



**Northern Illinois  
District Tournament  
Congressional Debate  
Legislation**

## A Bill to Separate the Church and State

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All religious organizations in the United States shall now be required to  
3 pay property tax based on the county and state regulations and formulas  
4 the property is located in.

5 **SECTION 2.** Any religious organization that is defined as such under the Internal  
6 Revenue Code section 501(c)(3) will be subject to this tax.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service will be in charge of implementation and  
8 oversight of this bill. Churches that donate 80% of more of their income  
9 to registered charities will be exempt from the property tax requirement.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect on January 01, 2019.

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

*Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Economics,*

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SECTION 1. ARTICLE I Owners of all electric vehicles shall be granted subsidies including but  
not limited to: access to less-congested traffic lanes, reduced income  
taxes by 15%, and removal of sales taxes for the vehicle purchase.

ARTICLE II      In effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, the United States will  
implement a 50% tax on all gasoline. Money collected will go towards  
providing these subsidies.

7     SECTION 2.                    “Electric vehicles” shall be defined as cars which run solely on  
8                                        electricity without gasoline. This does not include hybrid vehicles.

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11      SECTION 4.                      This bill shall take effect January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

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

Harry D. Jacobs High School

## A Resolution to Let the Rising Sun Bring its Guns Out

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **WHEREAS,**               North Korea and China have increased their military capabilities  
2                               within Southeast and East Asia; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**               Japan is now at a greater threat of attack than at any time in the  
4                               past; and
- 5   **WHEREAS,**               Article 9 of the Japanese Constitution prevents the development of  
6                               a Japanese Army, Navy, or Air Force; and
- 7   **WHEREAS,**               The Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security between the United  
8                               States and Japan mandates that the United States acts as the  
9                               defender of Japan in place of a Japanese military; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,**               The United States holds several major military bases within  
11                               Japanese territory including bases in Okinawa and Shiuoka  
12                               Prefecture; now, therefore, be it
- 13 **RESOLVED,**               The United States Congress recommends that Japan shall amend  
14                               their constitution to remove Article 9.
- 15 **FURTHER RESOLVED,**   The United States shall slowly phase out presence in Japan to  
16                               remove 50% of bases across Japan and reduce military personnel  
17                               by 50% across Japan by 2023.

*Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Foreign Affairs,*

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## A Bill to Reform Our Immigration System

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The executive program known as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals,
2.                   or DACA, is hereby authorized and funded. The Department of Homeland Security
3.                   will report to Congress on what is needed to continue to extend DACA protection
4.                   to people living in the United States.
5. **SECTION 2.** The Department of Homeland Security is directed to accelerate existing paths to
6.                   permanent residency and/or citizenship. The DHS shall reduce current wait times
7.                   by 50% by 2020; additional budget requests from DHS to meet this goal will be
8.                   honored.
9. **SECTION 3.** The travel moratorium most recently requested by the President will be authorized
10.                  by this act and implemented by the Department of State.
11.                  **A.** Any funding necessary to implement this travel moratorium will be granted the
12.                  Department of State.
13.                  **B.** The Department of State will submit a report to Congress on the effectiveness
14.                  and necessity of the travel moratorium three months after the passage of this bill,
15.                  and Congress will decide at that time if the moratorium will remain in place.
16. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.
17. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted to the Committee on Foreign Affairs*

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## A Resolution to Secure Solar Energy for the Future

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   Solar energy makes up less than 1% of total energy production  
2                   worldwide; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**   Solar energy is expanding, becoming more efficient, yet not efficient  
4                   enough to replace traditional energy sources; and
- 5   **WHEREAS,**   Climate change threatens to cause massive economic damage worldwide  
6                   in the short and long term; and
- 7   **WHEREAS,**   A globalized free trade policy amongst all world nations for the solar  
8                   industry would promote the most efficiency in solar markets; now,  
9                   therefore, be it
- 10   **RESOLVED,**   That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation  
11                   to all nations that there shall be no tariffs or additional costs levied on  
12                   companies or nations involved in the solar industry/trade; and, be it
- 13   **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the World Trade Organization shall penalize the nations that  
14                   do engage in trade protectionism in the solar industry with additional  
15                   retaliatory measures equal to the measures levied by the protectionist  
16                   nation.

*Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Foreign Affairs,*

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## A Bill to Tailor Education for the Future Generation

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All Illinois public school districts will have to provide families the choice of  
 3 which school they want to attend by providing school vouchers. Every  
 4 Illinois public school will also transition to magnet schools within 5 years  
 5 of the implementation of this bill.

6 **SECTION 2.** Illinois public schools will be defined as schools funded and maintained  
 7 by the government. School vouchers will be defined as sums of money  
 8 given to public schools when students enroll. Magnet schools will be  
 9 defined as schools that specialize in certain career clusters, teaching  
 10 styles, or academic needs.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Illinois State Board of Education is responsible for the regulation of  
 12 this bill.

13 A. Monetary value of school vouchers will be determined by taking  
 14 Illinois's education spending budget and dividing it by the amount of  
 15 public school students.

16 B. Schools will still have to follow Illinois State Board of Education  
 17 Graduation Requirements as well as Illinois Learning Standards

18 C. Schools will not be able to discriminate or deny enrollment based on  
 19 race, sex, gender, sexual orientation, religion, income status, disability  
 20 or academic history

21 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect August 1, 2018..

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

*Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Public Welfare*

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## A Bill to Use Guns SMARTly

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1           **SECTION 1.**   The United States shall hereby adopt smart gun technology  
2           in all public markets.
- 3           **SECTION 2.**   Smart gun technology is defined as technology that provides  
4           a safety feature allowing the firearm to fire only when activated by an  
5           authorized user. This technology includes RFID chips, mechanical locks,  
6           fingerprint recognition, and/or magnetic rings that will be incorporated  
7           into each firearm.
- 8           **SECTION 3.**   The United States Consumer Product and Safety  
9           Commission will be provided with \$25 million to expand oversight to  
10          include smart gun technology, which must be in every firearm within the  
11          United States.
- 12          A. The United States Consumer Product and Safety Commission will  
13          implement a recall program to ensure that faulty smart gun systems  
14          and guns without smart technology will have properly functioning  
15          systems as outlined in Section 2.
- 16          B. This program will end in 2024.
- 17          C. Non-compliant gun manufacturers will be fined at 200% of the original  
18          retail of the firearm, per firearm sold. This money will be placed toward  
19          extra funding for the legislation.
- 20          **SECTION 4.**   This bill will be implemented in fiscal year 2018.
- 21          **SECTION 5.**   All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared  
22          null and void.

*Respectfully submitted to the committee on Public Welfare,*

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## A Bill to Advance Our Students

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All Illinois high school students must complete 1 full credit of an  
3 accredited AP course with a passing grade in order to graduate.

4 Exemptions are available for individual students with disabilities or  
5 cognitive delays.

6 **SECTION 2.** 1 full credit shall be defined as either 1 full year or 2 nonconsecutive  
7 semesters of an AP class. An accredited AP course shall be defined as any  
8 course that has successfully completed the College Board's AP Audit  
9 process. A passing grade shall be defined as a grade of a C or higher. An  
10 exemption must be filed with the Illinois State Board of Education and  
11 will be granted at their discretion.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Illinois State Board of Education will oversee the implementation of  
13 this bill.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect beginning with the Class of 2022.

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

*Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Public Welfare,*

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