

# COMMONWEALTH HOUSE

# **A Bill to Abolish the Federal Minimum Wage to Allow for more Job Opportunity**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The minimum wage as mandated by the federal government will hereby be abolished.

**SECTION 2.** The minimum wage shall be defined as the lowest wage an employer can legally pay an employee at an hourly rate.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor will be responsible for the execution of this bill.

**SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

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

# The Medical Act of 2018

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A free universal healthcare system ("Medical") shall be created.

3 **SECTION 2.** Free is defined as zero cost to consumers. Universal is defined as all U.S.  
4 citizens. Healthcare is defined as all emergency, essential, and routine  
5 healthcare needs, excluding cosmetic and non-prescribed procedures.

6 **SECTION 3.** Planning, funding, and implementation will be overseen by the  
7 Department of Health and Human Services.

8 A. Medicare and Medicaid will transform into the Medical system with  
9 all funding remaining mandated, the elimination of the spending cap,  
10 and raised Medical taxes to increase funding levels.

11 B. The federal government will pay costs incurred by private medical  
12 institutions while monitoring and systematically lowering them to  
13 ensure the most efficient investments. Pharmaceutical, medical  
14 supply, and other related medical industries will be required to  
15 reduce costs gradually with this plan or cease operations.

16 **SECTION 4.** By January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, HHS will have to have completed a detailed plan and  
17 procedure for implementation. No later than January, 1<sup>st</sup> 2024, all  
18 medical, financial, and technological infrastructure should be in place and  
19 implementation will begin.

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

21 *Introduced by Science Leadership Academy.*

**A BILL TO ALLOW FELONS TO  
VOTE AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THEIR SENTENCE**

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

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

3 following the completion of their sentence

4 **SECTION 2.** Felon shall be defined as a criminal convicted of any crime that is legally

5 considered to be a felony. Sentence shall be defined as the final explicit

6 act of a judge-ruled process, including imprisonment, parole, and any

7 other sentence delivered by a judge.

8 **SECTION 3.** The implementation of this legislation will be overseen by the Department

9 of Justice

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented immediately after passage

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Dallastown Area High School*

## A Bill to Incorporate Esperanto Into to High School Curricula

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1       **SECTION 1.** Esperanto will be a mandatory class for all students entering high  
2       school.

**SECTION 2.** A. Esperanto is defined by dictionary.com as “an artificial language invented in 1887 by L. L. Zamenhof (1859–1917), a Polish physician and philologist, and intended for international use. It is based on word roots common to the major European languages.

7 B. High School shall be defined as grades 9-12 in public schools.

8 C. Curricula shall be defined, by dictionary.com, as the aggregate of  
9 courses of study given in a school college, university, etc.

10           **SECTION 3.** The Department of education shall oversee the implementation of  
11           this bill.  
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13 A. Speakers of the language, or duolingo shall be used to teach  
14 students.

15 B. Surplus money from the department of education shall be used to  
16 fund the devices on which duolingo shall be loaded.

17       **SECTION 4.**   This bill shall be implemented in the 2018-2019 school year.

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

**A Resolution to Restrict the De Beers Diamond Cartel to Allow a Free Market:**

- Whereas,** De Beers is restricting the sale of diamonds, causing an artificial inflation of the diamond's price; and
- Whereas,** De Beers owns almost the entire global supply of diamonds, allowing them sell them for any price. This effectively scams the nation of its money; and
- Whereas,** This scamming results in economic distress and an unfair market; and
- Whereas,** Results in major laws against monopolies being broken therefore; be it,
- Resolved,** That restrictions should be placed on the De Beers Corporation in order break apart this monopoly and bring about a new state of fair pricing for this market.

*Introduced by Greensburg Salem High School*

## **A BILL TO CHANGE ELECTION DAY**

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

2 Article I: The United States government shall declare the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in November as  
3 Election Day and make the day a Federal Day of Observance.

4 Article II: This legislation shall become law beginning with the first Presidential election  
5 year after passage of a supporting U.S. Constitutional amendment.

6 Article III: The Federal Election Commission shall oversee implementation of this legislation  
7 including the following changes to the election calendar:

8 A. All states shall have the power to permit early voting in the two weeks prior to  
9 “Election Day”

10 B. All absentee ballots must be due for return within five (5) calendar days of  
11 “Election Day” and be counted by November 30 to be valid.

12 Article V: All other laws in conflict with this new policy shall hereby declared null and void.  
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*Respectfully submitted,*

*Lakeview High School*

## A Bill to Prohibit Gender Transitory Methods in Minors

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

- SECTION 1.** Any form of therapy or medical action associated with gender reassignment shall be prohibited in cases involving minors under eighteen years of age.
- SECTION 2.** Medical action associated with gender reassignment shall be defined as the following procedures: Hormone Replacement Therapy, Chest Reconstruction Surgery, Facial Feminization Surgery, and Sex Reassignment Surgery.
- SECTION 3.** Minors are permitted to seek psychological therapy, and minors who have been diagnosed with an intersex condition at birth may also be eligible for medical action should the need arise with consent from the minor's legal guardian(s) AND from a licensed medical professional. Both consents must be given before any minor may be eligible for medical action.
- SECTION 4.** The United States Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) shall oversee the implementation of this bill.
- A.** Any legal guardian who continues to provide medical action for a minor without exception shall be charged with felony child endangerment.
  - B.** Any practicing licensed medical professional who performs any of the operations listed above without exception shall be charged with sexual assault of a minor.
- SECTION 5.** This law shall become effective January 1, 2019
- SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Berlin Brothersvalley High School*



## A Bill to Make English the Official Language of the United States

**WHEREAS:** The United States currently has no official language.

**WHEREAS:** The United States is made up of mostly English speaking citizens.

**WHEREAS:** Having an Official Language will decrease costs of production for all goods as other languages will no longer have to be printed on products.

**WHEREAS:** Learning English is an essential skill if one wishes to assimilate into the American culture.

**WHEREAS:** Learning rudimentary English skills will be required for citizenship.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the PHSSL State Student Congress here assembled that:

English be made the official language of the United States

**LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that:**

Official business be conducted in English and all official documents shall be written in English.

**LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLED that:**

In order to become a naturalized citizen, one will have to learn to speak English in at least a limited capacity

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Holy Redeemer High School*

## **A BILL TO DECREASE THE FUNDING OF NASA**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The NASA, or National Aeronautics and Space Administration, program  
3 will be given a decreased amount of funding from the federal government.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Department of State will oversee the enforcement of this bill by  
5 limiting the amount of funding that NASA receives from the federal  
6 budget.

7 A. The NASA program will receive a ten billion dollar per year budget as  
8 opposed to their current ninety billion dollar budget.

9 B. The NASA program will not be able to receive any more funding than  
10 this and will only be permitted to employ 10,000 workers with a yearly  
11 salary of \$150,000 as opposed to the current 18,000 workers they employ.

12. **SECTION 3.** This Bill is to be implemented on August 1, 2018.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Deer Lakes High School*

A Resolution to Fund Bicycle-Sharing Subsidies

**WHEREAS**, only 25% of cities have subsidies that incentivize bicycle-sharing systems,

**WHEREAS**, the passage of this resolution will set aside funds to help cities subsidize bicycle-sharing systems.

**WHEREAS**, multiple studies have shown bicycle-sharing systems offer benefits to cities.

**RESOLVED**, that the Congress assembled here calls for the following recommendation of a solution, that subsidizing of bicycle-sharing systems will be implemented in cities.

Sincerely, Senator Campbell

GAR High School

Wilkes Barre, Pa 18702

## A Bill to Eliminate the Statute of Limitations on Sexual Assault

1. **Section 1:** Currently someone who commits sexual assault will not be able to have legal action taken against them if the time has passed the statute of limitations.
2. **Section 2:** Many victims need time before they feel able to come forward and take legal action.
3. **Section 3:** It would empower people to come forward and report sexual assault that may have occurred past the statute of limitations.
4. **Section 4:** This would give a message of zero tolerance in our society.
5. **Section 5:** More people would be convicted of the sexually violent crimes they committed.
6. **WHEREAS:** It holds people accountable for crimes they committed.
7. **BE IT RESOLVED,** The United States government should take a stand on this issue and eliminate the statute of limitations on sexual assault.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bethel Park High School

## **A Resolution to Encourage Public Schools to Reevaluate Homework Practices**

1     **WHEREAS**, it is assumed that the primary goal of homework is to aid in reinforcing  
2     subjects taught in any given school class.

3     **WHEREAS**, it is an unproven, apocryphal misconception that if a teacher requires his or  
4     her students to complete greater amounts of homework on a certain subject, then the  
5     students will have a greater knowledge and education concerning that subject.

6     **WHEREAS**, according to the Center for Public Education, it is also unproven that  
7     homework does any of the following: increases academic achievement, creates  
8     internationally competitive student scores, and is undesirable to only those who “want to  
9     weaken curriculum and pander to students’ laziness.”

10    **WHEREAS**, there are verified studies that overwhelming amounts of homework can  
11    lead to sleep deprivation, anxiety, headaches, exhaustion, and poor eating habits among  
12    other items.

13    **WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Education’s mission statement is, as stated on the  
14    Department’s official website, “...to promote student achievement and preparation for  
15    global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access.”

16    **WHEREAS**, according to the National Parent Teacher Association, it is recommended  
17    that the time set aside for homework should be about 10-20 minutes each night for a first-  
18    grade student, and then an additional 10 minutes for each ascending grade level until  
19    twelfth grade (e.g., 20-30 minutes for a second-grader, 30-40 minutes for a third-grader,  
20    etc.).

21    **THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Congress here assembled that American public  
22    schools should reevaluate their current homework practices and seek to adopt homework  
23    methods that are of greater benefit to the students.

*Respectfully submitted by Craig Wolfley Jr. from Lakeview Christian Academy*

A Resolution to Provide Day Care Services for Students With Children

1. WHEREAS: Only 40 percent of high school teen mothers finish high
2. school; and
3. WHEREAS: In 2014, a total of 249,078 babies were born to high school
4. women aged 15 – 19 years, for a birth rate of 24.2 per
5. 1,000 women in this age group; and
6. WHEREAS: Many of those teen mothers drop out of high school
7. because they are not able to attend school and watch their
8. child simultaneously; and
9. WHEREAS: Education is vital for high school teens and should be a
10. priority to high schools across the nation; now,
11. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Student Congress here assembled
12. that high schools across the country provide
13. day care services for students with children.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pine-Richland High School

# **A BILL TO PRECLUDE OIL DRILLING IN THE ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**

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

2 **Section 1** The National Park Service may forbid any extraction, or preparation for  
3 extraction of, petroleum oil from the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in a manner  
4 which is determined to be harmful to the environment by the National Park  
5 Service, the National Wildlife Service, or this Congress at a later date.

6 **Section 2** The “Arctic National Wildlife Refuge” shall be defined in accordance with  
7 “Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act,” Title II, and shall include all  
8 public lands defined in this legislation.

9 **Section 3** Penalties for violations of this act shall be as stated in the Alaska National Interest  
10 Lands Conservation Act of 1980, and the federal Justice Department shall have  
11 full authority to prosecute any entities that it deems to be in conflict with this legislation.

12 **Section 4** In order for this Congress to determine that a specific action harms the environment  
13 of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, its conviction must be expressed as a  
14 resolution.

15 **Section 5** This legislation would have the effect of law immediately upon approval.

16 **Section 6** All legislation in conflict with this legislation is hereby null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Bald Eagle Area High School*

## **A Resolution to require students not enrolled in traditional Public Schools to take the Keystone and PSSA Exams.**

1   **WHEREAS**, Students enrolled in traditional public schools have their academic progress  
2   and achievement measured through standardized and universal means like the Keystone  
3   and PSSA exams; and

4   **WHEREAS**, Not all students are enrolled in traditional public schools with many  
5   students being homeschooled, attending private schools, or attending religious schools, and  
6   so, they are not guaranteed to have their progress and achievement tested through universal  
7   means; and

8   **WHEREAS**, The schools of the commonwealth are often compared through those  
9   standardized test results; and

10   **WHEREAS**, Businesses and families often choose to locate themselves in areas with  
11   identifiably excellent schools; now,  
12   Therefore be it

13   **RESOLVED**, by the Student Congress here assembled that all students not enrolled in  
14   traditional public schools take the Keystone and PSSA exams or the successors of those  
15   tests as all students in traditional public schools currently do.

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17   *Respectfully submitted,*

18   *Fox Chapel Area High School*



## **A Bill to Train, Buy-back, and Eliminate Hi-cap (TBEH)**

### 1. SECTION 1: Definitions

2. “High-capacity magazine” shall be defined as any gun magazine capable of containing
3. more than 15 rounds of ammunition.
4. “Bump stock” shall be defined as a device capable of modifying a semi-automatic
5. weapon to mimic the firing rate of an automatic weapon.
6. “Firearm vendor” shall be defined as one who sells firearms.
7. “National Instant Criminal Background Check System” is hereafter abbreviated “NCBC.”
8. “Firearms” are weapons utilizing an ignited propellant to move a projectile through a
9. tube, and any associated accessories such as sights, slings, and magazines.

### 10. SECTION 2: Legislation

11. A. The federal government shall institute a firearm buy-back program for individuals.
  12. (i) All citizens who wish to participate must go to a federal- or state-licensed vendor.
  13. (ii) The individual shall be paid by the federal government at a mutually-agreed upon
  14. valuation determined by the gun’s owner, the federal government, and the vendor, acting
  15. as a third-party valuator.
  16. B. (i) All firearm vendors selling a registered firearm must conduct a background check
  17. of the purchaser. Failure to do so shall result in a \$500,000 fine per transaction.
  18. (ii) A secure access portal shall be designed for gun-show and individual firearm
  19. vendors to facilitate access to the NCBC.
  20. C. All individuals who purchase a firearm at a licensed vendor are required to attend a
  21. certified firearm safety and operation course; enrollment to be half-federally-subsidized.
  22. D. The sale of bump stocks and high-capacity magazines is henceforth illegal.
- ### 23. SECTION 3: Enactment
24. A. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives shall be tasked with
  25. enforcing all provisions except Section 2Bii, and is allocated 2 million dollars for
  26. the current fiscal year to do so.
  27. B. The FBI shall be tasked with enforcing section 2Bii, and given \$200,000 to do so.
  28. C This legislation shall go into effect 6 months from passage.
  29. D. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Upper St. Clair*

**A BILL TO SANCTION MYANMAR TO  
MITIGATE VIOLENCE AGAINST THE ROHINGYA PEOPLE**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This legislation shall impose economic and military sanctions on  
3 Myanmar.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. “Economic sanctions” shall be defined as a suspension of the  
5 importation and exportation of consumer products to and from Myanmar.

6 B. “Military sanctions” shall be defined as a suspension on the transfer of  
7 all military aid to Myanmar.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State shall be charged with the implementation and  
9 enforcement of these sanctions. The Department of State shall submit a  
10 recommendation to Congress for the removal of the sanctions when the  
11 following two conditions have been met:

12 A. The Burmese government grants citizenship to the Rohingya minority;  
13 and

14 B. The Burmese government proposes a plan to mitigate future violence  
15 against the Rohingya people.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Rep. Luke Tyson  
Sewickley Academy*

# KEYSTONE HOUSE

## **A Bill to Correct the Partisan Bias in the Electoral Districts**

1. BE IT ENACTED by the PHSSL State Student Congress here assembled that:
- 2.
3. Section 1: In light of the recent Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruling that all the
4. current Pennsylvania State Assembly and Congressional Districts are
5. unconstitutional, this bill shall establish new criteria for the redistricting
6. of all Pennsylvania electoral districts.
- 7.
8. Section 2: According to the Pennsylvania Constitution, Article II, Section 16, the
9. current criteria for Pennsylvania redistricting are:
10. A. Compactness: : Having the minimum distance between all the parts of
11. constituency.
12. B. Contiguity: Having the minimum distance between all the parts of a
13. constituency.
14. C. Preservation of Counties and Other Political Subdivisions.
- 15.
16. Section 3: The added criteria will be as follows:
17. A. Preservation of Communities of Interest.
18. B. Protection of Incumbents.
19. C. Competitiveness: Districts having relatively even partisan balance,
20. making competition between the two major parties more intense.
21. D. Prohibition on Using Partisan Data.
- 22.
23. Section 4: The government agencies that will oversee the enforcement of this
24. legislation is the Pennsylvania Bureau of Commissions, Elections, and
25. Legislation and the Federal Election Commission.
26. A. Any governmental agency or individual who violates and/or prohibits
27. the integration of this legislation will be subject to a fine of 75,000
28. dollars and/or ten years in prison.
- 29.
30. Section 5: This legislation will be put in effect immediately upon passage.
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32. Section 6: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
33. void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lake-Lehman Jr/Sr High School

## **A Bill to Institute A Universal Basic Income in the United States**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **Section 1:** A universal basic income program will be instituted in the United States.
3. **Section 2:** A. The universal basic income (UBI) will be defined as an unconditional living  
4. stipend which all citizens above the age of 18 will receive.  
5. B. Each American adult will receive \$1000 per month.
6. **Section 3:** The implementation of this piece of legislation will be overseen by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The Dept. of Health and Human Services shall reallocate \$3 trillion of funding for this bill.
7. **Section 4:** This legislation will be implemented over a 5 year period, with the first year paying out \$200 per month and increasing by \$200 each year. The first payments shall take place the beginning of the fiscal year after passage.
8. **Section 5:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by  
Jackie Feffer  
State College Area High School*

**A BILL TO IMPLEMENT PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE FOR THE  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will enact paid family and medical leave for employees.

**SECTION 2.** This would provide eligible government and private sector workers eight weeks of partially paid (50% of salary) leave during time they take off for care-taking.

- A. A student conducted by the State Department of Labor and Industry found that 78% of worker's and 56% of employer's support paid family and medical leave.
- B. Five other states, California, Washington, New Jersey, Rhode Island, and New York have enacted paid-leave programs. 14 others states have introduced paid-leave programs since 2002.

**SECTION 3.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*La Salle College High School*

**A Bill to Ensure Progress in the Area of Renewable Energy**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED
2. THAT:
3. **SECTION 1.** The United States will get 80% of its power from renewable
4. sources by 2050.
5. **SECTION 2.** Renewable sources shall be defined as sources that are not
6. depleted by their use.
7. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and
8. Renewable Energy shall be charged with the implantation of this bill.
9.       I. The Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and
10. Renewable Energy's budget will be doubled by 2020.
11.       II. Loans, grants and educational programs will be implemented to
12. encourage the widespread use of renewable energy.
13.       III. Research into renewable energy and the best ways to
14. encourage use of renewable energy will be funded.
15. **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect within two years after its
16. enactment.

Proposed by Siegrid Tuttle, Fairview High School

## A Resolution to Reform Welfare

1           **WHEREAS,** Welfare is routinely exploited and abused in the current  
2           system.  
3           **WHEREAS,** Welfare is an inherint drain on the US economy and  
4           taxpayer, costing     hundreds of Billions of dollars a year.  
5           **WHEREAS** The goal of welfare has always been to lift americans out of  
6           poverty.  
7           **WHEREAS,** Government employment programs have been proven  
8           effective since the Works Progress Administration and into the current erra.  
9           **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled begin shifting welfare  
10          services for those capable to work toward Government funded jobs.

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



## **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE START TIME FOR HIGH SCHOOLS**

1. WHEREAS, many students are falling asleep during their morning classes, and
2. WHEREAS, sleeping during classes causes the students to perform poorly in those classes, and
3. WHEREAS, an extra hour or two of sleep in the morning would make the difference between a tired student and a well-rested student, and
4. WHEREAS, scientific studies show that teenage Circadian Rhythms are such that their sleep hormone does not make them ready for sleep until 11:00 or 11:30 pm, and
5. WHEREAS, it is recommended that teenagers receive a minimum of 8 hours of sleep per night, and
6. WHEREAS, this sleep deprivation is causing the quality of teenagers' lives to suffer, and
7. WHEREAS, students do not have time to eat in the morning with the current early school start times, and
8. WHEREAS, students perform optimally when they are well fed and well-rested,
9. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
HERE ASSEMBLED, THAT:
10. School districts in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania should explore the possibility of moving the start time for high schools to a later time.

Respectfully submitted,

Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic 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. Upon verification  
5 of compliance, all economic sanctions against North Korea shall be  
6 lifted.

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

10 B. Economic Sanctions shall be defined as commercial and financial  
11 penalties applied by the United States against the North Korean  
12 government, North Korean businesses or specific North Korean citizens.

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

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

19 **SECTION 6.** This bill shall take effect immediately after passage.

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

B. North Korea shall have three years to fully comply with the demands in this  
legislation.

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

Respectfully submitted for Congressional Debate

Southern Lehigh HS

## RESOLUTION

In the

Pennsylvania High School Speech League

by

Academy at Palumbo

1       **WHEREAS,** The continuing prejudice against gender non-binary and gender  
2       non-conforming individuals is still widespread, as seen in the countless acts of  
3       harassment and hate crimes committed against them; and

4       **WHEREAS,** As a result, over 41 percent of trans men and women are estimated  
5       to have attempted suicide — a rate that's nearly nine times as high as the rate of  
6       cisgender Americans; and

7       **WHEREAS,** Many transgender people are physically assaulted in gender  
8       specific bathrooms, suffering physical injury and emotional and psychological  
9       damage; and

10       **WHEREAS,** In addition to the danger of suicide and self-harm, extreme  
11       physical, emotional, and psychological distress interferes with a student's ability  
12       to learn and perform successfully in school; and

13       **WHEREAS,** Forcing students to be identified by the bathroom they choose is  
14       major source of the problem; now, therefore be it

15       **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled make the following  
16       recommendation for all public schools to have exclusively gender neutral  
17       bathrooms.

## **A Bill To Eliminate Paper Currency**

BE IT ENACTED by the PHSSL State Student Congress here assembled that:

Section 1. The United States shall stop using paper currency in an effort to reduce crime.

Cash is an untraceable means of exchange that enables a criminal economy.

Section 2. Paper currency or cash is defined as money in coins or notes, as distinct from checks, money orders, or credit.

Section 3. The only forms of currency that may be used would be credit and debit cards and cryptocurrency that is able to be traced. Individuals holding any form of currency other than those mentioned must exchange it at a bank for their money to have value.

Section 4. This bill shall go into effect on January 1, 2020.

Section 5. The US Department of Treasury shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Shady Side Academy

**PHSSL Congress Bill**  
**Submitted by: Harriton High School**

Redistricting Congress and the Legislature

1. **Whereas:** Congressional districts are determined by an act of the General Assembly
2. with no input by the public in any way.
3. **Whereas:** This arrangement has resulted in partisan gerrymandering where one party
4. controls both branches of the General Assembly and the governorship as was the case
5. when the current congressional districts were created after the 2010 census.
6. **Whereas:** While, this plan complied with the U.S. Supreme Court's "one person, one
7. vote rule, it ignored traditional redistricting criteria, including preservation of local
8. government boundaries.
9. **Whereas:** One small municipality was divided into four congressional districts, essen-
10. tially depriving it of real representation, and when this plan was appealed to the US
11. Supreme Court, it allowed the districts to stand, over strong opposition by the minority
12. in the 5-4 decision.
13. **Whereas:** Legislative districts are drawn by a bipartisan commission that has been so
14. dysfunctional the last 2 times that the legislative commission was unable to agree on the
15. selection of a non-partisan chair and one had to be appointed by the PA Supreme Court.
16. **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by this PHSSL Student Congress here assembled:
17. **That** The Pennsylvania Constitution will be amended to require an independent
18. commission comprised of individuals not currently employed by local, state, or federal
19. government, to redistrict both legislative and congressional districts.
20. **That** the agreed to standards are (in rank order): adhere to all Constitutional and Voting
21. Rights Act requirements; promote competitiveness and partisan fairness, respect politi-
22. subdivisions and communities of interest; encourage geographical compactness and
23. respect for natural geographical features and barriers.

## A Resolution to Annex Canada

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**WHEREAS:** Canada is a large country with underutilized land and resources.

**WHEREAS:** The United States is continuously growing and in need of land and resources.

**WHEREAS:** The opportunity for the annexation of Canada to the United States would be beneficial to both Canada and the United States.

**WHEREAS:** No harm will come by the annexation of Canada by the United States.

**WHEREAS:** It will boost the economic status for the peoples of both nations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED:** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation the United States enter into immediate negotiations with Canada for the purpose of accomplishment of annexation of Canada to the United States.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dylan Housenick*

*E.L Meyers HS*



## **A Resolution to Drastically Reduce the Funding of Welfare Programs**

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   According to the Cato Institute, the US now spends over a trillion dollars  
2                   every year on 126 different welfare programs; and  
3   **WHEREAS,**   Welfare incentivizes low income citizens to work less and discourages  
4                   independence from the state; and  
5   **WHEREAS,**   Since the 1960's War on Poverty by President Lyndon B. Johnson, the  
6                   poverty rate has remained essentially the same despite trillions of dollars  
7                   being put forth; and  
8   **WHEREAS,**   Welfare has obviously not been effective and continues to waste  
9                   government spending in a negative way; and  
10  **RESOLVED,**   By the Congress here assembled that the US Drastically Reduce the  
11                   Funding of Welfare Programs.

*Introduced by Moon Area High School*

# A Bill to Make Euthanasia an Option

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1.** Euthanasia shall be made an option for all terminally ill patients who wish to die with dignity.

**Section 2.** Euthanasia, or "assisted suicide," is defined as the practice of intentionally ending a person's life to relieve pain and suffering.

**Section 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee the compliance of this legislation.

A. All states must submit a yearly report detailing the number of patients who choose to die with dignity. Reports must be submitted by January 25<sup>th</sup> of the following year.

B. Patients will only be eligible for euthanasia if he or she meets the following requisites:

a. Patient is at least 18 years of age.

b. Patient is of sound, conscious mind as deemed by a licensed physician or licensed psychologist

c. Patient has been diagnosed with a terminal illness that will cause death within twelve (12) months as deemed by at least two (2) licensed physicians.

C. Patients who meet all prerequisites must make two oral requests to their primary physician, separated by at least 30 days. A written request must also be submitted with the signature of at least two witnesses. Only at this time may the physician prescribe the lethal medications.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on October 20, 2018

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Nicholas Allis of Sayre High School.*



## **A Resolution to Expand the Use of Youth Courts in the American Juvenile Justice System**

1 WHEREAS, Large numbers of young Americans American encounter early contact with the  
2 justice system and are at greater risk for future, more serious contact as adults; and  
3 WHEREAS, Early negative exposure to the justice system may affect and limit their  
4 opportunities to contribute to society as adults, threatening significant costs to communities; and  
5 WHEREAS, Research demonstrates that the adolescent brain is not fully matured, which may  
5 contribute to bad choices and behavior; and  
6 WHEREAS, Diversion programs help young people make better choices and decrease contact  
7 with juvenile/criminal justice systems  
8 WHEREAS, Youth courts have already been shown to be a cost-effective and successful  
9 diversionary program in many states; and  
10 WHEREAS, Youth courts employ positive peer pressure to correct disruptive behavior; and hold  
11 offenders accountable; and  
12 WHEREAS, Youth courts keep at-risk youths in school, where they continue their education and  
13 are less likely to enter the formal justice systems; and  
14 WHEREAS, increased deployment and utilization of youth courts and the creation of more youth  
15 courts could result in greatly reduced recidivism and corrections costs and, now therefore be it  
16 RESOLVED that the Student Congress here assembled supports the expansion of youth courts in  
17 the American justice system.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Hampton High School*

## **A Bill to Ban School Vouchers**

**Whereas** school vouchers are offered in DC and 13 other states (Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Utah, and Vermont), and

**Whereas** President Trump has mentioned vouchers as a priority for education reform and his Secretary of Education is a supporter, and

**Whereas** using public funds to subsidize religious schools violates the separation of church and state (First Amendment), and

**Whereas** 85% of voucher students in Milwaukee attended religious schools and each Catholic School accepting voucher students received about \$1 million taxpayer dollars, and

**Whereas** school vouchers take money away from already struggling public schools, and

**Whereas** school vouchers showed no positive effect on education in Louisiana, Milwaukee, and Indianapolis according to studies.

**Now, therefore be it enacted by this student congress that all government funded school voucher programs will be eliminated and declared illegal.**

All portions of law in conflict with this one are now declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

William Tennent HS

## **A Bill to Dissolve All Existing Affirmative Action Legislation**

1. WHEREAS, The existing Affirmative action legislation
2. does not promote absolute equality;
3. WHEREAS, it is creating even greater division within
4. the country, and encourages further
5. racial tensions amongst its people
6. WHEREAS, It is essential to health and unity of our nation,
7. to promote the equality that our country was
8. founded on;
9. THEREFORE, be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that
10. all current affirmative action requirements be suspended
11. effective January 1, 2018.

*Respectfully submitted by Slippery Rock Area High School*

Synonyms for equality

- Level playing field

STATE HOUSE

## **A Resolution To Implement Current Event Classes In American Curriculum**

WHEREAS, The average American is under-educated in the realm of most current domestic and global events; and

WHEREAS, According to Florida Today, most young Americans could not name Joe Biden as Vice President when he was in office, much less the leader of a foreign country; and

WHEREAS, Many public elementary, middle, and high schools in America do not offer a class on current domestic or world events; and

WHEREAS, Many other countries' youth are generally more informed of world events as they happen, nonetheless events that occur in their own nations; and WHEREAS, This course would provide an easy way for American students to get informed about global and domestic events and issues; and

WHEREAS This course would be in an online, traditional, and/or flipped classroom setting and include a standardized lesson plan that shall be expanded to include domestic and world events and crises as they happen.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled formally recommend to the state governments the implementation of current domestic and world events classes into the curriculum of all public schools as an online, traditional and/or flipped course(s) lasting at least one semester per school year.

*Respectfully submitted by*

*Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School*

## A RESOLUTION TO RAISE READING SCORES

- 1     Whereas, reading deficiencies can negatively impact a student's ability to  
2     learn in all academic subjects, and  
3     Whereas, it is easier to improve the reading ability of a student before that  
4     student reaches the junior high level, and  
5     Whereas, remediating reading deficiencies becomes even more difficult at the  
6     high school level, therefore  
7     BE IT RESOLVED that any student in grades 3 - 8, who attends a school in  
8     the U.S. which receives any federal subsidies, and who is reading at a  
9     level one (1) to two (2) years below grade level, must participate in 120 hours of  
10    summer reading enrichment.  
11    BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any student in grades 3 - 8, who attends a  
12    school in the U.S. which receives any federal subsidies, and who is  
13    reading at a level three (3) or more years below grade level, must participate in  
14    180 hours of summer reading enrichment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Quigley Catholic High School

## **A Bill to Give Back Power to the States**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS

1 HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. Cannabis will be removed from the Drug Enforcement  
Agency's

3 Controlled Substances list and states will be given the power to regulate  
4 the distribution and sale of cannabis to persons within their borders.

5 B. \$400 million dollars will be allocated towards research into cannabis  
6 and its effect on the body as well as its medical uses.

7 **SECTION 2.** Cannabis, also known as marijuana, shall be defined as a  
psychotropic

8 drug derived from leaves of the cannabis plant.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice, as well as the Department of Health and  
10 Human Services, shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation goes into effect on June 01, 2018.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pittsburgh Central Catholic.*

# A Bill to Outlaw Safe Spaces on College Campuses to Protect and Uphold the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment to the Constitution

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Article I:** Safe Spaces within the campus of any American collegiate educational institution will be dissolved and permanently banned from use. Colleges will protect the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment rights of all students anywhere on the grounds of the institution.

**Article II:** Safe Space is defined as any area where any type of free speech is banned. This may include, but is not limited to, hate speech. An American educational institution is defined as any private or public collegiate institution.

**Article III:** The US Department of Education will oversee the enforcement of this bill.

- A. Any public institution in violation of this bill will lose all Federal funding.
- B. Any private institution found in violation of this bill will lose all federal funding as well as its status as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

**\*A 501(c)(3) organization is a corporation, trust, unincorporated association, or other type of organization that is exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of Title 26 of the United States Code. It is the most common type of the 29 types of 501(c) nonprofit organizations in the United States.**

**Article IV:** This bill will take effect January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019

**Article V:** All Laws in conflict with this legislation will be eliminated as this bill takes effect.



# **A Bill to Provide Paid Parental Leave**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** States must require paid parental leave to all parents for up to 24 weeks.

**SECTION 2.** A. Parental leave generally includes maternity, paternity, and adoption leave

and is the time given to care for newborns or young children.”

B. Paid family leave tends to lead to a higher employee retention rate and higher incomes for families.

**SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Labor will oversee the implement of this bill. Any employer that does not comply will be fined \$1,000 per day per employee they refuse paid leave.

**SECTION 4.** The law will be effective on January 1st, 2019.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Towanda Jr./Sr. High School.*

# A Bill to Create a Negative Income Tax

BE IT ENACTED by the PHSSL State Student Congress here assembled that:

1. **Section 1:** A Negative Income Tax (NIT) be created in the state of Pennsylvania.
2. This act shall be known and cited as the NIT Act.
3. **Section 2: Definitions**
4. Income Tax- tax levied by a government directly on income, especially an annual
5. tax on personal income
6. Tax exemption- a monetary exemption which reduces taxable income
7. Subsidy Rate- government spending through a tax code
8. Negative Income Tax- a progressive income tax system where people earning
9. below a certain amount receive supplemental pay from the government instead
10. of paying taxes to the government.
11. **Section 3:** The Negative Income Tax will be dependent on the minimum wage.
12. If a person makes below the state minimum wage, they will be a recipient
13. of the Negative Income Tax.
14. A person earning \$0 to would receive \$15,000 from the government.
15. A person earning \$15,001 to \$25,000 would receive \$2,500 from the government.
16. A person earning \$25,001 to \$35,000 would neither receive any money nor pay taxes.
17. A person earning \$35,001 to \$50,000 would pay a tax of \$10,000.
18. A person earning \$50,001 to \$75,000 would pay a tax of \$20,000.
19. A person earning \$75,001 to \$99,999 would pay a tax of \$30,000
20. A person earning \$100,000 or more would pay a tax of \$35,000.
21. **Section 4:** Any necessary funding for this legislation will be provided by the Pennsylvania
22. Department of Revenue.
23. **Section 5:** This bill will go into effect four (4) years following passage.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Somerset High School

## A Resolution to Sanction Saudi Arabia to protect the Yemeni People

1           **WHEREAS,**     Saudi Arabia launched a military intervention in 2015 in  
2           order to influence the outcome of the Yemeni Civil War; and  
3           **WHEREAS,**     the intervention initially consisted of a bombing campaign  
4           on Houthi Rebels and later saw a naval blockade and the deployment of  
5           ground forces into Yemen; and  
6           **WHEREAS,**     Since then, the UN has stated that 10,000 civilians have  
7           been killed and 40,000 have been wounded, with an additional 7 million  
8           children facing famine;and  
9           **WHEREAS,**     The United States has always been a supporter of human  
10          rights around the globe, regardless of which side they are aligned to; now,  
11          therefore, be it  
12          **RESOLVED,**     That the PHSSL State Student Congress here assembled  
13          make the push for placing military and economic sanctions on Saudi  
14          Arabia;and, be it  
15          **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the PHSSL State Student Congress here  
16          assembled make the push for dissolving these sanctions once Saudi Arabia  
            ends intervention in Yemen, and the Yemeni people recover from their war  
            induced famine.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Zain M. Masri,*

*McDowell High School*

## **A Resolution to Require Parental Aptitude Testing for United States Adults**

1 WHEREAS: Parental aptitude tests shall be administered to all U.S. adults aiming to have children. Only those with

2 passing scores shall be legally allowed to have children.

3 WHEREAS: Children born to parents who have not taken and passed parental aptitude tests shall be considered illegal and 4 seized by Child Protective Services.

5 WHEREAS: For parents who desire multiple children, the test should only be re-administered if the parents would still

6 like to have more children after the firstborn child reaches legal adulthood.

7 WHEREAS: Those who take and pass the parental aptitude test before having children will be eligible for federal aid in

8 the form of financial support, financial stipends, tax breaks and welfare.

9 WHEREAS: Test taking procedure should require each adult to take the test individually. For couples desiring children,

10 both partners must pass in order to have legal children.

11 RESOLVED, Parental aptitude tests will be the deciding factor as to whether or not adults in the United States may

12 legally have children.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*West Allegheny Senior High School*

## HOME IS WHERE OUR HISTORY IS

1. Whereas: The purpose of the governmental standards for education is to create a well-rounded
2. education for its students, and
3. Whereas: The United States prides itself on its rich historical heritage, and
4. Whereas: Local historical buildings and locations keep losing significance and financial support
5. due to population shifts as well expensive maintenance costs, and
6. Whereas: American school children should know the significance of history in their own communities, and
7. Whereas: PA state standard - 8.2.9.A - specifically states, "Contrast the role groups and
8. individuals from Pennsylvania played in the **social, political**, cultural, and **economic**
9. development of the U.S.
10. Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED by the Pennsylvania High School Speech League Student
11. Congress assembled that Pennsylvania educational standards include a mandated study and visit
12. (actual or virtual) to a local historical site each school year.

Respectfully submitted,

Trinity High School

District #4

## **A Bill To Protect Free Speech on College Campuses**

1     **Section 1:** All US Colleges and Universities that accept Federal funding, or  
2     accept Federally Backed Student Loans are hereby required to protect the free  
3     expression of their students and develop policies to guarantee that  
4     Constitutionally protected speech by students, faculty or invited guests are  
5     secure.

6     **Section 2:** Educational Institutions may only restrict speech in times, places or  
7     manners as prescribed by law and must do so equally in regard to content.

8     **Section 3:** Educational Institutions are required to discipline students, faculty or  
9     staff that hinder free expression of individuals or groups on Campuses.

10    **Section 4:** Educational Institutions that fail to follow these directives above risk,  
11    loss of a portion of their federal funding to be determined by the courts or may be  
12    required to reimburse students the full cost of their tuition, if courts find that their  
13    rights have been violated.

Faithfully Submitted,  
Shikellamy High School

## **A BILL TO CLOSE THE CARRIED INTEREST LOOPHOLE**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** HR. 1: The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act shall hereby be amended so that carried  
3 interest is subject to the federal personal income tax, not the capital gains  
4 tax.

5 **SECTION 2.** Capital Gains is defined as “a share of any profits that the general partners  
6 of private equity and hedge funds receive as compensation, regardless of  
7 whether or not they contributed any initial funds.”

8 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service shall oversee the enforcement of this  
9 legislation.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect beginning in the fiscal year 2019.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Unionville High School*

# **A Bill to Fund GMO and Environmental Research**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. SECTION 1. Research on Genetically Modified Organisms with the intent to help the
2. environment will be encouraged by means of research funding. These such means shall
3. be set aside by the EPA from the Federal Grant Fund. The EPA will oversee any research
4. requesting funding and determine the relevance and money allotment as needed. The
5. research must be with the intent of creating GMOs that produce more oxygen and
6. consume more carbon dioxide. Researchers will be allowed to request money under the
7. supervision of the EPA.
8. SECTION 2. Genetically Modified Organisms will be defined as any organism that has
9. had a modification or change to its genetic code.
10. SECTION 3. The EPA will oversee this legislation and enforce it. Any researcher
11. requesting or receiving funds must submit all research to the EPA. If the EPA finds that
12. any money taken for research is misused or the research done is found to be irrelevant, all
13. money will be returned to the EPA and no further funding may be received.
14. SECTION 4. To be implemented January 1st two years after passage.
15. SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Knoch High School



**A RESOLUTION TO RAISE THE MINIMUM WAGE TO  
REDUCE POVERTY**

1   Whereas:     Minimum wage is not enough to sustain a single person in the United States even  
2                   with this year's increase to \$10.35/hour; and

3   Whereas:     the cost of living according to Social Security Administration rises 2-3% per year;  
4                   and

5   Whereas:     a consistent increase per year based on that rate would keep individuals above the  
6                   poverty level.

7   Therefore,    be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that minimum wage be  
8                   raised each year on January 1 based on the government calculated cost of living  
9                   percentage increase it uses with Social Security benefits.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Hailee Moks  
Iroquois High School*

**A resolution to implement the Harlem Children's Zone Project  
in all cities in Pennsylvania**

**Respectfully submitted by North Allegheny**

- 1 Whereas since the days of segregation, the government's attempts at fixing the education  
2 system to create near-equal educations for wealthy and poor students has failed because of  
3 poor implementation
- 4 Whereas students in suburban and city schools get different educations because of many  
5 factors, but more often than not, a child's home life can directly determine his / her success in  
6 education. The Harlem Children's Zone Project works to directly impact families and the  
7 upbringing / home life of children.
- 8 Whereas the Harlem Children's Zone Project is currently a system that is working in Harlem,  
9 and other cities should emulate on a larger scale. Obama started Promise Zones in a few  
10 cities, but even these need to be expanded.
- 11 Whereas the cost of this is too much for most cities to handle, but if it can break part of the  
12 cycle of poverty that currently impacts too many Americans, the system would end up paying  
13 for itself in the long run as children who graduate out of the Harlem Project do not rely on  
14 public funds as much as their parents did / do.
- 15 Whereas in order for this plan to work, children need to be involved from grade school all the  
16 way to college, and parents must be mandated to attend the classes in order for their children  
17 to be a part of the program. Students have longer school days. The school works to find  
18 mandatory extracurricular activities. The students learn life skills as well as take academic  
19 classes aimed at improving their adult lives.
- 20 Therefore, be it enacted by the PHSSLStudent Congress here assembled that a version of the  
21 Harlem Project be implemented in all cities in Pennsylvania.

Respectfully submitted,

North Allegheny

## **A Resolution to Ban Chocolate from certain countries**

### **Submitted by Mercer High School**

1 Whereas millions of child slaves are being forced to produce up to 75% of the world's  
2 cocoa beans that are grown in West Africa.

3 Whereas there is an estimated 2.1 million children working in the fields and most are  
4 victims of trafficking and slavery, and;

5 Whereas major chocolate producers, such as Hershey, Nestle and Mars, need to be  
6 stopped; as the children who work for the suppliers to these major chocolate / candy  
7 companies are being forced to engage in hazardous work, including working with sharp  
8 tools, agricultural chemicals, and carrying heavy loads; and

9 Whereas if we continue to allow cocoa producers to force these children, from ages 5 to  
10 11, to work in these dangerous conditions, the issue will only continue to be forgotten  
11 and eventually considered normal;

12 Therefore, be it resolved by the Congress here assembled that the US ban the import of  
13 any cocoa beans, powder, or other cocoa product from African countries that continue  
14 to utilize child labor in the production of cocoa; and

15 Be it further resolved, that the United States will restrict the sale of all commercial  
16 chocolate candies, cocoa drinks, and all products made with cocoa produced from child  
17 labor.

## Government Provided Flu Shots for All Students

1. Be enacted by this Congress that:
2. Section 1: Since it is widely believed that vaccinations and specifically the flu vaccination are beneficial to help ensure better health specifically among children, the Federal Government will make available, free of charge, flu shots to any student only in the United States.
3. Section 2: Student is defined as a public school student in grades K-12.  
Free of Charge: is defined as being paid for by the Federal Government as a block grant to the states.
4. Section 3: The Department of Education along with the Department of HHS (Health and Human Services) will manage this program. Their departments will also need to provide oversight to prevent corruption or theft. \$250 million shall be allocated from DOE budget.
5. Section 4: This act should be implemented within 90 days of becoming a law.
6. Section 5: All of the laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall be null and void.

Respectfully submitted,  
Notre Dame 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.

**SENATE BILLS**

## A Resolution to Sanction Saudi Arabia to protect the Yemeni People

1           **WHEREAS,**     Saudi Arabia launched a military intervention in 2015 in  
2           order to influence the outcome of the Yemeni Civil War; and  
3           **WHEREAS,**     the intervention initially consisted of a bombing campaign  
4           on Houthi Rebels and later saw a naval blockade and the deployment of  
5           ground forces into Yemen; and  
6           **WHEREAS,**     Since then, the UN has stated that 10,000 civilians have  
7           been killed and 40,000 have been wounded, with an additional 7 million  
8           children facing famine;  
9           **WHEREAS,**     The United States has always been a supporter of human  
10          rights around the globe, regardless of which side they are aligned to; now,  
11          therefore, be it  
12          **RESOLVED,**     That the PHSSL State Student Congress here assembled  
13          make the push for placing military and economic sanctions on Saudi  
14          Arabia; and, be it  
15          **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the PHSSL State Student Congress here  
16          assembled make the push for dissolving these sanctions once Saudi Arabia  
            ends intervention in Yemen, and the Yemeni people recover from their war  
            induced famine.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*McDowell High School*

*District 1*

**A RESOLUTION TO MANDATE ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
TO PROVIDE UNISEX BATHROOMS**

1 **WHEREAS**, Transgender school students are constantly judged by others for using their chosen  
2 bathroom and are ordered to use the bathroom of a gender in which they don't classify; and  
3 **WHEREAS**, This judgement is occurring in schools all across the United States and must be  
4 stopped as currently one in every 137 teenagers identifies as a transgender; and  
5 **WHEREAS**, These transgender students continuously feel unwelcomed and unsupported by  
6 their peers, lowering their self-esteem and feeling of being free to make an individual choice; and  
7 **WHEREAS**, These teenagers who identify as transgender need to feel included in their school  
8 regardless of their chosen gender and the use unisex bathrooms in schools is a step in the right  
9 direction to help eliminate the judgement towards these teenagers;  
10 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled make the  
11 following recommendation to mandate that all public schools provide unisex bathrooms.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Deer Lakes High School*

*District 2*



## A Bill to Fund Biodiversity

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States will fund 1 million dollars from the budget of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to the Fish and Wildlife services to inform and research to protect main pollinators.

SECTION 2. Main pollinators are insects known to help greatly with pollination such as Bee, wasps, butterflies, and other pollinators. These insects greatly increase the number of plants, which leads to an increase of all other animals, thus increasing the biodiversity of the environment of the US.

SECTION 3. The Fish and Wildlife services will oversee this bill. This agency will provide education to people willing to help and will fund research to save declining populations.

SECTION 4. This will take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully Submitted: Bethel Park High School

District 3

## HOME IS WHERE OUR HISTORY IS

1. Whereas: The purpose of the governmental standards for education is to create a well-rounded
2. education for its students, and
3. Whereas: The United States prides itself on its rich historical heritage, and
4. Whereas: Local historical buildings and locations keep losing significance and financial support
5. due to population shifts as well as expensive maintenance costs, and
6. Whereas: American school children should know the significance of history in their own communities, and
7. Whereas: The PA state standard - 8.2.9.A - specifically states, "Contrast the role groups and
8. individuals from Pennsylvania who played a role in the **social, political, cultural, and economic**
9. development of the U.S.
10. Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED by the Pennsylvania High School Speech League Student
11. Congress assembled that Pennsylvania educational standards include a mandated study and visit
12. (actual or virtual) to a local historical site each school year.

Respectfully submitted,

Trinity High School

District #4

A Resolution in the  
Pennsylvania High School Speech League  
By Mechanicsburg Area Senior High School

1           Whereas, a 2016 U.S Senate committee found pharmaceutical  
2   companies raising the prices on already established life-saving drugs;  
3   and

4           Whereas, many citizens need these drugs to live comfortably;  
5   and

6           Whereas, many elderly citizens on a fixed income or people  
7   who have tight budgets cannot pay for these lifesaving drugs; and

8           Whereas, these up-markings have been found to be for almost  
9   exclusively for profit; now, therefore,

9   BE IT RESOLVED by the PHSSL State Student Congress here  
10   assembled that: drug companies cannot up-mark the price of a drug  
11   more than 10 percent of the manufacturing price.

District 6

**A BILL TO FORCE INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS TO COMPETE**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Internet service providers operating within the US are required to undergo  
3 local loop unbundling.

4 **SECTION 2.** Local loop unbundling will be defined as leasing the last mile of  
5 infrastructure to other internet service providers.

6 Internet service provider will be defined as an organization that provides  
7 services accessing and using the Internet.

8 **SECTION 3.** The FCC will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented immediately following passage.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Dallastown Area High School*

*District 7*

# **A Bill to Impose Economic Sanctions on the Country of Mauritania to Promote the Freedom of All People**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

4 **SECTION 2.** The economic sanctions will be defined as preventing United States  
5 companies from exporting to and importing from the Islamic Republic of  
6 Mauritania.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State and the Department of Commerce will enforce  
8 this legislation.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October, 2018.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by District #8.*

# A Bill to Make Euthanasia an Option

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1.** Euthanasia shall be made an option for all terminally ill patients who wish to die with dignity.

**Section 2.** Euthanasia, or "assisted suicide," is defined as the practice of intentionally ending a person's life to relieve pain and suffering.

**Section 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee the compliance of this legislation.

A. All states must submit a yearly report detailing the number of patients who choose to die with dignity. Reports must be submitted by January 25<sup>th</sup> of the following year.

B. Patients will only be eligible for euthanasia if he or she meets the following requisites:

- a. Patient is at least 18 years of age.
- b. Patient is of sound, conscious mind as deemed by a licensed physician or licensed psychologist
- c. Patient has been diagnosed with a terminal illness that will cause death within twelve (12) months as deemed by at least two (2) licensed physicians.

C. Patients who meet all prerequisites must make two oral requests to their primary physician, separated by at least 30 days. A written request must also be submitted with the signature of at least two witnesses. Only at this time may the physician prescribe the lethal medications.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on October 20, 2018

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Nicholas Allis of Sayre High School. District 9*

**PHSSL Congress Bill**  
**Submitted by: District 10**  
Redistricting Congress and the Legislature

1. **Whereas:** Congressional districts are determined by an act of the General Assembly
2. with no input by the public in any way.
3. **Whereas:** This arrangement has resulted in partisan gerrymandering where one party
4. controls both branches of the General Assembly and the governorship as was the case
5. when the current congressional districts were created after the 2010 census.
6. **Whereas:** While, this plan complied with the U.S. Supreme Court's "one person, one
7. vote rule, it ignored traditional redistricting criteria, including preservation of local
8. government boundaries.
9. **Whereas:** One small municipality was divided into four congressional districts, essen-
10. tially depriving it of real representation, and when this plan was appealed to the US
11. Supreme Court, it allowed the districts to stand, over strong opposition by the minority
12. in the 5-4 decision.
13. **Whereas:** Legislative districts are drawn by a bipartisan commission that has been so
14. dysfunctional the last 2 times that the legislative commission was unable to agree on the
15. selection of a non-partisan chair and one had to be appointed by the PA Supreme Court.
16. **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by this PHSSL Student Congress here assembled:
17. **That** The Pennsylvania Constitution will be amended to require an independent
18. commission comprised of individuals not currently employed by local, state, or federal
19. government, to redistrict both legislative and congressional districts.
20. **That** the agreed to standards are (in rank order): adhere to all Constitutional and Voting
21. Rights Act requirements; promote competitiveness and partisan fairness, respect politi-
22. subdivisions and communities of interest; encourage geographical compactness and
23. respect for natural geographical features and barriers.

# **The Immigration Reform Act of 2018**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1    **SECTION 1.** The Budget of the U.S. Citizenship And Immigration Services (USCIS)  
2                   will be increased by Six (6) Billion Dollars.

3                   A. This funding will first be taken out of the U.S. Agency for  
4                   International Development's budget and later redesignated in the first  
5                   Fisical Year after passage.

6    **SECTION 2.** USCIS will use this funding to streamline the immigration process,  
7                   modernize its utilities, and increase the amount of applications processed.

8    **SECTION 3.** USCIS will remake or simplify all of its applications.

9    **SECTION 4** USCIS will implement, in addition to its Diversity Visa Lottery, a merit  
10                  based Green Card application.

11   **SECTION 5.** This legislation will be implemented on January 1, 2019.

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

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*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Patrick Adams of St. Joseph's Preparatory School, District 11*



## **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,*

*Pennsbury High School  
District 12*

**A BILL TO IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY TO AFFORDABLE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.**

A. The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall, within 80 days of enactment of this bill, issue regulations allowing wholesalers, licensed U.S. Pharmacies, and individuals to import qualifying prescription drugs manufactured at FDA-inspected facilities from certified Canadian sellers. After two years, the Secretary shall have the authority to permit importation from certified foreign sellers in countries in the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) that meet specified statutory or regulatory standards that are comparable to U.S. standards.

B. The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall now have the appropriate authority to negotiate pharmaceutical prices on behalf of Medicare Part D.

**SECTION 2.**

A. Certified foreign sellers are defined as firms that (1) have been in existence for at least five years and has a purpose for existing other than for this program; (2) if selling to an individual, does so only after receiving a valid prescription; (3) can certify that the physical premises and data reporting procedures and licenses are in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations in Canada, and has implemented policies to monitor compliance; (4) conduct ongoing and comprehensive quality assurance programs, including blind testing; (5) agree that laboratories approved by the Secretary shall be used to test product samples; (6) receive a certification from the Secretary of Health and Human Services that they meet the above criteria, including any new regulations determined by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and renew their certification every two years.

B. Qualifying prescription drugs must have the same active ingredient(s), route of administration, strength as drugs approved in the U.S, and exclude controlled substances, anesthetic drugs inhaled during surgery, or compounded drugs.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee implementation of this law.

A. Funds necessary to administer Section 1A shall come from an annual fee paid by certified foreign sellers set by the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

**SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

**SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby amended to comply with it.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Unionville High School  
District 15*

# **CONGRESS HOUSE SUPERSESSION BILLS**

# **A BILL CONCERNING DRUG TESTING IN MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

- 1 **SECTION 1:** Random drug testing shall be mandatory for middle and high schools  
2 across the state of Pennsylvania.
- 3 **SECTION 2:** Funding for drug tests will come from school taxes already being paid  
4 by property owners. If necessary, these taxes will be raised.
- 5 **SECTION 3:** The state government will keep track of which schools are not  
6 enforcing the new policy.
- 7 **SECTION 4:** If this policy is not enforced in the school it will lose a  
8 portion of its funding from the state government
- 9 **CLOSING:** This law will be enforced starting in the fall of 2017 at the beginning  
10 of the next upcoming school year.

# A Bill to Implement Extensive Health Tests on GMO Foods

Section 1: All foods with any GMO products shall go through extensive testing to check the safety of these new forms of food.

A. GMO food, by definition, is the product that comes as a result of changing the DNA of a product by using plant and animal genes.

Section 2: These tests include antibiotic resistance and controlled allergy and cancer testing.

Section 3: If a product does not pass this test, they shall be deemed unsafe for general consumption. Otherwise, the product can be distributed to the general public.

Section 3: The FDA will be responsible for implementing these extensive tests.

Section 4: This bill shall go into effect by June 18, 2018.

## A Bill to Repair Structurally Deficient Bridges

### In The Pennsylvania High School Speech League

1. Be it enacted by the Pennsylvania High School Speech League Student Congress assembled that

2. Section 1. The United States Federal Government shall implement a 1% tax on imported luxury goods, generating \$7.886 billion per year. The tax will last for 10 years generating a total of \$78.86 billion. The cost of repairing all of the structurally deficient drudges in the United States is \$70.9 billion.

3. Section 2. The United States Federal Government shall invest in the nation's transportation infrastructure by providing funding grants for each of the states that they are required to use to fix all bridges that are structurally deficient within their jurisdictions, starting with the worst first.

4. Section 3. The amount of federal funding provided to each individual state shall be determined by data gathered by the Federal Highway Administration and each state's Department of Transportation. Any extra funds will be held in escrow.

6. Section 4. The repairing of all structurally deficient bridges will be complete in 12 years.

7. Section 5. This plan will be run and enforced by the federal Department of Transportation

## **A RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE PROPORTION ELECTORAL VOTE DISTRIBUTION IN THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE**

1 **WHEREAS,** The current “winner take all” electoral system does not effectively convey the  
2 wishes of the American people.

3 **WHEREAS,** Under the current system, Conservatives living in solid blue states and Liberals  
4 living in solid red states effectively do not have a say in the election.

5 **WHEREAS,** The winner take all Electoral System allows the president to be elected without  
6 the support of the majority of Americans.

7 **WHEREAS,** The current Electoral System undermines our democracy.

8 **WHEREAS,** Maine and Nebraska have proven to be strong examples of what our Electoral  
9 System could be.

10 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,**

11 That the Student Congress here assembled encourages the State legislatures to  
12 pass legislation that would divide their Electoral Votes proportionally.

## A Resolution to Reform NATO to Ensure Mutual Defense

1. Whereas: NATO-affiliated nations are not contributing the 2% of their national budget
2. necessary to be a member of NATO; and <sup>[ ]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>
3. Whereas: This issue leaves a void in the ability for NATO to defend its member nations <sup>[ ]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>
4. adequately; and <sup>[ ]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>
5. Whereas: This hole in NATO's defense can allow for terrorist organizations such as ISIS <sup>[ ]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>
6. and Russia to breach NATO security. <sup>[ ]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>
7. Therefore, be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that: The United <sup>[ ]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>
8. States government should encourage NATO to collect the 2% that all member nations <sup>[ ]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>
9. should be contributing to its funds.



# **CONGRESS SENATE SUPERSESSION BILLS**

## A Resolution Regarding Child Soldiers in Africa

1. Whereas, young boys are being targeted by terrorist organizations from Boko Haram to
2. the Janjaweed.
3. Whereas, many of these young boys are illiterate and do not have many opportunities for
4. earn money or support a family because they lack any formal schooling.
5. Whereas, militant groups prey on the faith these boys have such as Boko Haram's plan to
6. enlist young, illiterate, Muslim boys from across Africa.
7. Whereas, with education, these young men will have other opportunities than besides
8. becoming a militant.
9. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The congress here assembled allot 8 billion dollars in
10. humanitarian aid to fund for teachers, schools and other necessary materials for
11. a professional education.

# **A RESOLUTION TO REQUIRE YEAR-ROUND SCHOOLING IN HIGH SCHOOL**

**Whereas:** Schooling with a long summer break decreases retention of knowledge gained throughout the year

**Whereas:** Year-round schooling allows more civil restraints on adolescence which decreases juvenile delinquencies

**Whereas:** Year-round school will increase academic skills with more instructional time for students with lower test scores

**Whereas:** Schools should require regulated vacation time to be more evenly distributed throughout the year, giving students the opportunity to regenerate more frequently.

**Whereas:** Families who struggle to find childcare will benefit from year-round school.

**Whereas:** The United States school system would be more like that of other countries, providing students with the ability to have more of a global educational experience

**THEREFORE, Be It Resolved That: The United States Education System will require year-round schooling for high schools starting in the 2018-2019 school year.**

# **A Bill to Encourage Mexico to Secure the U.S. Southern Border by Ending All Foreign Aid to Mexico**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Until the United Mexican States proscribes security measures that will  
3 secure their northern border with the United States of America, including  
4 an effective barrier, border patrols, and other preventative measures,  
5 The United States of America will end all foreign aid to the United  
6 Mexican States.

7 **SECTION 2.** Foreign aid will be defined as any assistance given by the United States to  
8 Mexico. The aid has traditionally been given through the U.S. Agency for  
9 International and Peace Corps.

10 **SECTION 3.** The State Department will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

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

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

## A Resolution against the Sale of Arms to Saudi Arabia

1. Whereas: The State Department announced the potential sale of Military arms to Saudi
2. Arabia
3. Whereas: and the sale of arms may harm innocent civilians and may fuel a regional arms
4. race and;
5. Whereas: The sale of arms may also contribute to the killing of innocent Yemen citizens,
6. as has occurred in the past and may be further perpetuated by an influx of weapons into
7. the region.
8. Therefore: Be it resolved by the Congress assembled today that this legislative body
9. vehemently disagrees with the proposed sale of weapons to the Saudi Arabian military by
10. the United States State Department.

# A Bill to Raise the Federal Minimum Wage

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (FLSA) shall be amended to  
3 increase the minimum wage to \$10.10 US Dollars an hour and the federal  
4 minimum wage for tipped employees to \$3.15 US Dollars an hour.

5 **SECTION 2.** Minimum wage is defined by the FLSA as the rate employers shall pay to  
6 each of their employees who in any workweek is engaged in commerce or  
7 in the production of goods for commerce, or is employed in an enterprise  
8 engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect at the start of Fiscal Year 2019.

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