

2018 South Oregon NSDA Congress Qualifiers Docket

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A Bill to Minimize the Rate of Suicide to Help Save American Lives

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. We will allow Individuals under the age of 18 to be involuntarily committed to a hospital if such individual has a mental illness, i.e. anxiety and depression, and has seriously threatened to commit suicide but will not seek care.

A. Any adult can file a petition to the court on any individual under the age of 18 who has threatened to commit suicide.

B. The court will decide if the individual should be put in involuntary commitment.

Section 2. Involuntary commitment is defined as the admission of individuals against their will into a mental health unit.

Section 3. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will oversee this new policy. Individual mental health units have the responsibility to ensure that those involuntarily committed are in need of mental healthcare.

Section 4. This legislation will go into effect on January 1st, 2019.

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

Respectfully submitted by Crater High School.

A Bill to Enact Equality in Blood Donation

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) currently has a law that puts in place a
3 12 month deferral period for blood donation for men who have sex with men
4 (MSM).

5 **SECTION 2.** This is the only law that prohibits those of a certain sexuality from donating
6 blood, and at its core is a law of a bygone era.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Center for Disease Control will be in charge of enforcing the removal
8 of current bans on blood donations regarding MSM and ensuring
9 compliance from the FDA.

10 **SECTION 4.** This law will go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully submitted by Crater High School

A Bill to Allow MSM to Donate Blood

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Current FDA guidelines disallow men who have sex with men (MSM), who
2 have had sexual encounters in the past year to donate blood.
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- 4 **SECTION 2.** Under this bill, the guideline, “Revised Recommendations
5 for Reducing the Risk of Human Immunodeficiency Virus
6 transmission by Blood and Blood Products” shall once
7 again be revised, to remove the restriction on MSM from
8 donating blood.
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- 10 **SECTION 3.** This bill shall take effect on January 1, 2019
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- 12 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared
13 null and void

Introduced for Congressional Debate by North Medford High School.

A Bill to Implement a Rules Committee in the Senate
BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A new committee, titled The Committee on Rules, shall be implemented in the United States Senate.

SECTION 2. The Committee on Rules' jurisdiction will fall into two categories: special orders and original jurisdiction.

A. Special orders provides the terms and conditions of debate on a measure or matter, and to prescribe conditions for its debate and amendment.

B. Original jurisdiction measures represent changes to the standing rules of the House, or measures that contain special rules, such as the expedited procedures in trade legislation.

SECTION 3. Senators may send a letter requesting a hearing by the Committee to offer a special order, including a request that a hearing be scheduled, a stipulation of the type of special rule desired, and the amount of debate time needed.

A. The Committee must then hold a hearing to approve the *order*. If approved, the *special order* is considered and debated in the House. After a one-day layover, special rules may be considered on the House floor at any time. A two-thirds vote is necessary to consider a special rule on the same day that it is reported.

SECTION 4. Members of the Committee on Rules will be appointed with standard Senate rules, with the ratio of majority-to-minority members being equal to the ratio of majority-to-minority members in the body of the Senate.

A. The first Committee chair will be appointed by the majority party leader at the time of implementation.

SECTION 5. This legislation will be implemented on 4 January 2019.

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

Introduced by South Medford High School

A Bill to Enact a Federal Carbon Tax

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** CO2 emissions shall be taxed at \$25 dollars per ton, and increase by two percent above inflation annually. Emissions from personal vehicles, public transportation and agricultural equipment shall be exempt through Fiscal Year 2035. Sixty percent of the funding shall be dedicated toward subsidies for the renewable energy industry and zero-emission transportation vehicles. Twenty percent of the funding shall go toward the National Park System. Ten percent of the funding shall go toward programs for retraining former fossil fuel industry employees. SO
- SECTION 2.** A carbon tax is defined as a tax imposed on use of carbon-based fuels.
- SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service shall oversee implementation of this bill.
- SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect October 1, 2018
- SECTION 5.** Any sections of laws that would prevent implementation of this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted to the South Oregon NSDA Congress by Ashland High School

A Bill to End the Essential Air Service

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** Funding for the Essential Air Service shall be terminated. Responsibility for subsidizing passenger air service to small airports shall be shifted to state and local governments.
- SECTION 2.** The Essential Air Service is a federal program that funds subsidies to incentivize airlines to offer service to airports.
- SECTION 3.** The Department of Transportation shall oversee implementation of this bill.
- SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect October 1, 2019
- SECTION 5.** Any sections of laws that would prevent implementation of this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted for debate at the South Oregon NSDA Congress
by Ashland High School

A Resolution to Encourage the Pedestrianization of Downtowns

- 1 **WHEREAS,** America has been ranked as one of the “most obese” countries by the
2 World Health Organization, and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** American industry and life is at risk from pollution and climate change,
4 especially from car exhaust, and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** American cities are currently struggling to help small businesses attract
6 clients, provide safe walkways, and still have room for necessary
7 infrastructure, and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** America is now facing crises in public health, environmental issues, and
9 urban planning, and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** Downtown areas that have not been pedestrianized have higher rates of
11 pollution, are more dangerous to pedestrians, have more noise disturbance
12 issues, and obscure the public from social opportunities, therefore be it
- 13 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled encourages all cities and towns to
14 pedestrianize their downtown centers.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Grants Pass High School.

A Bill to Ban Unpaid Internships in the Federal Government

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Offices within the federal governemnt will no longer be allowed to give
2 internships without adequate compensation being given for work
3 rendered.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** "Internships" is defined as "Work done for a specified period of time in
5 order to gain experience or satisfy certain qualifications." "Adequate
6 compensation" is defined as "Monetary compensation totalling at least the
7 federal minimum wage."
- 8 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will be overseen by the US Department of Labor.
- 9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect at the beginning of the Fiscal Year 2019
10 but will not be applicable to interns hired before the date of
11 implementation.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Grants Pass High School.

A Bill to Enforce an Age Requirement for the Access of Social Media

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** There will be a mandatory age requirement of 18 years of age enforced on
2 all social media applications to help decrease cyberbullying of children and adolescents.

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4 **SECTION 2.**

5 A. Social media applications will be defined as forms of electronic
6 communication (such as websites for social networking and microblogging)
7 through which users create online communities to share information, ideas,
8 personal messages, and other content.

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18 B. Cyberbullying will be defined as, bullying over social media including:
19 Harassment, threats, belittling, targeting, and sexual harassment.

20 C. Children and adolescents will be defined as people under the age of 18
21 years old.

22 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Interior will oversee the enforcement of this
23 legislation.
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25 **SECTION 4.** This Bill will go into effect January 1st, 2019.

26 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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Respectfully submitted by Marshfield High School

A Bill to Require Public Schools to Better the Environment

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** All Public Schools in the U.S. will be required to have a
2 compost pile for food waste and any paper waste that is not being
3 recycled.
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5 **SECTION 2.** Compost pile will be defined as a pile of food waste and
6 paper waste that decays into compost. Food waste will be defined as any
7 food that is thrown away during breakfast and lunch activities. Paper waste
8 will be defined as any paper products that are deemed unrecyclable.
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10 **SECTION 3.** The United States Environmental Protection agency will
11 oversee the implementation of this bill.
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13 A. \$250 will be allocated to all public schools to fund the production of
 these compost piles. These funds will come from the United States
 Environmental Protection agencies funding.

SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect immediately after passage.

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

Respectfully submitted by Marshfield High School

A Bill to Recognize Cults

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1 : The United States Federal Government will establish and maintain a list of Cults and Sects operating within our country.

- A. Cults will be defined as a group or religion that poses a threat to its followers or fellow members of society, or meets three or more of the following ten criteria:
 - a. Threats to the members: mental destabilization, separation from one's home environment, forced separation of family members, damage to physical integrity, or the indoctrination of children.
 - b. Threats to the community: hateful anti-social speech; public disorder; disruption of judicial involvements; possible diversion of traditional economic circuits; or attempts to harm of public powers.
- B. Sects will be defined as cult like organizations with fewer than 100 members, that could eventually pose a threat to society.
- C. Organizations on the national list will not be able to receive tax benefits. .

Section 2: This list will be made public on the FBI website.

Section 3: Identified organizations will be monitored by the FBI.

- A. The motoring program will observe organizations to watch for criminal activity.
- B. If illegal activity is detected the United States will have warrant to stop or prevent threats being committed by the organization.

Section 4: The FBI and Justice Department will implement this legislation.

Section 5: This bill will go into effect on January 1st, 2020

Section 6: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

(Respectfully submitted for debate by South Albany High School)

A Bill to Allow the Voluntary Selling of Organs

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. This bill would permit the extraction and selling of non-vital human organs of individuals above the age of 18, voluntarily, for monetary gain.

Section 2. After passing an evaluation of mental and physical health, this bill would allow individuals to anonymously, or publicly, sell non-vital organs to private or public entities.

- A. Screenings would be designed, administered and evaluated only by DHHS approved physicians.
- B. Private entities wishing to purchase organs will be required to register with DHHS prior to extraction.
- C. Public health institutions (funded by the government) can opt in or out of this system as they choose.

Section 3. The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee safe organ extraction procedures, licensed surgeons, and organ extraction clinics implemented by this legislation.

Section 4. This bill will go into effect the 1st of January, 2020.

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

(Respectfully submitted for debate by South Albany High School)

A Bill to Create Public Gender Neutral Bathrooms

Section 1. All buildings required to have a bathroom must also have at least one designated gender neutral bathroom.

Section 3. A gender neutral bathroom shall be defined as "a room with a toilet available to be used by all genders."

Section 3. The Departments of Labor and Education will be in charge of implementing and enforcing this Bill. Entities found to be out of compliance will be warned and given one year to resolve the situation. Entities continuing to be out of compliance shall be fined \$10,000 increasing by another \$10,000 dollars per month after the deadline. Schools shall lose federal funding at increments of \$5,000 in the same way as businesses.

Section 4. This bill shall take effect on January 1, 2019.

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

Respectfully submitted for Congressional Debate by North Valley High School

A Bill to Protect Students' Mental Health

1. Be it enacted by this Student Congress assembled that
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3. Section 1. All public secondary schools will provide a district wide psychiatrist (either doctor or
4. nurse practitioner trained in psychiatric medicine) and schools will provide a licensed mental
5. health therapist.
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7. Section 2. If schools are within a half mile of each other, may share licensed mental health
8. therapists; one therapist for no more than two schools to be shared.
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10. Section 3. If psychiatrists are not available to be on site, the school district may use tele-med
11. practitioners to provide psychiatric care.
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13. Section 4. The goal is to meet students' mental health needs not to medicate. If medication is
14. recommended, psychiatrists will work with students' primary care providers.
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16. Section 5. Schools and their districts will be required to follow HIPAA rules and regulations.
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18. Section 6. To ensure mental health care is available to students during summer breaks, licensed
19. mental health therapists will be staffed in each district office and resume normal school staffing
20. at the start of the new academic year.
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22. Section 7. Because there is a nation-wide shortage of psychiatrists, the mandate to have district
23. psychiatrist will not be fully implemented by the start of the 2020/21 school year.
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25. Section 8. The mandate to have mental health therapists in each school or shared within half
26. mile will be implemented by the start of the 2019/2020 school year.
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28. Section 9. This bill will be paid through Education Department appropriations and state
29. lottery funds.
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31. Section 10. This bill will not be enforced against individual private schools as they are not
32. receiving public funding.

Submitted by Illinois Valley High School

A Bill to Prohibit a First-Use Nuclear Strike Absent a Declaration of War by Congress

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** The President may not use the Armed Forces of the United States to conduct a first-use nuclear strike unless such strike is conducted pursuant to a declaration of war by Congress that expressly authorizes such strike.
- SECTION 2.** The term “first-use nuclear strike” will mean an attack using nuclear weapons against an enemy without prior confirmation that the enemy in question has already launched a nuclear strike against the United States or an ally of the United States.
- SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense shall develop new and/or adapt its existing nuclear weapons command and control procedures to implement and enforce this law.
- SECTION 4.** The law shall take effective immediately upon signature by the President or veto-override by the Congress.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Oak Hill

A Bill to Reduce Export Controls

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** The USFG shall streamline and reduce controls on the sale of green technology to the People's Republic of China through a sunset-principled review process.
- SECTION 2.** Green technology shall be defined as technology made with the purpose of environmental sustainability. A sunset-principled review process shall be defined as a process that attaches expiration dates to controls, but retains the ability for these controls to be renewed and reapplied.
- SECTION 3.** The Department of Commerce shall oversee the enforcement and implementation of this bill.
- SECTION 4.** The bill will go into effect July 1st, 2018.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Oak Hill