

The Princeton Tournament Student Congress

1. Chamber assignments are attached. If any students drop, we will even out the chambers by moving student from the schools that had drops, if possible.
2. Each chamber has 4-5 authors of bills in each chamber. Those bills are to be debated first. If all of those bills are completed, each chamber will use the bills from its shadow chamber. Those bills will have sponsors, chosen by the PO based upon precedence and recency.

Chamber	Shadow Chamber
Chamber 1 →	Chamber 2
Chamber 2 →	Chamber 3
Chamber 3 →	Chamber 4
Chamber 4 →	Chamber 5
Chamber 5 →	Chamber 6
Chamber 6 →	Chamber 7
Chamber 7 →	Chamber 1

Chamber 1				Room:
Alves, Henrique	Bergeon, Joseph	Fazio, Nicholas	Grabusky, Michael	
Greco, Michael-Scott	Howie, Kayla	Joshi, Viraj	Jourhmane, Adam	
Khanani, Hadia	Masri, Zain	Piatti-Chayan, Melina	Poisson, Tristan	
Saini, Dylan	Sanka, Bharat	Sweeney, Justin	Teh, Sydney	
Wandres, Gabriella	Wang, Jason	Wiedemann, Alexandria	Young, Dylan	
Younus, Suhail				

Chamber 2				Room:
Breary, Saniya	Casapulla, Kate	Chapman, Zach	Espildora, Leonardo	
He, Anwen	Howington, Riley	Kejriwal, Anusha	Limboung, Sebastien	
Mahaffey, Meghan	Martinez, Gissele	McHugh, Shane	Mohammed, Sohail	
Murdoch, Jon	Nemetz, Jonathan	Olivier, Goldy	Patlolla, Suchritha	
Purandare, Aditi	Rogerson, Riley	Roth, Sophie	Scher, Cooper	
Shaheen, Noah				

Chamber 3				Room:
Bizub, Thomas	Blattman, Nicole	Cookson, Jace	Corbett, Faith	
Diduff, Mfon	Hirsch, Hannah	Hong, Seokyoung	Hui, Garreth	
Ienco, Nick	Kwiatkowski, Ana	Laurito, Brian	Lyons, Kristen	
Miao, Ranen	Nowak, Victoria	Popovska, Viktoria	Porlein, Maximilian	
Sheats, Ryan	Tann, Kai	Useche, Andrew	Weinberg, Grace	
Wellemeyer, James				

Chamber 4				Room:
Abubakar, Raheel	Appelbaum, Isaac	Bousquette, Dylan	Cassidy, Emma	
Deng, Vivian	Fosbenner, David	Gonzalez, Felicity	Gupta, Puneet	
Irakam, Roopa	Jalagam, Ashika	Krohn, Mason	Limayem, Karim	
Lin, Andrew	Lovett, Paris	Miller, Andrew	Modi, Eshaan	
Phalen, Kelly	Soler, Elena	Tyrrell, Mary	Velazquez, Briana	
Yanover, Andrew				

Chamber 5			Room:
Bagaria, Anika	Diallo, Lala	Dietrich, Daniel	Felmus, Nathan
Ganesh, Prem	Garcia Del Prado, Diana	Guillory, Julien	Johnson, Paige
Kilgannon, Aidan	Liu, Jack	Lollar, Maurea	Mahon, Rory
McGahey, Aidan	McGovern, Maggie	Mora, Angel	Motroni, Madison
Palmer, Shira	Samuel, Logan	Sarr, Mariema	Singh, Dev
Wisidagama, Joeseeph			

Chamber 6			Room:
Adams, Patrick	Ben-Levy, Olivia	Cisse, Bintou	Cohen, Jake
Friedfeld-Gebaide, Isabelle	Goldberg, Marc	Jauhar, Varun	Lang, Bridgette
Lee, Injae	Leonard, Devin	Malhotra, Nirmal	McElroy, James
Muroff, Joshua	Prashad, Nabhay	Ryter, Michael	Srikanth, Govind
Tchang, Dylan	Tremba, Matt	Ward, Andrew	Zhu, Grace

Chamber 7			Room:
Bonner, Anna Marie	Carlson, John	Chandy, Milan	Diallo, Habisona
Gerig, Logan	Gibeault, Paige	Hines, Cameron	Kaminsky, Brett
Kapsalis, Andreas	Nagy, Michael	Olanlege, Raani	Palacio, Raquel
Pantazakos, Andreas	Perez, Samantha	Schachter, Ben	Silverman, Trever
Sun, Maggie	Tarighian, Tina	Wang, Ruby	Xiao, Amy
Yin, Shuhan			

The
Princeton
Classic
2017
Prelims Bills

A Bill to Mandate Sexual Education to Benefit the Health of American Teens

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All American public and charter schools are now required to teach
2 medically accurate sexual education courses in grades 6-12.
- 3 A. Abstinence-only sexual education will not be permitted in American
4 public and charter schools.
- 5 B. Sexual education for LGBTQ Americans will also be required.
- 6 **SECTION 2.** Sexual education is defined as education including emotional relations
7 and responsibilities, human sexual anatomy, sexual activity, sexual
8 reproduction, age of consent, reproductive health, reproductive rights,
9 safe sex, birth control and sexual abstinence.
- 10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human
11 Services will oversee the implementation of this bill.
- 12 A. All federal funds formerly allocated to sexual education including
13 abstinence-only sexual education will now be reallocated to this bill.
- 14 B. An additional \$50 million dollars will be allocated from the
15 discretionary funding portion of the FY 2018 budget for the
16 Department of Education.
- 17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented on July 1, 2018.
- 18 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Aidan McGahey of St. Joseph's Preparatory School

**A BILL TO REFORM DRUG REHABILITATION METHODS
TO BETTER ALLEVIATE THE OPIOID CRISIS**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** A. The Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SPBG)

3 shall receive an additional \$500 million annually for five years, with the
4 additional funds reserved for rehabilitation programs focusing on the
5 implementation of Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT).

6 B. The Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program will receive an
7 additional \$10 million in funding annually for five years. Drug courts
8 receiving grants must offer MAT. Prison sentences imposed by grantees
9 must not be longer than the initial prison sentence for the individual's
10 crime.

11 **SECTION 2.** Medication-Assisted Treatment shall be defined by Substance Abuse and
12 Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) guidelines.

13 **SECTION 3.** SAMHSA will implement §1A and the Department of Justice will
14 implement §1B. The CBP Office of Field Operations, Drug Enforcement
15 Agency, and Immigrations and Customs Enforcement will have their
16 budgets reduced respectively by \$1 billion, \$50 million, \$1.5 billion,
17 spread evenly over a five-year period to fund §1.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect in FY2018.

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

*Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Amy Xiao
Newton South High School*

A BILL TO BAN THE USAGE OF PRIVATE MILITARY CONTRACTORS

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Private military contractors (PMCs) may no longer be utilized by the US
3 Department of Defense.

4 **SECTION 2.** Private military contractors (PMCs) will be defined as companies
5 that engage in armed security services. These armed security services include but are not
6 limited to combat missions, provision of protective services, security advice and
7 planning, prison administration, interrogation, and intelligence gathering.

8 **SECTION 3.** The congressional Armed Services committee shall oversee the
9 implementation of this bill.

10 A. The Congressional Armed Services Committee will make cuts to the
11 Department of Defense budget by the specific amount spent on
12 missions that continue to utilize private military contractors (PMCs)

13 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect within one year of passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Suhail Younus
Syosset High School*

THE PRISONER RE-ENTRY ACT OF 2017

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

2 **SECTION 1.** A. The United States Federal Government will mandate that all records of
3 federal nonviolent criminals and their crimes are erased when they have
4 completed their sentence and have been released back into society.

5 B. All employers will be prohibited from asking if a job applicant has been
6 convicted of a nonviolent crime.

7 C. States that comply with these policies will receive a 5% increase in
8 federal infrastructure funding.

9 **SECTION 2.** A. “Erase” is defined as completely wiping out all records of these crimes
10 and their access to the public, including to employers.

11 B. “Nonviolent crimes” are defined as crimes that do not involve the use
12 of force or injury towards another person.

13 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Justice will oversee the implementation
14 of this legislation.

15 A. The Federal Bureau of Prisons will enforce this legislation and
16 coordinate implementation.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Roopa Irakam
Watchung Hills Regional High
School*

A Bill to Give Better Rehabilitation to Our Prisoners

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Department of Justice shall create rehabilitation programs that deal with the following:

- A. Education For rehabilitation
- B. Housing for prisoners sentenced to rehabilitation programs
- C. Behavioral therapy
- D. Job finding services

SECTION 2. Mandatory minimums shall be amended to allow those convicted to be sentenced to either:

- A. Typical mandatory minimum sentencing.
- B. A rehabilitation center that will support prisoners in education, housing, jobs, and behavioral therapy.

SECTION 3.

- A. Rehabilitation centers shall be defined as centers where prisoners will go after they are sentenced or when they are released from prison.
- B. The United States Sentencing Commission defines mandatory minimums as “statutory provisions requiring the imposition of at least a specified minimum sentence when criteria specified in the relevant statute have been met”.

SECTION 4. \$600 Million dollars shall be allocated towards funding. These funds shall be allocated from the US military budget.

SECTION 5. The Department of Justice and the United States Sentencing Commission shall enforce this legislation by ensuring that:

- A. Mandatory minimums are adjusted to accommodate for rehabilitation centers.
- B. Rehabilitation centers are properly supporting the prisoners that they house.
- C. Rehabilitation centers shall be built in areas with high recidivism rates.

SECTION 6. This legislation shall go into effect 1 year after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Julien Guillory Randolph High School.

**A RESOLUTION TO REFORM CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS TO
ENSURE REPRESENTATIVE REPRESENTATION**

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

8 **SECTION 1:** Representatives will no longer be elected by Congressional
9 district. In each state, a statewide list-based election will determine
10 representatives. Political parties shall submit a list of candidates to the
11 ballot in order of preference. The list will be as long as the number of
12 representatives elected in that state (ie., Massachusetts lists would have
13 consisted of nine candidates, ranked, in the 2016 election). Unaffiliated
14 candidates may run so long as they form a preference list of appropriate
15 length. States may continue to have laws regarding ballot eligibility.
16 Voters will vote for a party list or unaffiliated list. States shall allocate
17 representation to lists based on the results of the election. The
18 representatives assuming office shall be determined by taking the number
19 required from the preference ranked list. The formula for converting share
20 of votes to representation will be determined by the Congress, and must be
21 uniform for all States. A list must garner 10% of the popular vote to be
22 eligible to gain seats. Candidates may not appear on multiple lists. This
23 amendment shall not be construed to prevent parties from conducting
24 primary elections to determine their nominees. States may determine their
25 own special election procedures.
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27 **SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
28 appropriate legislation.

*Respectfully submitted Michael Ryter,
Newton South High School*

**A Bill to Impose an Embargo on the Country of Mauritania in Order to Promote the
Freedom of All People**

1 **Section 1:** The United States will impose economic sanctions on the Islamic Republic
2 of Mauritania.

3 **Section 2:** The economic sanctions will include but will not be limited to preventing
4 United States companies from exporting to and importing from the Islamic
5 Republic of Mauritania.

6 **Section 3:** The Department of State and the Department of Commerce will enforce
7 this legislation.

8 **Section 4:** This legislation will go into effect on the 1st of October, 2018.

9 **Section 5:** All legislation in conflict will be declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Michael Grabusky

Southern Lehigh High School

**A BILL TO ELIMINATE TAXES ON FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS TO
PROTECT WOMEN’S HEALTH**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Feminine hygiene products will no longer be able to be taxed in any way and they
3 will also be counted as medical expenses. There will be a maximum annual limit
4 for pricing of feminine hygiene products that will be based by market.

5 **SECTION 2.** Medical expenses are defined as any cost incurred in the prevention or treatment
6 of injury or disease. Feminine hygiene will be defined as personal care products
7 used by women, for menstruation, vaginal discharge, and other bodily functions
8 related to the vulva and vagina.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will be overseeing this legislation.

10 A. Feminine Hygiene will be exempt from restrictions within the Affordable Care
11 Act.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect FY 2019.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Faith Corbett

West Orange High School

A BILL TO LIMIT UNNECESSARY VIOLENCE AS A RESULT OF FIREARM MISUSE

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. SECTION 1. A: The United States hereby institutes quinquennial (5 year) drug tests and
3. mental health evaluations for all owners of lethal firearms - excluding owners solely of
4. shotguns and rifles.
5. B: If a prospective and/or existing firearm owner fails either the drug test or the mental
6. health evaluation, the individual will be prohibited from possessing any lethal firearm for
7. a period of 5 years, with the ability to appeal the disqualification decision within 90 days,
8. one time only.
9. C: When acquiring lethal firearms, prospective and/or existing firearm owners are
10. required to present a current certification attesting to their passing of the drug test and
11. mental health evaluation, or if requested to do so by a law enforcement officer with
12. reasonable suspicion. If a law enforcement officer has probable cause, they may also
13. administer a non-invasive drug test.
14. D: Firearm owners may not transfer ownership of firearms without certification.
15. SECTION 2.
16. A: The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) will ensure the
17. enforcement of this legislation and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
18. Administration (SAMHSA) will oversee the execution of the tests.
19. B: In the first year, \$1 billion will be set aside for ATF and SAMHSA each to pay for
20. enforcement and testing/evaluations respectively, with \$200 million for each department
21. annually thereafter.
22. SECTION 3: This legislation shall be implemented on January 1, 2019.
23. SECTION 4: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted

Rory Mahon from Chaminade High School

A Bill to Force an Ultimatum on the DPRK to Stabilize the Korean Peninsula

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall hereby notify North Korea that they need to disarm
2 and destroy all ballistic missile assets deemed a threat by the Department
3 of Defense and allow an independent group to verify the destruction of
4 ballistic assets or face a declaration of war.

5 **SECTION 2.** Ballistic missile assets shall be defined as a missile with intentions of
6 destruction, an arcing trajectory, that is initially powered guided and falls
7 under gravity onto its target.

8 **SECTION 3.** An independent group shall be selected by the United Nations and act as an
9 intermediary to ensure the complying of US demands.

10 **SECTION 4.** The US Department of Defense shall be in charge of determining which
11 ballistic missiles pose a threat to any US interests and shall be in charge of
12 deploying any military and intelligence assets if North Korea does not
13 comply with this ultimatum.

14 **SECTION 5.** This bill shall take effect immediately after passage.

15 A. North Korea shall have one week to make their final decision

16 B. North Korea shall have one year to fully comply with the demands in this
17 legislation.

18 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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Respectfully submitted for Congressional Debate

Ryan Sheats – Southern Lehigh HS

A Bill to Incentivize Public Elementary Schools To Teach Foreign Languages

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Public elementary schools will be granted a monetary incentive of \$8,000 for
3. each 5th grade student who is proficient in either Spanish, Chinese, or German
4. on standardized testing in May of each school year.
5. **SECTION 2.** Standardized testing shall be defined as a two-day exam issued by the federal
6. government. The standardized test shall be known as the Foreign Language
7. Exam (FLE).
8. Proficiency in a foreign language shall be defined as the test taker earning at
9. least 80% on the given assessment.
10. The FLE shall be administered to all 5th grade students in participating schools
11. Participation in the FLE program is optional, based upon each school district.
12. **SECTION 3.** The implementation of this piece of legislation will be overseen by the United
13. States Department of Education. The Dept. of Education shall reallocate \$1
14. billion of funding for this bill.
15. **SECTION 4.** This piece of legislation will be implemented on September 1, 2018.
16. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by

Cameron Hines

Southern Lehigh High School

THE COLLEGE FOR ALL ACT

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

2 **SECTION 1.** S.1373 – the College for All Act is hereby passed.

3 **SECTION 2.** The College for All Act makes Public Colleges in the United States tuition
4 free and is funded through a .1% Financial Transaction Tax.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall oversee this act.

6 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into on January 1st, 2020

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Andreas Kapsalis
Xaverian High School*

A Bill To Increase Coal Exports To Ukraine In Order To Fund Alternative Energy

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will hereby increase its coal exports to Ukraine by ten times
3 the current amount.

4 A. The revenue generated by coal exports under this legislation shall be used to
5 fund alternative energy projects in the United States.

6 **SECTION 2.** A. Coal exports shall be defined as public sector coal sales.

7 a. Public sector coal sales shall be defined as coal the United States
8 government sells. In order to obtain the coal, the United States
9 government will engage in an agreement with private sector coal
10 companies to mine the coal and hand it to the public sector.

11 B. Alternative energy projects shall be defined as power plants designated for
12 solar, wind, and hydroelectric power as well as fundamental research into
13 developing new alternative energy technology.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Commerce in conjunction with the International Trade
15 Administration shall oversee the execution of this bill.

16 A. Revenue generated from coal exports to Ukraine will then be given to the
17 Office of Energy, Efficiency, and Renewable Energy of the Department of
18 Energy to strictly build and research alternative energy projects in the United
19 States.

20 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2018.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Eshaan Modi of The Bronx HS of Science

A Bill to Prioritize the Organic Agriculture Industry to Improve American Health and Better the Economy

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. Section 1. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) will subsidize the
3. organic farming industry.
4. Section 2. A. “Organic Farms” are defined by the USDA as, “farms that use an
5. ecological production management system that promotes and enhances
6. biodiversity, biological cycles and soil biological activity. It is based on
7. minimal use of off-farm inputs and on management practices that restore,
8. maintain and enhance ecological harmony.”
9. B. Subsidies will be limited to a total of \$1.7 billion annually.
10. Section 3. The USDA will oversee funding and enforcement of this
11. legislation.
12. SECTION 4. This legislation will be implemented the beginning of the fiscal
13. year after passage.
14. Section 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by
Kayla Howie
Southern Lehigh High School*

A Bill to Bolster U.S. Flood Protection

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

2. **SECTION 1. A.** \$10 billion in federal funding will be allocated from the U.S. discretionary

3. budget and military budget every year for ten years in order to fund flood

4. protection projects around the nation.

5. **B.** The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the

6. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will determine which parts

7. of the country needs the funding and allocate it accordingly.

8. **C.** The United States Army Corps of Engineers will need to approve projects that

9. cost \$1 billion or more.

10. **SECTION 2. A.** Federal funding shall be defined as any funds directly allocated by

11. Congress or

12. a federal agency.

13. **B.** Flood protection projects shall include but not be limited to floodwalls, dams,

14. levees, drains, pumps, floodplains, and water-retention basins.

15. **SECTION 3. A.** The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in

16. conjunction

17. with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will oversee the

18. implementation of this legislation.

19. **B.** The United States Army Corps of Engineers will oversee any and all projects

20. worth \$1 billion or more.

21. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Anwen He of Montville Township High School.

A Bill to Reinvigorate Economic Investment in Northern Nigeria

Be it Enacted by the Congress Here Assembled That:

1. **Section 1.** The U.S. will incentivize corporate investment into local developments in
2. Northern Nigeria by reducing corporate tax for participating companies.
3. Investment per company must be greater than or equal to \$20 million.
4. Investments should involve the contracting of private local companies and labor.
5. Participating companies will have their corporate tax rate reduced to 25% for the
6. qualifying fiscal year.
7. Investments can only be made to companies that adhere to the guidelines of Title VII of
8. the 1964 Civil Rights Act.
9. The conditions of Nigeria will be analyzed every 5 years to determine the continuity of
10. this legislation.
11. **Section 2.** Investments shall be defined as monetary contributions of \$20 million or
12. more to Northern Nigerian infrastructure, transportation, schools, medical facilities, etc.
13. **Section 3.** The Department of State and the Department of Treasury shall work in
14. conjunction to oversee the implementation of this legislation.
15. **Section 4.** This bill will go into effect Fiscal Year (FY) 2019.
16. **Section 5.** All Laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
17. void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rep. Sydney Teh

The Bronx High School of Science

**A BILL TO END
RACE-BASED AFFIRMATIVE ACTION**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Preferential treatment on the basis of race, ethnicity, or nationality in
3 admission to colleges or universities shall hereby be prohibited.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Preferential Treatment” shall be defined as favoring one group over
5 another in the college process.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Justice Department shall be responsible for the implementation of this
7 legislation.

8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented effective immediately upon its
9 passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Dylan Young
Half Hollow Hills*

A BILL TO LOWER THE DRINKING AGE

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The national minimum drinking age will be lowered to 18 years of age.

Alcoholism is a pervasive issue. The current status quo which permeates our culture leads to binge drinking
3. **SECTION 2.** The drinking age will be defined as the the minimum age, currently
4. 21 years old, at which it is legal for a person to buy alcohol.
5. **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives will oversee the
6. implementation of the bill.
7. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2018.
8. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Andreas Pantazakos

Chaminade High School

A Bill to Provide Humanitarian Aid to Sierra Leone

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

2. **Section 1. A.** The United States shall provide the government of Sierra Leone with \$100
3. million

4. in humanitarian aid.

5. **B.** \$50 million of the aid will be sent as agricultural aid and \$50 million of the aid will
6. be sent as developmental aid.

7. **C.** The aid will be sent to Sierra Leone in equal portions across five years.

8. **D.** If the aid is at any time during these five years found to be corrupted or
9. mishandled

10. by the Sierra Leone government, the remaining aid will immediately be
11. withdrawn.

12. **Section 2. A.** Agricultural aid shall be defined as aid to assist Sierra Leone's agricultural
13. industry

14. as well as any environmental threats to agriculture in Sierra Leone.

15. **B.** Developmental aid shall be defined as aid to assist Sierra Leone in establishing
16. basic socio-economical services within the nation and to diversify its industries.

17. **Section 3.** The Department of State in conjunction with the United States Agency for
18. International Development (USAID) will oversee the implementation of this
19. legislation.

20. **Section 4.** This legislation will be implemented at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Viktoria Popovska of Montville Township High School.

A Bill to Reform Solitary Confinement In All Prisons to Improve Mental Health of Inmates

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Before every occurrence of an inmate being sent to solitary confinement they must have
3 either been found to possess an illegal substance(s) or have been examined by a correctional counselor,
4 who concluded that the inmate is a danger to themselves and/or others.

5 A. Within a period of 30 days, solitary confinement may not exceed 3 days, during which, the inmate
6 shall receive help from a correctional counselor.

7 B. For a psychiatric evaluation to occur, from a correctional counselor, either a prison staff member
8 must have requested one to occur or a correctional counselor deemed it is necessary for one to occur.

9 **SECTION 2.** Solitary confinement is hereby defined as the placement of an inmate into a cell isolated
10 from other inmates for any time that exceeds 20 hours. Correctional counselors are hereby defined as
11 trained psychiatric officials. Help is hereby defined as a session with a counselor lasting at least a half
12 hour for at least once a day.

13 A. The highest ratio of correctional counselors for all prisons must now be 1 to 150 adult inmates and 1
14 to 60 for juvenile inmates.

15 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Bureau of Prisons, United States Department of Justice and Substance Abuse
16 and the Mental Health Services Administration shall oversee the passage of this legislation.

17 A. Prisons will now only be provided enough funding to give the inmates two meals daily. Funding
18 originally intended for this third meal will now be directed towards the implementation of this
19 legislation.

20 B. If a prison does not adhere to the standards set forth in Section 1, funds for the prison will be
21 withheld until the requirements are met.

22 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2019.

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

A Bill to Reopen the DACA Program

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

2. SECTION 1. DACA applications and the DACA program will be reopened to current or
3. former undocumented minors and those who were previously enrolled in DACA fitting
4. the following criteria:

5. 1. Were under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012
6. 2. Came to the United States before reaching their 18th birthday
7. 3. Have continuously resided in the United States since June 15, 2007.
8. 4. Were physically present in the United States at the time of making their request
9. for consideration of deferred action
10. 5. Are currently in school, have graduated or obtained a certificate of completion
11. from high school, have obtained a general education development (GED)
12. certificate, or are an honorably discharged veteran of the Coast Guard or Armed
13. Forces of the United States; and
14. 6. Have not been convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor, or three or more
15. other misdemeanors, and do not otherwise pose a threat to national security or
16. public safety.

17. SECTION 2. A. A minor shall be defined as a person under the age of 18.

18. B. Proof can include but is not limited to school enrollment papers, medical
19. documentation, or lease or purchase of an apartment or house. Tax records of
20. legal guardians may also be used.

21. SECTION 3. This bill will be enforced by the Department of Homeland Security and
22. the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service.

23. SECTION 5. This legislation will take effect at the beginning of the 2018 fiscal year.

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

Respectfully Submitted, Bridgette Lang

Southern Lehigh High School

A Resolution to Expand Nuclear Energy

1 **WHEREAS,** Climate change has been proven to be an imminent concern to the health
2 and well-being of U.S. citizens and a threat to the United States.

3 **WHEREAS,** The Fourth National Climate Assessment (2017) in conjunction with the
4 Global Change Research program has scientifically proven a direct link
5 exists between human emissions and climate change.

6 **WHEREAS,** Climate change has been shown to be mostly caused by greenhouse gas
7 emission causing a 'Greenhouse Effect'.

8 **WHEREAS,** Over a quarter of emissions directly come from electricity production.

9 **WHEREAS,** Nuclear energy has been shown to produce the least amount of
10 greenhouse gas emissions while being the most efficient energy source.

11 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation of
12 an increase in funding for nuclear energy and all facilities required for its
13 safe maintenance.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Patrick Adams of St. Joseph's Preparatory School

A BILL TO BAN THE USE OF SOLITARY CONFINEMENT

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The use of Solitary Confinement as a means of punishment for prisoners is
3 hereby banned in all fifty states and the territories of the United States of
4 America.

5 **SECTION 2.** Solitary Confinement shall be defined as the isolation of a prisoner in a
6 separate cell for long periods of time as a punishment.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Bureau of Prisons shall oversee the implementation of this
8 legislation and The Department of Justice has the authority to enforce this
9 legislation.

10 A. This legislation shall extend to privately owned prisons.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect 6 months after passage to allow ample
12 time for prisons, The Department of Justice, and the Federal Bureau of
13 Prisons to make necessary changes and create new rules.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Isaac Appelbaum

Pennsbury High School

A BILL TO INVEST \$600B TO REBUILD OUR FAILING WATER SYSTEM

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The water infrastructure of the US, no longer considered acceptable, must
3 be rebuilt and upgraded to prevent further leaks and contamination.

4 **SECTION 2.** The water infrastructure of the United States includes dams, reservoirs,
5 water treatment plants, pipes, and pumping stations, along with any other
6 transportation method necessary to carry water for use nationwide.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will be responsible for
8 overseeing the implementation of this bill.

- 9 A. The total money invested is \$600B in \$30B increments added to the
10 Federal Budget with each Fiscal Year (FY).
- 11 B. The money will then be allocated to regions determined to have the
12 most need for repair, as decided by the EPA in the manner with which
13 they see fit.
- 14 C. The money will be used to gather data on the status of the infra-
15 structure, and then by physically repairing the infrastructure gradually.
- 16 D. The \$30B at each FY Proposal can be taken from the military budget,
17 or any other budget exceeding its necessary amount in proportion to
18 the rest of the budget breakdown.

19 **SECTION 4.** This proposal will be implemented over a 20 year period, with the first
20 \$30 billion increment in FY 2019.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Riley Howington

Pennsbury High School

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will place sanctions on oil imports from Saudi Arabia.

3 **SECTION 2.** Sanctions will be defined as a threatened penalty for disobeying a law or

4 rule.

5 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of State and the United States Department

6 of Treasury will oversee the implementation of this bill.

7 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect immediately after the passage of this legislation.

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

Rep. Joshua Muroff
Chaminade High School

A Bill to Impose Sanctions on Burma to End Burmese Persecution of the Rohingya Muslims

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall impose economic sanctions on the Burmese
2 government to end the unjust persecution of Rohingya Muslims in Burma.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** “Economic Sanctions” shall be defined as the withdrawal of aid and the
4 termination of trade and any financial relations for foreign interests and security
5 purposes.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** The State Department shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.
- 7 A. The United States Ambassador to Burma shall submit quarterly reports
8 to the State Department regarding the status of the Rohingya Muslims
9 in Burma.
- 10 B. When provided with clear and conclusive evidence that such
11 persecution has ended, the State Department shall remove all
12 sanctions imposed by this legislation from Burma.
- 13 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be effective immediately after passage.
- 14 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Max Porlein of the Bronx High School of Science

A BILL TO END RUSSIAN SANCTIONS

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All economic sanctions imposed by the United States on the Russian

3 Federation in response to their seizing of Crimea shall now be lifted.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Economic Sanctions” shall be defined as the withdrawal of customary

5 trade and financial relations for foreign interests and security purposes,

6 **SECTION 3.** This bill shall be implemented immediately after passage.

7 **SECTION 4.** The Department of State shall oversee this piece of legislation.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Emma Cassidy
Xaverian High School*

A Bill to Fund the Research and Development of Water Purification Systems

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

2. **Section 1. A.** The United States shall provide an additional \$6 billion from the Department of
3., Defense's budget to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to fund
4. research

5. and development for water purification.

6. **B.** \$3 billion of the funding will be sent as to invest in desalination plants and and \$3
7. billion of the funding will be sent to research nanotechnology for water
8. purification.

9. **C.** The investment in desalination plants will be used to improve the infrastructure
10. in plants that require it.

11. **D.** The research will be used to create cheaper, more efficient water purification
12. systems using nanotechnology for the use in developing countries.

13. **Section 2. A.** Water purification shall be defined as the process of removing undesirable
14. chemicals, biological contaminants, suspended solids and gases from water. The
15. goal is to produce safe drinking water.

16. **B.** Desalination plants shall be defined as the place where the process of removing salt
17. from seawater so that the water can be safely used.

18. **C.** Nanotechnology shall be defined as any technology that deals with dimensions
19. and tolerances of less than 100 nanometers, especially the manipulation of
20. individual atoms and molecules, being used for water purification, including:
21. **a.** The usage of nanofiltration membranes, nanoporous materials, zeolites,
22. nano catalysts, magnetic nanoparticles, nanosponges, nanorust, desalination
23. membranes, nanomesh watersticks, etc.

24. **Section 3.** The EPA and the US Department of Interior will oversee the implementation of
25. this legislation.

26. **Section 4.** This legislation will be implemented at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Kelly Phalen of Montville Township High School.

A Resolution to Implement a National Green Bank to Fight Climate Change

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WHEREAS, There has been major underinvesting into green investments.

WHEREAS, The private sector needs to make bold investments or we will see the detrimental effects of climate change.

WHEREAS, The impact of climate change will hurt stability around the world; and

WHEREAS, A Green Bank's goal would distribute Treasury Bonds to be used for green projects to lower emissions.

RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled make the following resolution to recommend the issuance of \$10 billion in bonds to the private sector to expand investments in: solar, wind, and clean infrastructure projects.

FURTHER RESOLVED, The senate should pass strict standards on the qualification of each board member of the Green Bank. The president and his cabinet should work with the board to fund projects that would help tackle climate change.

A BILL TO PHASE OUT THE FEDERAL USE OF PRIVATE PRISONS

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government will phase out the use of private
3 prisons and/or for-profit prisons.

4 **SECTION 2.** A private prison or for-profit prison shall be defined as a place in which
5 5 individuals are physically confined or incarcerated by a third party that is contracted by
6 a government agency. Phase out shall be defined as the act of discontinuing a process or
7 project.

8 **SECTION 3.** Immediately from passage, every year the United States will reduce
9 the number of prisoners in private prisons by 20% from the number at the time of
10 passage. Therefore in five years, the use of private prisons shall be completely phased
11 out.

12 A. All contracts with private prison corporations shall be terminated and
13 no new contracts shall be implemented.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect immediately

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Sohail Mohammed
Syosset High School*

A Bill to Increase Foreign Assistance to Lebanon for Syrian Refugees

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** \$1 billion of foreign assistance towards Lebanon shall be allocated to meet
2 the needs of displaced refugees from Syria, with \$500 million as
3 humanitarian aid and \$500 million as military aid.

4 **SECTION 2.** Foreign aid shall consist of military aid and humanitarian aid.
5 A. Humanitarian aid shall be defined as aid that will alleviate suffering and
6 promote human welfare. Humanitarian aid includes (but is not limited to)
7 public services, food, shelter, medical supplies, or schools in refugee
8 camps or resettling refugees in the general population.

9 B. Military aid shall be defined as grants to provide U.S. defense
10 equipment, services, and training to improve defense capabilities.

11 **SECTION 3.** The United States Agency for International Development shall oversee the
12 implementation of this bill.

13 A. Money shall be allocated from the U.S. military budget

14 B. The United States Agency for International Development will
15 additionally monitor and track the money it provides and ensure it is
16 used to care for refugees. Aid can be suspended if it is being used for
17 purposes not approved by Congress.

18 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ruby Wang, East Chapel Hill High School.

**A RESOLUTION TO URGE THE UN ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM TO
DECREASE THE SMOG IN INDIA**

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The air pollution crisis in Delhi, India has reached critical levels which is not only
2 affecting the Indian population, but also the international community; and
3 **WHEREAS,** Current solutions from the government have proven ineffective as the situation
4 intensifies; and
5 **WHEREAS,** The toxic smog poses a severe health concern for the 26 million individuals who
6 reside in the union territory, as well as for the thousands of international visitors
7 the union territory receives on a daily basis; now therefore, be it
8 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled find a multilateral, international
9 solution to the air pollution crisis in India by urging the UN Environmental
10 Program to find a long-term solution to Delhi's air pollution

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Goldy Olivier
West Orange High School*

**A BILL TO RESTRICT WATER USAGE IN THE MIDWEST TO
PROTECT AMERICAN AGRICULTURE**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall work to decrease water usage in the Midwest by
3 20% by the end of 2020. \$10 billion will be allocated from the Defense
4 budget to enforce this objective and invest in more sustainable forms of
5 water storage and extraction.

6 **SECTION 2.** The Midwest will be defined as the states which rely on the Ogallala
7 Aquifer, including: Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado,
8 Nebraska, Wyoming and South Dakota.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Agriculture, in conjunction with the Environmental
10 Protection Agency will oversee implementation of this legislation.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Jace Cookson
West Orange High School*

A BILL TO STOP THE SYRIAN REFUGEE CRISIS

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

2 **SECTION 1.** To stem the Syrian Refugee crisis, the United States shall:

3 **A.** The nations of Yemen, Lebanon, Jordan, Libya and Hungary shall
4 each receive 3 billion US dollars in conditional aid targeted at
5 providing temporary or permanent residence for refugees.

6 **B.** The United States shall accept 35,000 Syrian refugees per year until by
7 January 1st, 2021.

8 **SECTION 2.** A. Syrian Refugee shall be defined as an individual who is currently
9 fleeing persecution or conflict currently taking place in Syria.

10 **B.** To receive the conditional aid stipulated in Section 1, a country must:

11 **i.** 90% of all aid received must be spent on food, shelter, education or
12 other necessities for the refugee population.

13 **ii.** Grant full access to refugees, and the conditions in which the
14 refugees are living to the UNHRC.

15 **iii.** Is determined by USAID to be fit to receive the previously defined
16 quantity of the aid for the next fiscal year.

17 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State and USAID in conjunction shall oversee this
18 piece of legislation.

19 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect 30 days after passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Joeseeph Wisidigama

Xaverian High School

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A Bill to Abolish the Death Penalty

1. **Section 1:** The death penalty is hereby abolished in all jurisdictions of the United States.
2. **Section 2:** The penalty for laws currently in force which call for the death penalty will be
3. changed to life in prison without parole.
4. **Section 3:** All prisoners currently sentenced to capital punishment will have their sentences
5. commuted to life in prison without parole.
6. **Section 4:** The Department of Justice will ensure that this is enforced in all states.
7. **Section 5:** This law will take effect immediately.

A Bill to Establish a Flat Tax

1. **Section 1:** All tax brackets are eliminated and replaced with a flat 15% tax.
2. **Section 2:** The tax will apply to all income above \$40,000 for a single and \$80,000 for a
3. couple.
4. **Section 3:** Deductions will be allowed for medical expenses.
5. **Section 4:** The Internal Revenue Service will oversee implementation.
7. **Section 5:** This law will take effect January 1, 2018.

A Bill to Strengthen the Navy

1. **Section 1:** The United States Navy will be given \$100 billion dollars for the purpose of
2. upgrading its fleet.
3. **Section 2:** Determination of needs will be made by the Department of Defense.
4. **Section 3:** Funding will be given on April 30, 2018.

A Resolution Concerning the Use of Alternative Fuel Vehicles

1. **Whereas:** Global warming has become a danger to life on earth and
2. **Whereas:** Fossil fuels are the major cause of global warming and
3. **Whereas:** Alternative fuels are expensive to develop.
4. Therefore be it resolved that the United States Congress shall empower the Department of
5. the Treasury to explore tax credits for businesses that produce alternative fuel vehicles and
6. for purchasers of these vehicles.

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A Constitutional Amendment to Eliminate the Electoral College

Be it resolved by this Congress that:

1. **Section 1:** The United States Constitution shall be amended as such:
2. The Electoral College is hereby abolished. The President shall be elected by a popular
3. vote. If no candidate receives a majority of votes., a runoff will be held one week after
4. Election Day. The winner of the runoff will be declared President.
5. **Section 2:** This amendment will come into force upon ratification of two-thirds of both
6. Houses of Congress and three-quarters of State legislatures.

A Bill to Make Voting Compulsory.

Be it enacted by this Congress that:

1. **Section 1:** Voting on Election Day shall be compulsory for all citizens over the age of 18.
2. Section 2: Voting shall be defined as casting a ballot. The citizen may vote for no candidate in
3. a specific race, but the citizen must cast a ballot.
4. Section 3: Patients on hospitals shall be exempt.
5. Section 4. Failure to vote will result in a \$500 for the first failure to vote. Fines will be
6. increased by \$500 for each subsequent failure.
7. Section 5: This law shall be enforced by the Department of Justice.
8. Section 6: This law shall take effect on Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018.

A Resolution Concerning Cyber Warfare

1. Be it resolved by this Congress:
2. **Whereas:** Cyber espionage and Cyber warfare are the most newest threat to US security and
3. **Whereas:** Much of this activity takes place outside of the United States and
4. **Whereas:** The United States has no jurisdiction to stop foreign cyber attacks and
5. **Whereas:** Some foreign countries are at best neutral and at worst complicit in cyber attacks
6. on the United States.
7. Therefore be it resolved that the United States shall consider cyber threats against the
8. United States, its citizens, and its economy to be an act of war by the originating country.