

Lewis & Clark College Forensics



**STUDENT CONGRESS
LEGISLATION PACKET**

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A Resolution to Rejoin the CPTPP

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States withdrew from the Comprehensive and Progressive
- 2 Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership on January 23, 2017; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** this withdrawal costs the United States billions of dollars and access to
- 4 several international markets; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The United States has an obligation to protect its farmers',
- 6 business-owners', and producers' economic interests; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** the CPTPP fosters free trade; now, therefore, be it
- 8 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled recommend that the United States join
- 9 the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific
- 10 Partnership

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lake Oswego High School .

A Bill to Expedite the Nomination Process of Supreme Court Justices

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The Senate shall debate and vote upon a Supreme Court nomination within
2 six months of the date of the nomination. If the Senate does not debate
3 and vote within this timeframe, the Senate Majority Leader will lose
4 governance over the particular nomination, and the Senate Minority
5 Leader shall have control to bring the nomination forward to the floor of
6 the Senate for debate and vote .
- 7 **SECTION 2.** “Senate” refers to the 100 member congressional body of the Senate, not
8 the Senate Judiciary Committee.
- 9 **SECTION 3.** The Senate Minority leader will oversee the enforcement of this bill.
10 A. The senate majority leader, as the person responsible for the legislative
11 agenda, will have special responsibility in overseeing the enforcement
12 of this bill.
- 13 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect upon passage.
- 14 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lake Oswego High School.

A Bill to Remove the Confederacy from Public Areas

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States will remove all Confederate themes from one-tenth of
2 schools, ten Army bases, 718 monuments, and 1503 public monuments.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** “Confederate” and “Confederacy” refers to the 11 Confederate States of
4 America from 1861-1865 and the Confederate Army during the Civil War.
- 5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of the Interior will oversee the implementation of the
6 given funds in order to preserve all removed buildings/statues and
7 properly honor them.
- 8 A. The Department of the Interior will hire governmental civil engineers
9 to remove the buildings/statues
- 10 B. 50 million dollars will be allocated to The Department of the Interior
11 to carry out this legislation
- 12 **SECTION 4.** Upon passing, this legislation will be implemented by January 2024
- 13 **SECTION 5.** 50 million dollars will be allocated to The Department of the Interior
to carry out this legislation

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A Bill to Ban Government Shutdowns

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** In the event that the President and Congress, during budget negotiations,
2 fails to reach an agreement on budgetary standards, the United States
3 Federal Government shall be funded on the same conditions as the prior
4 year's funding until an actual agreement can be reached.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** The Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches of the federal government
6 shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be implemented January 1st 2021.
- 8 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate University HS.

A BILL TO FUND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **Section 1**

2. Funding will be acquired for public transportation by raising the federal gas tax.

3. **Section 2**

4. A public transportation system will be defined as a network of buses and/or
5. trains operating on a regular schedule on fixed routes with set fares that is
6. open to the public and eligible to receive public funds. The definition of a
7. train includes above or below ground rapid transit.

8. **Section 3**

9. The gas tax will be raised to 19.4 cents per gallon for gasoline and 23.4 cents per
10. gallon for diesel.

11. **Section 4**

12. The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) will be tasked with
13. overseeing the implementation of this bill. Funds may be allocated for capital
14. costs of development and improvement of public transportation systems
15. [including associated facilities], planning [such as research, safety improvement,
16. and environmental analysis], and subsidizing operating costs.

17. **Section 5**

18. The contents of this bill are to be enacted by January 1st 2021.

19. **Section 6**

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

Submitted for Congressional Debate by Westview High School

A Resolution to Support Nuclear Power Production

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- WHEREAS,** Climate change has been largely affected by the release of carbon for the purposes of energy production; and
- WHEREAS,** Greener forms of energy production have recently become more and more important to curb the effect of energy production on climate change; and
- WHEREAS,** Solar and wind energy is inconsistent and produces relatively low amounts of energy; and
- WHEREAS,** Nuclear power plants have the potential to be safer and cleaner than previously shown; and
- WHEREAS,** Nuclear power plants can cover the majority of power usage in the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** Innovations in nuclear power production would allow thorium reactors to become the dominant form of nuclear reactor fuel, making nuclear reactors safer and cleaner; and
- WHEREAS,** A current need to be less reliant on fossil fuels while still producing a large amount of energy could be fulfilled by nuclear power; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled support the production and innovation of nuclear power plants and nuclear power; and, be it
- FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled support nuclear power as a replacement source of energy production for fossil fuels.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Westview High School

A Bill to Place Checks on Psychosomatic Drug Prescriptions

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** “Psychosomatic drugs” are defined as drugs that treat symptoms for psychological disorders. Examples of psychosomatic drugs include antidepressants and stress reducers.
- SECTION 2.** Before a psychosomatic drug can be prescribed, a psychiatrist must evaluate the patient who would receive the prescription, and the psychiatrist must determine that the psychosomatic drug would be beneficial to this patient.
- SECTION 3.** Patients taking psychosomatic drugs are required to go to at least one session with a psychiatrist per month.
- SECTION 4.** Any patient who does not meet these requirements will be unable to fill a prescription for a psychosomatic drug.
- SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2021.
- SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Springfield High School.

A Resolution to Suspend U.S. Aid to Aggressive Countries

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

WHEREAS, The recent Turkish invasion of Syria illustrates that recipients of U.S. foreign aid sometimes engage in aggressive military action; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By this Congress, that the U.S. should suspend foreign aid to Turkey and to other aggressive countries; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That instead of providing aid to aggressive countries, the U.S. will divert this aid to support democratic forces that are resisting outside aggression in countries such as the Ukraine and Syria.

Introduced by Springfield High School.

A Bill to Eliminate Gender Discrimination in Military Conscription

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Should the United States ever find itself at war, and enact a policy of compulsorily drafting personnel, it must ensure that policy does not discriminate on the basis of sex or gender identity, whether officially or in practice.

SECTION 2. 'War' shall be defined as a state of hostility with a foreign power in which both sides perpetrate acts of violence against the other. 'Compulsory Drafting' shall be defined as a military recruitment policy characterized by (a) extensive conscription of the population for military service and (b) the legal requirement for conscripts to respond or face criminal charges. 'Sex or Gender Identity' shall be defined as a person's perception of having a particular gender, which may or may not correspond with their birth sex. 'Officially' shall be defined as being present in the law itself, and 'In Practice' shall be defined as being present in its application.

SECTION 3. The Department of Defense shall oversee the implementation of this bill, and an independent council shall be charged with ensuring the department's continued compliance with it.

SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect as soon as it is passed.

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

This Bill Introduced by Cleveland High School

A Resolution to Create a Sovereign Wealth Fund

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

WHEREAS, the United States requires massive investment in the preservation and construction of critical infrastructure,

WHEREAS, these projects are too important to the wider populace to be entrusted to major corporations,

WHEREAS, local and regional governments are often incapable of supporting the financial burden these projects entail,

BE IT RESOLVED, the United States Federal Government shall create a Sovereign Wealth Fund for the purpose of allocating funds on a multiannual basis to critical infrastructure projects.

This Bill Introduced by Cleveland High School.

A Resolution to Formally Recognize the Republic of China

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

WHEREAS, the Republic of China has governed the island of Taiwan as a sovereign state for the last seventy years;

WHEREAS, the Republic has successfully transitioned into a democratic government while the People's Republic of China has only become more oppressive and autocratic;

WHEREAS, cooperation with the Republic is essential to securing the United States' strategic interests in the region,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Republic of China shall be formally recognized as the sole legitimate government of Taiwan, of co-equal standing with the People's Republic of China in the foreign affairs of the United States.

This Bill Introduced by Cleveland High School.

A Resolution to Guarantee the Independence of Hong Kong

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

WHEREAS Hong Kong is a democratic nation with its own political customs,

WHEREAS the People's Republic of China has repeatedly demonstrated intent to violate the "One Country, Two Systems" framework under which Hong Kong was acceded into its sovereignty, in the process committing human rights violations,

WHEREAS the people of Hong Kong have demonstrated their desire to protect their sovereignty,

BE IT RESOLVED, that should the People's Republic of China or its agents seek to strip the people of Hong Kong of their voting rights, violate the sanctity of their elections, or damage the independence of their judiciary, the United States shall initiate strong economic and diplomatic sanctions on the PRC and crucial individuals in its government.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should our allies in the United Kingdom, the European Union, the Republic of India, the Republic of Vietnam, the Republic of China, the Republic of Korea, and the State of Japan agree to take concurrent action, the United States shall formally recognize an independent and democratic State of Hong Kong.

This Bill Introduced by Cleveland High School.

A Bill to Implement Supervised Consumption Services

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall implement at least one Supervised Consumption site for cities with a population of 600,000 or more.

SECTION 2. Supervised Consumption Services will be defined as a medically supervised facility designed to provide a hygienic and stress-free environment in which individuals are able to consume illicit recreational drugs intravenously and reduce nuisance from public drug use.

SECTION 3. The United States Department of Health and Human Services will oversee implementation.

A. Required funding for implementation will be derived from the National Defence Budget.

SECTION 4. Implementation date January 1st, 2024.

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

Introduced by South Albany High School

A Bill to Protect Sexual Assault Victims From Criminal Charges

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All sexual assault and rape victims can never receive criminal charges for physical retaliation against said attacker.

A. All prior charges against sexual assault victims before the implementation date under the legislation's jurisdiction will hereby be acquitted.

B. There is no statute of limitations for this legislation or the criminal trials preceding it.

SECTION 2. *Attacker* shall be defined as an individual proven to have committed rape or sexual assault in the court of law. *Sexual Assault* shall be defined as unwanted sexual behaviors that are performed against a person's will or when a person is unable to give consent. *Rape* shall be defined as the penetration, no matter how slight, with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person without consent of the victim.

SECTION 3. The U.S. Department of Justice will oversee this legislation.

SECTION 4. Implementation as soon as passage.

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

Introduced by South Albany High School

A Resolution to Begin Military Sanctions Against Turkey for Its Actions Against US Backed Kurdish Groups

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

WHEREAS, The Kurds have been a key ally in the fight against ISIS and have proved themselves to be one of the most effective forces in defeating ISIS; and

WHEREAS, The US has been funding and supplying the Kurdish forces within Syria for years and betraying them would undermine international opinion of the US; and

WHEREAS, Turkey has been warming up to Iran and Russia and has bought a large amount of Russian weaponry, which could threaten the US position in the Middle East; and

WHEREAS, Turkish forces have been coordinating offensive actions against the US-backed Kurds in conjunction with Iran and Russia; and

WHEREAS, A newly formed Kurdistan could be a bulwark against Russian and Iranian influence in Iraq and Syria; and

WHEREAS, The US can best protect its interest in the Middle East by keeping Kurdish forces as a strong partner in Syria and Iraq; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By this Congress that: the US should impose military sanctions against Turkey due to the anti-Kurdish actions undertaken by the Turkish government.

A Bill to Remove Military Bases from Germany and Redirect Funds and Troops to Southwest Asia

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. This bill would remove the United States military bases from within Germany and turn the facilities over to the German government and authorize the US military to redirect the troops and funds to areas of greater need.

SECTION 2. Military personnel are defined as any United States person under the command or direction of the US Army, Navy, or Air Force.

SECTION 3. The U.S. military will:

A. Use funds saved from operation of German bases for military purposes in Southwest Asia.

B. Rebase all affected troops to existing US military facilities in Southwest Asia.

SECTION 4. This Bill shall be implemented by June 1, 2020.

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

Introduced by Prosper High School