

A BILL TO REPEAL THE JONES ACT TO BOLSTER MARITIME COMMERCE AND TRANSPORTATION

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Jones Act, otherwise known as the Merchant Marine Act of 1920
3 (P.L 66-261), is hereby repealed.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Merchant Marine Act of 1920 is a United States federal statute
5 that regulates cabotage.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Transportation, the Department of Defense, and
7 the Department of Commerce shall oversee the execution of this
8 legislation.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect one month after passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Kai Qiang Chen
Stuyvesant High School*

**A BILL TO REAUTHORIZE THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK AND RE-SECURE AMERICAN JOBS AND
MANUFACTURING**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall reinstate the Import-Export Bank's charter for another
3 four years

4 **SECTION 2.** The Export-Import Bank is an independent government agency that
5 acts as the official export credit agency of the United States.

6 **SECTION 3.** The US treasury shall oversee any additional funding needed to
7 reactivate the bank.

8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect one month after passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Niels Graham
Stuyvesant High School*

A Resolution to Make Community College Free to Fix Education

WHEREAS, Community Colleges should be open for any and all to attend; and

WHEREAS, many perspective students cannot afford or do not believe they
can afford Community College; and

WHEREAS, a lack of college limits one's ability to gain access to higher-level
jobs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled make the following
recommendation to provide Federal funding to make community
College free.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Asher Lasday, Stuyvesant High School.

A RESOLUTION TO MODERNIZE FEDERAL COAL PROGRAM

1. **WHEREAS**, the federal coal program as it currently exists today is both broken and outdated; and,
2. **WHEREAS**, the last review and reforms to this important program occurred more than three years ago; and,
3. **WHEREAS**, efforts must be undertaken to re-evaluate the program and to ensure
4. taxpayers receive a fair return on this publicly-owned resource, to benefit them, and our country's environment; and,
5. **WHEREAS**, that this government acknowledges that current climate policies should not undermined or hindered due to cost or lack of government assistance; therefore, be it
6. **RESOLVED**, by the Congress here assembled that, a thorough review by a presidential task force or commission is needed to fully review and modernize this program; and, be it
7. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Congress shall appropriate a budget of 250 million dollars to do so.

Introduced by Montville Township High School

A Bill to Fully Lift the Arms embargo to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1: The United States of America will hereby no longer restrict the sale of weapons, arms and war materiel to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (SRV) due to the increasing belligerence of the Peoples Republic of China (PRC) and Republic of China (ROC) in the region of Southeast Asia.

Section 2: a. “Weapons, Arms and War materiel” being defined as any lethal or non-lethal military supplies, such as firearms, tanks, ammunition, or munitions and supplies.

Section 3: The Department of State will enforce the lifting of the embargo, while standard procedures will be used to ensure that the items sold to the SRV do not violate any of the laws of war.

Section 4: This legislation will be implemented within six months of its passing.

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

Respectfully Submitted, Theo Trevisan Princeton High School

A Bill to Invest in Thorium Nuclear Reactors

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States government will invest in nuclear energy with
3 thorium reactors;

4 **SECTION 2.** The liquid fluoride thorium reactor is a molten salt reactor that uses
5 the thorium nuclear cycle with a liquid salt for fuel;

6 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will have oversight from the US Department of Energy

7 A. 25 billion dollars will be invested each year in thorium energy
8 plants

9 B. Investments in natural gas will be decreased by 10% each year
10 from the previous year's investments, until the Department of
11 Energy believes it is necessary to cut investments completely

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented fiscal year 2017

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Max Porlein, Bronx Science

**A RESOLUTION TO STOP SYRIAN REFUGEES FROM ENTERING THE UNITED
STATES TO
Prevent ISIS Infiltration of the Country**

- WHEREAS,** The recent Syrian refugee crisis has caused countries around the world to agree to take in refugees; and
- WHEREAS,** The United States is among the nations that will take in a planned 10,000 refugees; and
- WHEREAS,** The dangerous Islamic State (ISIS) is active in the area from which the refugees will come; and
- WHEREAS,** The Islamic State may try to smuggle in ISIS operatives among these Syrian refugees; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled make the recommendation to not allow any Syrian refugees into the United States until the region of Syria is stabilized; and, be it
- FURTHER RESOLVED,** That immigration from Syria also be temporarily halted until the region is stabilized.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Thomas Crean
Chaminade High School*

A BILL TO END THE CUBAN TRADE EMBARGO

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The current trade embargo with Cuba shall be repealed. Cuba will no
3 longer be restricted by the Trading with the Enemy Act of 1917. The
4 Cuban Assets Control Regulations, the Cuban Democracy Act of 1992,
5 and the Helms-Burton Act of 1996 will be repealed.

6 **SECTION 2.** Trade embargo refers to the current restriction of trade and travel
7 with Cuba.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Commerce will overlook the enforcement of the
9 bill.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be enacted January 1st, 2016.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Christian Gagnon
Chaminade High School*

A BILL TO COUNTER RUSSIAN AGGRESSION

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Russian aggression in Eastern Europe will be countered by:

3 A. Rebuilding the sixth fleet of the U.S. Navy.

4 B. Building the intended United States missile defense complex in Poland also
5 known as the European Interceptor Site (EIS).

6 C. Conducting military exercises in the Baltic States.

7 **SECTION 2.** Military exercises will be defined as the employment of military resources
8 in training for military operations.

9 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Defense will oversee the implementation of this
10 bill. The U.S. Department of the Navy will oversee the rebuilding of the sixth fleet. The Missile
11 Defense Agency will oversee the building of the EIS. The U.S. Department of the Army will
12 conduct the military exercises in the Baltic States.

13 **SECTION 4.** Funding for these actions will be [provided by eliminating the F-35 fighter jets.

14 **SECTION 5.** This bill shall be implemented immediately upon its passing.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Andrew Hertlein
Chaminade High School*

