

2019

Interleague

Prelim

Bills

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

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

6 ARTICLE –

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Olivia Pasquerella
Loyola School

A Resolution to Increase United States Presence in South America

1 **WHEREAS,** The United States has been focusing on the Middle East while mostly ignoring
2 our own backyard of South America; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Demonstrations have shaken the governments of many countries in South
4 America; and

5 **WHEREAS,** The United States has the power and influence to improve the situation in these
6 countries; and

7 **WHEREAS,** It would strengthen our control over our own backyard; now, therefore; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States will send troops to
10 countries amid political turmoil, including, but not limited to, Ecuador, Peru,
11 Chile, and Bolivia; and, be it

12 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** If needed, the use of tariffs, embargoes, or the implementation of
13 sanctions shall be used against governments that are the origin of turmoil.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Christian Wong
Christ the King Regional HS*

Primary

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 A. The National Minimum Drinking Age Act of 1984 shall be repealed.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,

Rep. Steven L. Jones

Chaminade High School

A Bill to Authorize Aid to the Brazilian Nuclear Energy Program

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will hereby authorize aid to protect Brazilian Nuclear
3 Reactors and maximize nuclear energy production in Brazil, with consent
4 of the Brazilian Government.

5 **SECTION 2.** Aid will comprise of security forces, investment towards the construction
6 of new nuclear reactors, facility operators, personnel, and researchers.

7 **SECTION 3.** The United States Southern Command, known as SOUTHCOM, will be in
8 charge of the oversight of operations and control of aid.

9 A. SOUTHCOM will recruit nuclear facility operators, personnel, and
10 researchers from the United States in coordination with the United
11 States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, or USNRC.

12 B. The Department of State in coordination with SOUTHCOM and the
13 USNRC will set up security measures with both US and Brazilian
14 Personnel within a 5-mile radius of the nuclear reactors.

15 C. The US Department of Defense will allocate to SOUTHCOM the
16 necessary funding that SOUTHCOM requests, not exceeding a tenth
17 of the budget appropriated to the Department of Defense.

18 D. SOUTHCOM and the Department of State will conduct joint semi-
19 annual audits to ensure proper distribution and usage of funds.

20 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on October 1, 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Christian Bae from Stuyvesant High School.

**A RESOLUTION TO REMOVE TURKEY FROM NATO TO
SAVE LIVES**

1 **WHEREAS**, Turkey invaded a foreign sovereign state Syria with imperialistic
2 intentions,
3 **WHEREAS**, Attacking a foreign state that has recently been through a civil war
4 puts stress on their people and their government which may lead to loss of life,
5 **WHEREAS**, Allowing The Republic of Turkey to attack Syria and collaborate
6 with Russia can lead to a former ally aligning themselves with our greatest
enemy,
7 **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled make the following
8 recommendation to The North Atlantic Treaty Organization to remove Turkey
9 from NATO.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Spencer Friedland
Half Hollow Hills High School East*

A Bill to Bolster Djibouti

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The United States shall provide \$300 million in develop
2. mental aid to the Government of Djibouti and non-governmental organiza
3. tions working within the nation.
4. **SECTION 2.** 'Developmental Aid' shall be defined as financial aid to
5. support the economic, environmental, social, and political development of
6. developing countries. 'Non governmental organizations' shall be defined as
7. private, non-profit companies who provide humanitarian services to the Dji
8. boutian people.
9. **SECTION 3.** The United States Agency for International Development
- 10.(USAID) shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation.
- 11.\$120 million shall be allocated to the pre-existing pilot WASH project in
- 12.Djibouti and the Djibouti Department of Rural Hydraulics
- 13.\$90 million shall be allocated to the Power Africa, Workforce Development
- 14.and the UN World Food Programme project
- 15.The remaining \$90 million shall be allocated with the discretion of USAID.
- 16.The Office of Inspector General shall conduct a yearly review on the
- 17.progress of such aid. If funds have been found to be misused, such funds
- 18.shall be allocated to another NGO with the discretion of USAID.
- 19.**SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect at the beginning of FY
- 20.2020.
- 21.**SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared
- 22.null and void.

Introduced by Garreth Hui from the Bronx High School of Science

**A BILL TO PROVIDE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO TAJIKISTAN
TO ALLEVIATE POVERTY**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The United States hereby mandates to send 400 million dollars in
2. development assistance to the Republic of Tajikistan through direct cash transfers
3. to aid with poverty alleviation.
4. **SECTION 2.** Development assistance is defined as financial aid given by
5. governments to support the economic, political, social and environmental
6. development of developing countries.
7. **SECTION 3.** The US Department of State will oversee the implementation of
8. this piece of legislation.
9. **SECTION 4.** This piece of legislation will go into effect on January 1, 2020.
10. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
11. and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Lamisa Khan
Half Hollow Hills High School West*

A BILL TO IMPLEMENT A UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Arjun Chadha
Syosset High School*

2019
Interleague
Supersession
Bills

**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*

A BILL TO REQUIRE MORE SPECIFIC NUTRITION FACT LABELS

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The terms “artificial flavor(ing)”, “spices” and “natural flavor(ing)” may
3 no longer be used on the ingredient list for a Nutrition Facts label.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Nutrition Facts label” shall be defined as the labeling used to clarify
5 quantities of nutrients and ingredients on a food/drink.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall work in tandem with
7 the Food and Drug Administration to enforce this legislation.

8 A. The term “natural flavor(ing)” must be replaced with terms that clarify
9 its source at least according to the component of the animal or plant.

10 Any “natural flavor” that is artificially synthesized must be specified
11 that it was artificially synthesized.

12 B. The term “spices” must be replaced with terms that clarify its source at
13 least according to the component of the plant.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be put into effect on March 1st, 2020.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Christian Wong
Christ the King Regional HS*

Super Session

A BILL TO END MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE UNITED NATIONS

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

2 SECTION 1. A. The United Nations Participation Act of 1945 shall be repealed.

3 B. The president shall terminate all membership by the United States in the
4 United Nations and/or any other affiliated body of the United Nations.

5 C. The United States Mission to the United Nations shall be closed, all remaining
6 functions of such office shall not be carried out.

7 D. All other Acts pertaining to the United States involvement in the United
8 Nations shall be repealed.

9 SECTION 2. A. The United Nations Headquarters Agreement Act shall be repealed, which is
10 in reference to the United Nations headquarters located in New
11 York.

12 B. The United Nations may not use and or occupy any property or facility of the
13 United States government.

14 SECTION 3. A. The United States shall terminate its participation in United Nations
15 peacekeeping operations.

16 B. All funding to such peace operations shall be terminated, and no future
17 transactions to the United Nations or any affiliated body shall be authorized.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Jack Viscuso

Chaminade 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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The US Federal Government shall disburse \$500 million in humanitarian aid and \$250 million in military aid each year for five years to alleviate the violent health crisis in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

SECTION 2. A. "Humanitarian aid" shall be defined as food, water, and medicine.
B. "Military aid" shall be defined as defense systems, equipment, and training programs.

SECTION 3. USAID, the State Department, and the Department of Defense shall be charged with the implementation of this legislation.
A. The US ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo shall submit independent quarterly reports on the impact the aid has had in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

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.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rae Seong Jeong.

A RESOLUTION TO BAN THE USE OF ENHANCED INTERROGATION TECHNIQUES

WHEREAS, Enhanced interrogation techniques dehumanize detainees in offshore detention centers to extract information; and

WHEREAS, enhanced interrogation techniques are a form of systematic torture used against detainees, including waterboarding, stress positions, and walling

WHEREAS, enhanced interrogation techniques are not the most effective method in obtaining information because they can lead to acquiring false or biased information; and

WHEREAS, enhanced interrogation tactics have led to detainees developing persistent mental and physical health problems, thereby inflicting harm; and

WHEREAS, these enhanced interrogation techniques are ethically unjust and unfair; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled make the following recommendation to ban the employment of enhanced interrogation techniques on detainees in offshore detention centers.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Lamisa Khan
Half Hollow Hills High School West*

A Resolution to Increase Our Trade Relations With India

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The United States shall inquire for the establishment of
2. a free trade agreement with India, along with an increase in
3. \diplomatic relations.
4. **SECTION 2.** Trade will include but not be limited to commerce or
5. aid, diplomatic relations will include bilateral cooperations and
6. intelligence sharing.
7. **SECTION 3.** The department of defense and Commerce will be
8. responsible for handling respective parts of the legislation.
9. **SECTION 4.** If Passed, the legislation will go into effect FY 2020.
10. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby
11. declared null and void.

Introduced by Arjun Mazumdar from the Bronx High School of Science

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

WHEREAS, The United States has the duty of promoting human rights and democracy around the globe; and

WHEREAS, The People's Republic of China is assuming greater authority over the government of Hong Kong, starting with a proposed extradition bill; and

WHEREAS, As a result, the people of Hong Kong have staged mass protests against the bill and the Chinese government in Beijing; and

WHEREAS, The Chinese government has been ruthless against the protestors, employing violent tactics and stripping away the rights of the people of Hong Kong; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that the people of Hong Kong have the full support of the United States behind their demands; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, The United States government shall engage in diplomatic talks with the People's Republic of China to ensure that the people of Hong Kong have their previous rights respected.

Respectfully submitted,

*Arjun Chadha
Syosset High School*