus may die
5.     for our country but not vote for its political leaders.
6.     **Whereas** it is in the best interest of democracy to consider a wide range of political
7.     opinions, allowing 17-year olds to vote would better represent the nationwide teenage
8.     population in political agendas.
9.     **Whereas** political agendas regarding education would receive greater input, for adults
10.    do not share the same perspectives as teenagers on such issues, and teenagers are most
11.    directly impacted by such legislation.
12.    **Whereas** many political decisions such as those having to do with social security will
13.    affect the teenage population in upcoming years, yet teenagers have no input
14.    regarding these decisions.
15.    **Whereas** allowing individuals to vote at a younger age encourages voting at a later age.
16.    **Therefore**, the minimum age for voting should be lowered to seventeen.

Respectfully submitted,

Shady Side Academy

## #5 A RESOLUTION TO PUT A FEE ON PLASTIC BAGS AT STORES

1. WHEREAS, according to the Environmental Protection Agency, between 500 billion and one trillion plastic bags are consumed each year; and
2. WHEREAS, according to the National Geographic, plastic bags account for four out of every five bags given out at the grocery store; and
3. WHEREAS, Plastic bags either litter the landscape or end up in landfills; and
4. WHEREAS, the decomposition of plastic bags takes approximately 400 years; and
5. WHEREAS, Collection, hauling, and disposal of plastic bags create additional waste; and
6. WHEREAS, Canvas and Reusable tote bags are simple, environmentally-friendly alternatives to plastic bags;
7. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT, A five cent fee will be placed on every plastic bag that is distributed by grocery stores, markets or other establishment. The government will use the fee to clean up the environment and to develop and implement environmental management projects.

Respectfully Submitted,

North Catholic High School

**#6 Resolution for Liberty and the repeal of the Patriot Act**

1 Whereas: The Patriot Act has been deemed unconstitutional by multiple court cases in multiple  
2 locations and by a large number of US citizens; and.

3 Whereas: The Patriot Act does not efficiently catch terrorists; and

4 Whereas: Giving up liberty for security is a false choice and causes us to lose both; and

5 Whereas: American citizens are entitled to 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment protections against secret searches,  
6 National Security Letters, and warrantless searches and wiretap;.

7 Whereas: Law enforcement and national security can adequately do their jobs without accessing  
8 the private information of innocent, law-abiding citizens; and

9 Whereas: The misnamed Patriot Act violates our constitution rights and takes away the very  
10 freedom we are claiming to protect from terrorists; and

11 Whereas: The Patriot Act gives too much power, shrouded in too much secrecy, to government  
12 agencies; and

13 Whereas: The Patriot Act was originally passed in secrecy and was not open to public comment;

14 Therefore, be it resolved by the Student Congress here assembled that the Patriot Act be  
15 declared unpatriotic.

16 Be it further resolved that the Patriot Act be repealed .

Respectfully submitted,

Bethel Park High School

## # 7

## A Bill to Pass SOPA

1. **Whereas:** without regulation, the internet allows artist's publication to be illegally downloaded or viewed
2. **Whereas:** the violation of copyright causes an artist to lose money they worked hard to earn.
3. **Therefore, be it resolved,** by the student congress here assembled that the Stop Online Piracy Act be passed into effect as of March 1, 2013. All other laws conflicting with this bill are null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Peters Twp. High School

## # 8      A Resolution Concerning the Phrase "IN GOD WE TRUST"

1. Whereas, the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment erected, to quote Thomas Jefferson, a wall of separation" between church and state; and,
2. Whereas, in 1864 "IN GOD WE TRUST" was first placed on a piece of coinage in this country; and,
3. Whereas, it was not until 1938 that all coinage barred this inscription; and,
4. Whereas, not until 1957 that it was first used on paper money; therefore,
5. Be it Resolved, by this student congress here assembled, that the phrase "IN GOD WE TRUST" should no longer be printed on any legal currency in the United States; and,
6. Be it further Resolved that all current legislation found in contradiction of this shall be declared null and void.

Baldwin High School

#9 A RESOLUTION TO ABOLISH THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

1 WHEREAS: The power to control education is not a delegated power of the federal

2 government under the Constitution of the United States, and

3 WHEREAS: The 10<sup>TH</sup> Amendment gives all powers not delegated to the Federal

4 government to the states and to the people, and

5 WHEREAS: The federal government has usurped the power of the states by taking

6 control of education on a national level, and

7 WHEREAS: The states are better suited to determine the specific goals and methods

8 of education within their borders, and

9 WHEREAS: The states can better determine the allocation of costs to provide

10 education within their borders, therefore

11 BE IT RESOLVED by the student congress here assembled that the Federal

12 Department of Education be phased out of existence by the year 2016

Respectfully Submitted,

Quigley Catholic High School

#10 A Resolution for Better Nuclear Power

1. **Whereas:** A common danger in current nuclear power plants is a cooling system failure; and
2. **Whereas:** The overheating of a reactor within a plant results in uncontrolled explosions, leading to a variety of harmful economical and environmental repercussions; and
3. **Whereas:** Technicians and environmentalists are now requesting more reliable yet safer nuclear power systems.
4. **THEREFORE:** Be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that: the United States Federal Government increase funding, development, and installation of High Temperature-Gas Cooled (HTGC) Nuclear Reactors.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Fox Chapel Area High School