



# Poland Regional High School

## Poland Knights

### Nutcracker Sweeps Tournament

#### 1) The Eisenhower-Castro Act

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. SECTION A. All five statutes used to enforce the American-Cuban embargo are hereby
3. repealed.
4. SUBSECTION 1A. The five statutes that shall be repealed upon the passing of this
5. legislation include the Trading with the Enemy Act of 1917, the Cuban Assets Control
6. Regulations, the Cuban Democracy Act, the Helms-Burton Act, and the Trade Sanctions
7. and Reform Export Enhancement Act.
8. SECTION B. The Foreign Assistance Act shall be amended with the passage of this
9. legislation to remove the section stating that communist countries cannot receive assistance
10. or aid from the United States.
11. SECTION C. The enforcement of this legislation will be overseen by the Department of
12. State.
13. SECTION D. This legislation will go into effect January 1, 2020.
14. SECTION E. Any laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted by Rep. N. Thompson, GHS*

#### 2) The Amazon Act

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. SECTION A. An 8% tariff will be placed on Brazilian exports of mineral oils.
3. SECTION B. The tariffs on Brazilian mineral oils will not be lifted until Brazil agrees to
4. instate United States-mandated environmental policy.
5. SUBSECTION 1B. The Brazilian government must have a Ministry of Climate Change.
6. SUBSECTION 2B. The Brazilian government must have a Ministry of Deforestation.
7. SUBSECTION 3B. The Brazilian government must not destroy environmental reserves
8. or allow environmental reserves to be commercialized.
9. SUBSECTION 4B. The Brazilian government must not build any roads or highways that
10. cut through sections of the Amazon Rainforest.
11. SECTION C. Once the United States has observed that these conditions have been met, a
12. 6 month waiting period will be initiated to ensure the longevity of these mandates.
13. SECTION D. If after the 6 month waiting period Brazil has been observed to be in
14. accordance of this act's mandates, the tariffs will be repealed.
15. SECTION E. All income received by the government through tariffs will be put into funding
16. to plant trees across the united states.
17. SECTION F. This act will go into effect 90 days after passage.
18. SECTION G. This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Homeland Security
19. and the Environmental Protection Agency.
20. SECTION H. Any laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted by Rep. N. Thompson, GHS*

### **3) The Hargeisa Resolution**

1. WHEREAS, America's job internationally has always been to help those in oppression by
2. unjust regimes, and to help promote democracy and liberty in the world.
3. WHEREAS, The United States has repeatedly and quickly helped those nations that wish to
4. break away for the sake of freedom and democratic government.
5. WHEREAS, In order to promote America's interests and help those who need it, America
6. must act to help the Republic of Somaliland.
7. WHEREAS, For over two decades, the Republic of Somaliland has been consistently
8. more democratic and free than each of its neighbors, yet has been ignored by all of the
9. international community.
10. RESOLVED, In order to preserve and promote liberty, the government of the United States
11. of America must recognize the Republic of Somaliland as an independent nation, and work
12. to promote American values, reform, and trade.
13. FURTHER RESOLVED, America must work together with the Republic of Somaliland in its
14. fight for full recognition of independence.

*Respectfully Submitted by Rep. N. Thompson, GHS*

### **4) A Bill to Nationally Recognize a Hot Dog as a Sandwich**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 SECTION 1. The United States Government will now officially classify a hot dog as a
- 2 sandwich.
- 3 SECTION 2. The United States Food and Drug Administration and Food and Nutrition Service
- 4 will oversee the implementation of this legislation.
- 5 SECTION 3. This legislation will go into effect immediately upon passage.
- 6 SECTION 4. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Bell, Greely High School, Maine District*

### **5) A Bill to Abolish Mandates for Standardized Testing**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. SECTION 1. Standardized testing will no longer be mandated by the public education
3. system.
4. SECTION 2. Standardized testing shall be defined as state-regulated tests taken in a
5. public school at any
6. grade level.
7. SECTION 3. This bill shall be enforced by the US Department of Education. Any school
8. or state found
9. in violation of this bill shall lose 25% of educational funding.
10. SECTION 4. This bill shall go into effect August 1, 2021.
11. SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced by Mary Psychogeos of Yarmouth High School*

## **6) A Bill to Abolish the Tampon Tax**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. SECTION 1: The Tampon Tax is hereby federally abolished.
3. SECTION 2: The Tampon Tax shall be defined as “any tax on feminine hygiene products, including
4. tampons, pads, liners, and menstrual cups.”
5. SECTION 4: Feminine hygiene products shall be defined as “personal care products used during
6. menstruation and/or other female bodily processes.”
7. SECTION 3: States shall incur a fine of \$10,000 upon each infraction.
8. SUBSECTION 3A: In terms of this legislation, an infraction shall be defined as “the collection of the
9. Tampon Tax for an individual purchase of a feminine hygiene product.”
10. SECTION 4: When a state has been fined as a result of violating the terms of this legislation and
11. consequently, said state may earn back the resulting budget deductions by the following procedures:
12. SUBSECTION 4A: The state may earn back \$10,000 of the resulting budget deductions per fiscal
13. quarter in which no infraction has occurred. This may amount to no more than the state’s original
14. budget.
15. SECTION 5: The Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee the implementation of this
16. legislation.
17. SECTION 6: This bill shall be enacted on January 1, 2021.
18. SECTION 7: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted by Madeline Corson of Yarmouth High School*

## **7) Scholastic Student Security Act**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. SECTION 1. All graded group projects are hereby banned from all public educational institutions.
3. SECTION 2. A graded group project shall be defined as “any academic task assigned by any public
4. educational institution to be completed through collaboration by two or more students, the score of
5. which shall be included in the students’ grades.”
6. SECTION 3. Any public educational institutions in violation of this legislation shall forego federal

7. funding until they can demonstrate they have been in compliance for one full year.
8. SECTION 4. The implementation of this legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Education.
9. SECTION 5. This legislation shall be enacted on January 1st, 2021.
10. SECTION 6. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted by Madeline Corson and Lerman Waïss of Yarmouth High School.*

### **8) A Bill to Ban One-Sided Printing**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. SECTION 1. Any multi-page document to be printed on the premises of any federally owned building
3. shall be printed double-sided.
4. SECTION 2. Double-sided printing shall be defined as a sheet of paper with material printed on both
5. sides, the goal of this being to reduce the total number of sheets used.
6. SUBSECTION 2A. This will not apply to any print jobs that require only one side of paper or less.
7. SUBSECTION 2B. Federally owned government buildings shall be defined as any building owned and
8. operated by the US federal government such as the Supreme Court, the Capitol building, all executive
9. departmental buildings, or national park facilities.
10. SECTION 3. Any federal employee found to be in violation of this bill shall be fined \$30 per sheet of
11. unnecessarily one-sided paper.
12. SECTION 4. This bill shall be enforced by the General Services Administration (GSA).
13. SECTION 5. This bill shall be enacted on January 1, 2021.
14. SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced by Mary Psychogeos of Yarmouth High School.*

### **9) A Bill to Legalize Kinder Eggs™ in the United States**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1:** The importation and sale of Kinder Eggs™ shall be legal within the United States
3. and its territories.
4. **SECTION 2:** Kinder Eggs™ shall be defined as a hollow chocolate egg with a plastic capsule
5. inside with a toy, produced by the Italian company, Ferraro, and the company, Kinder.
6. **SECTION 3:** This piece of legislation will be overseen by the Food and Drug Administration
7. and the Department of Health and Human Services.
8. **SUBSECTION A:** Since the 1930s, the United States has banned the importation of this
9. specific chocolate, and the National Post reported 60,000 Kinder Eggs™ to be confiscated
10. at the US-Canadian border in 2011.

11. **SUBSECTION B:** The U.S. attempted to replace the Kinder Egg™ with
12. Kinder Joy,™ however, this is not quite the same experience as the original.
13. **SECTION 4:** This bill shall go into effect on January 1st, 2020.
14. **SECTION 5:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully Introduced by Bangor High School*

### **10) A Resolution Amending the Constitution to Exclude Hate Speech**

1. **WHEREAS**, the First Amendment does not specify protection nor exclude hate speech, be it
  2. **RESOLVED**, That upon approval of two-thirds of the chamber of this Congress here
  3. Assembled, the following Constitutional amendment shall be sent to the state legislatures
  4. for approval:
  5. **SECTION 1:** Any form of “hate speech” is no longer protected by the First Amendment in the
  6. United States of America by any citizen. Citizens now are legally allowed to be persecuted for
  7. any act relating to hate speech if authorities find it necessary to do so.
- SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

*Introduced by Bangor High School*

### **11) A Bill to Help Solve Climate Change**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1:** Everyone in the United States shall be made a vegetarian for the benefit of climate
3. change.
4. **SECTION 2:** A vegetarian shall be defined as “a person who does not eat meat, and sometimes
5. other animal products, especially for moral, religious, or health reasons.”
6. **SECTION 3:** The Department of Health and Human Services, the Food and Drug
7. Administration, and the Department of Agriculture will oversee this legislation.
8. **SUBSECTION A:** To severely limit animal based production of food and assist in stopping
9. climate change, all U.S. citizens shall eat a plant-based diet.
10. **SUBSECTION B:** Meat factories and other mass meat producers shall be shut down within 15
11. years after this legislation.
12. **SUBSECTION C:** The sale of meat will only be legal if a store buys meat from outside of the
13. country, gets a permit to sell meat through the Food and Drug Administration, and charges
14. higher prices for meat per pound than vegetables. Meat will hereby become a delicacy.
15. **SECTION 4:** Americans must cut back on their meat purchase and consumption within the
16. next 30 years after this legislation is enacted. By the year 2050, all Americans are declared
17. official vegetarians. This bill shall go into effect on July 1st, 2020.
18. **SECTION 5:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully Introduced by a Maine District*

### **12) The Raise-the-Wage Act of 2019**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The Federal Minimum Wage shall be raised to \$15/hour in all 50 states.
2. **SECTION 2.** “The Federal Minimum Wage” shall be defined as the lowest remuneration that
3. employers can legally pay their workers.
4. **SECTION 3.** Current penalties for violating minimum wage laws shall be retained.

5. SECTION 4. The Department of Labor shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation along
6. with the specific enforcement mechanism.
7. SECTION 4A. The federal minimum wage shall initially be raised to \$11/hour on January 1st,
8. 2020
9. SECTION 4B. The minimum wage shall then be raised by \$1 at the start of every year
10. thereafter until it stands at \$15 on January 1st, 2025.
11. SECTION 5. This legislation shall go into effect on January 1st, 2020.
12. SECTION 6. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced by CN, Lincoln Academy*

### **13) The Teachers Appreciation And Compassionate Compensation Act of 2019**

1. Whereas, public school teachers are some of the most hardworking, yet underpaid members of
2. our society and,
3. Whereas, most if not all public school teachers are not fairly reimbursed for their commitment;
4. now, therefore, be it,
5. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
6. SECTION 1. \$26 billion dollars shall be reallocated from the United States defense budget and
7. diverted into the American public school system in the following manner.
8. SECTION 2. \$24 billion shall be allocated to raising the annual salary of all 3.2 million public
9. school teachers in America.
10. SECTION 3. Noting that most public schools are funded locally, this funding shall only be
11. added on to teachers' salaries.
12. SECTION 3A. These funds are to be given to state education departments for this specific
13. purpose.
14. SECTION 4. \$2 billion shall be directed towards the purchasing of classroom utilities and
15. eliminating out-of-pocket school supply expenses for all public school teachers.
16. SECTION 4A. Also to be done by funneling these funds through state education
17. departments.
18. SECTION 3. The Department of Education will oversee the implementation of this
19. legislation in cooperation with state and local education departments.
20. SECTION 4. Effective immediately after passage.
21. SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced by CN, Lincoln Academy*

### **14) A Bill to Make Election Day a Federal Holiday**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. Section 1. Election Day in the United States is hereby classified as a federal holiday.

3. Section 2. All private businesses and institutions that do not observe federal holidays are to
4. provide a two-hour recess or break so as to provide private employees with an opportunity to
5. vote.
6. SECTION 3. Election Day” is defined as the day on which elections for public office are held
7. in the United States, occurring on the first Tuesday after November 1st.
8. Section 3. The United States Office of Personnel Management and all other relevant agencies
9. are to ensure swift implementation of this legislation.
10. SECTION 4. Effective immediately after passage.
11. Section 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced by CN, Lincoln Academy*

### **15) A Resolution to Recognize Water as Wet**

1. WHEREAS, “wetness” is our description of what we feel when we interact with water, it
2. follows that wood is hard and fire is hot, and,
3. WHEREAS, in order for an object to alter another object, it must hold the characteristics of
4. which it is altering, it follows that in order to make another object wet, water itself must be
5. wet, and,
6. WHEREAS water is wet in the sense of being a liquid composed of low viscosity,
7. loosely-joined molecules, and a high latent heat of vaporization, and,
8. WHEREAS, a controversy this heated may lead to civil war if left unaddressed by the United
9. States Government; Therefore be it
10. RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that the United States government officially
11. recognize water as a wet substance and recognize naysayers as factually incorrect and in need
12. of intensive education.

*Introduced by Cam Nelson, Lincoln Academy*