



**Florida Gulf Coast Catholic Forensics League
Congressional Debate Docket**

**FGCCFL 1: Strawberry Crest
September 20, 2025**

**A Bill to Increase Federal Funding to NASA to Accelerate
Mars Research and Mission Development**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 Article I: The Department of Defense shall allocate 2.5 billion dollars annually from its
3 budget to NASA's Mars Exploration Program for the next five years. These
4 funds shall be implemented towards Mars research and mission development.

5 Article II: A. As used herein, NASA refers to the National Aeronautics and Space
6 Administration.

7 B. Mars research shall be defined as but not limited to: development of life
8 support systems, advanced propulsion systems for space travel, and scientific
9 studies of Martian habitats.

10 C. Mission development shall be defined as but not limited to: Technology
11 development, autonomous systems research, and strategic planning.

12 Article III: The National Aeronautics and Space Administration shall be responsible for
13 enforcing the provisions of this bill.

14 A. The Department of Defense shall be responsible for allocating the
15 aforementioned funds from its budget to NASA in accordance with this
16 legislation.

17 Article IV: The provisions of this bill shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

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

*Respectfully Submitted,
Saket Rao
Pine View School*

A Resolution to Ban the Legislative Filibuster in the U.S. Senate

1 Whereas: Senators use filibusters to block legislation and doge accountability during debates; and
2 Whereas: Such lack of communication disguised as strategy can divert from the topic in question;
3 and
4 Whereas: The lack of accountability and transparency causes loss of public trust; and
5 Whereas: This action weaponizes silence and misleads the public, resulting in loss of progress;
6 now, therefore, be it
7 Resolved, That the Student Congress here assembled calls for the necessary prohibition of using the
8 legislative filibusters.

*Respectfully submitted,
Noah Insko
Sarasota High School*

A RESOLUTION TO LEGALIZE MARIJUANA FOR MEDICINAL USE

- 1 Whereas: Marijuana is only legal for medical use in ten of the fifty states; and
- 2 Whereas: The U.S. has spent upwards of three billion dollars annually toward law enforcement,
- 3 court proceedings, and incarceration to enforce marijuana laws; and
- 4 Whereas: Legalizing marijuana aids in stabilizing the economy, creates jobs, and generates
- 5 significant tax revenue; now, therefore, be it
- 6 Resolved, That the Student Congress here assembled formally recommends the legalization of
- 7 medical use throughout the Unites States.

*Respectfully submitted,
Callie Schwingel
Sarasota High School*

A BILL TO REGULATE THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) AND AUTOMATION

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Article I: The Department of Commerce shall regulate the use of artificial intelligence (AI) and automation to prevent job displacement, ensure safety, and promote ethical AI development.

Article II: A. As used herein, “artificial intelligence” (AI) refers to the development of computer systems capable of performing tasks that typically require human intelligence, such as visual perception, speech recognition, decision-making, content generation and language translation.

B: As used herein “automation” refers to the use of technology to perform tasks without human intervention, including manufacturing, service, and decision-making processes.

C: The regulation shall include mandates for companies to implement AI ethics guidelines, provide retraining programs for workers displaced by automation, and to follow safety protocols for AI deployment in public and private sectors.

Article III: A. The Department of Commerce shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

B. Enforcement shall include mandatory compliance audits, fines for violations of up to \$500,000 per incident, and the creation of retraining programs by companies who deploy AI and/or automation intended to replace human labor resources.

C: A Department of Commerce oversight board on AI Ethics shall be established to review compliance with ethical standards and safety protocols.

Article IV: The provisions of this bill shall take effect six months after passage.

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

*Respectfully submitted,
Aroosh Aasim
Robinson High School*

A BILL TO SUBSIDIZE NUCLEAR ENERGY

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Article I: By 2030, 25% of all current energy subsidies for fossil fuels, wind energy, and hydroelectric power shall be entirely diverted into a fund to subsidize nuclear energy infrastructure in the United States. By 2035, this allocation shall be increased to 50% of existing subsidies.

Article II: A. Nuclear energy infrastructure shall include reactors, transmission equipment, waste management equipment, and research to enhance the quality and efficiency thereof.

B. Current subsidies shall include tax breaks, credits, and exemptions for companies and consumers, underpricing for pollution contribution, and explicit subsidies for industry activities, production, maintenance, and sales costs.

Article III: The provisions of this bill shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

Article IV: The Department of Energy shall be responsible for the enforcement of this bill.

Article V: All other laws in conflict with this new policy shall hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted,
Leah Trotter
Sarasota Military Academy*

**A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE ANTARCTIC TREATY SYSTEM TO
PERMIT COLONIZATION OF ANTARCTICA**

1 Whereas: The Antarctic Treaty System currently limits international development of settlements on
2 Antarctica; and
3 Whereas: As the climate changes, refugees of all nations will require shelter and land in which to
4 build new lives, displaced by rising seas and extreme weather; and
5 Whereas: The present lack of international consensus for refugee housing and, globally, climate-
6 safe housing supply in general, has escalated numerous conflicts, famines, and wars,
7 creating enormous costs and burdens to the international order; and
8 Therefore, be it resolved by this NCFL Student Congress here assembled that: negotiations shall be
9 entered to amend the Antarctic Treaty System to permit the development of international-
10 flag-bearing housing and economic communities atop stable bedrock, in ecologically
11 suitable regions.

*Respectfully submitted,
Rackel Urrestta
Sarasota Military Academy*

**A RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE THE UNITED NATIONS TO
GLOBALLY BAN SHARK FINNING**

1 Whereas: Shark finning is an ecological, economic, and moral scourge that continues despite efforts
2 to prevent it due to failures of enforcement; and
3 Whereas: International collaboration is vital to ensure that there is no safe harbor for those who
4 mutilate sharks; and
5 Whereas: The productivity of the ocean as a resource and as a sink for carbon capture are of
6 importance to the international community, not only to any one nation; and
7 Whereas: It is vital that the United States, already leading in bans of shark fin harvest and trade,
8 continue to spur the international community towards a consensus that will preserve our
9 oceans, our ecological diversity, and the sharks within it for future generations to learn
10 and benefit from these animals, while enforcing fair sanctions against all offenders.
11 Therefore, be it resolved by this NCFL Student Congress here assembled that: the United States
12 shall craft and advocate for a UN resolution to eliminate shark finning from all national
13 and international waters.

*Respectfully submitted,
Gabriella Fabyanic
Sarasota Military Academy*

A BILL TO BAN GOLF COURSES

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 Article I: All land currently designated specifically for golfing as Recreational or Golf
3 Course District (GC) shall be acquired through eminent domain for conversion to
4 public housing or public parks, depending on environmental assessment.

5 Article II: A. Land designated for golfing shall include any land publicized within the past
6 five decades as hosting golfing-related activities more than three weeks of a
7 calendar year, and currently not used as either public housing or park-related
8 recreational space already.

9 B. Eminent domain acquisition shall involve just compensation for the owner,
10 not accounting for the portion of that property's value generated by the
11 government, including public water subsidies, tax breaks, and other subsidies
12 affecting the property's value throughout its existence.

13 Article III: This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2028.

14 Article IV: The Department of the Interior and the Environmental Protection Agency shall
15 be responsible for the enforcement of this bill.

16 Article V: All laws or portions of laws in conflict with this bill will hereby be declared null
17 and void.

*Respectfully submitted,
Anthony Molina Carrasco
Sarasota Military Academy*

THE REFUGEE PLACEMENT ACT

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- Article I: The Executive Branch of the United States shall have the authority to place accepted refugees in any location under the jurisdiction of the United States.
- Article II: No state or local government shall have the authority to reject or protest refugees placed within their jurisdictions as a result of this Act.
- Article III: The Department of Homeland Security shall be tasked with ensuring that all accepted refugees are properly vetted. This Act shall be enforced by the Department of Justice, which shall have the authority to determine and assign penalties for violations.
- Article IV: This Act will take effect immediately upon passage.
- Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted,
Hailey Antunez
Hillsborough High School*

A BILL TO CAP THE PRICE OF PHARMACEUTICAL DRUGS

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 Article I: The United States Government shall establish a nationwide price ceiling on all
3 prescription pharmaceutical drugs, capping retail prices at no more than 150% of
4 their documented production cost. All domestic pharmaceutical companies must
5 comply with this cap.

6 Article II: Let the following definitions be used as interpretations:

7 A. Pharmaceutical Drugs: any prescription medication regulated by the Food
8 and Drug Administration (FDA).

9 B. Pharmaceutical Companies: any company that produces, markets, or sells
10 prescription drugs.

11 C. Price Ceiling: the maximum amount a seller is legally permitted to charge for
12 the product.

13 Article III: The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) shall be responsible for
14 regulating the price ceilings.

15 A. The HHS shall enforce compliance (audits production costs, checks company
16 reports, fines violators).

17 B. Pharmaceutical companies will be given two years to transition to the new
18 ceiling through a gradual reduction process.

19 C. Companies failing to comply will face fines equal to 200% of profits made
20 above the mandated ceiling.

21 Article IV: This legislation shall take effect at the beginning of fiscal year 2027.

22 Article V: All other laws in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be declared null and
23 void.

Respectfully submitted,
Noam Weitzman
Newsome

A BILL TO IMPLEMENT RANKED CHOICE VOTING

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 Article I: All federal elections for the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate shall
3 use Ranked Choice Voting as the official method of casting votes.

4 Article II: Ranked Choice Voting shall be defined as a voting method in which voters rank
5 candidates in order of preference. If no candidate receives a majority of first-
6 choice votes, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated, and those votes
7 are redistributed to the next-highest ranked candidate on each ballot. This process
8 shall continue until one candidate receives a majority of the votes.

9 Article III: The Federal Election Commission (FEC), in coordination with the Election
10 Assistance Commission (EAC), shall oversee the implementation and
11 enforcement of this legislation.

12 A. The FEC shall establish uniform guidelines for Ranked Choice Voting
13 procedures in federal elections, including vote counting tabulation methods.

14 B. The EAC shall provide states with technical assistance and funding grants to
15 support the transition, implementation, and voter education related to Ranked
16 Choice Voting.

17 C. States failing to comply with the Ranked Choice Voting requirements by the
18 implementation deadline shall be subject to withholding of federal election-
19 related funds until full compliance is achieved.

20 Article IV: This legislation will take effect on January First, 2027.

21 Article V: All other laws in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be declared null and
22 void.

*Respectfully submitted,
Carlos Bonilla
Admiral Farragut Academy*

**A BILL TO PROMOTE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH
AMONG INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 Article I: An additional five hundred million dollars will be allocated to the Federal Bureau
3 of Prison's Health Services Division.

4 Article II: The Health Services Division is responsible for all medical and mental health
5 care provided for all adults in custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

6 Article III: The Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) shall oversee the implementation of this
7 legislation and ensure proper allocation of funding.

8 A. The Federal Bureau of Prisons shall issue annual reports to Congress on
9 compliance, including allocation of funds, staffing increases, and patient
10 outcomes.

11 Article IV: This legislation will take effect on January First, 2026.

12 Article V: All other laws in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be declared null and
13 void.

*Respectfully submitted,
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Admiral Farragut Academy*

**A BILL TO EXPAND CAREER EXPLORATION AND
WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 Article I: Public high schools shall establish and maintain robust programs to connect
3 junior and senior students with internships and volunteer opportunities in diverse
4 career fields, fostering practical work experience and career exploration.

5 Article II: A. "Internship" refers to a structured, supervised work experience, paid or
6 unpaid, that provides students with practical skills and knowledge related to a
7 specific career field.

8 B. "Volunteer opportunity" refers to unpaid service activities that allow students
9 to gain experience, contribute to the community, and explore career interests.

10 C. "Local business and organization" refers to any private or public entity,
11 including non-profits, within the school's geographic area capable of providing
12 relevant work experience.

13 Article III: A. The Department of Education shall oversee the implementation of these
14 programs, providing guidance and resources to school districts.

15 B. Schools shall receive federal funding to establish dedicated career
16 development coordinators who will serve as liaisons between schools, students,
17 and local businesses/organizations.

18 C. The funding shall be allocated from the federal education budget, with a total
19 of \$1.5 billion provided over five fiscal years (FY2028-FY2032) to support
20 coordinator salaries, program development, and student support.

21 D. The Department of Labor shall provide guidelines for safe and appropriate
22 work environments for student participants, ensuring compliance with child labor
23 laws while minimizing unnecessary administrative burdens for participating
24 businesses.

25 E. Schools failing to establish or maintain these programs, or to demonstrate
26 active efforts in connecting students with opportunities, shall be required to

27 submit a revised implementation plan to the Department of Education before
28 receiving additional funding..

29 Article IV: The provisions of this bill shall take effect on August 1, 2027.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Saurav Marri
Strawberry Crest High School

**A BILL TO REINSTATE FUNDING FOR THE
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION RESEARCH GRANTS**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 Article I: All research grants suspended by the National Science Foundation (NSF) in April
3 2025 shall be reinstated in full, including those focused on STEM education,
4 diversity, and the inclusion of underrepresented groups..

5 Article II: A. As used herein, “National Science Foundation Grants” shall include all
6 federally funded awards, contracts, or cooperative agreements administered by
7 the NSF to support scientific, educational, or technological research.

8 B. The NSF shall be prohibited from revoking active, previously awarded
9 research grants without congressional approval.

10 C. Funding for reinstated grants shall be drawn from the NSF’s annual
11 appropriation, with an additional \$1 billion designated to restore the suspended
12 projects and ensure their completion without reducing funding for new
13 initiatives.

14 Article III: A. The House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, in coordination
15 with the NSF Office of Inspector General shall be responsible for oversight and
16 enforcing the provisions of this bill.

17 B. An annual report shall be submitted by the NSF to Congress detailing the
18 allocation of reinstated funding, the amount distributed, the recipients, and the
19 progress of supported projects.

20 Article IV: The provisions of this bill shall take effect January 1, 2026.

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

*Respectfully submitted,
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