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BARKLEY FORUM FOR HIGH SCHOOLS 2017 Congressional Debate Packet

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Memo to Coaches:

In response to unbalanced chambers in past years, the BFHS Congressional Tab has decided to create two groups of legislation. There are advantages to this change.

1. This helps to ensure that there are no constraints to moving students in and out of chambers when balancing chambers. The tab room's goal is for there to be no participant movement after Friday, January 20, 2017.
2. This also provides an equal amount of time for participants to prep for legislation and an equal opportunity to sponsor a piece of legislation. We have posted legislation earlier than in past years to account for the greater amount of legislation for which participants will need to prep.
3. We hope that this decision increases the chance of your students advancing out of chambers, due to equal opportunities.

We understand that several Congressional Debate competitors participate in conversations prior to the start of the tournament. The docket of legislation will be determined during the "Ways and Means" meetings. Parliamentarians will be encouraged to determine if there was an equal opportunity to participate in the discussion of the order of the docket. If all students are not included, we will ensure that the chamber will re-determine the order in the presence of the parliamentarian.

Houses 1, 3, 4, 5, and 10 should prepare for the "Barkley" docket (as indicated in the top right-hand corner of the legislation). Houses 2, 6, 7, 8, and 9 should prepare for the "Forum" docket.

Please be reminded that only coaches should be emailing the tab before, during, and after the tournament. Student emails will be not answered.

During the tournament if there is a question, please email both congressbfhs@gmail.com and emorybfhs@gmail.com.

Coaches/Sponsors:

1. **Please confirm your school's entry is accurate:** all entries should be assigned to a chamber, and legislation submitted should be in the legislative docket for the same chamber as its author. Email problems, questions or concerns to: congressbfhs@gmail.com.
2. **Chamber Assignments, Dockets, and Agendas:** In this packet, you will find chamber assignments. Please confirm your school's entry is accurate – that all entries have been assigned to a chamber, and that legislation submitted is assigned to the same chamber as its author. Each chamber has a been docket of legislation, marked by the chamber type (Barkley or Forum) next to the legislation number. Each chamber will set its agenda with a majority vote. If a chamber has debated and taken action on the legislation assigned to its docket, it may use the alternative docket – Barkley: Forum/ Forum: Barkley- and caucus to propose an agenda order for additional legislation.
3. Please distribute this packet to each student and judge. No printed copies will be available. **Also, all contestants must know their school's code and entry code**, so that ballots can be recorded properly. Please check Tabroom.com for student codes.
4. **Any CHANGES to contestants and judges must be:**
 - a. Entered on Tabroom.com **AND**
 - b. Emailed to congressbfhs@gmail.com
5. Please make sure your judges are trained: see <http://www.speechanddebate.org/asp/video.aspx?id=1236>. All judges should read requirements for **serving as a parliamentarian**, and be ready to do so if asked.



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Tournament Rules

1. **Rules provided herein are primary;** followed by National Speech and Debate Association rules. These ensure procedural consistency among chambers, and cannot be altered or suspended. Where these rules are silent, Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 11th edition shall prevail.
2. **Competition Spaces:** chambers violating these rules will not advance students to the next competition level.
 - a. **DO NOT write on whiteboards/chalkboards.** An agenda report is given to each chamber for writing agenda order, and voting record. PO candidates should clearly say and spell their names aloud.
 - b. **DO NOT move furniture.** Seating charts are customized to eat room's design. Please throw away trash.
 - c. **DO NOT bring food into chambers, except water.** Please eat in common areas/cafeterias.

3. **Decorum:** Each preliminary chamber is designated as a house; members are referred to as “Representatives.” Semifinal and final chambers are senates; members are referred to as “Senators.” “Open chambers” are prohibited.
4. **Evidence and Technology:**
 - a. Visual aids are permitted in Congressional Debate, provided they do not require electronic retrieval devices in the chamber.
 - b. All evidence used is subject to verification. Honesty and integrity are of utmost importance in legislative debate. Falsification or deliberate misuse of evidence may result in the legislator being suspended by the tournament.
 - c. National Speech and Debate Association rules allow for laptop computers (inclusive of tablets/iPads) in debate events. Judges will monitor students and may elect to penalize students using laptops for non-Congress related business in chambers by choosing not to rank them, as well as deduct points. Cell phones or other devices that are networked are not allowed while a chamber is in session. Use of any device is subject to judge evaluation; serious infractions will be reported to the tab room. No extension cords will not be provided from tournament administrators. Laptops must operate using their battery during the sessions can only be charged in between sessions and
5. **Presiding Officer (PO):** POs are elected for each three-hour session by a single-ballot, majority vote, and may only be considered for one preliminary session unless no one else wishes to serve. The elected PO may choose to relinquish the chair once during debate to give a single speech. S/he must select from among other students who were candidates for election that session. Those students have the option of declining, and once no candidates remain, the PO may select another student. If no one wishes to replace the elected PO, s/he may not step down. A replacement PO must serve for the remainder of debate on the particular bill or resolution to which the elected PO speaks. Once debate has ended, and the replacement PO has called a vote on the legislation, the elected PO relieves the replacement PO, and serves out the rest of his/her term. When this happens, the PO may only receive up to half credit in presiding points, but her/his speech will be evaluated as well. A substitute PO is not eligible for points or evaluation by the judges.
6. **Agenda and Sessions:** Each chamber sets its own agenda for preliminary sessions through informal caucus. The proposed agenda must receive approval by a simple majority vote of the chamber. Debate on each legislation will be fixed at one hour and a half (90 minutes), after which time has elapsed, the presiding officer must force the previous question (this rule may not be suspended). Debate on legislation may not continue from one session to the next (i.e. Sessions 2 and 3 must start with new legislation not previously debated in that chamber). Precedence in the order of bills will be given to bill in which of the author of the bill is in the chamber. This right does not apply to “sister chambers” legislation if legislation from that same school has already been debated in that chamber. If the author of a bill or resolution is not present in the chamber, withdraws from the tournament, or relinquishes authorship rights, then a sponsorship speech is in order.
7. **Floor Speeches:** Precedence and recency is the required method for recognizing speakers. Speaking order resets at the end of each session. Presiding officers are prohibited from using “activity” or “longest standing/standing time” prior to establishing precedence and recency; rather, they should select speakers fairly and consistently. All speeches are three minutes; unused speaking time is not rolled into questioning periods.

8. Questioning:

- a. After authorship/sponsorship, and first negative speeches on each legislation is a two-minute period.
- b. All other speeches are followed by a one-minute questioning period.
- c. Semis and finals use direct questioning (www.congressionaldebate.org/directquestioning)
- d. The PO recognizes legislators who wish to ask a question; the floor speaker may not perform this function him/herself.
- e. Rules may not be suspended to create permanent questioning periods or to abolish questioning periods.
- f. The PO should rule “two-part,” misleading, prefaced, or irrelevant questions out of order.

9. Penalties

- a. **Authorship:** A scorer may reduce points given to the author of a bill/resolution for his/her authorship speech if the legislation contains factual/grammatical errors (no penalty for incorrect formatting).
- b. **Over Time:** Any regular floor speech that extends more than ten (10) seconds beyond the maximum speaking time of three minutes shall be penalized one (1) full point by the scorer(s). The PO is required to keep the accurate time of each speech and report it to the scorer(s) when the speaker has finished. Judges shall penalize a PO for inaccurate timing and/or reporting. Additionally, judges are instructed to consider overtime speaking in their assessment of legislators for nomination/ranking purposes.
- c. **Wrong Side Speech:** A speaker recognized for a speech in the affirmative but delivers a speech in negation (or vice versa) should be ruled out of order by the PO after confirming with the parliamentarian. The speech shall count for purposes of recency, but receives zero points from the scorer.

10. Voting:

The PO determines method of voting on each question before the chamber. Notes on voting:

- a. Final votes on legislation, amendments, and motions to appeal the chair require a recorded vote.
- b. Voice voting is acceptable for all other votes, but a recorded vote must be taken if any legislator calls for a division of the chamber.
- c. Roll call votes are prohibited.
- d. All simple majority votes are based upon the number of legislators present and voting in the chamber; therefore, the PO does not need to call for or count abstentions.
- e. For all votes requiring a fraction of the chamber to agree to a motion or question (2/3, 1/3, 1/5, etc.), the chair determines whether the chamber agrees with the motion/question using the number of legislators present in the chamber at the time of the vote. Because of this system, the PO must track the number of legislators in the chamber at all times.

11. Amendment Process:

- a. Legislators submit amendments to the PO in writing, by moving personal privilege to approach the PO.
- b. A motion to amend is necessary to consider the written amendment; such a motion is in order anytime after the author/sponsor speech. Once the motion is made, the PO decides if the amendment is germane. The PO may consult with the parliamentarian to make this decision. If the amendment is deemed to be not germane, the chair rules it out of order and the amendment process stops. If the chair rules the amendment germane, s/he should read the contents of the amendment to the chamber.

- c. A one-third second vote of members present in the chamber is required to debate the amendment. If the chamber votes a second, debate on the amendment commences immediately. Legislators may move to lay on the table or previous question on the amendment at any time.
- d. If a speech on the amendment is recognized, the first is a sponsorship speech. The chair determines speaker recognition for the sponsorship speech on the basis of precedence/recency; the author of the amendment is not guaranteed the sponsorship speech. The sponsor accepts responsibility for the mechanics of the amendment and yields to two minutes of questioning.
- e. All amendment speeches receive a score and count towards precedence/recency. Those speeches should focus on the amendment itself, and how it affects the original outcome of the legislation. A majority vote is necessary for the chamber to adopt the amendment. If the amendment carries, further debate should consider the legislation as amended.

12. New Requirement: Every student in a prelims chamber must speak for the results of the chamber to count for any of the participants to advance to the semifinals and the final exhibition. While we realize the latter change might not be in keeping with the norms at some tournaments, we have made the change because we want students to understand that we believe deeply in the power of public speech. We want to encourage the young people who have made the commitment to come to this tournament that they should use their voices and powers of persuasion to practice and hone the valuable rhetorical skills that are so needed in our world today.

Evaluation: Speeches are scored on a scale of 1-6, with 6 being the best. Presiding officers are judged on a scale of 2-12, with 12 being the best. Judges rank the top eight speakers in the chamber; the presiding officer may or may not be included in the top eight. Advancement from preliminary rounds to tutorials, as well as placement, will follow National Speech and Debate Association Congressional Debate protocols for cumulative rank tabulation. The top third of each chamber from the preliminary rounds will advance to the semifinals. The top third of each chamber from the semifinal rounds will advance to the finals.

2017 SCHEDULE FOR CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE

Friday, January 27, 2017

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| 10:00 – 11:30 | Registration | Marriott |
| 10:30 – 11:30 | Emory College Admissions Session <i>(pre-registration required)</i> | Marriott Ballroom |
| 11:30 – 1:00 | Opening Awards Assembly | Marriott Ballroom |
| 4:15 | Congressional Debate Judge Meeting | Emory – White Hall 208 |
| 4:30 - 4:45 | Presiding Officer Selection Congress Ways and Means Meetings in Chambers | Emory |
| 5:00 – 7:30 | Congress Preliminary Session One | Emory |

Saturday, January 28, 2017

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| 8:00 – 10:30 | Congress Preliminary Session Two | Emory |
| 10:30 | Lunch on Own | |
| 12:00 – 3:00 | Congress Preliminary Session Three | Emory |
| 4:00 | Breaks posted outside WH 200 | Emory |
| 4:15 – 4:30 | Presiding Officer Selection, Set Agenda in Chambers | Emory |
| 4:30 – 7:30 | Congressional Debate Semifinals | Emory |
| 8:20 | Breaks posted outside WH 200 | Emory |

Sunday, January 29, 2017*

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| 9:30 – 10:00 | Exhibition Opening Assembly | Candler School of Theology (Rita Anne Rollins Building) Rm 252 |
| 10:15 – 11:45 | Congressional Debate Exhibition, Part One | Emory |
| 1:00 – 2:30 | Congressional Debate Exhibition, Part Two | Emory |
| 7:00 | The PRESENTATION of the SILVER KEYS and supportive awards | WHSCAB |

The start time of the Presentation of the Silver Keys and supportive awards is ESTIMATED.

ALL BALLOTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AFTER THE SILVER KEY ASSEMBLY HAS CONCLUDED ELECTRONICALLY!

Legislative Docket and Chamber Roster

The legislative docket for each chamber is noted with the roster of students for each chamber. Once a chamber completes debate on all items assigned to its docket, it can take up items from its “Sister Chambers” docket. Sister chambers are listed directly across from one another.

The Chamber Roster and competitor codes can be found on Tabroom.com, under Congress Session One.

| Chamber | | DOCKET |
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| House 1 | ↔ | Barkley |
| House 2 | ↔ | Forum |
| House 3 | ↔ | Barkley |
| House 4 | ↔ | Barkley |
| House 5 | ↔ | Barkley |
| House 6 | ↔ | Forum |
| House 7 | ↔ | Forum |
| House 8 | ↔ | Forum |
| House 9 | ↔ | Forum |
| House 10 | ↔ | Barkley |



A Bill to Amend the Energy Policy Act to Hydraulic Fracking Safer

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Sections 962 and 963 of the Energy Policy act of 2005, otherwise
2 known as the “Halliburton Loophole” are repealed. The EPA will now
3 be able to monitor and regulate chemicals used by private companies
4 in the hydraulic fracking process

5 **SECTION 2.** Hydraulic Fracking shall be defined as the practice of fracturing rock
6 formations with water and chemicals to extract fossil fuels.
7 Regulation shall be defined as holding hydraulic fracking companies
8 to current protocol established by the EPA.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency will oversee the
10 Implementation of this bill
11 The EPA will now oversee Hydraulic Fracking under the guidelines
12 established by the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974 and the Clean
13 Water Act of 1972.

14 **SECTION 4.** This law will go into effect by the end of 2017.

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

17 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Grapevine High School, Texas.*



A Bill to Regulate Packaging Processes Nationwide to Reduce Packaging Waste

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will institute strict regulations and
2 promote green processes to reduce the amount of waste produced by
3 packaging processes by granting the EPA increased power to audit and
4 regulate food packaging and waste processes; by providing financial
5 incentives through tax credits to corporations to reduce packaging waste;
6 by requiring all states to implement California's Extended Producer
7 Responsibility (EPR) initiative; and by increasing funding by 10% to EPA
8 promoted environmental protection programs regarding waste
9 management.

10 **SECTION 2.** EPA—Environmental Protection Agency; California's EPR—places a
11 shared responsibility for end-of-life product management on producers
12 and all entities involved in the product chain instead of the general
13 public; encourages product design changes that minimize a negative
14 impact on human health and the environment at every stage of the
15 product's life cycle

16 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy, the EPA, and the U. S. Securities and Exchange
17 Commission will oversee the enforcement and implementation of this Bill.

18 **SECTION 4.** This Bill shall take effect on January 1, 2018.

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

20 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Brentwood High School*



A Bill to Implement Gender Studies Courses Into High School Curriculum

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Gender Studies courses will become a part of the common core
2 curriculum and become a mandatory high school credit.

3 **SECTION 2.** Gender Studies courses will be courses designed to inform students about
4 gender identity as well as the ideas surrounding gender identity.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee implementation of this bill.

6 A. The Department of Education will create the curriculum for gender
7 studies based on college courses.

8 B. If any school does not implement this curriculum by the specified
9 timeframe, all federal funding of the school will be cut.

10 C. These courses will not be required for students graduating in the year
11 2017 or 2018

12 **SECTION 4.** The curriculum in this bill will be implemented as a required course for
13 graduation by the year 2019.

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

15 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hattiesburg High School.*



A Bill to End the Sanctions on Sudan in Order to Create a More Effective Policy

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The economic sanctions currently placed on Sudan by the United States
2 have not proven to be effective, and therefore a more aggressive policy is
3 necessary.

4 **SECTION 2.** The sanctions on Sudan, that have been enforced since 1997, have only
5 exacerbated the human rights violations and violence perpetrated by the
6 Sudanese government. In order to properly address the issues still facing
7 the citizens of Sudan, a more focused policy needs to be created.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Office of Foreign Assets Control will be responsible for overseeing
9 the implementation of this bill. Following the enactment of this
10 legislation, there will be a six-month period for the department to
11 develop a more effective plan to replace the current sanctions and
12 propose it to Congress. Should it be passed, then the sanctions will be
13 removed and the new legislation will be in place.

14 A. If, at the end of the six month period, a new plan approved by
15 Congress has not been created yet, then a three month period will
16 allow a temporary bill to be passed that will minimize the damage
17 being inflicted upon the Sudanese citizens currently as a result of
18 the sanctions.

19 **SECTION 4.** This law shall go into effect at the start of the fiscal year 2017.

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

21 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pennsbury High School.*



A Bill to Strengthen Relations with Venezuela

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall remove the individual sanctions in favor of
2 diplomatic talks aimed at improving human rights and strengthening
3 trade relations with Venezuela.

4 **SECTION 2.** Individual sanctions shall be defined as the sanctions placed through an
5 executive order on the seven Venezuelan government officials accused of
6 violating human rights and participating in consistent corrupt behavior.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State will oversee the enforcement of the bill;
8 A. If the humanitarian situation in Venezuela does not improve after one
9 year of diplomatic talks, the sanctions will be reinstated.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented on October 1, 2017.

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

12 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dreyfoos High School.*



The Justice Reform Act of 2017

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Steps shall be taken to improve justice in America.

2 **SECTION 2. A.** \$2.5 billion annually shall be allocated amongst all states and
3 territories, proportional to population, to allow for the hiring and proper
4 salary increase of public defenders in every legal jurisdiction.

5 **B.** Bail for misdemeanor offenses shall not be imposed at greater than 1%
6 of the defendant's annual income in any legal jurisdiction. Bail for felony
7 offenses shall not be imposed at greater than 5% of the defendant's
8 annual income in any legal jurisdiction.

9 **C.** Forensic hair analysis, bite mark analysis, and fingerprint analysis shall
10 not be admissible as evidence in any court of any legal jurisdiction.

11 **SECTION 3. A.** The Department of Justice shall be responsible for enforcing the
12 provisions of this bill.

13 **B.** Any legal jurisdiction not in compliance with the provisions of this bill
14 shall be ineligible for 50% of all federally-provided justice-related
15 funding, and all funding under this bill.

16 **SECTION 4.** Sections 2B and 2C shall be enforced immediately upon passage. Funding
17 specified in Section 2A shall be first allocated on October 1, 2017.

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

19 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by King High School.*



A Resolution to Reduce the Threat of Nuclear Arms Globally

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **Whereas,** From past domestic and foreign policy initiatives it has been shown that
2 nuclear arms prove a threat to global security; and

3 **Whereas,** Threats of nuclear warfare have been preventing any significant foreign
4 policy action in regards to rebuilding relations with international rivals;
5 and

6 **Whereas,** Global peace talks are the only solution so countries are not paranoid
7 about other countries' nuclear stockpile; and

8 **Whereas,** The interests of the US are at risk if we do not act soon and swiftly; now,
9 therefore, be it

10 **Resolved,** That the Congress here assembled form international peace talks with
11 North Korea, China, Iran, and Russia for the express purpose of phasing
12 out nuclear weapons programs, (that being the production of nuclear
13 weapons), dismantling stockpiles of nuclear weapons, and disposing of
14 stockpiles of fissile material used to make nuclear weapons mutually.

15 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Wellington High School.*



A Bill to Invest in Renewable Energy Technologies

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall hereby subsidize the institution and
2 implementation of renewable energy technologies as energy sources
3 in fossil-fuel dependant states.

4 **A.** \$20 billion shall be allocated annually to aforementioned
5 subsidization over a period of 10 years.

6 **SECTION 2.** “Fossil fuel dependant states” refers to states in which renewable
7 energy sources comprise less than 9% of their respective annual net
8 total energy generation.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy will oversee the proper and effective use
10 of aforementioned subsidization. Subsidization shall include but not
11 be limited to,

12 **A.** Direct production compensation

13 **a.** Including infrastructure construction and material
14 investments

15 **B.** Subsidized loans

16 **C.** Research and development fundi

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2017.

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

19 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by East Chapel Hill High School.*



A Bill to enact H.R 3054 to enact Certain Glass-Steagall Act Protections that were repealed by the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Be it enacted the full context of H.R. 3054 to reduce risks to the financial
2 system by limiting banks' ability to engage in certain risky activities and
3 limiting conflicts of interest.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Glass – Steagall Act shall be defined as an act the U.S. Congress passed
5 in 1933 as the Banking Act, which prohibited commercial banks from
6 participating in the investment banking business, among other purposes.
7 Risky activities shall be defined as dealing in non-governmental securities
8 for customers, investing in non-investment grade securities for
9 themselves, underwriting or distributing non-governmental securities,
10 and/or affiliating (or sharing employees) with companies involved in
11 such activities. The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act shall be defined as the
12 requirement that companies that offer consumers financial products or
13 services like loans, financial or investment advice, or insurance – to
14 explain their information- sharing practices to their customers and to
15 safeguard sensitive data, among other purposes.

16 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Reserve Board shall be responsible for the implementation of
17 this legislation.

18 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect January 1st, 2018.

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

20 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Apopka High School.*



A Resolution to Permit Pharmacists to Prescribe Birth Control

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **WHEREAS,** 70% of women in their childbearing years are sexually active and do
2 not wish to become pregnant; and

3 **WHEREAS,** unplanned pregnancies cost U.S. taxpayers \$12 billion annually; and

4 **WHEREAS,** seeking birth control from a physician's office can be time-consuming,
5 expensive, and inconvenient for women; and

6 **WHEREAS,** easier access to effective birth control will decrease the number of
7 unwanted pregnancies and abortions; now, therefore, be it

8 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled permit pharmacists to
9 prescribe birth control such as pills, injections, and patches to women
10 18 years and older upon submission of a written medical history and
11 consultation

12 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rossvie High School.*



A Bill to Repeal the Farm Bill

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall repeal the 2014 Farm Bill, including its Price
2 Loss Coverage and Agriculture Risk Coverage programs.

3 **SECTION 2.** The 2014 Farm Bill expands subsidies for crop insurance, costing the
4 government \$90 billion over ten years, an increase of \$7 billion from
5 the 2008 Farm Bill.

6 **A.** The Farm Bill encourages the production of food with the use of
7 pesticides and fertilizers.

8 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture shall oversee enforcement.

9 **SECTION 4.** This law shall become effective on January 25, 2017.

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

12 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Western High School.*



A Bill to Establish No-Excuse National Early Voting

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Each state shall establish no-excuse early voting for any qualified
2 electors in all 50 states of the United States of America.

3 **SECTION 2.** A qualified elector is any voter who meets the qualifications outlined
4 in the state codes. Excuse shall be defined as the reason a qualified
5 elector is not available to vote on the regular Election Day. Early
6 voting shall be defined as the process by which qualified electors can
7 vote prior to the regularly scheduled Election Day.

8 **SECTION 3.** Any qualified elector can vote early beginning thirty (30) days before
9 the established Election Day at the Circuit or Municipal Clerk's Office
10 of each state's respective county or parish during work hours. Any
11 qualified elector shall be able to vote prior to the established Election
12 Day without presenting an excuse, provided the qualified elector
13 presents valid photo identification.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect before the next presidential election,
15 held in November 2020.

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

18 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Madison Central High School.*



A Bill to Reduce Persecution in Burma

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** A. The United States shall enforce current, and instate new, targeted
2 sanctions via import restrictions, investment bans, and visa bans against all
3 military-controlled entities and groups persecuting the Rohingya.
- 4 B. USAID shall commit 100 million dollars in humanitarian and government-
5 support aid to be distributed in conjunction with the current government,
6 and/or non-governmental organizations (NGO's).
- 7 **SECTION 2.** A. "Humanitarian aid" shall be defined as water, food, and medicine given to
8 resettlement camps in Burma, Thailand, Indonesia, and Malaysia.
- 9 B. "Government-support aid" shall be defined as aid with the intent to
10 promote the current democratically elected government.
- 11 **SECTION 3.** USAID and the Department of State will enforce this legislation.
- 12 **A.** The sanctions shall be lifted if the Burmese government has issued the
13 following reforms: granted citizenship and the right to vote to the Rohingya,
14 and curtailed persecution of the Rohingya.
- 15 **B.** The Department of State will oversee biannual checks of the aid to
16 determine its effectiveness.
- 17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented within 90 days of passage.
- 18 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
- 19 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Charlotte Latin School.*



A Bill to Implement a Financial Transaction Tax to Fund the Affordable Care Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government shall implement a financial
2 transaction tax to raise money for the Affordable Care Act. Furthermore,
3 the Cadillac Tax of the Affordable Care Act will hereby be repealed.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Financial Transaction Tax shall be defined as a 0.1% tax in regards to
5 financial exchanges of stocks, bonds, derivatives, futures, options, and
6 credit default swaps.

7 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be overseen and enforced by the US Department of Health
8 and Human Services, the SEC, and the Internal Revenue Service.

9 A. The Department of Health and Human Services shall be in charge of
10 directing the revenue to fund the Affordable Care Act.

11 B. The Internal Revenue Service shall be in charge of collecting revenue
12 and enforcing this bill.

13 C. The SEC will be in charge of overseeing regulation of security and
14 stock exchanges.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect at the start of the fiscal year 2018.

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

17 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Seven Lakes High School.*



A Bill to Allow Felons to Vote After the Completion of Their Sentence

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The government of the United States shall allow felons to vote in all states
2 following the completion of their sentence.

3 **SECTION 2.** Felon shall be defined as a criminal convicted of a serious crime.

4 Sentence shall be defined as the final explicit act of a judge-ruled process.

5 **SECTION 3.** The implementation of this legislation will be overseen by the
6 Department of Justice.

7 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented on January 1, 2018.

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

9 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by York Catholic High School.*



A Resolution to Promote Foreign Languages in Elementary Schools

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **WHEREAS,** Currently it is not mandatory for elementary schools to have foreign
2 languages in their curriculum.

3 **WHEREAS,** Studies have shown that languages are best learned at an early age; and

4 **WHEREAS,** other competing foreign countries teach their students at least one other
5 language from an early age; and

6 **WHEREAS,** knowing multiple languages is beneficial in today's job market; now,
7 therefore,

8 **BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Student Congress here assembled that in beginning the
9 2017-2018 school year, all elementary schools should incorporate at least
10 one foreign language into their curriculum for grades K-5, every
11 semester.

12 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Achievement First Brooklyn High School.*



A Resolution to Formally Declare Support for and Assist the Kurdish People in Order to Fix a Broken Promise

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **WHEREAS,** The Kurdish People were promised land by the Western Allies (including
2 the United States) after World War One in the 1920 Treaty of Sevres.

3 **WHEREAS,** This was later contradicted in the Treaty of Lausanne, in which the
4 modern borders of Turkey were set.

5 **WHEREAS,** The Kurdish people were left with nowhere to go, but have the highest
6 concentration in Turkey, making up approximately 25% of the
7 population.

8 **WHEREAS,** In Turkey, the Kurds have experienced nothing but oppression and
9 mistreatment.

10 **WHEREAS,** The United States must not fall back on the promise they made to give
11 land to the Kurds, especially given the continued support received from
12 the Kurds.

13 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled recommend the formal
14 declaration of support of Kurdish people and support them in their
15 efforts to receive land. This could include the introduction of legislation
16 United Nations or any other means of physical support.

17 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by North Allegheny.*



A Resolution to cease the United States participation in the North Atlantic Free Trade Agreement

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **WHEREAS,** The U.S. has given ample time and dedication to the North Atlantic
2 Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and has only seen negative impacts
3 as a result.

4 **WHEREAS,** This resolution will provide the start of a legal process that will
5 eventually lead to the full dismantlement of NAFTA.

6 **WHEREAS,** If we maintain our current course and continue to participate in
7 NAFTA we will only see a counter-intuitive or negative effect.

8 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following
9 recommendation for solution and cease the United States'
10 participation in NAFTA.

11 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Charles W. Flanagan High School.*



A Resolution to End Negotiations on the Transatlantic Investment Partnership

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **WHEREAS,** Economic freedom is the fundamental right of every person to control
2 his or her own labor and property; and

3 **WHEREAS,** The United States should not be involved in any agreement that could
4 increase government regulation in the name of promoting free trade,
5 potentially infringing on American sovereignty; and

6 **WHEREAS,** The United States should not accept any agreement on the
7 harmonization of regulations that could adversely affect economic
8 freedom; and

9 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled denounces negotiations related to
10 the Transatlantic Trade Investment Partnership and refuse to ratify
11 the agreement.

12 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Boca Raton High School.*



A Bill to End Gerrymandering in the United States

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** According to Article One, Section Two of the United States Constitution,
2 Congressional districts are redistricted every ten years. Districts will now
3 be drawn by computer programs, not elected officials.

4 **SECTION 2.** Gerrymandering will be defined as, “to manipulate the boundaries of (an
5 electoral constituency) so as to favor one party or class”.

6 **SECTION 3.** The United States Census Bureau will oversee the enforcement of this bill.
7 A. The United States Census Bureau will use the TIGER
8 (Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing)
9 program to draw the districts.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect immediately after its passing, districts will be
11 redrawn every ten years according to the Constitution.

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

13 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Petal High School.*



The “I Can Drive 55” Act of 2017

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Excise taxes on gasoline are increased by .055% to raise money for
2 development and maintenance of public infrastructure.

3 **SECTION 2.** The gasoline tax will be taxed at a per gallon rate, .055% percent higher
4 than then current rate. The term “public transportation” shall be defined
5 as roads, tracks, and other methods of transportation funded and
6 maintained by the US federal government.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service will now collect excise taxes at the
8 prescribed rate. The US Department of Transportation will oversee its
9 investment into infrastructure.

10 **SECTION 4.** This Legislation will be implemented at the start of the 2018 fiscal year.

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

12 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Grapevine High School.*



A Bill to Base Speeding Ticket Fines off of Household Income

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Speeding ticket fines will be determined by dividing the average daily
2 household income of the individual in half, with a multiplier of one day
3 being added for every ten miles per hour the driver was over the speed
4 limit.

5 **SECTION 2.** Household income is defined as the combined gross income of all
6 members of a household who are fifteen years or older.

7 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be enforced and carried out by the United States Department
8 of Transportation.

9 **SECTION 4.** This bill will come into effect January 1, 2018.

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

11 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Brentwood High School.*



A Bill to End Federal Cotton Subsidies

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** All cotton subsidies provided by the United States federal government for
2 the production of cotton in the United States will cease in order to end
3 trade distorting domestic subsidies under World Trade Organization
4 guidelines.

5 **SECTION 2.** Cotton subsidies include and are limited to any money provided by the
6 federal government in order to help assist the production of United States
7 grown cotton or to fabricate a market where United States cotton is
8 synthetically cheaper than other countries.

9 **SECTION 3.** The U.S.D.A will oversee the enforcement of this bill alongside the
10 Government Accountability Office in order to assure that all World Trade
11 Organization guidelines are met.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented at the beginning of the 2017 fiscal year.

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

14 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hattiesburg High School.*



A Bill to Ban Neonicotinoids in Pesticides to Increase Bee Populations

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Neonicotinoids in any capacity are hereby banned in pesticide production
2 and use.

3 **SECTION 2.** Farmers continuing neonicotinoid use will be punished with loss of farm
4 subsidies for fifteen years (five half-lives of standard neonicotinoids.)

5 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will be screened by the EPA and enforced by the USDA.

6 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect on January 1, 2018.

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

8 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bayside Academy.*



A Bill Enforcing Government Accountability of the Homeless Population

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States Census Bureau will initiate a program to conduct a
2 more accurate account of the homeless population.

3 **SECTION 2.** The Bureau will create a department in each state to be known as the
4 Department of Accountability (DOA).

5 A. The DOA will create authentic assessments that accurately depict
6 the homeless population in each state.

7 B. The DOA will employ homeless citizens to assist in counting and
8 interviewing other homeless citizens about a full range of experiences.

9 The DOA will have at least a 10% composition of homeless employees by
10 2020, and will increase to at least a 25% composition of homeless
11 employees by 2025.

12 C. All homeless employees will need to participate in standard
13 background checks funded by the U.S. Census Bureau.

14 D. Federal public works funds will be withheld from States who
15 refuse to adopt the standards and follow these guidelines.

16 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Census Bureau shall be responsible for funding and enforcement
17 of this bill.

18 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect starting January 2, 2018.

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

20 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Wellington High School.*



A Resolution to Bolster NATO's Presence in the Baltic Region

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **Whereas,** Despite mounting Russian aggression in the Baltic region, NATO is not
2 positioned effectively to defend its most vulnerable members; and

3 **Whereas,** The lack of cohesion and unity amongst NATO countries has incentivized
4 Russia to build up arms and operate military equipment close to
5 transatlantic cable infrastructure on the borders of Baltic NATO allies;
6 and

7 **Whereas,** If attacked, Baltic states do not have the military capacity and build up in
8 these countries to defend themselves, which may lead to a war involving
9 every allied power; and

10 **Whereas,** The perception of a ground-stationed military capability is a strong
11 deterrent to Russian hostility; now, therefore, be it

12 **Resolved,** That the Congress here assembled recommend that NATO allocate
13 resources towards developing 3 armored brigades in the Baltic countries,
14 equipped with airpower, land and sea-based missile fires, cybersecurity
15 initiatives, and ground advisors to counter an offensive.

16 **Further Resolved,** The United States along with other nations contributing 2% or more
17 of GDP to defense shall engage in diplomatic talks with NATO allies to
18 encourage increased defense spending for the stabilization of the
19 organization

20 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rufus King High School.*



A Bill To Incentivize Living Organ Donation

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall establish a system that will
2 incentivize living organ donation. This system will be created and
3 implemented by a newly created Organ Donation Management
4 Committee.

5 **SECTION 2.** The **Organ Donation Incentives System** shall reward donors by offering
6 tuition or retirement assistance, or through a donation to a charity of
7 choice.

8 The **Organ Donation Management Committee** shall consist of one
9 representative of Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), one
10 representative of the Department of Health and Human Services, and one
11 representative of the Department of Commerce (to be selected by their
12 respective divisions), in addition to one leading medical expert and one
13 leading economist (to be selected by the Department of Health and
14 Human Services and the Department of Commerce, respectively).

15 **SECTION 3.** 200 million dollars from the Department of Health and Human Services
16 budget will fund the creation and first year implementation of this system
17 through the Organ Donation Management Committee.

18 A. The aforementioned committee shall meet six times a year to
19 evaluate this system of organ donation incentives and make
20 recommendations to Congress.

21 B. One year after passage, the aforementioned committee shall
22 advise Congress on funding needed for long term implementation
23 of this system.

24 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect immediately after passage.

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

26 *Introduced for Congressional Debate Strath Haven High School.*



A Bill to Ban all Prescription Drug Advertisements from Media

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Advertisements for prescription drugs on all forms of media will be
2 removed in their entirety.

3 **SECTION 2.** "Prescription Drugs" will be defined as any and all drugs administered to
4 patients by their doctors.

5 "Media" will be defined as any broadcast radio and television, as well
6 as cable and satellite services on behalf of consumers. (FCC)

7 **SECTION 3.** Both the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) as well as the Food
8 and Drug Administration (FDA) will be in charge of regulating this piece of
9 legislation.

10 A. The FCC will be tasked with enforcing removing advertisements from TV.

11 B. The FDA will be tasked with ensuring drug companies are fined for
12 violation.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect June 1st, 2017.

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

15 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by East Chapel Hill High School.*



The National Maritime Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2016

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government shall allocate \$300 million to the
2 Department of Homeland Security to create and implement a maritime
3 cyber security risk assessment model for improving critical public
4 infrastructure for cyber security.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Maritime cybersecurity risk assessment model” shall be defined as a
6 cybersecurity framework consistent with guidelines established by the
7 National Institute of Standards and Technology.

8 **SECTION 3.** The implementation of this legislation shall be overseen by the Department
9 of Homeland Security in conjunction with the Cyber Threat Intelligence
10 Integration Center and the Department of Defense.

11 A. The National Maritime Security Advisory Committee shall be
12 responsible for overseeing the creation and the guidelines of the
13 national maritime cybersecurity risk assessment model.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented on January 1, 2017. The Department
15 of Homeland Security shall have one year to develop the Cyber Security risk
16 assessment model, and the model shall be reviewed and in use by December
17 2018.

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

19 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by The Hun School of Princeton.*



A Resolution to Ban Private Prisons

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Private prisons promote a culture of incarceration; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** Private prisons are not cheaper to run than federal prisons and often
- 3 do not provide adequate living conditions for the prisoners; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Privately owned prisons have greatly contributed to an increasing
- 5 number of incarcerated and detained persons for financial gain; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Profit is being prioritized over prisoners' and detainees' well-being;
- 7 now, therefore, be it
- 8 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled ban all private prisons in
- 9 the United States and its territories.

10 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rossvie High School.*



Internet Act of 2017

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** THE FCC's February 26th, 2015 ruling upon enforcing provisions for Title 2
2 of the Communications Act and Section 706 of the Telecommunications Act
3 of 1996 shall be overruled in the sense that "Net Neutrality" will now be
4 rejected by the government and companies who wish to do so. Internet
5 Search Providers who wish to utilize fast lanes for customers reserve the
6 right to charge customers for Internet fast lanes.

7 **SECTION 2.** Internet Search Providers must lower their rates if they choose to charge for
8 Internet Fast Lanes.

9 **SECTION 3.** All public and private health and social institutions will receive more
10 deductions in using fast lanes from all Internet Search Providers.

11 A. Fast lanes will be defined as broadband speed lanes, for which
12 companies will be charges if desiring to stream data at faster speeds. Net
13 Neutrality is defined as an open internet where governments and
14 internet service providers evaluate all data on the internet as equal
15 principally in relation to broadband speed.

16 B. The Federal Communications Commission will oversee this legislation's
17 implementation.

18 **SECTION 4.** The legislation shall be implemented at the beginning of FY 2017.

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

20 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Western High School.*



A Bill to Establish No-Excuse National Early Voting

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Each state shall establish no-excuse early voting for any qualified
2 electors in all 50 states of the United States of America.

3 **SECTION 2.** A qualified elector is any voter who meets the qualifications outlined
4 in the state codes. Excuse shall be defined as the reason a qualified
5 elector is not available to vote on the regular Election Day. Early
6 voting shall be defined as the process by which qualified electors can
7 vote prior to the regularly scheduled Election Day.

8 **SECTION 3.** Any qualified elector can vote early beginning thirty (30) days before
9 the established Election Day at the Circuit or Municipal Clerk's Office
10 of each state's respective county or parish during work hours. Any
11 qualified elector shall be able to vote prior to the established Election
12 Day without presenting an excuse, provided the qualified elector
13 presents valid photo identification.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect before the next presidential election,
15 held in November 2020.

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

18 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Madison Central High School.*



A Bill to Terminate Aid to Pakistan

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States will cease all aid to Pakistan.
- 2 **SECTION 2.** Aid is defined as military, economic, or humanitarian assistance.
- 3 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Defense, the United States Department
4 of Treasury, and the United States Agency for International Development
5 will jointly oversee the enforcement and implementation of this
6 legislation.
- 7 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect on December 1, 2017.
- 8 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
- 9 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Charlotte Latin School.*



A Bill to Turn Megatons into Megawatts

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall decrease its nuclear stockpile by 100 tons worth
2 of nuclear material by converting the usable parts of warheads to
3 commercial grade fuel.

4 **SECTION 2.** Nuclear fuel will be used for domestic energy production or sold to the
5 United Kingdom, France, or Russia for the aforementioned purpose.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense will coordinate with the Department of
7 Energy to turn nonessential, deactivated nuclear weapons into usable fuel
8 for nuclear reactors.

9 A. The Department of State will work with Russia to encourage similar
10 cuts to Russian stockpiles.

11 B. The Department of Trade will facilitate the safe trading of nuclear fuel
12 to France, Russia, and the United Kingdom.

13 C. The Department of Energy will use funds to invest in alternative
14 energy sources and to finalize the construction of the Savannah River
15 Site Nuclear Power Plant.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect 6 months upon passage.

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

18 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Seven Lakes High School.*



A Resolution to Encourage Treaties for Land in Syria to End Tensions Between Turkey and the Kurds

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **WHEREAS,** Turkish and Kurdish forces have been initiating attacks against
2 one another for land in Syria that was previously claimed by ISIS;
3 and

4 **WHEREAS,** with American support, Turkish forces have entered areas of
5 Syria under the control of the Kurds; and

6 **WHEREAS,** fighting will continue for land holding in Syria, causing more
7 instability in the area; and

8 **WHEREAS,** the Kurds wish to create an autonomous region promised to
9 them in the past by the United States in exchange for help to
10 end terrorism; now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED,** that the Student Congress here assembled should support
12 measures which actively support the creation of an autonomous
13 Kurdistan and end fighting between the United State's two ally
14 forces.

15 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by York Catholic High School.*



A Resolution to Charge ALEC

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **WHEREAS,** The power of lobbying in the U.S. has causing massive spending and
2 discriminatory policies

3 **WHEREAS,** The power of a single organization has lead to the degradation of the
4 US's legislative ability

5 **WHEREAS,** To the point where some legislatures no longer write their own
6 legislation or create fair policy

7 **WHEREAS,** The American people deserve to have representatives be impartial
8 and for policy to help the populace

9 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled encourage an FBI investigation of
10 the lobbying group ALEC, on accounts of hate crimes.

11 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Poly Prep Country Day School.*



The Native American Unforgotten Act of 2016

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Native Americans that live on American Indian reservations shall be able to
2 claim ownership to the lands that they live on with property rights in order to
3 claim equity on their lands.

4 **SECTION 2.** Property rights shall be defined as theoretical socially-enforced constructs in
5 economics for determining how a resource or economic good is used and
6 owned.

7 American Indian reservations shall be defined as a legal designation for an area
8 of land managed by a Native American tribe under the U.S. Bureau of Indian
9 Affairs. Native Americans shall be defined as a member of any indigenous
10 peoples in the Americas, such as in the United States.

11 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of the Interior’s Bureau of Indian Affairs shall be in charge
12 of implementing this piece of legislation.

13 A. This government agency shall allocate \$3.5 billion annually from their
14 budget towards projects in these communities including, but not limited to,
15 infrastructure, education, and environment in all the Indian Reservations in
16 the United States.

17 B. Native Americans will be allowed to capitalize on energy resources or any
18 other services that they make on their land just as long as they comply
19 federal regulations in their respective areas (e.g. energy and agriculture)

20 C. Native American tribe leaders and council leaders shall have full control of
21 building construction projects to make sure that they are being constructed
22 based on that tribe’s respective culture.

23 D. If any Native American tribe fails to follow any regulations, they will have
24 their funding revoked until they comply.

25 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented at the start of fiscal year 2018.

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

27 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Charles W. Flanagan High School*



A Resolution to Establish Eastern European Energy Independence

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **WHEREAS,** the Russian Federation continues to exert a stranglehold on Eastern
2 European nations with its oil exports; and

3 **WHEREAS,** many of the nations in Eastern Europe have substantial natural gas
4 reserves that can be tapped by hydraulic fracturing; and

5 **WHEREAS,** providing these nations with the resources to perform hydraulic
6 fracturing would reduce their dependence on Russian energy
7 resources; and

8 **WHEREAS,** this outcome is beneficial to the hegemony and interests of the United
9 States and its foreign policy; now, therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED,** that the Congress here assembled establish a program to provide
11 financial and technical assistance to Eastern European nations such
12 that they can use hydraulic fracturing to exploit their natural gas
13 reserves.

14 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Boca Raton High School.*



Jerusalem Embassy and Recognition Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The President shall immediately begin the process of relocating the
2 United States Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem.

3 **SECTION 2.** The term “United States Embassy” means the offices of the United States
4 diplomatic mission and the residence of the United States chief of
5 mission.

6 **SECTION 3.** Not more than 50 percent of the amounts appropriated to the
7 Department of State for fiscal year 2017 under the heading “Embassy
8 Security, Construction, and Maintenance” may be obligated until the
9 Secretary of State determines and reports to Congress that the United
10 States Embassy in Jerusalem has officially opened. No later than 30 days
11 after the passage of this Act, the Department of State shall submit a report
12 to Congress that includes the necessary funding to open and construct the
13 embassy and its construction plans.

14 **SECTION 4.** This Act shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

16 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Belen Jesuit Prep.*