

Preliminary Legislation

**2021 NSDA Congress
Qualifiers**

A Bill to Provide First Responders with Psychiatric Assistance

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION ONE.** Police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical service personnel are
2 often the first to respond to a crisis or emergency. As a result, these first
3 responders can be subjected to severe stress and/or traumatic events
4 when performing their duties. The United States Federal Government shall
5 provide assistance and aid to these first responders.

6 **SECTION TWO.** A. A first responder is a person with specialized training who is among the
7 first to arrive and provide assistance at the scene of an emergency, such as
8 an accident, natural disaster, or terrorism. First responders would include
9 Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs), paramedics, firefighters, and police
10 officers.

11 B. Psychiatric Assistance will include providing prescription medication,
12 therapy, counseling, and rehabilitation.

13 **SECTION THREE.** This legislation shall be overseen by the United States Department of
14 Health and Human Services.

15 A. \$450 million shall be reallocated from the Substance Abuse and Mental
16 Health Services Administration to fund this legislation.

17 **SECTION FOUR.** This legislation shall be enacted upon the start of the next fiscal year of
18 2022. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
19 void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Saint Joseph High School

A Resolution To Implement Current Events Curriculum In PA Schools

1 WHEREAS, It is essential that Americans be informed when voting for elected officials; and

2 WHEREAS, the rise of technology and social media has made it more difficult to distinguish

3 the truth about current events issues; and

4 WHEREAS, While a study conducted by professors from MIT and Columbia in partnership

5 with YouGov from 2018-2020 concluded that nearly 64% of voters could identify the most

6 important news story of the month, disparities still exist based on age, level of education,

7 socioeconomic status, race, gender, and political party; and

8 WHEREAS, An emphasis on current events in high school will serve as a step in the effort to

9 have a more informed voter population; and

10 WHEREAS, Many public elementary, middle, and high schools in America do not offer a

11 class or on current domestic or world events; and

12 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Pennsylvania High School Speech League Student

13 Congress here assembled that a formal recommendation be made for the implementation of

14 current domestic and world events classes into the curriculum of all public schools as a course

15 lasting at least one semester per school year.

Respectfully submitted by

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School

A Bill to Repeal H.R. 3162

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** H.R. 3162 shall hereby be repealed by the United States Congress.

2 **SECTION 2.** H.R. 3162 shall be defined as the Uniting and Strengthening America by
3 Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism
4 Act of 2001 (USA PATRIOT ACT). Repeal shall be defined as the nullification
5 or reversal of a law.

6 **SECTION 3.** The United States Congress will be in charge of the implementation of this
7 bill.

SECTION 4. This bill shall be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Upper St. Clair High School.

**A BILL TO ELIMINATE MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES FOR NON-VIOLENT
DRUG OFFENDERS**

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

2 SECTION 1. A. All federal mandatory minimum sentences are hereby eliminated for non
3 violent drug possession offenders.

4 B. Federal prisons are hereby mandated to provide drug rehabilitation services
5 to eligible prisoners in lieu of extended incarceration.

6 SECTION 2. A. Mandatory minimums shall be defined as the imposition of a specified
7 minimum sentence which the court must give to a person convicted of a crime,
8 no matter what the unique circumstances of the offender or the offense are.

9 B. Drug rehabilitation services shall be defined as treatment programs that
10 provide education about substance abuse, medical mitigation of its effects, and
11 relevant, individually prescribed behavioral therapies.

12 SECTION 3. The U.S. Department of Justice shall be responsible for the implementation and
13 enforcement of this legislation.

14 SECTION 4. This law shall go into effect January 1, 2022.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Hampton High School

**A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH STATE ACADEMIC STANDARDS FOR TEACHING
BLACK HISTORY IN HIGH SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, 90% of American's have a public education and all high schools do not currently offer a Black History Class; and

WHEREAS, It is essential that our public schooling system continues to adapt the curriculum in order to fit the changing times; and

WHEREAS, Lack of education has perpetuated racist and ignorant actions against minority groups; and

WHEREAS, More action needs to be taken by the public high schools of our country to continue to educate the youth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for the Department of Education to work with the State Departments of Education to establish state academic standards for teaching Black History in public high schools.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Maya Leyzarovich
Shady Side Academy*

A Resolution to Eliminate the FICA Tax Income Cap to Ensure Long Term Social Security viability

WHEREAS, The Society Security Board of Trustees, in their 2019 Annual Report, has reported that all Social Security fund reserves will be depleted by 2035;
and

WHEREAS, Given an increasing aging population and the FICA contributing workforce is shrinking, a detrimental imbalance is inevitable; and

WHEREAS, With depleted reserves, the Government will only be able to pay Social Security benefits to the level of annual FICA Taxes collected; and

WHEREAS, The current limit FICA Income Limit of \$142,800 for 2021 is insufficient to mitigate the ongoing cash reserves depletion, especially in time during the Coronavirus Pandemic; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled recommend that the United States Congress eliminate the FICA Income Cap and establish a declining percentage rate with no taxable income limit to continuously bolster the Social Security Cash Reserves and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the revised FICA Tax methodology be introduced into the Tax Code by Law for calendar year 2023.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by North Catholic High School.

A Bill to Legalize Physician-Assisted Death

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1: (a) Physicians shall have the ability to prescribe drugs to induce death in patients seeking physician-assisted death in the United States of America. (b) The prescription shall consist of orally-take pills of barbiturate, which must be self-administered.

SECTION 2: (a) In order to have the ability to pursue this option, the patient must be: 18 years of age or older, a resident of the United States of America, have the ability to make and communicate health care decisions for oneself, and be diagnosed with a terminal illness. (b) In addition, the patient must make both a written and oral request for such medication before witnesses in order for the prescription to be filled. (c) It will be up to the attending physician to determine if these conditions are met.

SECTION 3: Physicians will notify their patients of other possible treatments besides physician-assisted death, such as palliative care and pain management.

SECTION 4: The Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 5: This shall take effect on January 1st, 2022.

SECTION 6: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted,
Pittsburgh Central Catholic*

A Resolution to Establish English as the Official Language of the United States

- WHEREAS,** The United States, unlike most world countries, has no official language; and
- WHEREAS,** English, though by far the most dominant language in the United States for the entirety of the country's history has not been recognized as such; and
- WHEREAS,** 20% of American citizens are not fluent in English, the language in which most business and democratic affairs are conducted; and
- WHEREAS,** Local governments are required by the DOJ to translate all "vital documents" into the spoken non-English languages of all regularly encountered LEP (Limited English Proficiency) groups in a community; and
- WHEREAS,** Over 350 different languages are spoken in the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** Establishing English as the official language would promote national unity, encourage those who do not know the language to learn it, and reduce time, money and resources spent on translating government documents in many languages; and
- WHEREAS,** 88% of Americans believe that English should become America's official language; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled establishes English as the official language of the United States.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by North Catholic High School

A BILL TO REGULATE GAMBLING TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY AND FINANCIAL STABILITY

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All forms of gambling shall henceforth be regulated as to permit only 1/365th or 0.274% of annual income to be gambled per day

SECTION 2. Annual income shall be the gamblers income as reported by the IRS on the previous fiscal year's tax paperwork

SECTION 3. The United States Gaming Control Board (USGCB) shall be created and allocated \$20 billion per year to enforce these new laws

- a. These funds shall be acquired from redistributed funds from the discretionary budget of United States Department of Defense (USDOD), until the budget has been balanced to where an unclaimed \$20 billion, or the current needs of the department accounted for inflation, has become available. At this point the funding shall stop coming from the USDOD, and will start coming from this new funding.
- b. Anyone found gambling more than their daily allowance of funds shall be banned from gambling for the next 30 days (defined as exactly 720 hours) after they have been found guilty.
- c. All patrons of gambling institutions shall carry the necessary documentation to prove their annual income at all times while in a gambling establishment, including but not limited to casinos and race tracks.
- d. Enforcers from the USGCB will be stationed in all casinos and gambling institutions in the United States at all times to enforce this legislation. Regular and random checks of bets placed, as well as a check of all wagers over \$5,000 USD to prove that this wager falls within the income guidelines set by this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall be implemented at the start of the fiscal year 2 years after the end of the fiscal year this bill was passed in.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Perceville Burns
North Allegheny*

A BILL TO CREATE A SPACE FORCE RESERVE

WHEREAS, many civilians are gifted in skills that could benefit the Space Force but are unwilling to work as soldiers;

WHEREAS, a reserve commitment provides a suitable part-time commitment with attractive benefits;

WHEREAS, the Space Force would gain from having these civilians serve, even in a reserve capacity;

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT a reserve component of the Space Force is hereby established, to be implemented by the Secretary of Defense.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Patrick M Alexander

Fox Chapel Area High School

Super Session Legislation

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A BILL TO TAX THE USE OF PLASTIC STRAWS TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

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

2 SECTION 1. The United States shall impose a graduated tax on the sales of plastic straws, and
3 the revenue generated shall be directed to the Environmental Protection Agency
4 (EPA).

5 SECTION 2. "Graduated Tax" shall be defined as a tax that grows proportionate to the amount
6 of plastic straws bought. The tax shall start at 7% per straw, until hitting one
7 hundred thousand (100,000) straws, whereupon the tax will increase to 15% per
8 straw, until 50% per straw at one million (1,000,000) straws.

9 SECTION 3. The United States Department of Treasury shall oversee the enforcement of this
10 legislation, thereby collecting revenue and redirecting it to the EPA.

11 SECTION 4. This legislation shall be implemented January 1, 2022

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

A RESOLUTION TO REDUCE THE CONGRESSIONAL PENSION BENEFIT

1 WHEREAS, Currently, Congressional pay is \$174,000 per year, which, at an 90-percent rate,
2 equates to a lifelong pension benefit of \$139,200; and

3 WHEREAS, All benefits are taxpayer-funded; and

4 WHEREAS, Members of Congress enjoy the same Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) as all other
5 federal employees, which is similar to a 401(k); and

6 WHEREAS, Members who participated in the congressional pension system are
7 vested after five years of service; and

8 WHEREAS, A full pension is available to members 62 years of age with five years of service;
9 50 years or older with 20 years of service; or 25 years of service at any age; and

10 WHEREAS, This costs US taxpayers over \$75 million dollars each year; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that the Congressional Pension benefit be

12 reduced by 25% (5% each year) by July 1st 12 , 2024.

A BILL TO ESTABLISH NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

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

2 SECTION 1. A. Local governments are permitted to open publicly owned and operated needle
3 exchange facilities dedicated to lowering existing Hepatitis C and HIV/AIDS
4 rates among drug users, a population vulnerable to these infectious diseases.

5 B. Needle exchange facilities shall be established and funded by the Drug
6 Enforcement Administration (DEA).

7 SECTION 2. "Needle exchange facilities" are defined as programs that provide sterile needles
8 so that users of drugs may properly dispose of unsterile needles. These facilities
9 also offer medical treatment for injection-related diseases and health concerns.

10 SECTION 3. The United States Drug Enforcement Administration will oversee the
11 implementation of this legislation.

12 SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2022.

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

A BILL TO INSTILL INTENSIVE CATTLE RANCHING IN THE AMAZON

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. The United States shall give ranchers in Brazil USD \$500,000,000 in aid to
3 implement intensive cattle ranching. Any ranch that receives this aid must stop all
4 deforestation.

5 SECTION 2. "Intensive cattle ranching/grazing" is defined as any effort to produce more
6 cattle using less land. This includes but is not limited to improved pasture seeds,
7 environmentally safe fertilizers and pesticides, and rotational grazing.
8 Cattle ranching intensification in Brazil can reduce global greenhouse gas
9 emissions by sparing land from deforestation.

10 SECTION 3. The US Agency for International Development shall be responsible for distributing
11 this aid to ranchers and conducting annual checks to ensure ranches are not
12 engaging in deforestation. Any farm that engages in deforestation shall have all aid
13 to them immediately cut and will not be eligible for future aid.

14 SECTION 4. This bill will be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

A BILL TO ABOLISH ICE

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. The agency of Immigration and Customs Enforcement is hereby abolished and its
3 duties shall be delegated to other agencies.

4 SECTION 2. Future immigration enforcement must abide by the measures set forth to ensure
5 equity and effectiveness.

6 SECTION 3. United States Customs and Border Protection shall be responsible for enforcement.

7 A. Resources and funding previously granted to private detention centers
8 shall be redirected to instead offer legal counsel and due process resources
9 to undocumented immigrants.

10 SECTION 4. This bill will be implemented immediately upon passage.

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