FGCCFL Student Congress Chamber Agenda

DIRECTIONS: The Parliamentarian should lead the chamber in setting its agenda for the day. The agenda should be set according to these guidelines:

1. B/R whose named author is in the chamber should be scheduled ahead of other B/R. These authors are entitled to an opportunity to present their B/R.
2. If the author is not in the chamber, another legislator from the school that submitted the B/R may act as the author of the B/R (if they do not have a B/R of their own).
3. B/R with no same-school sponsor should be scheduled after all sponsored items. Sponsors for these B/R will be chosen according to the rules of priority as the items come up for debate.
4. Every school with legislation is entitled to present one B/R before any school presents a second B/R.
5. Supplemental items, if any, must be placed at the end of the agenda.
6. Once set, the agenda MAY NOT be reordered. However, the chamber may use appropriate procedure to delay consideration of items, e.g., by postponing the Session 1 PO’s B/R until Session 2.

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REMINDER: A bill or resolution that is unconstitutional, unworkable, or ill-advised may still be placed on the docket. These are all valid issues to be addressed in floor debate. The approval of an item of legislation DOES NOT constitute a “clean bill of health” from the Congress Coordinator!
A Bill to Establish Election Day as a Federal Holiday

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A federal holiday will be established on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in years divisible by two.

SECTION 2. Federal holiday will be defined as a public holiday where nonessential federal offices close, and federal employees receive holiday pay. Private companies have the option of observing this holiday.

SECTION 3. The Office of Personnel Management shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

SECTION 4. The provisions of this bill shall take effect upon passage and the established holidays shall begin Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Anika Sackerlotzky
Sarasota High School
A Bill to Mandate the Sterilization of Domestically Owned Invasive Species

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Any invasive species sold within US borders as domestically owned animals are to be sterilized upon sale.

SECTION 2. A. An invasive species entails any animal not currently native or present in the United States or the respective state or territory that it is being sold in, and that poses a threat to the environment or native species.

B. Sterilization must result in the complete elimination of reproductive capabilities of the sold animal.

C. Any animals held within the household as pets or companions are classified as domestically owned animals.

SECTION 3. A. The Environmental Protection Agency shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

B. Any distributor found selling unsterilized invasive species shall have their respective licenses revoked and operation shut down. The animals will be confiscated and redistributed to zoos, national parks, relocation programs, and other pet shops.

C. The informed purchase or ownership of an unsterilized animal classified as an invasive species is grounds for a $2,000 fine and the confiscation of the animal.

SECTION 4. The provisions of this bill shall take effect on January 1, 2023.

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

Respectfully submitted,

St. Petersburg High School
A Bill to Establish an Alternative Minimum Corporate Income Tax

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Publicly traded corporations shall be obligated to pay a minimum corporate income tax of 7 percent of reported profits.

SECTION 2. A. As used herein, “reported profits” are any profit figures reported to the Securities and Exchange Commission, used to obtain credit, or used for determining executive compensation, bonuses, or dividends. If multiple such figures exist, the highest of those amounts shall serve as the tax base.

B. If a corporation’s income tax obligation under existing law exceeds 7 percent of publicly reported profits, it shall not owe the minimum tax.

SECTION 3. A. The Department of the Treasury shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

B. A corporation that fails to report profits for purposes of evading the obligations of this bill shall be subject to a penalty equal to three times the tax owed.

C. The provisions of this bill shall apply retroactively to income on or after January 1, 2022.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

FGCCFL
A Resolution to Rescind the 2020 Census for Apportionment Purposes

WHEREAS, The 2020 Census drastically undercounted people of color and underserved populations; and

WHEREAS, As a result, the reapportionment and redistricting currently in progress will produce legislatures that do not properly represent the American electorate; and

WHEREAS, The Trump Administration’s political manipulation and mismanagement of the 2020 Census make it an unreliable instrument of democracy; and

WHEREAS, Congress has power under the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to ensure a fair apportionment and to prevent racial discrimination in elections; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled calls for the the 2020 Decennial Census of Population and Housing to be rescinded for purposes of reapportionment and redistricting, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the apportionments and districts that were created following the 2010 Census be maintained until a fair and reliable census of population is taken.

Respectfully submitted,

FGCCFL
A Resolution to Replace the Gas Tax with a Mileage Tax

WHEREAS, Every day, more vehicles are put onto the road that do not require the use of gasoline; and

WHEREAS, The Highway Trust Fund is highly dependent on the revenue of the nationwide gas tax to maintain its function; and

WHEREAS, The Highway Trust Fund is the largest source of government funding to improve road conditions; and

WHEREAS, The revenue from the gas tax will slowly deplete, leaving the Highway Trust Fund unable to fulfill its duties; and

WHEREAS, A nationwide mileage tax based upon the number of miles driven would not only be sustainable but also apply to every single car on the road; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled calls for the creation of a nationwide mileage tax and the removal of the nationwide gas tax.

Respectfully submitted,

FGCCFL
A Resolution to Combat Tech Monopolies

WHEREAS, Companies in the tech industry such as Amazon, Google, and Facebook routinely act in a manner that stifles competition; and

WHEREAS, Such companies both provide a platform for commerce and participate on their own platforms; and

WHEREAS, These companies frequently fail to manage their platforms in a fair, reasonable, and nondiscriminatory way; and

WHEREAS, Tech companies’ market share give them and their leadership outsized influence over public behavior and opinion; and

WHEREAS, Such monopolistic behavior is antithetical to both the free market and the marketplace of ideas; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled demands that “platform utilities,” companies that offer to the public an online marketplace, an exchange, or a platform for connecting third parties, be closely regulated for fairness and nondiscrimination.

Respectfully submitted,

FGCCFL
A Bill to Allow OSHA to Enforce Public Health Measures

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) shall have the authority to require employers to take reasonable actions to protect employee health upon recommendation of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

SECTION 2. A. As used herein, “reasonable actions” shall include, but not be limited to, vaccine mandates, testing requirements, and masking or other personal protective equipment requirements to protect against COVID-19 and other infectious diseases.

B. All OSHA mandates issued under the provisions of this bill shall include reasonable accommodations for medical or religious needs.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

FGCCFL
A Resolution to Propose a Constitutional Amendment

to Establish an Age Limit for Public Office

BE IT RESOLVED, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is
proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be
valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by
conventions in three-fourths of the several states:

ARTICLE --.

SECTION 1: No person shall hold any elected or appointed office under the
United States or any State if that person shall have attained to the
age of seventy years.

SECTION 2: This article shall be inoperative if the median life expectancy in the
United States exceeds ninety years.

SECTION 3: This article shall take effect four years after its ratification.

SECTION 4: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
appropriate legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

FGCCFL