

Machigonne Meet Docket

November 19, 2022

Deering HS

1) A Resolution to Ensure the USA's Protection of Taiwan from an Invasion

1. WHEREAS, Xi Jinping, the leader of The People's Republic of China (Mainland
2. China/PRC) has threatened to seize and annex Taiwan (Republic of China) with
3. military force; and
4. WHEREAS, Three separate times as President Joe Biden has said the U.S would defend
5. Taiwan if the PRC invades the island; therefore,
6. BE IT ENACTED BY CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED
7. RESOLVED: That this legislature shall ensure that the U.S. shall
8. defend Taiwan with military force against any invasion from the PRC. The U.S. shall
9. supply naval, air and ground support for Taiwan, and be it;
10. FURTHER RESOLVED: The U.S. and its allies shall impose heavy economic sanctions
11. on the PRC in the event of an invasion of Taiwan.

Respectfully Submitted by Representative Rasheed of Deering High School

2) A Resolution to Support Ukraine Joining NATO

1. WHEREAS, Ukraine meets the prerequisites required to be eligible for accession into
2. NATO because it is a democracy with a market economy, it is a European Country, and it
3. contributes to the security of the Euro-Atlantic area; therefore,
4. BE IT ENACTED BY CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED
5. RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives collectively expresses support for
6. Ukraine's accession into NATO, and be it;
7. FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urges the Senate to pass a
8. concurrent resolution.

Respectfully Submitted by Representative Lee of Deering High School

3) The Supreme Court Expansion Proposal

1. WHEREAS, our country has changed quite a bit since the last time the Supreme Court was adjusted in 1869 therefore, be it
2. RESOLVED, that upon approval of two-thirds of the chamber of this Congress here assembled, the following Constitutional amendment be sent to the state legislatures for approval:

3. SECTION 1: four justices will be added to the Supreme Court, over the span of eight years, adding a justice per every other year.
4. SECTION 2: Nine justices was justified by the nine circuits at the time of 1869, therefore following that reason, we should have thirteen justices now to match the number of circuits.
5. SECTION 3: For every two circuits added, there shall be two justices added to keep the numbers odd. These two justices will be added at the exact point of addition of a second circuit.
6. SECTION 4: This legislation shall go into effect immediately after passage.
7. SECTION 5: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Respectfully introduced by Yarmouth High School

4) A Bill to Create Term Limits in Congress

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **WHEREAS**, There are no current term limits as long as the congressmen
2. are re-elected which leaves them able to serve for decades, and
3. **WHEREAS**, unlimited consecutive terms encourage the intrusion of big money
4. into politics, and
5. **WHEREAS**, The United States Congress needs a diversity of options for voters.
6. **RESOLVED**, The United States Congress here assembled shall make an amendment
7. to the Constitution passing term limits on Representatives and Senators, and providing
8. the following:
9. 1) No US Representative shall be eligible for election after having served two terms
10. 2) No US Senator shall be eligible for election after having served two terms
11. This bill shall take effect within one year after it is passed.

Respectfully submitted for debate by Lincoln Academy

5) Bill to Remove Christmas from Federal Holidays

1. WHEREAS, We have separation of church and state in our government,
2. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
3. Section 1. Christmas shall no longer be a federal holiday for all government
4. positions.

5. Section 2. Christmas shall be defined as any date landing between the 23rd of
6. December to the 27th of December.
7. Section 3. This legislation shall take effect upon the ratification of the this bill
8. Section 4. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
9. void.

Respectfully submitted by Rep. Lees of Bangor High School

6) A Bill to End Federal Recognition of Thanksgiving

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
2. SECTION 1. Thanksgiving Day, being the fourth Thursday in the month of November,
3. shall no longer be recognized or observed as a federal holiday.
4. SECTION 2. On the fourth Thursday in November, all federal government offices shall
5. remain open, stock market trading shall continue as normal, and federal government
6. employees shall not be eligible for any special leave. State and local governments and
7. private businesses may choose to continue recognizing and observing Thanksgiving if
8. they see fit.
9. SECTION 3. This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2023.
10. SECTION 4. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Submitted for debate by the Maine District from the November 2022 NSDA Docket

7) A Bill to Transition the United States to the Metric System

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
2. SECTION 1. The United States shall end its official usage of United States
3. customary units and transition toward the International System of Units,
4. commonly referred to as the metric system, as defined by the General
5. Conference on Weights and Measures.
6. SECTION 2. All future documentation and reports produced by U.S. government
7. agencies and entities at all levels shall immediately begin utilizing metric units.
8. They may present U.S. customary units parenthetically alongside metric units for
9. five years from the date of passage, at which point U.S. customary units shall be
10. prohibited on government documents and reports.
11. SECTION 3. Within two years of the date of passage, all outside organizations
12. doing business with U.S. government agencies and entities at all levels must
13. begin utilizing metric units in any government interactions. This includes items
14. sold in U.S. markets that are regulated by a U.S. government agency, such as
15. motor vehicles.
16. SECTION 4. Units on government signage, including signage erected by the

17. Federal Highway Administration (FHA) and other Department of Transportation
18. (DOT) agencies, shall be switched to metric gradually whenever individual signs
19. need to be replaced. Within twenty years of the date of passage, any signage
20. that does not yet feature metric units shall have metric units added. Signage of
21. unique historic or cultural value is exempt from these requirements.
22. SECTION 5. This legislation shall be overseen by all relevant agencies. The
23. National Park Service shall serve in an advisory role for Section 4.
24. SECTION 6. This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2025.
25. SECTION 7. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
26. void.

Submitted for debate by the Maine District from the November 2022 NSDA Docket

8) A Bill to Cede the Majority of Washington, D.C. to Maryland

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
2. 2 SECTION 1. The territory of the District of Columbia (D.C.) shall be ceded to Maryland
3. to become part of that state, with the exception of an area surrounding the U.S. Capitol
4. Building, the Supreme Court, the White House, and the National Mall, with that area's
5. borders drawn along the roads that most closely encircle these locations, which shall
6. remain the nation's constitutionally mandated federal district.
7. 7 SECTION 2. One half of D.C.'s current federal budget shall be redirected to Maryland to
8. assist in administering this new territory and in providing for the new Marylanders who
9. live there. The remaining half shall be retained for administration of the nation's federal
10. district.
11. SECTION 3. This legislation shall take effect on July 16, 2029.
12. SECTION 4. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Submitted for debate by the Maine District from the November 2022 NSDA Docket

9) A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Abolish the Senate

1. RESOLVED, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is
2. proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid
3. to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of
4. three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by
5. the Congress:
6. ARTICLE
7. SECTION 1: The federal legislature shall henceforth be unicameral, and the Senate shall
8. be abolished. All Constitutional duties and privileges heretofore invested in the Senate

9. shall be henceforth bestowed upon the House of Representatives. Redundant duties and
10. privileges shall be rescinded, with the House of Representatives assuming full authority
11. on these matters.
12. SECTION 2: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
13. legislation.

Submitted for debate by the Maine District from the November 2022 NSDA Docket

10) A Bill to Implement a Nationwide Tax on Sugar-Sweetened Beverages

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. SECTION 1. A national tax shall be implemented on all beverages that contain added
3. sugars, as defined in Section 2.
4. SECTION 2. ‘Sugar-Sweetened Beverages’ shall be defined as “beverages with sugars that
5. are added during processing, including but not limited to, carbonated and
6. non-carbonated soft drinks, fruit drinks, and sports drinks that contain added
7. caloric sweeteners, such as high fructose corn syrup, sucrose, or fruit juice
8. concentrates.”
9. SECTION 3. The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the
10. implementation of this bill. The revenue from this bill will be allocated to this
11. Department.
12. A. A tax of one cent per ounce shall be levied on beverages containing between 7.5
13. grams and 30 grams of added sugars per 12 ounces.
14. B. A tax of two cents per ounce shall be levied on beverages containing more than 30
15. grams of added sugars per 12 ounces.
16. C. No tax shall be levied on beverages containing less than 7.5 grams of added sugars per
17. 12 ounces.
18. SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2024.
19. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Submitted for debate by the Maine District from the 2022 NSDA Congressional Debate National Tournament Docket

11) A Bill to Raise the Draft Age

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1:** The U.S. military draft age shall be raised to 21 years old.
3. **SECTION 2:** The draft age shall be defined as the minimum age at which a male U.S. citizen
4. are required to enroll in the military draft.

5. **SUBSECTION 2A:** The military draft is a system for the compulsory enlistment into the U.S.
6. military upon government orders.
7. **SECTION 3:** The Selective Service System will have the power to enforce this bill.
8. **SECTION 4:** This bill will go into effect in January of 2023.
9. **SECTION 5:** All legislation in conflict with this bill shall be declared null and void.

Respectfully introduced by Representative Bohm of Bangor

12) A Bill to make Election Day a federal holiday

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Federal Election days are instituted as federal holidays.
3. **SECTION 2.** The second Tuesday of November in any year when federal elections
4. are being held shall be recognized as a federal holiday.
5. **SECTION 3.** State governments that do not recognize the provisions of this bill
6. shall be subject to a 15% cut in government allocation of funds for election
7. processes within their state.
8. **SECTION 4.** Congress shall have power to pass legislation to enforce the bill.
9. **SECTION 5.** The bill would be implemented immediately upon passage.
10. **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
11. void.

Submitted respectfully by Representative Keller of Scarborough High School

13) A Bill to to fund the academic readiness of children in Pre-K

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. Section 1. Congress shall allocate \$50 billion in grant funding to the states
3. that enables all families to send their children to Pre-K, without the need
4. for personal funds.
5. Section 2. The funds will be allocated through the Non-profit organization,
6. Headstart, a program dedicated to promote school readiness with infants and
7. toddlers allowing for a more personal connection within the
8. community.

9. Section 3. Headstart shall be defined as a third party organization tasked
10. with the distribution of funds as seen fit.
11. Section 3a. If and when such funds reach a depleted state, the individual
12. states shall be tasked with a 5% increase in state sales tax, states without
13. such tax shall introduce one and match it with surrounding states
14. Section 3b. With the exception of Section 3, the legislation tasked with
15. collecting state taxes shall oversee the increase in tax and manage the
16. necessary funding needed for this such bill.
17. Section 4. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services shall
18. oversee the initial grant provided for the named subject, and shall be
19. tasked with the administration of a fair and timely distribution of funds.
20. This legislation shall take effect at the end of the next fiscal year.
21. Section 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
22. and void.

Respectfully Submitted by Representative Newell of Deering High School