General Notes

- All competitors and judges must be linked to a Tabroom account in order to access the competition space. All competitors and judges should be signed up for “Live Updates.”
- Judges will utilize electronic balloting throughout the tournament.
- The number of preliminary chambers will be based on the total number of entrants. Preliminary chambers will be released on Saturday 11/13 (the morning of the tournament).
- Our intention is to create small chambers with no more than 12 students whenever possible.
- We will follow NSDA rules for Congress.
- Chambers will have a maximum of 15 minutes of recess time per session.
Preliminary Legislation
A Bill to Mandate the Instruction of a Foreign Language

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All public schools are required to teach a second language to students in grades K-12. Students will be required to take a foreign language course every year until graduation.

SECTION 2. Second languages, defined as: any language that a person uses other than a first or native language, will be taught to students every year of public school (K-12).

SECTION 3. In the case a student already demonstrated that they are bilingual or multilingual, said student will still be required to take a foreign language course-- that they are not fluent in-- every year.

SECTION 4. The U.S Department of Education will oversee the enforcement of this legislation. The Department of Education will be granted funding of at least $75 million to implement this bill. All public school students will be required to take a bi-yearly language proficiency exam in the level of the language that they are studying. Schools that demonstrate the lowest levels of language proficiency will have their programs evaluated by representatives from the Department of Education, who will, if need be, provide supplemental funding. Other funding will go towards: comprehensive language curriculums to ensure student proficiency in the speaking, writing, and culture of their chosen language; as well as courses & workshops for foreign language teachers.

SECTION 5. All public schools will be required to offer courses in Spanish, French, and Mandarin. Courses in other languages are highly encouraged, but will be offered at the discretion of each school based on student interest and teacher ability.

SECTION 5. This legislation will go into effect exactly 1 year after its passing.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pennsbury High School
A BILL TO MANDATE SUBSIDIZE AFFORDABLE CHILDCARE

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States Federal Government shall subsidize affordable childcare under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act.

SECTION 2. a) Childcare shall be defined as "an institution that provides supervision and care of children during the daytime, so that their parents can hold jobs."
b) Low-income shall be defined as "people who earn less than or equal to the poverty level in their state."
c) The Child Care and Development Block Grant Act provides federal funding to states for child care subsidies for low income families with children under 13.

SECTION 3. Congress will enforce this legislation.

SECTION 4. The provisions of this bill shall take effect upon the next fiscal year.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Emberly Quiroz
James River High School
A BILL TO REQUIRE COVID-19 VACCINATIONS FOR IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall require vaccinations for immigrants and refugees entering the country to ensure the health and safety of the nation's citizens.

SECTION 2. Any immigrant or refugee who tests positive for COVID-19 will be placed in quarantine before being given at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. If said immigrant or refugee tests negative and refuses to receive at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, they'll have an additional option of antibody therapy. If they refuse the antibody therapy as well, they will be deported.

SECTION 3. The Department of Homeland Security shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

SECTION 4. The provisions of this bill shall take effect immediately.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Isabella Latuche
James River High School
A Bill to Implement Independent Commissions to Limit Asymmetry in the Redistricting Process

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. With the recent 2020 Census, states redistrict to account for any changes in their population, often resulting in instances of gerrymandering. Extreme asymmetry in redistricting disrupts a democratic and constitutional election process, and must be limited with mandatory independent commissions in every state.

SECTION 2A. Gerrymandering, for the purpose of this bill, is defined as where districts are drawn in incongruous shapes and cover vast areas to obtain a desired combination of voters to ensure a certain party’s candidates have the electoral advantage.

SECTION 2B. Independent Commissions are defined as groups of citizens independent of legislative influence, selected to act as a reasonable representative of their home state’s diversity in population and ideology.

SECTION 2C. Asymmetry is here defined as unbalanced quantitative proportions of districts as it pertains to partisan seat maximization.

SECTION 3. State auditors will release applications for voters to submit applications and be reviewed and selected by a panel, then sent to legislative leaders to further limit the applicant pool, until 20 applicants are selected unanimously approved upon.

A. To be eligible, one must be a resident of that state, and have voted in the previous five election cycles.

B. Each Independent Commission will be composed of qualified applicants: seven from the Democratic Party, seven from the Republican Party, and six from the party with the third most registered voters in that state. This commission, re-selected after every census, is charged with evaluating the symmetry in the proposed redistricting map, to protect the balance in representation.

SECTION 4. Starting as the Census Bureau begins the census process, the application will begin nationwide, and the Independent Commission will be selected by one month after the census is taken.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pennsully High School...
A Bill to Instate A Mandatory Plastic Bag Tax

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. With the increasing plastic waste in oceans, it is time to implement measures to combat damage to the environment. A $0.05 charge will be required for all large paper bags and thick reusable plastic bags in order to reduce growing plastic waste. All proceeds from the plastic bag tax will be added into the funding of the US EPA to help combat environmental damage.

SECTION 2. Plastic bags shall be defined as a type of container made of thin, flexible, plastic film, nonwoven fabric, or plastic textile.

SECTION 3. The Department of the Treasury will oversee the implementation of this legislation. All money needed to fund this bill will be reallocated from the U.S. Department of Defense Budget.

SECTION 4. This law will go into effect on January 1, 2022.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Alex Liu
Council Rock High School North
Resolution to End all Arms Sales to Saudi Arabia

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. WHEREAS A U.S. arms embargo against Saudi Arabia would be a clear rebuke of
2. Saudi actions in Yemen, and would be an equally important signal to allies wondering
3. if the United States is uninterested in the growing Yemen humanitarian crisis.
4. WHEREAS An arms embargo against Saudi Arabia would be a signal both to leaders of
5. that country and other states that the United States will not endorse Saudi Arabia’s
6. actions.
7. WHEREAS This signal would be an important first step in changing Saudi behavior and
8. supporting the Yemeni because it would override other statements and actions the United
9. States have sent that indicate support.
10. WHEREAS The Saudi-led war in Yemen has led to starvation conditions, caused
11. thousands of civilian casualties, and has led to the displacement of millions of people.
12. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, This Congress halts all arms sales/deals with Saudi
13. Arabia to end put an end to U.S. support for the war in Yemen.

Respectfully,

Senator Neha Potla
Unionville High School
A Resolution to Get Rid of The Filibuster

WHEREAS, The filibuster has been blocking important legislation Many pieces of legislation have been halted because of the filibuster, including bills addressing climate change, legislation for vaccine rollout and more; and

WHEREAS, Such legislation is vital for the safety of the American people; and

WHEREAS, The obstructed legislation is crucial for our nation’s survival and success; and

WHEREAS, We are putting lives at risk by keeping the filibuster; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled, that we pass this resolution to get rid of the filibuster.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Julian Terhorst
A Bill to Ensure the Wellbeing of Laborers to Secure their Right to Proper Ventilation and Work Environment

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All enterprises operating with over 250 people in current employment must provide either a window or proper ventilation to their employees' workspace.

SECTION 2. Within the context of this document “non compliant” is defined as an explicit negligence of the employer to value basic health and safety measures and honor the requirements outlined in this legislation.

SECTION 3. The International Code Council (ICC) will perform routine inspections of all included businesses within a seven-year period. If found in violation, those employers can be subjected to up to a $5,000 fine per employee every year the company is determined non compliant. Additionally, companies can be individually held liable for negligence at the will of the employed in the court of law.

A. By April 1, 2040 all office buildings will be required to provide at least one visible window per 500 square feet. Furthermore those windows must be operable if below 20 feet off the base of the building. If building restrictions inhibit such facilities, businesses must show proof of maintenance and inspection of all ventilation systems within the seven-year period.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on April 1, 2040. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by _Nola Agerton_.

A Resolution to Use Project Drawdown to Solve the Global Warming Crisis

WHEREAS, global warming is becoming a prominent issue in the status quo and

WHEREAS, the United Nations claims that there are only eleven (11) years left to prevent irreversible damage from climate change and

WHEREAS, global warming causes rises in temperatures, sea levels, precipitation, thawing permafrost, droughts etc.

WHEREAS, despite taking multiple measures, the United States continues to be the leading contributor to climate change; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled adopt ideas from Project Drawdown’s Table of Solutions; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Congress will devise future legislation based on these ideals with the incentive for citizens to follow them.

Respectfully submitted,

Alethia Gajula
Council Rock North High School
A BILL TO DRIVE THE CDC TO ACCURATELY TRACK CORONAVIRUS CASES IN VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The CDC shall track all Coronavirus cases in all fully vaccinated individuals.

SECTION 2. A Coronavirus case is defined as an individual who has tested positive for Sars-Cov-2 and any of its variants by a PCR and/or antigen test. A fully vaccinated individual is defined as someone who received any of the Sars-Cov-2 vaccines and are considered fully protected by the respective vaccine provider's instruction.

SECTION 3. The Department of Health and Human services will oversee the implementation of this bill.

   A. The Department of Health and Human Services will also provide the CDC with the funding to implement this bill.
   
   B. Any funding that the Department of Health and Human Services cannot fiscally provide will be reallocated from the Department of Defense budget.

SECTION 4. This bill will be effective immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Medha Pendota
Council Rock North High School
A Bill to Change the Measurement System of the United States to the Metric System

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The metric system shall be adopted as the national standard system for measurement.

SECTION 2. The metric system shall be defined as the decimal measuring system based on the meter, liter, and gram as units of length, capacity, and weight or mass.

A. The national standard system for measurement shall be defined as the measurement standard recognized by national authority to serve in a state or economy as the basis for assigning quantity values to other measurement standards for the kind of quantity concerned.

SECTION 3. This law will be effective immediately after passage.

SECTION 4. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Shane Wattenmaker
Council Rock High School North
Finals Legislation
A Bill to Standardize Federal Prisons in Order to Enact Reform

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All federal prisons in the United States shall undergo a set of standardization procedures in order to enact reform.

SECTION 2. Federal prisons are defined as any prison facility run by the Federal Bureau of Prisons. These standardization procedures will include but are not limited to the standardization of supplies and resources in prisons, security procedures, and services offered to prisoners.

SECTION 3. The Federal Bureau of Prison shall oversee the enforcement of this bill.

A. The Federal Bureau of Prison is an agency under the Department of Justice.

SECTION 4. The provisions of this bill shall take effect on January 1st, 2022.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Representative Lexi Gambardella
A BILL TO IMPLEMENT BASIC BANKING SERVICES IN POST OFFICES
BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States government will provide $1 billion to all post offices in
the United States to offer postal banking services.

SECTION 2. Postal banking services include, but not limited to, services include check
cashing, bill paying, ATM access, expanded and improved money orders
and expanded wire transfers.

SECTION 3. The Postal Regulatory Commission will oversee this legislation and the
US Department of Treasury will fund this legislation.

SECTION 4. This law will go into effect in fiscal year 2023.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sarayu Cheemalapati
Council Rock High School
North
A Bill to Aid African Countries in Order to Benefit
African Long Term Economic Stability and Counter Rising
Chinese Influence

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States Federal Government shall provide 5 billion dollars in
foreign developmental aid annually to select countries in Africa for the next
10 years.

A. A bipartisan Congressional subcommittee will be formed to oversee the
implementation of this piece of legislation, including to which countries the funding
will go.

B. The 5 billion dollars shall be implemented as follows: 2 billion dollars for the
development of infrastructure, 3 billion dollars for long term African economic
stability. This funding will come from the Department of Defense (DOD) budget.
This aid will be conducted separately from ongoing humanitarian aid efforts.

SECTION 2. The following definitions shall be offered:

A. Development of infrastructure shall be defined as the construction and maintenance
of public infrastructure including but not limited to roads, bridges, power plants, etc.

B. Aid for long term African economic stability shall be defined as aid directed at
helping African countries become economically independent.

SECTION 3. The Congressional subcommittee shall work in coordination with the U.S.
Department of Aid and the governments of the African countries that are
receiving the aid.

SECTION 4. This bill shall go into effect with the second quarter of the 2022 fiscal year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Nithin Bommareddy
Southern Lehigh High School
A BILL TO INSTITUTE FREE UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOLS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Due to the excessive costs of education for young children, the United States of America shall hereby provide free preschool education to all of its constituents.

SECTION 2.

A. The most recent data available show that only about 50 percent of four-year-old children in families in the lowest income quintile are enrolled in preschool, leaving their young children in unstable environments or forcing single parents to stay home to raise children instead of work.

B. “Preschool” shall be defined as “an institution that provides education to children of five years and under.”

C. 20% of the Department of Education’s budget shall be allocated towards the implementation of this bill.

SECTION 4. The Department of Education will oversee the implementation of this bill.

SECTION 5. This bill will be effective immediately after passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Siddharth Cheemalapati
Council Rock High School North