

Congress Bills – Peninsula Invitational

Round 1

A Bill to Raise the National Minimum Wage

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The US National Minimum Wage shall rise from \$7.25 per hour to \$15.00 per
3 hour by 2024. The minimum wage shall increase by \$2.00 per hour every year,
4 starting from the year 2025.

5 **SECTION 2.** The US Minimum wage shall be defined as the lowest payable wage paid to
6 workers from employers under federal guidelines.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor shall enforce this bill and oversee its implementation.

8 **A.** If any company that fails to comply with this bill, the Department of Labor
9 shall cut 100% of federal loans and subsidies going towards that company.

10 **B.** Any company found in violation of this bill shall be charged with a fine of
11 15% of their total corporate income for the fiscal year in which the violation
12 occurred.

13 **C.** All revenue generated from the fine shall be collected and given as subsidies
14 to businesses that employ less than 50 workers.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect on January 1st, 2021. The \$2.00 per hour increase
16 shall go into effect on January 1st, 2025.

17 **A.** Afterwards, the Minimum Wage shall be increased on January 1st yearly.

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

Introduced by Dougherty Valley High School

A Resolution to Impose Economic Sanctions on the Philippines

1 WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Duterte's war on drugs and hostile foreign policy has
2 resulted in the demise of due process and massive human rights
3 violations in the Philippines; and

4 WHEREAS, President Duterte has called on police and private citizens to kill drug
5 dealers and users on sight resulting in over 6,000 deaths at the hands of
6 police and vigilantes without any regard for due process; and

7 WHEREAS, President Duterte's harmful rhetoric and foreign policies have damaged
8 U.S.-Philippines relations; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED By the Student Congress here assembled that the United States imposes
10 economic sanctions against the Philippines and calls on its allies to join in
11 this human rights endeavor to restore democratic rule of law in the 12 Philippines.

Submitted by West High School

Round 2

A Resolution to Modify the UN Security Council Veto Process

1 **WHEREAS**, The system which currently governs vetoes within the United
2 Nations Security Council (UNSC) is undemocratic; and

3 **WHEREAS**, One member state out of 15 voting member states can destroy a
4 solution for peace by exercising an insurmountable veto; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Many permanent member states of the UNSC are operating from a
6 purely self-interested position and, in turn, often fail to work for
7 global progress; now, therefore, be it

8 **RESOLVED**, That the United States urges the United Nations to revise the
9 Security Council veto process to ensure a two-thirds majority vote
10 can override any veto within the UNSC.

11 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Millard North.*

A Bill to Raise Long Term Cap-and-Gains Taxes To Increase Government Revenue

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The 2021 Capital Gains Tax Rate Thresholds will be amended to raise the
2 highest long-term capital gains tax rate from 20% to 23%
- 3 **SECTION 2.** High-income taxpayers will be subject to pay a 1.3% net investment tax in
4 addition to the current 3.8% for increased government revenue among the
5 COVID-19 pandemic
- 6 **SECTION 3.** The IRS shall amend its internal revenue code to comply with the
7 legislation and oversee enforcement of the bill.
- 8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect in FY 2021. All laws in conflict with this
9 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dougherty Valley High School.

Round 3

A Bill to End The United States' Withdrawal From The Paris Agreement

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. The United States (U.S.) shall take advantage of their one year waiting
3 period and cancel their withdrawal from the Paris Agreement.

4 SECTION 2. The Paris Agreement shall be defined as the international treaty enacted
5 by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to keep
6 the global temperature increase to less than 2°C above pre-industrial
7 levels.

8 SECTION 3. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shall be tasked
9 with creating and enforcing regulations in compliance with the Paris
10 Agreement.

11 SECTION 4. Upon passage, this legislation will become effective immediately.

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

Submitted by West High School

A Bill to Extend Bankruptcy to Cover Student Loans

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All student loans be they federally or privately secured will hereby be
3 eligible for discharge through Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 bankruptcies for
4 all persons who have legally secured these loans and otherwise qualify
5 for bankruptcy protections in the United States.

6 **SECTION 2.** A Chapter 7 bankruptcy shall be defined as the liquidation of assets to
7 nullify debt. A Chapter 13 bankruptcy shall be defined as the
8 reorganization of funds to essentially create a payment plan.

9 **SECTION 3.** The United States Trustee Program under the Department of Justice will
10 be tasked with implementing this bill.

11 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect at the start of fiscal year 2021.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Millard North.

Elimination Round(s)

A Bill Adding the Proposed Equal Rights Amendment (“ERA”) to the United States Constitution as the 28th Amendment

1. Whereas the ERA was sent by Congress to the State’s for ratification in 1972;
2. Whereas, during this year of 2020 Virginia become the 38th state to ratify the ERA;
3. Whereas Congress has, under Article V of the Constitution of the United States, the
4. Power to decide the processes, including imposing and extending time limits on the
5. process, by which amendments to the Constitution are adopted;
6. Whereas, once they have acted to validly ratify an amendment, States have no power to
7. rescind their actions in approving an amendment to the Constitution of the United
8. States;
9. Now, therefore, the Congress enacts the following legislation:
10. 1) The time limits within which the ERA can be ratified by the various States is hereby
11. extended by this bill up to and including the date of ratification of this Constitutional
12. Amendment by Virginia;
13. 2) Hence, as 38 states have now timely ratified the ERA, the ERA has been approved as
14. an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and is added as the 28th
15. amendment thereof, taking full force and effect immediately upon this bill becoming law.

Submitted by West High School

A Bill to Adopt the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019 is adopted and
3 carried out immediately by the necessary agencies.

4 SECTION 2. The “Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019” shall be
5 defined as H.R. 763.

6 A. “Carbon fee” shall be defined as a per-unit tax levied on each metric
7 ton of CO₂ produced by any individual or corporation, excluding the
8 military and any individuals that would be classified as members of the
9 agricultural sector.

10 SECTION 3. The Department of Treasury, Department of State, Environmental
11 Protection Agency, and the Department of Energy shall oversee the
12 implementation of this bill.

13 SECTION 4. This legislation shall go into effect immediately.

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

Introduced by Dougherty Valley High School

A Bill to Ensure Access to Immunizations for Young Americans

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Adolescents in the United States will be permitted to seek and obtain medically suggested immunizations from qualified medical professionals with or without parental permission and at no cost in any facility which receives any funding or financial support from federal sources.

SECTION 2. *A. Young people in the United States* is defined as any person who resides within the legal boundaries of the United States who is between the ages of 13 and 18 years old or who has, per the laws within their state or territory, otherwise not achieved legal age of majority.

B. Medically suggested immunizations are defined as any age appropriate immunizations recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

C. Any facility which receives any funding or financial support from federal sources means any medical professional who renders services to medical patients and receives as compensation for their services rendered any payment from federal health care programs such as Medicaid, Medicare, Tricare, State Children's Health Insurance Program, Veterans Health Administration, Indian Health Service, or any similar program.

SECTION 3. The US Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the enforcement of this bill.

A. If any medical professional is found to be in violation of this law, they will be subject to a minimum fine of no less than \$1,000 per violation and no more than \$10,000 per violation.

B. Fines will be levied and collected by the Internal Revenue Service.

C. All fines collected will be utilized to fund and ensure the fiscal health of the SCHIP program.

SECTION 4. This law will go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

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