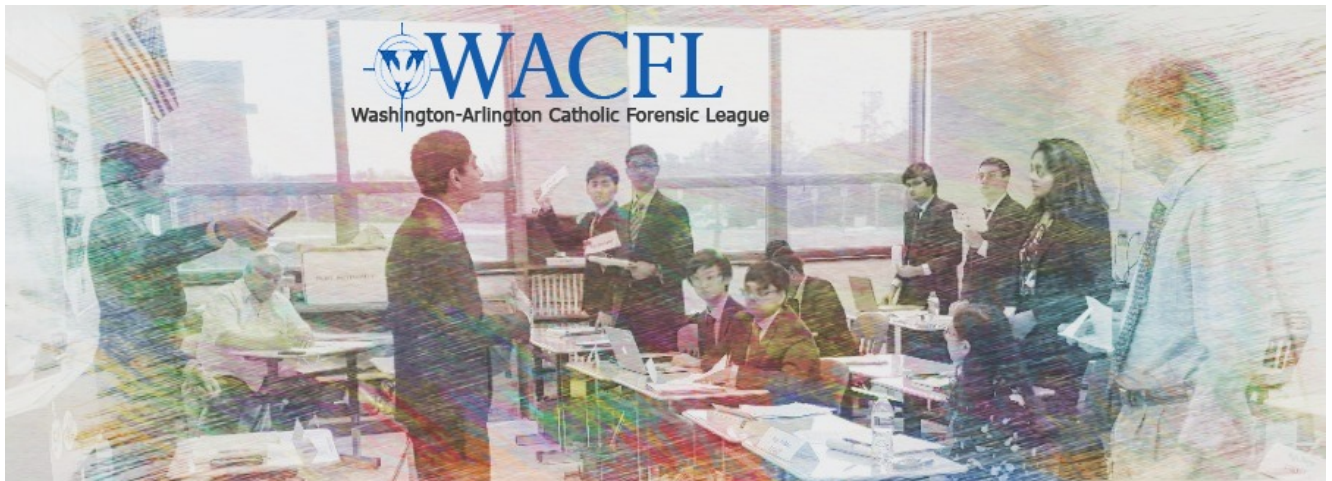




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Student Congress

Finals Legislation Packet



March 9, 2024

Bill #D971

A Bill to Increase Funding for Federal Prison Rehabilitation Programs

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **ARTICLE I.** Federal Prisons nationwide will be allocated \$75 billion for the purpose of
2 supporting prisoners who have severe mental illness and qualify for
3 rehabilitation.

4 **ARTICLE II.** A.Rehabilitation means to provide prisoners with programs specific to their
5 mental illness or addiction so they're able to successfully reenter society.
6 This funding will be used through the Partnership for Re-Entry Program, for
7 the purpose of serving incarcerated individuals through their time in prison.

8 B. Each prison will receive approximately \$614 million to properly
9 establish the PREP program for their prisoners.

10 **ARTICLE III.** The United States Department of Justice's Bureau of Prisons will oversee
11 the implementation of this bill, and the funding necessary for the programs
12 will be withdrawn from the Defense budget.

13 **ARTICLE IV.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025.

14 **ARTICLE V.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Woodgrove High School

Resolution #D1393: A Bill to Reform Healthcare

1 Article I: All medical staff will partake in triennial medical
2 racial bias training to prevent the misdiagnosis
3 and dismissal of patients with care needs.

4 Article II: The medical racial bias training shall be conducted
5 by qualified professionals with a curriculum

6 Article III: This legislation will be enacted on April 1, 2024.

7 Article IV: The Department of Health and Human Services
8 shall oversee this bill and has the ability to alter
9 the legislation each fiscal year. Failure to comply
10 will result in medical review.

11 Article V: All other laws that are in conflict with this legislation
12 will be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted, Lightridge High School

Bill #D-1606

A Bill to Ban the Privatization of Municipal Water Systems

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

ARTICLE 1. All municipal water systems within the United States of America are required to be run by governmental or non-profit organizations. A municipal water grant of \$30 billion shall be established to aid low-income and discriminated areas.

ARTICLE 2. Municipal water systems shall be defined as a municipality's system of water mains and pipes, pumps, and other facilities and equipment used to supply potable water. Low-income and discriminated areas will be defined under the study by the EPA in section 3B of this bill.

ARTICLE 3. The Bureau of Reclamation and the Treasury will oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

- A. The Bureau of Reclamation will require documentation from all municipal water systems for compliance with this legislation, and each violation will have a fine of up to \$1,000,000.
- B. The Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall conduct a study on water and sewer services for water affordability before the grant is established.

ARTICLE 4. This legislation will take effect in FY2026. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced to Congressional Debate by Avi Agrawal of The Potomac School

Bill #E501

A Bill to Invest in Green Energy

Article I: This bill will provide \$600 billion in discretionary spending to the DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY to invest in programs and businesses that further the development and production of GREEN ENERGY.

Article II: GREEN ENERGY is defined as renewable energy that is extracted from natural resources that are replenished at a sustainable rate. Sources of GREEN ENERGY include sunlight, wind, and water.

Article III: The supplemental appropriations will be allocated at the beginning of FY2025.

Article IV: The DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY shall enforce this bill.

Article V: All laws in conflict with this bill shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Speech and Debate Team

Yorktown High School

851: A Bill to Raise the Minimum Wage

Article I: The current federal minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour shall be raised to \$15 for all non-exempt workers

Article II: A minimum wage is defined as the lowest remuneration employers can legally pay their employees. Non-exempt workers are defined as employees who are entitled to the minimum wage and overtime pay when they work more than 40 hours a week.

Article III: This legislation will take effect on Jan 1st, 2025

Article IV: The Department of Labor will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

Article V: All other laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

James Madison High School

E 1222: A Bill to Decrease the Federal Student Loan Interest Rate

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal student loan interest rate shall be decreased to 2% to help
3 combat the student loan crisis.

4 A. Interest rates shall be lowered in combination with the student loan
5 forgiveness measures currently being imposed.

6 **SECTION 2.** Student loans shall be defined as the loans provided to students in order
7 to pay for post-secondary education and associated fees such as tuition,
8 books, and living expenses. The interest rate shall be defined as the
9 amount a lender charges a borrower and is a percentage of the amount
10 loaned.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall oversee the implementation of this
12 legislation.

13 A. Student loans taken out before the passage of this legislation shall be
14 included.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect upon passing. All laws in conflict with this
16 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Dominion High School

Bill #E2305
A Bill to Forgive All Federal Student Loan Debt

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall forgive all federally held student loan debt.

2 **SECTION 2.** “Federally held student loan debt” refers to any debt owed to the United
3 States Federal Government as a result of borrowing under any federal
4 student loan program.

5 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Education shall be responsible for the
6 administration

7 A. The Department of Education shall apply the loan forgiveness to all
8 eligible borrowers’ accounts within 180 days of the passage of this
9 legislation.

10 **SECTION 4.** The United States Department of Treasury shall be responsible for the
11 funding of this legislation.

12 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon its passage.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Rock Ridge High School

The Curbing Hegemony and Infringement Near Asia (C.H.I.N.A) Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

ARTICLE 1. The following measures shall be taken to mitigate conflict in the Asia-Pacific region.

A. The United States shall negotiate treaties with the Republic of Korea and Japan that allow for the hosting of US nuclear weapons in each countries' respective territories. All nuclear weapons shared with these countries shall remain fully integrated within the US nuclear command chain.

B. The United States Navy shall initiate the forward deployment of a carrier strike group to the Subic Bay Naval Base.

C. The Department of State shall be provided discretion to negotiate military base sharing and building agreements with the Philippines, Vietnam, Palau and Micronesia.

ARTICLE 2. A. A carrier strike group shall be defined as consisting of one aircraft carrier and any other ships or aircraft the US Navy deems necessary for carrier operations.

B. Military base sharing and building agreements shall be defined as treaties allowing the US military to build and/or operate military bases on foreign soil.

ARTICLE 3. This legislation shall come into effect immediately upon passage.

ARTICLE 4. The Department of Defense shall be responsible for the implementation of this legislation. Any additional funding needed by the Department of Defense for implementation shall be provided through supplemental appropriations.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexander O'Quinn

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

Bill #3194

A Resolution to Begin Cooperation with the ICC

1 Be it resolved by this congress here assembled that:

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3 WHEREAS the International Criminal Court (ICC) is an influential global
4 institution for justice and order;

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6 WHEREAS the United States Constitution prohibits official recognition of the
7 ICC as a court of law, but does not prevent cooperation with ICC rulings;

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9 WHEREAS United States cooperation will affirm the political and judicial
10 authority of the ICC, strengthening international law;

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12 THEREFORE it should be the official policy of the United States that rulings of
13 the ICC be recognized and carried out within the jurisdiction of the United States,
14 unless prohibited by or found in conflict with existing United States law.

Respectfully Submitted,
Charles J. Colgan High School