

Congress Bills – Peninsula Invitational

Round 1

A Bill to Grant Statehood to the Territory of Puerto Rico

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The Federal Government grants statehood to the territory of Puerto Rico
3. and the accompanying rights to its citizens.
4. **SECTION 2.** A state shall be defined as a territory subservient to the U.S. government in
5. Washington, D.C. that enjoys self-government via a governor, a state legislature, a state
6. court system, and federal government representatives.
7. **SECTION 3.** The Federal Government will oversee Puerto Rico's transition to
8. statehood.
9. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect in January, 2025, after the 2024
10. presidential elections are complete.
11. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by The Collegiate School

A Bill to Create a Tax on the Meat Industry

1 BE IN ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. The United States Department of Agriculture shall implement a tax
3 of 30 percent of the price per pound, on each pound of all meat products sold to
4 consumers by retail or wholesale food establishments in an act to curb the
5 consumption of meat.

6 SECTION 2. The United States Department of Agriculture shall be defined as the
7 federal executive department responsible for farm policy, food safety, natural
8 resources management, federal nutrition programs, and economic growth.

9 SECTION 3. Any and all tax money gained from this bill shall be invested in
10 environmental growth and the reduction of climate change.

11 A. More specifically, this money shall go evenly towards the
12 Reducetarian Foundation and the Environmental Protection Agency.

13 SECTION 4. This bill shall be implemented in the fiscal tax year of 2024-2025.

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

Introduced for Debate By Helix Charter High School

Round 2

A Bill to Forbid the Use of Credit Scores in Lending

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
2. SECTION 1. No lender may base a decision to approve or deny a loan on an individual's
3. credit score or credit report, nor may lenders use credit scores and reports to determine
4. interest rates or set credit limits.
5. SECTION 2. A credit report is defined as an account of an individual's history of
6. repaying debts. A credit
7. score is defined as a statistical representation of a credit report.
8. SECTION 3. Any lender found to be in violation of this legislation shall be banned from
9. engaging in lending for a period of 5 years and shall be liable for civil action from the
10. affected individual. If a lender again violates this legislation following the first 5-year
11. ban, the ban shall be reinstated permanently.
12. SECTION 4. This legislation shall be overseen by the Consumer Financial Protection
13. Bureau.
14. SECTION 5. This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2024.
15. SECTION 6. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Lower the National Voting Age to 16

1. **RESOLVED**, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the
2. following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the
3. United States,
4. Which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution
5. when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states
6. within seven years
7. from the date of its submission by the Congress:
8. **ARTICLE** –
9. **SECTION 1**: The Federal Government grants all citizens of at least 16
10. years the ability to vote in all local, state, and federal elections.
11. **SECTION 2**: Citizens shall be defined as any and all persons born
12. or naturalized in the United States who are subject to its
13. jurisdiction.
14. **SECTION 3**: The Congress shall have power to enforce this
15. article by appropriate legislation.

Respectfully submitted, Collegiate School

Round 3

A Bill to Protect Access to Reproductive Healthcare

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. Section 1: The protections for access to abortions from the 1973 Supreme Court decision Roe
3. vs. Wade shall be codified into federal law.
4. Section 2: The U.S. Treasury shall provide full funding to all those seeking an abortion.
5. Section 3: Peoples' bodily autonomy shall not be regulated in any way by the government on
6. the local, state or federal level.
7. Section 4: The U.S. Department of Justice will oversee the implementation and oversight of
8. this bill.
9. Section 5: This law will take effect immediately upon passage.
10. Section 6: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void

Submitted by Canyon Crest Academy

A Resolution to Join the CPTPP

1. WHEREAS, The United States left the TPP (Trans-Pacific Partnership) in 2017; and
2. WHEREAS, China has increased its dominance in trade across Asia with Regional
3. Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) and other trade initiatives;
4. and
5. WHEREAS, Rising Chinese dominance has resulted into Debt-Trap Diplomacy and
6. coerces nations to be reliant on China; and
7. WHEREAS, The US no longer competes en masse with this growing political and
8. economic threat; and
9. WHEREAS, The TPP provided for trading partners and opportunities across the globe
10. for the US; and
11. WHEREAS, The newly-formed Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for
12. Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) - the TPP's replacement - is now
13. ineffective without the United States' presence; now, therefore, be it
14. RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that the US begins to engage in
15. diplomatic negotiations with members of the CPTPP for the US to
16. renegotiate and sign the multilateral trade agreement.

Elimination Round(s)

A Bill to Ban Hydraulic Fracturing

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Federal agencies will be prohibited from issuing permits for the expansion
3. of fracking or fracked oil and natural gas infrastructure, including infrastructure intended
4. to extract, transport, or burn natural gas or oil. By 2030 all fracking permits will be
5. revoked. By 2030 the United States will be free of fracking.
6. **SECTION 2.** Hydraulic fracturing or fracking is a process to extract underground
7. resources such as oil or gas from a geologic formation by injecting water, a propping
8. agent (e.g., sand), and chemical additives into a well under enough pressure to fracture
9. the geological formation.
10. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Agency shall be
11. deemed responsible for implementing this bill
12. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2024.
13. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Collegiate School.

A Bill to Ban “Best Before” Labels

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
2. SECTION 1. The printing or affixing of “best before” labels on food is henceforth
3. prohibited, as is any other indication that food should be consumed by a certain date
4. unless
5. consumption after that date would pose a verifiable health risk, as determined by the
6. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
7. SECTION 2. The printing or affixing of expiration date labels and of “use by” labels on
8. foods that do pose a health risk when consumed after a certain point will may continue.
9. SECTION 3. This legislation shall be overseen by the FDA.
10. SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2024.
11. SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Restructure The Mérida Initiative

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. SECTION 1. The United States will allocate one billion dollars every year for the next
3. decade to counter-narcotics and development within Mexico.
4. SECTION 2. Counter-narcotics will be spearheaded by drug interdiction through greater
5. collaboration between the US Coast Guard and Mexican Navy with
6. increased targeting for smuggling networks. Economic development will
7. be defined as aid packages to develop agricultural industries and business
8. development for cartel-ridden areas.
9. SECTION 3. The Department of State, in collaboration with the Department of Defense
10. and USAID, will enforce this legislation.
11. A. Congress will receive annual updates regarding the status of each policy
12. annually and its totality biannually
13. SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect in FY 2024
14. SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.