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A Bill to Aid European Nations in Countering Rising Russian Aggression

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1	SECTION 1 . The United States Federal Government shall take a three-prong approach to assist
2	European nations in their efforts to counter Russian aggression in Ukraine.
4	A. The US Department of Defense shall provide 25 billion dollars in advanced military aid
5	to European nations under potential threat.
6	a. The nations that shall receive this aid are as follows: Finland, Estonia, Latvia,
7	Lithuania, Poland, and Georgia.
8	b. The exact weapons and equipment provided shall be decided upon further
9	analysis by the Congressional subcommittee in coordination with the
10	militaries of the aforementioned nations.
11	B. The US Department of Aid shall provide 5 billion dollars in humanitarian aid to Ukraine
12	C. The US shall authorize increased oil and natural gas drilling by 25% and this oil will be
13	made available for purchase by European nations.
14	a. Oil companies will be offered incentives to sell to Western European nations.
15	These incentives will be decided upon by the bipartisan subcommittee.
16	SECTION 2. The following definitions shall be offered:
17	A. Advanced military aid shall be defined as US military equipment that offers significant
18	advancement of the target nation's military capabilities within limits imposed by
19	the US Department of Defense.
20	B. Humanitarian aid shall be defined as support to nations affected by the ongoing
21	conflict in Ukraine to offer sustainable living conditions to Ukrainian refugees.
22	SECTION 3. The bipartisan Congressional subcommittee shall be formed to work in coordination
23	with the U.S. Department of Defense, US Department of Aid, and US Department of
24	State along with the governments and militaries of the target nations to oversee the
25	implementation of this legislation.
26	SECTION 4. This bill shall go into effect immediately upon implementation
27	SECTION 5 . All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill Concerning Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

	BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
1	SECTION 1. The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) be made permanent and a road
2	to citizenship for DACA immigrants be put into place.
3	SECTION 2. Those who qualify for protection under DACA will include the original recipients of
4	the program (minors who arrived before June 2007) as well as all minors arriving since
5	that date.
6	SECTION 3. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is prohibited from deporting or
7	prosecuting those who fall within parameters of Section 2.
8	SECTION 4. The current citizenship process for foreign nationals consists of a five-year
9	residency within the U.S. followed by an application process managed by the U.S.
10	Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) of the DHS. Upon turning eighteen, all
11	DACA recipients as defined in Section 2 will now automatically begin the application
12	process without the mandatory five year residency.
13	SECTION 5 . Implementation of this bill will go into effect at the completion of this session.
14	SECTION 6. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Introduce Gender Disparity Quota in Congress

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

B. No funding or taxes will be needed to enforce this bill

November 5, 2024.

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1	SECTION 1. The United States of America and House of Representatives will institute a minimum
2	of 30% of women in their political assemblies to achieve gender equality in the political system
3	A. The gender disparity quota applies to all political parties in the United States
4	government.
5	SECTION 2. Gender Disparity Quota: Instrument used to achieve gender-balanced
6	representation in the workforce.
7	SECTION 3. The United States federal government will recognize this gender disparity quota.
8	A. This bill will be overseen by the United States Equal Employment Opportunity
9	Commission

SECTION 4. This bill shall become law upon the next United States federal elections, starting on

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

A Bill to Provide Social and Educational Relief by Funding Public Services

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1	SECTION 1. Congress shall hereby, through a grant program, deliver \$20 billion in funding to all
2	existing, and an additional \$40 billion towards the building of, public libraries, public
3	schools, and public community centers in the United States and her territories. This shall
4	be enacted in a 10-year plan.
5	A. The grant shall only be used for necessary expenditures.
6	B. Funding for this legislation shall be diverted from the Department of Defense's
7	discretionary budget.
8	C. The funding and diverting of these funds shall be handled by Congress.
9	SECTION 2. Public libraries and schools are defined as those that are not owned privately and
10	allow the public to use their services without charge. Public community centers are
11	defined as those that are not owned privately, where members of a community can meet
12	up for social, educational, or recreational activities.
13	A. Necessary expenditures are defined as those that benefit the public good in order to
14	enrich the community and/or students.
15	SECTION 3. The legislation shall be overseen by The Department of Education and The
16	Department of Housing and Urban Development.
17	A. The Department of Education shall decide which existing establishments qualify for the
18	grant.
19	B. The Department of Housing and Urban Development shall decide in which states it
20	would be most appropriate to build public libraries and public community centers
21	and incentivize them accordingly
22	SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on FY 2024. All laws in conflict with this legislation are
23	hereby declared null and void.

A Resolution to Regulate the Sale of Energy Drinks to Minors

ı	WHEREAS, energy drinks (beverages containing large amounts of added carreine, sugars, or
2	other legal stimulants) are marketed as a way to safely boost productivity, attention-span,
3	and alertness; and
4	WHEREAS, in surveys 30% to 50% of adolescents and young adults confirm that they consume
5	caffeinated energy drinks despite the American Academy of Pediatrics recommendation
6	that adolescents not drink any such beverages; and
7	WHEREAS, teenagers who have consumed such energy drinks have suffered dehydration, heart
8	complications, anxiety, and insomnia, even to the extent of hospitalizations; and
9	WHEREAS, the long-term effects of prolonged consumption if such energy drinks in adolescents
10	are not yet understood; now, therefore, be it
11	RESOLVED , by the PHSSL Congress here assembled that the sale and / or distribution of
12	energy drinks to anyone under the age of 18 be banned in Pennsylvania.

A Bill to Increase the Eligibility of SNAP Recipients to Provide Financial Relief for College Students

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1	SECTION 1 . Undergraduate and graduate students who qualify for federal student aid shall be
2	eligible to receive benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).
3	SECTION 2. Federal student aid shall be defined as the financial aid received by students under
4	the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
5	SECTION 3. The Department of Agriculture (DOA) and the Office of Federal Student Aid will
6	enforce this bill.
7	A. The Department of Agriculture would ensure the distribution of Electronic Benefit
8	Transfer (EBT) cards to students enrolled in SNAP.
9	B. The Office of Federal Student Aid will provide information from FAFSA to the
10	Department of Agriculture for who is to receive benefits.
11	SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on August 1, 2023. All laws in conflict with this
12	legislation are hereby declared null and void

A Bill to Regulate Gender Reveals and Protect the Environment and Human Life

	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PHSSL STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
1	SECTION 1 . "Gender reveals" involving pyrotechnic devices, water dyes, plane stunts, and all
2	other methods of announcing the sex of a child pose significant risk of harm to the
3	environment or human life and should therefore be regulated to assess risk and undergo
4	a rigorous permitting process prior to approval.
5	SECTION 2. "Gender reveal" is defined as any announcement of the sex of a child by expectant
6	parents (or other related individuals). "Regulate" is defined as the adoption of specific
7	parameters to mitigate destruction or harm to the environment, destruction or loss of
8	property, injury or loss of life.
9	SECTION 3. The U.S. Department of Justice will oversee the enforcement of this bill
10	A. Violations will result in a minimum \$100,000 fine and up to 3 years in prison.
11	SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect in January 2024.

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

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A Bill to Expand the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1	SECTION 1:
2	A. Congress shall authorize the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) to include the
3	following records in its National Instant Criminal Background Check System
4	(NICS) Index:
5	1. Records of outpatient mental health commitments.
6	2. Records of interactions with police forces regarding mental health.
7	3. Medical records of any mental illness characterized by harm or threat of harm
8	to the individual or to others.
9	SECTION 2: For the purposes of this bill:
10	A. Outpatient mental health commitments are to be defined as a mandated treatment by
11	civil or criminal courts for a diagnosed mental illness.
12	B. Interactions with police forces is to be defined as an interaction with law enforcement
13	agents including, but not limited to, traffic stops, mental health checkups, home
14	visits, 911 calls, and others.
15	C. Mental illness characterized by harm is to be defined as a Serious Mental Illness by
16	the National Institute for Mental Health.
17	D. Records and Medical Records are to be defined as any official document collected by
18	a law enforcement agency, medical institution, or criminal or civil court.
19	SECTION 3: Enforcement of this legislation shall be overseen by the FBI.
20	SECTION 4: This bill shall go into effect one month after its passage.
21	SECTION 5: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Ban Planned Obsolescence

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I	SECTION 1. The practice of planned obsolescence will hereby be banned in the United States.
2	A. Companies accused of planned obsolescence will undergo investigation and shall be
3	fined if the accusations are validated.
4	B. A Task Force Against Planned Obsolescence shall be formed to conduct the
5	investigations and create reports of their findings.
6	SECTION 2. Planned obsolescence shall be defined as any policy of producing consumer goods
7	that rapidly become obsolete and so require replacing, achieved by frequent changes in
8	design, termination of the supply of spare parts, and the use of nondurable materials.
9	SECTION 3.
10	A. The Consumer Product Safety Commission shall be charged with investigating the
11	reports created by the task force.
12	1. Companies found practicing planned obsolescence shall be fined 10% of their
13	profit from any product found.
14	2. 50% of any profits seized will be reallocated to the task force for further
15	funding. The remaining 50% will go to the EPA.
16	B. \$5 billion shall be reallocated from the Department of Defense to fund the task force.
17	1. The created task force shall be comprised of 50 representatives and a group
18	of specialists chosen by the representatives
19	a. Representatives for the task force shall be chosen at random
20	b. If a representative in the task force is not reelected, they will be
21	replaced by a random representative
22	c. Specialists may be chosen by the representatives but are not required
23	to join the task force
24	3. The FBI shall be tasked with investigating any suspected corruption in
25	the task force
26	SECTION 4. This bill shall go into effect a year after its passage.
27	SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

The Raise the Wage Act of 2023

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1	SECTION 1 . The federal minimum wage under the Fair Labor Standards Act shall incrementally
2	be raised to \$15 per hour. It will be raised to \$8.40 at the beginning of the fiscal year
3	2024 and will be increased by \$1.10 each year after until the minimum wage reaches
4	\$15.00 by the fiscal year 2030.
5	SECTION 2.
6	A. "Minimum wage" shall be defined as the minimum amount that an employer is required
7	to pay wage earners for the work performed during a given period, which cannot
8	be reduced.
9	B. "Fair Labor Standards Act" shall be defined as the federal law which establishes
10	minimum wage, overtime pay eligibility, recordkeeping, and child labor standards
11	affecting full-time and part-time workers in the private sector and in federal, state,
12	and local governments.
13	SECTION 3. The Wage and Hour Division of the United States Department of Labor shall
14	oversee the implementation and enforcement of this legislation.
15	SECTION 4. This legislation will be enacted in the fiscal year 2024.
16	SECTION 5 . All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A BILL TO LEGALIZE EUTHANASIA TO PROTECT INDIVIDUAL AUTONOMY

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1	SECTION 1. Euthanasia shall hereby be legalized in all states and territories under the
2	jurisdiction of the United States.
3	SECTION 2 . Euthanasia shall be defined as physician assisted suicide, the painless killing of a
4	patient who is suffering from an terminal and painful disease or is in an irreversible coma.
5	SECTION 3 . Implementation of this bill shall be primarily overseen by the Department of Human
6	and Health Services (HHS).
7	SECTION 4. The bill shall be put into effect at the start of the next calendar year; January 1st,
8	2023.

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

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A Bill to Impose Age Limits on the Supreme Court

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1	SECTION 1 . Justices on the Supreme Court of the United States will be limited to serving on the
2	Court until they turn the age of 70. Following a Justice's reaching the age of 70, they will
3	no longer be considered a Justice and the Senate will confirm a new Justice to replace
4	them.
5	SECTION 2. Age limits can be defined as an age upon which a Supreme Court Justice can no
6	longer serve on the Court.
7	SECTION 3 . Enforcement of this bill will be overseen by the Department of Justice.
8	A. However, a significant amount of enforcement is not necessary, as there is no way for
9	Supreme Court Justices to resist the expiration of their terms.
10	SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2024. All laws in conflict with this
11	legislation are hereby declared null and void.

PHSSL State Championship HOUSE – Super Session Legislation

SS #1

A Bill to Ban Public Zoos

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1	SECTION 1. All private zoos that use animals for display are hereby banned. This includes
2	petting zoos, safari parks, carnivals, privately owned aquariums, and circuses. All
3	animals that need services like relocation or medical help will be relocated to nearby non-
4	profit organizations or Zoos accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA)
5	SECTION 2. We define a private zoo as a park or an institution in which living animals are kept
6	and usually exhibited to the public that isn't federally funded or owned by the government
7	SECTION 3. The U.S Department of Agriculture will oversee the enforcement and funding:
8	A. 5 million dollars will be given to nonprofit groups housing relocated animals.
9	B. 12 million dollars will be used to create more facilities that support the development of
10	animals and rehabilitation.
11	C. All accredited zoos from the Associations of Zoos & Aquariums will remain open.
12	D. Any animal exhibitors licensed by the USDA may apply for AZA accreditation.
13	SECTION 4. This bill will be implemented in January 2025. All laws in conflict with this legislation
14	are hereby declared null and void

PHSSL State Championship HOUSE – Super Session Legislation

SS #2

A Resolution to Recommend the Mandating of Indigenous Studies as a High School Graduation Requirement

1	WHEREAS the overwhelming majority of the history of human inhabitation of the lands of our
2	nation belongs exclusively to its Indigenous Peoples; and
3	WHEREAS even after colonization and the subjugation it has brought upon this nation's
1	Indigenous Peoples, they have continued to play crucial roles in its history, contributing
5	enormously to overall United States' culture and identity while maintaining distinct and
6	inspiring cultures and identities of their own; and
7	WHEREAS the histories and cultures of this nation's Indigenous Peoples are given little attention
3	in most high school curricula and are poorly understood by many in the United States;
9	now, therefore be it
10	RESOLVED by the Congress here assembled that states, territories, and the Federal District are
11	strongly encouraged to mandate one year of Indigenous Studies, being a course
12	devoted to the histories and cultures of this nation's Indigenous Peoples, as a high school
13	graduation requirement; and be it
14	FURTHER RESOLVED that Congress shall consider wielding its powers to bring about universal
15	adoption of this recommendation if states, territories, and the Federal District do not heed
16	it on their own.

PHSSL State Championship HOUSE – Super Session Legislation

SS #3

A Bill to Remove Interstates from City Centers

BE IT ENACTED 1 BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

1	SECTION 1. Over the course of the ten years that follow this legislation's passage, all sections of
2	the Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways
3	(interstates) that currently pass through city centers shall be removed from these areas.
4	Affected sections may either be re-routed around the city center, sent under it via tunnels,
5	or removed entirely if workable alternate routes already exist, with decisions to be made
6	individually by each relevant city government in conjunction with the Federal Highway
7	Administration (FHA).
8	SECTION 2. A city center shall be defined as any contiguous census tracts of high population
9	density (at least 1000 people per square mile) at the center of a city with a population of
10	at least 50,000.
11	SECTION 3. Land reclaimed via interstate removal shall be given over to the city of which it is a
12	part, to be developed into affordable multi-family housing, city parks, and/or public
13	educational institutions such as museums, libraries, and schools. Each city shall decide
14	for itself what mix of these repurposing possibilities it shall pursue.
15	SECTION 4. Eminent domain may be invoked to acquire land necessary for rerouting of
16	interstates so long as economically disadvantaged communities (defined as
17	neighborhoods where the average household income is less than 150% of the poverty
18	threshold as defined by the Census Bureau) are not impacted.
19	SECTION 5. The cost of this project shall be offset by adopting an annual accrual tax on capital
20	gains for the wealthiest 1% of US taxpayers, to take effect in the next fiscal year following
21	this legislation's passage.
22	SECTION 6. This legislation shall be overseen by the FHA, with the exception of Section 5, which
23	shall be overseen by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).
24	SECTION 7. This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.
25	SECTION 8. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

PHSSL State Championship HOUSE – Super Session Legislation

SS #4

A Bill to Establish a 4-Day Work Week

BE IT ENACTED BY THE 1 CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

	SECTION 1. All federal employers that currently utilize a traditional 5-day workweek in any
2	capacity shall adopt a 4-day workweek in those same contexts, shifting Friday to a non-
3	working "weekend" day where possible. Employers shall maintain an 8-hour maximum for
ļ	each workday, with no reduction in salaries.
5	SECTION 2. Federal employees who volunteer to work additional shifts beyond four days will be
6	paid overtime (minimum pay rate of time and a half).
,	SECTION 3 . State, territorial, and local governments are encouraged to adopt similar policies, as
3	are private businesses.
)	SECTION 4. This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Labor.
0	SECTION 5. This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2025.
1	SECTION 6. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

PHSSL State Championship HOUSE – Supplemental Legislation

SUPP #1

A Resolution to Improve Reading Scores

1	WHEREAS It is the fundamental goal of education to teach and improve reading skills in the
2	primary grades, and
3	WHEREAS all children do not advance at the same rate as other children, and
1	WHEREAS children with reading difficulties regress during the summer months, and
5	WHEREAS that regression can put reading challenged students behind and below grade level,
6	and
7	WHEREAS reading ability determines success in many other academic areas, and
3	WHEREAS reading challenged students would benefit from supplemental reading practice,
9	therefore
10	BE IT RESOLVED by the Pennsylvania High School Speech League Student Congress here
11	assembled that all schools in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania mandate and provide
12	up to 50 hours of summer reading enrichment programs during the summer months.
13	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all students up to the seventh grade level who test at more
14	than one year below reading level, be required to attend a summer reading enrichment
15	program, and
16	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that future State subsidies be dependent on the successful
17	implementation and operation of summer reading programs.

PHSSL State Championship HOUSE – Supplemental Legislation

SUPP #2

A Bill to Require Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to be made in the United States

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1	SECTION 1 . All corporations, companies selling PPE on the US market shall have 70% of its
2	PPE product manufactured in the USA.
3	SECTION 2. The term Personal Protective Equipment is defined as "Protective equipment,
4	including personal protective equipment for eyes, face, head, and extremities, protective
5	clothing, respiratory devices, and protective shields and barriers." in sections 4, 6 and 8,
6	Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 653, 655, 657).
7	SECTION 3. The US Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the US Internal Revenue Services
8	(IRS) shall enforce this Bill.
9	A. Any infringement of this bill will result in the suspension of conducting business on the
10	US soil for the minimum of 1 month and shall be extended up to 1 year.
11	B. 5% property tax reduction will be applied to any investment to create new
12	manufacturing facilities to produce PPE on US soil.
13	SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on July 4, 2024. All laws in conflict with this legislation
14	are hereby declared null and void

PHSSL State Championship HOUSE – Supplemental Legislation

SUPP #3

A Bill to Repeal the Visa Lottery to Enhance Security and Fairness for America

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1	SECTION 1 . The United States shall eliminate the diversity immigrant VISA program, which will
2	then make available a limited number of visas for aliens from countries with historically
3	low rates of immigration to the United States.
4	SECTION 2. The diversity immigrant VISA program also known as the green card lottery, shall be
5	defined as a United States government lottery program for receiving a United States
6	Permanent Resident Card. Aliens shall be defined as any person not a citizen or national
7	of the United States.
8	SECTION 3. This bill will be overseen by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.
9	SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on October 1, 2023. All laws in conflict with this
10	legislation are hereby declared null and void.

PHSSL State Championship HOUSE – Supplemental Legislation

SUPP #4

A Bill to Raise the Minimum Age Limit of Social Media Applications

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1	SECTION 1. Social media platforms shall restrict use to customers of 18 years of age or older.
2	These applications shall require users to upload government verified proof of age
3	(including, but not limited to passports, ID cards, and birth certificates).
4	SECTION 2. Social media platforms shall be defined as applications enabling users to create and
5	share content through virtual networks.
6	SECTION 3. The United States Social Security Administration and the Federal Trade
7	Commission shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation collaboratively.
8	SECTION 4. This bill shall be in effect by June 2023.
9	SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.



2023 PHSSL State Championship – SENATE Legislation Packet

*Calendar for debate set by blind draw by Parliamentarian

- 1 Take a Stand (TAS) Act of 2023
- 2 A Resolution to Improve Reading Scores
- 3 A Bill Concerning Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)
- 4 A Bill to Require Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to be made in the United States
- 5 A Bill to Provide Social and Educational Relief by Funding Public and Community Services
- 6 A Resolution to Get Rid of the Filibuster
- 7 A Bill to Expand the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS)
- 8 The Raise the Wage Act of 2023
- 9 Governor-Appointed Emergency States Attorney's Office for the County and City of Philadelphia
- 10 A Bill to Mandate Transparency in Public and Charter School Spending
- 11 A Bill to Repeal the Visa Lottery to Enhance Security and Fairness for America
- 12 A Resolution Authorizing Schools to Commit to One Credit of Gender Studies in Secondary Education Before Graduation
- 13 A Bill to Create a Mandated Pay Leave for New Parents

SENATE Super Session Legislation

- SS #1 A Bill to Restructure the School Year
- SS #2 A Bill to Suspend Sale of Food Impacted by the East Palestine Train Disaster
- SS #3 A Bill to Increase Access to Non-Athletic Competitive Extracurricular Activities
- SS #4 A Bill to Ban Public Zoos

SENATE Supplemental Legislation – To be used only if needed

- Supp #1 A Bill to Establish a 4-Day Work Week
- Supp #2 A Bill to Remove Interstates from City Centers
- Supp #3 The Ticket Purchaser's Bill of Rights

TAKE A STAND (TAS) ACT OF 2023

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1	ARTICLE I: Any state that enforces or passes a "Right to Work" policy shall be stripped of 50% of
2	all federal funding, with an additional 10% of funding being stripped each successive year
3	the policy is enforced.
4	A. Any state with an existing "Right to Work" law shall have a grace period of 1 calendar
5	year after the effective date of this legislation to repeal and cease enforcement of
6	these laws before funding penalties take place.
7	ARTICLE II: "Right to Work" laws shall be defined as any law that prohibits union security
8	agreements between employers and laborers.
9	ARTICLE III: This bill shall become effective for the fiscal year 2024.
10	ARTICLE IV: The United States Department of Labor as well as the United States Congress shall
11	be tasked with the effective enforcement of this legislation.
12	ARTICLE V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

A RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE READING SCORES

1	WHEREAS It is the fundamental goal of education to teach and improve reading skills in the
2	primary grades, and
3	WHEREAS all children do not advance at the same rate as other children, and
1	WHEREAS children with reading difficulties regress during the summer months, and
5	WHEREAS that regression can put reading challenged students behind and below grade level,
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7	WHEREAS reading ability determines success in many other academic areas, and
3	WHEREAS reading challenged students would benefit from supplemental reading practice,
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10	BE IT RESOLVED by the Pennsylvania High School Speech League Student Congress here
11	assembled that all schools in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania mandate and provide
12	up to 50 hours of summer reading enrichment programs during the summer months; and
13	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all students up to the seventh grade level who test at more
14	than one year below reading level, be required to attend a summer reading enrichment
15	program, and
16	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that future State subsidies be dependent on the successful
17	implementation and operation of summer reading programs.

Respectfully submitted,

#3 A BILL CONCERNING DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (DACA)

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1	SECTION 1 . The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) be made permanent and a road
2	to citizenship for DACA immigrants be put into place.
3	SECTION 2. Those who qualify for protection under DACA will include the original recipients of
4	the program (minors who arrived before June 2007) as well as all minors arriving since
5	that date.
6	SECTION 3. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is prohibited from deporting or
7	prosecuting those who fall within parameters of Section 2.
8	SECTION 4. The current citizenship process for foreign nationals consists of a five-year
9	residency within the U.S. followed by an application process managed by the U.S.
10	Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) of the DHS. Upon turning eighteen, all
11	DACA recipients as defined in Section 2 will now automatically begin the application
12	process without the mandatory five-year residency.
13	SECTION 5. Implementation of this bill will go into effect at the completion of this session.
14	SECTION 6. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

A Bill to Require Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to be made in the United States

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1	SECTION 1 . All corporations, companies selling PPE on the US market shall have 70% of its
2	PPE product manufactured in the USA.
3	SECTION 2. The term Personal Protective Equipment is defined as "Protective equipment,
1	including personal protective equipment for eyes, face, head, and extremities, protective
5	clothing, respiratory devices, and protective shields and barriers." in sections 4, 6 and 8,
3	Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 653, 655, 657).
7	SECTION 3. The US Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the US Internal Revenue Services
3	(IRS) shall enforce this Bill.
9	A. Any infringement of this bill will result in the suspension of conducting business on the
10	US soil for the minimum of 1 month and shall be extended up to 1 year.
11	B. 5% property tax reduction will be applied to any investment to create new
12	manufacturing facilities to produce PPE on US soil.
13	SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on July 4, 2024. All laws in conflict with this legislation
14	are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

A Bill to Provide Social and Educational Relief by Funding Public and Community Services

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

1	SECTION 1. Congress shall hereby deliver \$20 billion in funding to all public libraries, public
2	schools, and community centers in the United States and her territories. Congress shall
3	also provide another \$40 billion in the building of 1,000 new public libraries and
4	community centers in all states and territories. This shall be enacted in a 10-year plan.
5	A. The money will be created in grant where communities in states or territories can appl
6	for it.
7	SECTION 2. Public libraries and public schools are defined as libraries and schools that are not
8	owned privately and allow the public to use their services without charging them.
9	Community centers are defined as places where the people of that community can meet
10	up for social, educational, or recreational activities.
11	SECTION 3. Funding for this legislation shall be diverted from the Department of Defense's
12	discretionary budget.
13	A. The funding and diverting of these funds shall be handled by Congress.
14	SECTION 4. The legislation shall be overseen by The Department of Education and The
15	Department of Housing and Urban Development.
16	A. The Department of Education is in charge while the Department of Housing and Urban
17	Development will work under The Department of Education.
18	B. The Department of Education shall decide which already built public libraries, public
19	schools, and community centers require the grant for improvements.
20	1. The grant shall only be used for necessary expenditures, deemed by the
21	Department of Education, that benefit the public good.
22	a. Necessary expenditures that benefit the public good are defined as
23	spending that is used to enrich the community and/or students.
24	Examples include, but are not limited to, turning the school green, hiring
25	more social workers, increasing wages of staff, and modernizing their
26	technology/systems.
27	C. The Department of Housing and Urban Development shall decide in which states it
28	would be most appropriate to build public libraries and community centers and

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29	incentivize them accordingly.
30	1. The building of these public libraries shall use eminent domain when
31	necessary.
32	D. To incentivize states and territories to partake in the grant, there will also be a 5-year
33	tax break for any community that decides to build new public libraries or
34	community centers or improve already built public schools, public libraries, and
35	community centers.
36	SECTION 5. This legislation shall take effect at the start of the next fiscal year.
37	SECTION 6. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,
District 6

A RESOLUTION TO GET RID OF THE FILIBUSTER

1	WHEREAS, The filibuster has been blocking important legislation; Many pieces of legislation
2	have been halted because of the filibuster, including bills addressing climate change
3	legislation for vaccine rollout and more; and
4	WHEREAS, Such legislation is vital for the safety of the American people; and
5	WHEREAS, The obstructed legislation is crucial for our nation's survival and success; and
6	WHEREAS, We are putting lives at risk by keeping the filibuster; now, therefore, be it
7	RESOLVED , By the Congress here assembled, that we pass this resolution to get rid of the
8	filibuster.

Respectfully submitted,

A Bill to Expand the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1	SECTION 1:
2	A. Congress shall authorize the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) to include the
3	following records in its National Instant Criminal Background Check System
1	(NICS) Index:
5	1. Records of outpatient mental health commitments.
3	2. Records of interactions with police forces regarding mental health.
7	3. Medical records of any mental illness characterized by harm or threat of harm
3	to the individual or to others.
9	SECTION 2: For the purposes of this bill:
10	A. Outpatient mental health commitments are to be defined as a mandated treatment by
11	civil or criminal courts for a diagnosed mental illness.
12	B. Interactions with police forces is to be defined as an interaction with law enforcement
13	agents including, but not limited to, traffic stops, mental health checkups, home
14	visits, 911 calls, and others.
15	C. Mental illness characterized by harm is to be defined as a Serious Mental Illness by
16	the National Institute for Mental Health.
17	D. Records and Medical Records are to be defined as any official document collected by
18	a law enforcement agency, medical institution, or criminal or civil court.
19	SECTION 3: Enforcement of this legislation shall be overseen by the FBI.
20	SECTION 4: This bill shall go into effect one month after its passage.
21	SECTION 5: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

The Raise the Wage Act of 2023

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1	SECTION 1 . The federal minimum wage under the Fair Labor Standards Act shall incrementally
2	be raised to \$15 per hour. It will be raised to \$8.40 at the beginning of the fiscal year
3	2024 and will be increased by \$1.10 each year after until the minimum wage reaches
1	\$15.00 by the fiscal year 2030.
5	SECTION 2.
3	A. "Minimum wage" shall be defined as the minimum amount that an employer is required
7	to pay wage earners for the work performed during a given period, which cannot
3	be reduced.
9	B. "Fair Labor Standards Act" shall be defined as the federal law which establishes
10	minimum wage, overtime pay eligibility, recordkeeping, and child labor standards
11	affecting full-time and part-time workers in the private sector and in federal, state,
12	and local governments.
13	SECTION 3. The Wage and Hour Division of the United States Department of Labor shall
14	oversee the implementation and enforcement of this legislation.
15	SECTION 4. This legislation will be enacted in the fiscal year 2024.
16	SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

District 9

Governor-Appointed Emergency States Attorney's Office for the County and City of Philadelphia

1	WHEREAS : A Governor-Appointed Emergency State's Attorney for the city of Philadelphia does
2	away with the ability of The District Attorney of the City and County of Philadelphia to no
3	prosecute certain crimes.
4	WHEREAS: The District Attorney for the City and County of Philadelphia has taken actions and
5	made a statement to effectively decriminalize violations of the Commonwealth Criminal
6	Code, despite their oath to uphold the laws of the Commonwealth in order to hold their
7	office. The Governor-Appointed Emergency State's Attorney, can be constitutionally
8	removed from office by the governor if they fail to uphold their oath of office.
9	WHEREAS: With a Governor-Appointed States Attorney for the County and City of Philadelphia,
10	there is another chance for commonwealth code violations, not picked up by the District
11	Attorney of the City to be prosecuted in a court with jurisdiction over the City and County
12	of Philadelphia.
13	WHEREAS: The monopoly on prosecutorial discretion given to the District Attorney of
14	Philadelphia has resulted in higher crime rates and lower prosecution rates within
15	Philadelphia. Governor-appointed district attorneys are found in states with some of
16	America's lowest crime rates like Connecticut and New Jersey.
17	WHEREAS: A Governor-appointed Emergency State's Attorney is the best solution to solve the
18	retail theft epidemic, fix the rising homicide rate, and reduce federal prosecutor
19	workloads, and increase justice and safety.
20	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by this PHSSL Student Congress here assembled: That the
21	Pennsylvania legislature should permit an Emergency State's Attorney's Office for the
22	County and City of Philadelphia.

Respectfully submitted,

A Bill to Mandate Transparency in Public and Charter School Spending

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1	SECTION 1. All public and charter schools in the United States of America will have to publish on
2	public record how the taxpayers' dollars are being spent within the school, thus creating
3	transparency. The schools must release how they are spending the taxpayer's money on
1	a quarterly basis.
5	SECTION 2.
3	A. Public Schools are to be defined as schools in the United States that are publicly
7	funded and are not independent.
3	B. Charter Schools are to be defined as schools that are publicly funded but run on an
9	independent basis.
10	C. Public Record should be defined as a viewable website, book, or written page that
11	allows certain information to become viewable to the public.
12	SECTION 3 . The Department of Education will oversee the enforcement and effectiveness of this
13	legislation.
14	A. Public schools will be subject to publish any and all expenses that use taxpayers'
15	dollars.
16	a. If Public Schools do not publish any and all expenses that use taxpayers'
17	dollars after the effective date of this legislation, the School or Schools
18	will be subject to a fine of 5% of their budget. The City will withhold the
19	5% fine until payments are published and then returned to the school.
20	B. Charter schools will be subject to publishing any and all expenses that use taxpayers'
21	dollars.
22	a. If Charter schools do not publish any and all expenses that used taxpayer
23	dollars after the effective date of this legislation, the School or Schools
24	will be subject to a fine of 5% of their budget. The City will withhold the
25	5% until payments are published and then returned to the school.
26	SECTION 4. This Legislation will go into effect on March 1st, 2023.
27	SECTION 5 . All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Repeal the Visa Lottery to Enhance Security and Fairness for America

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1	SECTION 1 . The United States shall eliminate the diversity immigrant VISA program, which will
2	then make available a limited number of visas for aliens from countries with historically
3	low rates of immigration to the United States.
4	SECTION 2. The diversity immigrant VISA program also known as the green card lottery, shall be
5	defined as a United States government lottery program for receiving a United States
6	Permanent Resident Card. Aliens shall be defined as any person not a citizen or national
7	of the United States.
8	SECTION 3. This bill will be overseen by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.
9	SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on October 1, 2023. All laws in conflict with this
10	legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

A Resolution Authorizing Schools to Commit to One Credit of Gender Studies in Secondary Education Before Graduation

1	WHEREAS, Gender studies are relevant to past and present society; and
2	WHEREAS, Children should be exposed and educated on the topic of history and implications of
3	gender studies; and
4	WHEREAS, Inclusion rather than abstaining will be beneficial to future generations; and
5	WHEREAS, People of the United States of America strive for equality for all citizens; now,
6	therefore, be it
7	RESOLVED , That the Congress here assembled commit to a call for action to secondary schools
8	for inclusion of gender studies; and, be it
9	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled support secondary schools that
10	require at least one credit of gender studies for high school graduation.

Respectfully Submitted,

A Bill to Create a Mandated Pay Leave for New Parents

	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PHSSL STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
1	SECTION 1. It shall be beneficial to mandate and instill state-mandated paid leave plans for both
2	men and women.
3	SECTION 2. Paid leave is defined as the amount of earnings reimbursement both men and
4	women receive for 12 weeks before or after the birth of a child.
5	SECTION 3. The legislation defines amount of earning as total number of weeks of any paid
6	leave available to a new parent, multiplied by the average rate of earnings
7	reimbursement for those weeks of leave.
8	A. It is determined paid leave will only be given to those who are child bearing,
9	excluding those who choose to adopt.
10	B. 100% of average earnings shall be reimbursed.
11	SECTION 4. States that fail to comply will be fined per parent \$1,000 each month until paid leave
12	is given.
13	SECTION 5. The Department of Labor shall be responsible for overseeing and funding the
14	enforcement of this piece of legislation.
15	SECTION 5. This bill will go into effect within the next fiscal year.

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

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Respectfully submitted,
District 16

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SS #1

A Bill to Restructure the School Year

BE IT ENACTED 1 BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

1	SECTION 1. All states, territories, and the Federal District must ensure that the public schools
2	over which they have jurisdiction neither remain in session for more than six weeks
3	without a break of at least one week, nor institute a break of longer than four weeks at
4	any point.
5	SECTION 2. Any state, territory, or district that violates this legislation shall lose federal education
6	funding until compliance is reached.
7	SECTION 3. This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Education.
8	SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect on July 1, 2025.
9	SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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SS #2

A Bill to Suspend Sale of Food Impacted by the East Palestine Train Disaster

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

1	SECTION 1 . The sale for human consumption of produce, dairy, or 2 meat originating from any
2	farm that is irrigated by water from the Ohio River or the Mississippi River at any point
3	downstream of East Palestine, Ohio, shall be immediately suspended. Sale may resume
1	as soon as the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has thoroughly tested the water
5	quality at least once every twenty miles along the Ohio River from East Palestine through
3	to the confluence with the Mississippi and from there down the Mississippi to the Gulf of
7	Mexico to ensure it remains safe for agricultural purposes at each of these points.
3	SECTION 2. The EPA is encouraged to complete this testing as quickly as may be accomplished
9	while ensuring the integrity of the tests. Congress shall make \$5 million immediately
10	available to the EPA to fund this endeavor.
11	SECTION 3. This legislation shall be overseen by the EPA and the Food and Drug
12	Administration.
13	SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.
14	SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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SS #3

A Bill to Increase Access to Non-Athletic Competitive Extracurricular Activities

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

	SECTION 1 . Congress shall establish an annual fund of \$250 million to be dispersed to middle
2	schools and high schools around the nation to promote their ability to participate in non-
3	athletic competitive extracurricular events, including but not limited to speech & debate,
	Model United Nations, math team, Quiz Bowl, and robotics.
5	SECTION 2. The Department of Education shall oversee this legislation and shall be responsible
6	for establishing a process by which schools may apply for funding, as well as for
7	determining which schools receive funding and how much funding goes to each recipient
3	Congress encourages the Department of Education to prioritize support for schools that
)	disproportionately struggle to compete due to geographic and economic disadvantages.
0	SECTION 3. This legislation shall take effect on August 1, 2024.
1	SECTION 4. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void

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SS #4

A Bill to Ban Public Zoos

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1	SECTION 1. All private zoos that use animals for display are hereby banned. This includes
2	petting zoos, safari parks, carnivals, privately owned aquariums, and circuses. All
3	animals that need services like relocation or medical help will be relocated to nearby non-
4	profit organizations or Zoos accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA)
5	SECTION 2. We define a private zoo as a park or an institution in which living animals are kept
6	and usually exhibited to the public that isn't federally funded or owned by the government
7	SECTION 3. The U.S Department of Agriculture will oversee the enforcement and funding:
8	A. 5 million dollars will be given to nonprofit groups housing relocated animals.
9	B. 12 million dollars will be used to create more facilities that support the development of
10	animals and rehabilitation.
11	C. All accredited zoos from the Associations of Zoos & Aquariums will remain open.
12	D. Any animal exhibitors licensed by the USDA may apply for AZA accreditation.
13	SECTION 4. This bill will be implemented in January 2025. All laws in conflict with this legislation
14	are hereby declared null and void

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Supp #1

A Bill to Establish a 4-Day Work Week

BE IT ENACTED BY THE 1 CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

1	SECTION 1. All federal employers that currently utilize a traditional 5-day workweek in any
2	capacity shall adopt a 4-day workweek in those same contexts, shifting Friday to a non-
3	working "weekend" day where possible. Employers shall maintain an 8-hour maximum for
1	each workday, with no reduction in salaries.
5	SECTION 2. Federal employees who volunteer to work additional shifts beyond four days will be
3	paid overtime (minimum pay rate of time and a half).
7	SECTION 3. State, territorial, and local governments are encouraged to adopt similar policies, as
3	are private businesses.
9	SECTION 4. This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Labor.
10	SECTION 5. This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2025.
11	SECTION 6. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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Supp #2

A Bill to Remove Interstates from City Centers

BE IT ENACTED 1 BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

1	SECTION 1. Over the course of the ten years that follow this legislation's passage, all sections of
2	the Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways
3	(interstates) that currently pass through city centers shall be removed from these areas.
4	Affected sections may either be re-routed around the city center, sent under it via tunnels,
5	or removed entirely if workable alternate routes already exist, with decisions to be made
6	individually by each relevant city government in conjunction with the Federal Highway
7	Administration (FHA).
8	SECTION 2. A city center shall be defined as any contiguous census tracts of high population
9	density (at least 1000 people per square mile) at the center of a city with a population of
10	at least 50,000.
11	SECTION 3. Land reclaimed via interstate removal shall be given over to the city of which it is a
12	part, to be developed into affordable multi-family housing, city parks, and/or public
13	educational institutions such as museums, libraries, and schools. Each city shall decide
14	for itself what mix of these repurposing possibilities it shall pursue.
15	SECTION 4. Eminent domain may be invoked to acquire land necessary for rerouting of
16	interstates so long as economically disadvantaged communities (defined as
17	neighborhoods where the average household income is less than 150% of the poverty
18	threshold as defined by the Census Bureau) are not impacted.
19	SECTION 5. The cost of this project shall be offset by adopting an annual accrual tax on capital
20	gains for the wealthiest 1% of US taxpayers, to take effect in the next fiscal year following
21	this legislation's passage.
22	SECTION 6. This legislation shall be overseen by the FHA, with the exception of Section 5, which
23	shall be overseen by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).
24	SECTION 7. This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.
25	SECTION 8. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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Supp #3

The Ticket Purchaser's Bill of Rights

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS 1 HERE ASSEMBLED:

1	SECTION 1 . Ticket brokers may not charge fees in excess of 10% of the value of the ticket(s)
2	being sold, and they must disclose all fees from the earliest stage of the purchase
3	process.
4	SECTION 2. Any broker that manages secondhand resales of tickets must disclose information
5	about its sellers, including sales history and user reviews, to potential buyers and must
6	restrict those sellers from increasing ticket prices to make a profit.
7	SECTION 3. A ticket broker is defined as a third-party company that manages the sale of tickets
8	for concerts, plays, sporting events, and other performances.
9	SECTION 4 . This legislation shall be overseen by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).
10	SECTION 5. This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2024.
11	SECTION 6. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.