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Legislation for Chamber 1

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Eliminate Citizen's United

RESOLVED, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

ARTICLE --

SECTION 1a: Citizen's United has allowed very few people to control elections on the state and national level.

SECTION 1b: Apon approval, this will go to the Supreme Court where further debate over the constitutionality of Citizen's United will happen.

SECTION 2: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Senator Shane McHugh of Holy Ghost Prep

The Transportation and Economic Growth Act of 2015

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Federal Gasoline Tax will be raised to forty five cents per gallon. Forty percent of this revenue will continue to go to the federal highway system while sixty percent will go towards public transportation investment.

SECTION 2.

- A. Federal Gasoline tax shall be defined as a tax on every gallon of gasoline sold.
- B. Public Transportation shall be defined as buses, trains, subways, and other forms of transportation that charge set fares, run on fixed routes, and are available to the public.

SECTION 3. The Internal Revenue Service will hereby oversee the enforcement and collection of the Federal Gas Tax and transferring funds to the Department of Transportation.

- A. The Department of Transportation will be responsible for overseeing and distributing funds to states as necessary to improve their Public Transportation systems.
- B. States will be required to submit an annual report, to the Department of Transportation, on progress coming from these funds to ensure proper use of them.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect the first day of the first fiscal year after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate,

Rep. Joseph McCauley

Catholic Memorial School

A Bill To Assist an Anbar Awakening and Destroy ISIS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A. The United States shall deploy 50,000 ground troops into the Anbar region of Iraq with the goal of helping moderate Sunni tribes in the area fight and defeat ISIS.

B. These troops shall be allocated \$100 million to assist in training these tribes.

SECTION 2. Training shall be defined as any help not resulting in the transfer of weapons or other materials used to cause harm.

SECTION 3. The Department of Defense will be tasked with the execution and funding of this bill.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take immediately after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Asher Lasday, Stuyvesant High School

A RESOLUTION RATIFY THE TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP

1 **WHEREAS,** The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) is a landmark trade agreement that will
2 formalize trade relations among a group of countries that comprise 40% of
3 the world's GDP; and
4 **WHEREAS,** The TPP establishes clear rules and dispute-resolution processes among said
5 nations; and
6 **WHEREAS,** The TPP will open up many new markets for U.S. goods & services, and also
7 establishes important safeguards against international piracy of American
8 intellectual property; and
9 **WHEREAS,** The TPP will serve as a vital step in aligning Pacific nations with U.S.
10 interests and institutions instead of Chinese ones in the decades to come;
11 now, therefore, be it
12 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled shall ratify the Trans-Pacific
13 Partnership.

Respectfully Submitted,

Xavier High School

A Bill to Amend the National Minimum Drinking Age Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Any state in which the purchase or public possession of alcohol by anyone eighteen or older is illegal on account of age, or less than eighteen is legal, will lose 10% of their federal highway funding until they meet this qualification.

SECTION 2. Purchase, public possession, and federal highway funding will be defined according to the National Minimum Drinking Age Act.

SECTION 3. This bill shall be enforced beginning on January 1, 2020.

SECTION 4. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Michael Ryter, Newton South HS

LEGISLATION FOR CHAMBER 2

A Resolution to Close Military Bases in Japan

1 **WHEREAS,** The United States' presence with military bases in Japan, in addition to
2 United States personal stationed there, has caused increased tension with
3 the Japanese People; and

4 **WHEREAS,** the bases present no valuable or strategic position for the United States;
5 and

6 **WHEREAS,** overseas bases are a drain to the federal budget; and

7 **WHEREAS,** the United States is currently in a period of downsizing and consolidating
8 their military, be it

9 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled cancel all plans to construct new bases
10 in Japan; and, be it

11 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That all United States military bases in Japan will be closed.

Respectfully Submitted by the Iona Preparatory School

A Bill to Reduce Human Trafficking

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** The United States will take several actions in order to limit international and domestic human trafficking
- A. The United States government will carry out raids and increase investigation efforts in order to deal with domestic human trafficking
 - i. Sentence length will be increased for offenders caught carrying out human trafficking
 - B. The United States will have diplomatic talks with involved nations through the UN in order to take a multilateral approach to combat human trafficking
 - C. The United States in conjunction with other nations will send relief efforts to human trafficking hotspots, which shall include: China and Southeast Asia, Eastern Europe (including Albania, Bulgaria, Serbia, etc.), and Brazil.
 - D. The US will encourage other countries to increase military presence in human trafficking hotspots
 - E. \$3 billion will be taken from the US military fund in order to accomplish this
- SECTION 2.** Human trafficking will be defined as illegal modern day slavery, typically used for forced labor and/or sexual exploitation.
- SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services in conjunction with the Department of Homeland Security will oversee the enforcement of this bill.
- A. The Department of Justice will be in charge of overseeing Section 1A.
 - B. The Department of Homeland Security will assist all state forces with monetary methods and/or equipment in carrying out Section 1A
 - a. States that do not comply will be fined
- SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented by Jan 1, 2017.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate
Shelton Daal
Needham High School.*

A BILL TO ENFRANCHISE NON-VIOLENT FELONS

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All persons convicted of non-violent felonies, as well as self-defense, and
3 manslaughter, shall have their voting rights re-instated.

4 **SECTION 2.** Voting rights will be re-instated upon parole or probation, or after the
5 sentence has been completed.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Bill will be enforced by the U.S. Department of Justice.

7 **SECTION 4.** This Bill shall take effect June 1, 2016.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Nicholas DeVito of Poly Prep Country Day

**A RESOLUTION TO TERMINATE FUNDING FOR THE
F-35 JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER PROGRAM**

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The F-35 is the largest single expense in the Department of Defense budget,
2 and figures to be so for the foreseeable future; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Due to inherent design issues, the F-35 is likely to be inferior to the most
4 modern Russian and Chinese jets during its lifetime; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The performance envelope of the F-35 demonstrates a modest progression
6 over legacy platforms at enormous cost; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The pursuit of the F-35 program has come at the expense of replacing the
8 legacy interceptors (AIM-9/120 families) with modern SRAAM (short range
9 air-to-air missile) and air breathing BVRAAM (beyond visual range air-to-air
10 missile); and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** The history of tri-service programs has shown these programs to produce
12 over budget weapons platforms compromised to needs of all end users;
13 therefore be it
- 14 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled shall seek to end funding for
15 procurement of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter by the Department of Defense.

Respectfully submitted,

Xavier High School

A Bill to Require Vaccinations of Children Attending Public Schools to Minimize the Risk of Infectious Diseases

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Students shall be required to receive certain mandatory vaccinations recommended by the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) before entering public school systems to minimize the risk of infectious disease.

SECTION 2. “Public school systems” are free, tax-supported systems of primary and secondary education controlled by a local governmental authority. “Infectious disease” shall hereby be defined as the illness caused by the invasion of body tissue by pathogens.

SECTION 3. The United States Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee implementation of this bill.

- A. Students will be required to receive the following vaccinations: tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis, human papillomavirus, meningococcal conjugate, influenza, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, inactivated polio, mumps, measles, rubella, and varicella.

SECTION 4. This bill shall be implemented six months after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jake Tibbetts, Sacred Heart High School.

LEGISLATION FOR CHAMBER 3

A Resolution to Integrate Yemen Into The Gulf Cooperation Council

1 **WHEREAS,** Conflict and terrorism in the Arab Gulf is at an all-time high with
2 suspected funding from Yemenis governmental officials; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Al-Qaeda's operations in the Arab Peninsula are continually growing
4 with Yemen involvement to be highly likely; and

5 **WHEREAS,** The current threat is increasingly prevalent to US diplomacy in the
6 region and prevents cooperation with the region; and

7 **WHEREAS,** Yemen has offered to stop such infractions in return for acceptance
8 into the regions Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC); now, therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled request that Yemen be integrated
10 into The Gulf Cooperation Council in return for halting interactions
11 with state sponsored terror.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Raisbeck Aviation High School.

A Bill to Regulate the Use of Domestic Drones

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** Regulations will be created and enforced for all domestic Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs).
- SECTION 2.** An Unmanned Aerial Vehicle for domestic use shall be defined as a drone used for public and civil operations.
- SECTION 3.** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will oversee this passage of this legislation.
- A. \$1 billion dollars shall be reallocated from the US Defense Budget, to a division within FAA to be established with the implementation of this legislation, which will deal solely with improving the regulations on public and civil operations UAVs.
 - B. The FAA will create the Rules of Civil and Commercial Application of UAVs and the Rules of Public Application and update them every year.
 - C. The FAA will have jurisdiction over police drones and regulate their usage.
 - a. Under the Rules of Public Application, police drones are to only be used with probable cause and the issuance of a warrant.
- SECTION 4.** This law will be implemented within one year of its passage.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by
Rep. Maximilian Porlein
The Bronx High School of Science.*

A Bill To Legalize All Drugs and End the Drug War

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A. The United States shall legalize the possession of recreational amounts of the following drugs less than or equal to: 25 g Cannabis, 10 g Opium, 5 g Hashish, 2.5 g Cannabis Oil, 2 g Cocaine (Hydrochloride), 2 g Morphine, 1 g MDMA, 1 g Heroin, 1 g Methadone, 1 g Amphetamine, 0.5 g Pure THC, 0.3 g Cocaine (Benzoylcegonine), 0.1 g PCP, and 500 µg LSD.

B. Persons caught in possession of quantities larger than what is specified shall be punished as if they were selling drugs

C. Funding from the Mérida Initiative and the Central America Regional Security Initiative (CARSI) will be diverted to improve and build new drug rehabilitation centers and syringe and Needle exchange programs will be established

SECTION 2. This legislation is modeled after Portugal's law 30/2000

SECTION 3. The Drug Enforcement Administration and The Department of Health and Human Services will be tasked with the execution of this bill

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect one year after passage

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Niels Graham, Stuyvesant High School

A Bill to Fund Deep Space Exploration

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States will increase funding for NASA by \$6 billion/yr to
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3 research deep space exploration technology

4 **SECTION 2.** Deep space exploration technology means research and development of
5 technology to allow for astronauts to travel into deep space and possibly establish a colony
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7 on another planet.

8 **SECTION 3.** The House Oversight Committee's Subcommittee on Government
9 Operations will be responsible for overseeing this legislation
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11 A. After three years, the Subcommittee on Government Operations will
12 audit NASA's deep space exploration research to make sure funds are
13 being used appropriately
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15 B. The Subcommittee may recommend if funds are not being used
16 appropriately that a vote be taken to defund this program after four years
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18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be enacted at the start of the following fiscal year and
19 will be in effect for ten years

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jack Schroeder of Delbarton School.

A BILL TO A Bill to Restructure the Counter-ISIS Coalition

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The American coalition with Arab and European countries shall be
3 reformed with the inclusion of key actors and the military support of
4 Europe.

5 **A.** Military relations with Turkey and Iran shall be strengthened and
6 formalized, for the purpose of advancing the fight against ISIS

7 **B.** The alliance with the Gulf-Arab states shall be heavily monitored and
8 overseen to prevent the misallocation of aid packages.

9 **C.** Request the increase of military aid from European nations without
10 restrictions.

11 **D.** Israeli humanitarian and military aid will be integrated into the
12 coalition.

13 **SECTION 2.** The current coalition shall be supplanted with the new agreement
14 between the involved states. All current coalition members shall be
15 included, although the roles some nations play now may change so as
16 to fit the landscape of the new coalition.

17 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense and the Department of State shall enforce
18 this bill.

19 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect 91 days after passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Faisal Younus
Syosset High School*

Reserve Legislation

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16 vote be taken to defund this program after four years

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be enacted at the start of the following fiscal year and
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19 will be in effect for ten years

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jack Schroeder of Delbarton School.

A Bill to Ban Private Prisons

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Private prisons will hereby be banned throughout the United States in a
2 phased manner.

3 **SECTION 2.** All prisons held or controlled by non-government entities will be barred
4 from holding inmates of the United States criminal justice system. Given the propensity of
5 private prisons, the federal and state governments will have until 2018 to take over
6 prisons.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Justice Department will oversee the implementation of this bill.

8 A. Any states that refuse to take over private state or county prisons will
9 be stripped of all federal highway funds.

10 B. Any stripping of highway funds will be handled by the Department of
11 Transportation.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect immediately, with all private prisons set to be
13 closed by January 1, 2018.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jack Schroeder of Delbarton School.

A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE JUDICIARY

1 **WHEREAS,** The nature of the judicial system as a distinct and independent branch
2 of government has significantly deteriorated since its inception; and
3 **WHEREAS,** Political influence is present from Presidential appointment of judges;
4 and
5 **WHEREAS,** Such influence inhibits the right enjoyed by all Americans to an
6 unbiased and impartial trial process; and now, therefore, be it
7 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following
8 article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United
9 States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the
10 Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the
11 several states within seven years from the date of its submission by
12 the Congress:

ARTICLE III

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14 SECTION 1: The Chief Justice of the United States shall be chosen by
15 Electors possessing requisite qualifications established
16 in Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution of the United
17 States.

- 18 A. The Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the
19 United States shall be appointed by the Chief Justice of
20 the United States with the Advice and Consent of the
21 Senate to hold their Offices during good behavior.
22 B. Judges of inferior federal Courts shall be appointed
23 upon agreement of a majority of Justices of the
24 Supreme Court, serving as the chief administrative
25 body of the Judiciary, with the Advice and Consent of
26 the Senate to hold their Offices during good behavior.
27 C. No person shall be Chief Justice who has not been
28 fourteen years a Citizen of the United States.

SECTION 2: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
appropriate legislation.

*Respectfully submitted,
Iona Preparatory School*

