

**A BILL TO ELIMINATE CLASS RANKINGS IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS TO DECREASE  
INTERSTUDENT COMPETITION**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The class ranking system in many United States public schools based on a weighted system of GPA will be replaced by an unweighted 4.0 GPA scale. This will decrease negative mental stress on students and prevent competitive noncooperation between students.

**SECTION 2.** A “public school” is defined as any institution free and open to all on equal terms, organized and maintained as one of the institutions of the state, receiving state or federal funding. “Class ranking system” will be defined as any grading system where a mathematical number representing a student’s academic coursework is compared and ranked (higher numbers correspond to higher ranks), with those of other students. Noncompetitive systems (ties allowed) where students receive course difficulty-based weight evaluation will also be considered “Class ranking systems.” “Unweighted” means all courses will be considered equal in numerical status.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee enforcement with the power to withhold federal funding to any school found in violation of the bill.

**A.** The Department of Education will create a committee that will identify public schools with class ranking systems.

**B.** Schools that the committee identifies as lacking the immediate resources to reorganize curriculum will be given until January 5th, 2023 to comply.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect for the 2022-2023 school year.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Strath Haven 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 Grace Bolling of Pennsbury High School*

## **A Bill to Fund Synthetic Fuel Research to Build a Sustainable Future**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   The Federal Government will provide funding to conduct research and  
2                   development on environmentally friendly synthetic fuels, to deter the  
3                   negative environmental impact of lithium ion batteries, commonly used in  
4                   electric vehicles
- 5   **SECTION 2.**   Synthetic fuel is defined as a hydrogen based compound produced by  
6                   renewable energy, used in gas-powered vehicles to make internal  
7                   combustion engines more sustainable and environmentally friendly.  
8                   Synthetic fuels are commonly referred to as “e-fuels”
- 9   **SECTION 3.**   The National Science Foundation (NSF) will be responsible for enforcing  
10                  implementation of this legislation
- 11                  A. The NSF will be responsible with providing \$1 Billion annually to  
12                  research and development for synthetic fuels
- B. Private firms and universities will be able to apply for categorical  
                      research grants
- C. Funding will be appropriated to the NSF with an increase in  
                      government spending, and will be provided for a period of eight years  
                      following this legislation taking effect, at which point it may be  
                      extended by an act of congress
- SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect February 1, 2022. All laws in conflict with  
                      this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Senator Andrew Parker  
Danville Area High School*

**A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE WAR POWERS ACT TO  
SCALE BACK THE EXTENT OF THE POWERS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OVER THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
MILITARY**

**WHEREAS,** the unchecked powers of the President of the United States of America over the United States of America Military has become too authoritarian; and

**WHEREAS,** we must scale back the unchecked powers of the President of the United States of America over the United States Military and return powers back to the United States Congress; and

**WHEREAS,** the unchecked powers of the President of the United States of America over the United States Military have resulted in America involving itself in conflicts where Congress hasn't declared war. This has resulted in an immense loss of life among American service members in conflicts that were decided at the will of one man (the President); and

**WHEREAS,** Afghanistan, for example, was invaded on the will of the President. Afghanistan has resulted in 2,461 American service members and 3,846 military contractors killed. Congress didn't try to check the requests of the President for fear of political backlash; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for solution limit the unchecked power of the President over the Military to the Marine Corps Expeditionary Force and SOCOM; and, be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Congress will be informed of all military action where, when, and why it happens.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*La Salle College HS*

## **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 RESOLUTION TO SANCTION THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN**

1 **WHEREAS,** President Aliyev of Azerbaijan actions have contributed to increasing  
2 numbers of war crimes and a failure to uphold diplomatic agreements in  
3 Armenia and

4 **WHEREAS,** members of congress of different backgrounds as encouraged by ethnic  
5 citizens have expressed uneasiness over Mr. Aliyev's actions in Armenia  
6 and

7 **WHEREAS,** Azerbaijan was unable to fulfill it's part of the ceasefire agreement to  
8 guarantee security of persons and cargo moving along the Lachin corridor  
9 and have not returned POWs and

10 **WHEREAS,** Azerbaijan has launched attacks on civilian targets in Artsakh and has  
11 prevented citizens of Stepanakert to access water during drought leaving  
12 numerous citizens vulnerable to thirst and violence; therefore be it

13 **RESOLVED,** by the Congress assembled here that we implore the Commander-in-Chief  
14 of the United States' Armed Forces to threaten Mr. Aliyev with sanctions  
15 not limited to economic blockades if Azerbaijan does not abstain from  
16 attacking civilian targets and

17 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That if Azerbaijan doesn't honor the cease-fire agreement the  
18 Commander-in-Chief of the United States' Armed Forces is strongly  
19 encouraged to start the trading of arms with the Republic of Armenia or  
20 the use of military force to prevent war crimes against humanity from  
21 being committed as stated in clause 138, "Each individual State has the  
22 responsibility to protect its populations from genocide, war crimes, ethnic  
23 cleansing and crimes against humanity."

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26 Introduced by La Salle College High School.



Varsity Bill Only – JV Packet will replace with the final bill to abolish the death penalty.

**A Bill To Recognize The Republic of China (Taiwan) To Safeguard Peace in East Asia**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. Article I: The United States will formally recognize Taiwan as an independent country.
2. Article II: Recognition shall be defined as establishing official diplomatic relations
3. along with appointing the director of the American Institute in Taiwan as the US
4. ambassador to the Republic of China. Taiwan is officially known as the Republic of China.
- 6 Article III: The Department of State in coordination with the government of the
7. Republic of China will be tasked with implementing this piece of legislation.
8. Article IV: This policy will go into effect on January 1, 2023.
9. Article V. All other laws in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate By

Senator Mikael LaCas

Representing Danville High School

Diocese of Scranton

**A BILL TO IMPLEMENT A CAP-AND-TRADE SYSTEM TO  
REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** A. A national cap on greenhouse gas emissions shall be imposed.

3 B. Each covered entity shall require an allowance to emit a finite amount  
4 of greenhouse gases, measured in carbon dioxide equivalent value.

5 C. Covered entities shall be permitted to buy and sell these allowances.

6 **SECTION 2.** A. “Greenhouse gas” shall be defined as a gas that absorbs and emits  
7 radiant energy, trapping said energy within the Earth’s atmosphere and  
8 increasing the Earth’s overall surface temperature, including but not  
9 limited to carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons,  
10 perfluorocarbons, and sulfur hexafluoride.

11 B. “Covered entity” shall be defined as any entity that emits 25,000 or  
12 more metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent value greenhouse gases.

13 C. “Carbon dioxide equivalent value” shall be defined as the number of  
14 metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions with the same global warming  
15 potential as one metric ton of another greenhouse gas.

16 **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shall oversee the  
17 implementation and enforcement of this legislation.

18 A. The EPA shall determine the national cap on greenhouse gas  
19 emissions on an annual basis.

20 B. The EPA shall allot the initial allowances to each covered entity on  
21 an annual basis.

22 C. The EPA shall determine the carbon dioxide equivalent value of all  
23 covered greenhouse gases on an annual basis.

24 D. The EPA shall determine appropriate penalties for violation of this  
25 legislation.

26 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect at the start of fiscal year 2025.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Strath Haven High School*



CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE: **DECEMBER 2021 LEGISLATION DOCKET**

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**A Bill to End International Arms Sales**

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** No corporation or individual shall engage in the sale of weapons or military technology to
- 3 any foreign government, corporation, individual, or other entity.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Any violation of this legislation shall be prosecuted as treason in a federal court.
- 5 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be jointly overseen by the International Trade Administration and the
- 6 Department of Justice.
- 7 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2023.
- 8 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE: **DECEMBER 2021 LEGISLATION DOCKET**

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**A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Guarantee a Right to Food**

- 1   **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is proposed as an  
2                   amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and  
3                   purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of  
4                   the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:
- 5   **ARTICLE --**
- 6   **SECTION 1.** "All individuals have a natural, inherent and unalienable right to grow, raise, harvest,  
7                   produce and consume the food of their own choosing for their own nourishment,  
8                   sustenance, bodily health and well-being" (11/04/2021 State of Maine referendum), and  
9                   this right shall not be infringed.
- 10   **SECTION 2.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE: **DECEMBER 2021 LEGISLATION DOCKET**

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**A Bill to Declassify Area 51 Documents**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Secretary of Defense is hereby ordered to declassify all documents related to Homey  
3 Airport (XTA/KXTA), popularly known as Area 51, with the exception of any documents the  
4 Secretary deems a material and immediate threat to the security of the United States if  
5 declassified, though any exceptions must be approved unanimously by the President, the  
6 Vice President, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President Pro  
7 Tempore of the Senate.

8 **SECTION 2.** The Secretary will have six months from the passage of this bill to satisfy its mandate, up to  
9 and including a full public release of these documents. Should the Secretary fail to meet  
10 this deadline, Congress shall begin impeachment proceedings against him and the duty to  
11 declassify will fall to the Speaker of the House.

12 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

JV – Addendum Replacing Bill 6.

## **A BILL TO END THE DEATH PENALTY**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Capital Punishment will be federally prohibited by the U.S. Department of  
2 Justice.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Capital punishment will be defined as any method of legal execution as  
4 punishment for a crime, including but not limited to: lethal injection,  
5 electrocution, lethal gas, hanging, nitrogen hypoxia, and firing squad.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Justice will oversee the enforcement of this bill.  
7 A. Criminals previously determined to be candidates for capital  
8 punishment will be sentenced to life without parole in maximum security  
9 United States Penitentiaries.
- 10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect as soon as passed. All laws in conflict with  
11 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.  
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Introduced by Danville HS