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CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE
INFORMATION PACKET

FOR CONTESTANTS, JUDGES, AND
COACHES

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CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Friday, September 23rd

2:30-4:00 pm	Debate Registration	Dwight Chapel
7:00-8:00 pm	Speech- and Congress-only Registration	Dwight Chapel

Saturday, September 24th

8:00-8:30 am	Opening Meeting	SSS
8:45 am-12:00 pm	Session One	
1:00-3:45 pm	Session Two	
4:15-7:00 pm	Session Three	
8:30 pm	Semifinal Session Competitors Announced	

Sunday, September 25th

8:00 am	Judges' Meeting – Elimination Rounds	Site TBA
8:30-11:00 am	Semifinal Session	
12:00-3:00 pm	Final Session	
3:30 pm	Awards Assembly	

*****Important Note: the information in this packet is tentative with regard to preliminary and elimination round format. If numbers drop significantly between the release of this packet and the beginning of competition, the tournament reserves the right to adjust the numbers and procedures for semifinals, etc., accordingly.**

OFFICIAL PROCEDURAL RULES

The rules contained herein are designed to promote procedural unity among the chambers. They are subject to change by the staff at any time, but they may **NOT** be altered or ignored through a suspension of the rules by the chamber.

--**DECORUM**: Each preliminary chamber is designated as a HOUSE or SENATE. A member of the House of Representatives is always referred to as "Representative," while a member of the Senate is always referred to as "Senator." The Presiding Officer of a House of Representatives is addressed as "Mister/Madame Speaker," while the Presiding Officer of a Senate is addressed as "Mister/Madame President." The Presiding Officer is responsible for enforcing proper decorum in the chambers.

--**LEGISLATIVE DAY**: A legislative day is one session; speaker order (recency) resets after each session.

--**RECOGNITION OF SPEAKERS**: The RECENCY system, as explained by the National Forensic League, is the required method for recognizing speakers at this tournament. Presiding Officers are required to use this form of recognition. Individual recency is to be used at all times; other systems are prohibited!

--**QUESTIONING**: A MANDATORY two minute questioning period follows all AUTHORSHIP, SPONSORSHIP, and SPONSORSHIP ON AMENDMENT speeches; a two-minute questioning period also follows the FIRST NEGATIVE speech on any item of legislation. The Presiding Officer recognizes legislators who wish to ask a question of a speaker; the speaker MAY NOT perform this function him/herself. All other speeches will have a mandatory one-minute questioning period that MAY NOT be suspended. The PO has an obligation to rule "two-part," misleading, or irrelevant questions OUT-OF-ORDER during preliminary and semifinal debate.

--**AGENDA ORDER**: Each chamber determines its own agenda order based on the legislation assigned to it by this packet. All legislation assigned to a chamber **must** be debated before the chamber may proceed to legislation assigned to another chamber. In addition, the minimum cycle rule as outlined below applies to all legislation debated by a chamber.

--**LEGISLATION WITHOUT AN AUTHOR**: If the author of a bill or resolution is not present in the chamber, withdraws from the tournament, or waives service as the author, a SPONSORSHIP speech is in order. Sponsorship is determined by recency. The sponsor becomes accountable for the mechanics of the bill and **must** yield to two minutes of questioning from the chamber.

--**VOTING:** The PO determines the method of voting on each question that comes before the chamber, EXCEPT:

1. For final votes on legislation, amendments, and motions to appeal the chair, a recorded vote must be taken.
2. On all other votes, "voice voting" is acceptable. A recorded vote must follow if any member asks for a division.
3. When a member of the chamber moves for a roll call vote and the motion is agreed to by 1/5 of the chamber.

ALL simple majority votes are based upon the number of legislators PRESENT and VOTING in the chamber; therefore, the PO may not call for or count abstentions. For all votes requiring a fraction of the chamber to agree to a motion or question (2/3, 1/3, 1/5, etc.), the chair determines whether the chamber agrees with the motion/question using the number of legislators PRESENT in the chamber. Because of this system, the PO must track the number of legislators in the chamber at all times.

--**AMENDMENTS:** Legislators submit amendments to the PO in writing. A motion to amend is necessary to consider the written amendment. Once the motion is made, the PO decides if the amendment is germane. The PO may consult with the Parliamentarian to make this decision. If the amendment is found NOT germane, the chair rules it OUT OF ORDER and the amendment process stops. If the chair rules the amendment germane, the chamber considers the amendment. In this case, the PO reads the amendment to the chamber. A 1/3 second of the members PRESENT in the chamber is required to debate the amendment. If the chamber votes a second, debate on the amendment commences immediately. There is no minimum cycle requirement for amendments, so legislators may make a motion to table or call the previous question on the amendment at any time. The first speech on the amendment is a SPONSORSHIP speech. The chair determines speaker recognition for the SPONSORSHIP speech on the basis of recency; the author of the amendment is NOT guaranteed the sponsorship speech. The sponsor accepts responsibility for the mechanics of the amendment and yields to two minutes of questioning. All amendment speeches receive a score and count towards recency. A majority vote is necessary for the chamber to adopt the amendment.

PRELIMINARY COMPETITION FORMAT

This year's Congressional Debate division features eight chambers. Chambers are designated as either a *Senate* or a *House of Representatives*. Please see the *Procedural Rules* above for decorum rules related to this designation.

There are three sessions of debate in the *Preliminary Competition*. Each session consists of three (3) hours of floor debate. There is one elected Presiding Officer in each session. For purposes of this competition, one complete session is a legislative day. Priority for speaking resets at the end of each legislative day. *Thus, all legislators will have zero speeches at the start of each session.*

Any member of the chamber may run for Presiding Officer but no legislator may serve in that office for more than one session. Elections are conducted by secret ballot, with a majority vote required to elect a candidate. Service as Presiding Officer counts as the first two speeches of the session for purposes of speaking priority.

Each chamber is evaluated by a *Parliamentarian* and one *Scorer*. The *Parliamentarian* remains in the chamber throughout the preliminary competition, while the *Scorers* rotate to different chambers throughout the tournament. The *Scorers* evaluate every speech that is given in a session, rating them on a scale of 1 to 6 (1 is low; 6 is high). The points awarded by a *Scorer* for a given speech can thus be used to determine NFL points for that speech. The *Parliamentarian* keeps notes on the overall performance of each legislator, but will not write formal ballots. The *Parliamentarian* will, however, write an evaluation for each Presiding Officer, awarding him/her up to 18 NFL points on the basis of his/her performance during a given session.

At the end of each session, the *Scorer* and the *Parliamentarian* will each independently nominate eight students for *Best Legislator* during the session. The first three competitors on the *Scorer's* nomination form and the first three *unique* (not appearing among the *Scorer's* top three) competitors on the *Parliamentarian's* nomination form comprise a slate that is revealed to the chamber. A *preferential ballot* election follows, with each legislator in the chamber casting one vote. The *Parliamentarian* also votes on the slate of nominees, and his/her ballot is used to break any ties. The winner of the preferential ballot election in each session advances to the Semifinal Round. After each session, each *Scorer's* nomination form is converted into credits by the Tabulation Staff with the 1st place legislator receiving 8 credits, the 2nd place legislator receiving 7, and so on. Those students who were not ranked by the *Scorer* will receive zero (0) credits from that *Scorer*. The three students from each chamber who have earned the highest number of judge credits and have not advanced in the preferential balloting held during the three sessions will advance to the Semifinal Round. Finally, at the conclusion of the third session, each *Parliamentarian* ranks the top 10 students in the chamber on the basis of their overall legislative performance during the course of preliminary competition. The highest-ranking student on this record (*Parliamentarian's Preferential Rating*) who has not advanced from preferential balloting or judge credits will then advance to the Semifinal Round. Thus, seven legislators qualify for the Semifinal Round from each chamber, as follows:

1. 3 students on the basis of *preferential balloting* (1 per session)
2. 3 students on the basis of *total judge credits*
3. 1 student on the basis of *Parliamentarian's Preference*

ELIMINATION ROUND FORMAT AND RULES

Fifty-six (56) contestants will advance to a Semifinal Round, which will feature four chambers of competition. Each of these chambers will be adjudicated by a panel of two Scorers and a Parliamentarian.

At the conclusion of the Semifinal Round, each of the two *Scorers* and the *Parliamentarian* in each chamber will independently rank the top six students in the session on the basis of *Best Legislator*. The rankings by the *Scorers* and the *Parliamentarian* will be converted by the Tabulation Staff using a credit system as in the Preliminary Competition, with 1st place earning 6 credits, 2nd place earning 5 credits, and so on through the 6th place legislator who will receive 1 credit. The eight legislators whose names do not appear on a given rank form receive zero (0) credits from that *Scorer*. Two students will be selected for the Super Session from each Semifinal chamber on the basis of these judge credits. One student will also advance to the Super Session on the basis of the *Parliamentarian's* preference for *Best Legislator* in each chamber.

Independent of the above process, a *preferential ballot* election will be held from a slate of six candidates as determined by the rankings of the *Scorers*. Each legislator will cast one vote in this election, as will the *Parliamentarian* (whose ballot will be weighted at 2 student votes and will also serve as a tie-breaker). The top two students in the preferential balloting will advance to the Super Session.

Thus, five students will advance to the Super Session from each Semifinal Chamber as follows:

1. 2 students on the basis of *preferential balloting*
2. 2 students on the basis of *total judge credits*
3. 1 student selected as *Best Legislator* by the *Parliamentarian*

Twenty (20) students will advance to the Yale Invitational Super Congress.

A panel of five *Scorers* and one *Parliamentarian* will evaluate the Super Congress. At the conclusion of the Super Congress, each will independently complete a ranking form for *Best Legislator* listing a maximum of ten competitors. The ranking forms of the *Scorers* will be converted by the Tabulation Staff into a credit system as outlined in the section on the Semifinal Round above. Those ten legislators who receive the highest number of credits will comprise the top ten contestants at the Yale Invitational. *At no time will the slate of ten contenders for Champion be revealed prior to the Awards Assembly.* Each legislator as well as the *Parliamentarian* will complete a blind preferential ballot at the conclusion of the Super Congress that includes the names of each competitor in the Super Congress. The Tabulation Staff will also convert each *Scorer's* ranking form into a preferential ballot; along with the *Parliamentarian's* ballot, each of these will carry a weight of 3 student votes. These preferential ballots will then be used to determine the Champion of the Yale Invitational, with the *Parliamentarian's* ballot being a tie-breaker.

ELIMINATION ROUND TOPICS

Topic Areas – Semifinal Round

Topic areas for the Semifinal Round legislation will be announced via the Yale website on or around Monday, September 19. The full text of the legislation for the Semifinal round will be available to all competitors no later than registration. Contestants should arrive – with research – prepared to debate legislation within these topic areas.

Legislation – Super Congress

Legislation for the Super Congress will be released to contestants no later than the conclusion of the preliminary competition.

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CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE CHAMBER ASSIGNMENTS

General Information for Contestants

- ❖ Find your name on the next page.
- ❖ Be sure you take note of whether your chamber is a Senate or a House for the purposes of decorum.
- ❖ Remember to use the code that is associated with your name (your coach will receive this at registration) at all times when speaking from the floor during Preliminary and Elimination sessions of the Congress. *Do **not** use your school name to identify yourself during the course of any session of the Congress.*

Legislative Calendar

- ❖ Each piece of legislation has been assigned to the same chamber as its author.
- ❖ All legislation assigned to a chamber must be debated before the chamber may debate legislation assigned to a different chamber. Legislation assigned to a chamber *may not* be tabled for the purposes of moving forward to another chamber's legislation.
- ❖ In the event that a chamber completes its entire agenda, it may debate legislation assigned to *one and only one* additional chamber.
 - Senate A will debate items from the agenda of House A.
 - Senate B will debate items from the agenda of House B.
 - Senate C will debate items from the agenda of House C.
 - Senate D will debate items from the agenda of House D.
 - House A will debate items from the agenda of Senate A.
 - House B will debate items from the agenda of Senate B.
 - House C will debate items from the agenda of Senate C.
 - House D will debate items from the agenda of Senate D.

House A
John Barnard
Miriam Bedrin
Evan Brandolino
Gerald Donini
Hannah Esquenazi
Zach Gorwitz
Justin Hill
Nyle Hussain
Brendan Kaiser
Hannah Kern
Eric Kinyon
Timothy Klotsche
Roberta Lobo
Connor Murphy
Jordan Pino
Antonio Rodriguez
Taylor Rose
Anbo Wei
Alex Young
Kenny Zhang

House C
Anna Allred
Jared Blinderman
Dash Brown
Christina Bruce
Andre Chusan
Matthew Dunworth
Kevin Godart
Araliya Gunawardene
Laine Hamilton
James Hu
Elizabeth Hwang
Varun Jambunath
Peter Jorgensen
Vincent Lettieri
Max Liebeskind
Abe Mendelson
Paul Samuel
Sam Schraer
Will Trabaris
Evan Wescott

Senate A
Myles Blodnick
Jimmy Coble
Andrew Colon
Nathaniel Ezolino
David Goldman
Felix Hartmann
Diego Henriquez
Kevin Herriman
Anshika Niraj
Nina Schulze
Jamey Sharp
Richmond Sheedy
Ritchie Shen
Edwin Sze
Drew Teitelbaum
Arushi Thaper
Christian Tsegaye
Arvind Venkataraman
Justin Wang
Claire Yao

Senate C
Sitaara Ali
August Atencio
Greg Bernstein
Regan Bloss
Michael Cervino
Ricky Fernandez
Tyler Finello
Jeremy Gutner
Scott Hutchins
Josh Litchman
Matt Long
David Millstein
Beth Moses
Danny New
Christina Paolicelli
Neil Patel
Jessie Press-Williams
Indira Puri
Amber Shergill
Sunny Zhang

House B
Akanksh Chaudhary
Matt DeBari
Robert Del Mauro
Kyle Dugan
George Easley
Jon Fanger
Jennifer Greene
Elise Huppert
Gregory Keiser
Christine Lu
Jeremy Majerovitz
Kayla Morton
Kevin O'Brien
Kevin Padilla
Joseph Paolicelli
Shivam Patel
Matthew Schaffer
Aaron Singer
Charlie Tomb
Michael Wells

House D
Sarah Baldinger
Lauren Blonde
Hannah Camhi
Colin Cook
Ben Dobkin
David Farrow
Hannah Green
Joseph Heidt
David Jakobowicz
Conrad Mascarenhas
Colin McCormick
Brian Melniker
Sean O'Donnell
Cristine Oh
Tyler Patchen
Hector Pina
Jay Rajan
Megan Schippmann
Bardia Vaseghi
Catie Wettach

Senate B
Eamonn Burke
Nicole Castillo
Philip Choi
Julia Cohen
David Colon
Alison Eckerle
Jordan Friedman
Ethan Grant
Jonathan Hutton
Annarose Jacob
Kristen Love
Taylor Michael
Michael Mumma
Martin Page
Danielle Rucci
William Smith
Samantha Surdin
Nick Walsh
Cindy Wei
Josh Yagur

Senate D
Emily Chan
Daniella Cohen
Michael Cuppari
Alexa DeAlessandria
James DeMarshall
Emily Ebersole
Thomas Gilroy
William Gonzalez
Amay Gupta
Kyle Hendrix
Delaney Herndon
Austin Hopkins
William Knight
Jacob Lightman
Atreya Misra
Matt Rephen
Chris Reuther
Sam Turer
Phillip Weinstein
Warren Zhang

House A Legislation

A BILL TO INDULGE AND MOVE ON

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **ARTICLE I:** British Petroleum (BP) shall be granted renewed permits to drill off shore in the
2. Gulf of Mexico.
3. **ARTICLE II:** BP will be bound to fulfill its financial liabilities, stemming from the April 20,
4. 2010 incident, to Federal, State, and Local governments, as well as individuals.
5. **ARTICLE III:** This bill shall take effect on January 1, 2012
6. **ARTICLE IV:** The Department of Energy shall carry out a comprehensive examination of all oil
7. rigs (registered in the United States or not) that require renewed permits, as to
8. ensure that they are safe.
9. **ARTICLE V:** All laws in conflict with this bill shall be hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted to the Committee on Economics

John Barnard

New Trier High School

A Bill to Implement the ABCDEF Plan in Zambia

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will start the ABCDEF plan in Zambia to help prevent
3 the spread of HIV and reduce the birth rate.

4 **SECTION 2.** The “ABCDEF plan” is a strategy to prevent unprotected sex in
5 impoverished nations by combining both sex education and actual
6 prevention techniques; its goal is to reduce the transfer of sexually
7 transmitted diseases and prevent unwanted pregnancies. The acronym
8 stands for “Abstinence, Be Faithful, Condomise, Defending Against
9 Gender Based Violence, Education, Fix Inheritance Laws.”

10 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Agency for International Development and the World Health
11 Organization will be in charge of the implementation of this legislation
12 with oversight from the Department of State.

13 **A.** One hundred million dollars will be allocated to the Department of
14 State to implement the bill. The Department of State can disperse the
15 funding as it sees fit.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect within two years of passage.

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

*Respectfully submitted by,
Miriam Bedrin
University School of NSU*

A Bill to Audit the Social Security Administration

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform shall order an audit
3 on the Social Security Administration.

4 **A.** The Subcommittee on Regulatory affairs will take leadership
5 responsibilities.

6 1. An audit shall be defined as an evaluation of an organization to
7 verify the efficacy of said organization.

8 **SECTION 2.** The Committee will focus on the Role of Administrative Law Judges in
9 Social Security checks for disabled citizens.

10 **A.** The deadline for the Committee's findings will be December of 2012.

11 **B.** Congress will appropriate five (5) million dollars for the initial audit.

12 **C.** Contingent on the findings, Congress will approve additional funds at
13 their discretion.

14 **SECTION 3.** In the event that the Committee's findings are unsatisfactory, Congress as a
15 whole will take appropriate action.

16 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect within six months of passage.

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

Introduced by Zach Gorwitz, Cypress Bay H.S.

A Bill to Invest in Solar Heat for Oil Wells

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **Section I:** The United States of America will designate 500 Million dollars to the development of
solar heat for oil wells.

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4 **Section II:** Solar heat shall be defined as the process of using mirrors for the heating of subterranean
oil for processing and manufacturing.

5 **Section III:** The United States Department of Energy will oversee the implementation of this piece
of legislation

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Section IV: This piece of legislation will be enacted on January 1, 2015

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Section V: All other laws in conflict with this bill will hereby be declared null and void.

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Respectfully Submitted by Brendan Kaiser

Saint Joseph's Preparatory High School

A Resolution to Create the 28th Amendment

- 1 Whereas: According to the Department of Immigration, since 2007 more than
2. 350,000 babies have been born in the United States by illegal immigrants.
3. Whereas: These “Anchor” babies are automatically US citizens by birth on US soil.
4. Whereas: Illegal immigration is a major problem that costs the US government billions
5. of dollars every year.
6. Whereas: Anchor babies present a significant problem for the justice system and
7. judges who want to obey the law without separating immigrant families.
8. Therefore Be It Resolved by this Congress here assembled that: the 28th Amendment to
9. the United States Constitution be presented to the states for ratification,
10. defining a natural born citizen as a person who is born of at least one parent
11. who is already a US citizen.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric A. P. Kinyon

Southern Lehigh H.S.

A Resolution to Decrease Foreign Aid to Israel

- 1: **Whereas:** Foreign aid creates economic and political dependence, and;
- 2: **Whereas:** The United States is currently facing economic turmoil, and;
- 3: **Whereas:** There are other nations more deserving of foreign aid assistance, and,
- 4: **Whereas:** Israel no longer warrants this aid, therefore;
- 5: **BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The United States decrease foreign aid to Israel.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roberta Lobo

Syosset High School

A Bill to Reduce Federal Corporate Income Taxes to Spur Job Growth

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All Federal corporate income taxes will be reduced by 1/3rd.

3 **SECTION 2. A.** Federal corporate income taxes shall be defined as a tax levied on a
4 corporation's profits at the Federal level.

5 **B.** Reduction in Federal corporate income taxes will be paid for by a
6 reduction in the "Grow the Army" initiative.

7 **SECTION 3.** The United States Internal Revenue Service will enforce the reduced
8 Federal corporate income taxes.

9 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect within six months of passage.

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

Introduced by Jordan Pino, Lake Highland Preparatory School

A Resolution to Refocus the War on Drugs

1 **WHEREAS**, the War On Drugs in Mexico has pushed the drug trade farther south; and

2 **WHEREAS**, the drug problem throughout Latin America is escalating; and

3 **WHEREAS**, this is causing political and economic turmoil throughout the region; now,

4 therefore, be it

5 **RESOLVED**, by the Congress here assembled that funds shall be reallocated from the

6 Merida Initiative to the Central American Regional Security Initiative.

Introduced by Taylor Rose, Loyola School

A Resolution to Help Prevent Future Economic Issues in Europe

Whereas, the current economic situation in Europe risks the health and long life of the Euro, and

Whereas, many of these problems are caused by Greece sharing the same currency as many of the other European countries, and

Whereas, major economic players in Europe such as France and Germany do not want to help Greece pay its debts, therefore harming the Euro's legitimacy,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS CONGRESS ASSEMBLED THAT: the United States push for the dissolving of the Euro as a currency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The United States affirms the continued existence of the European Union.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
Anbo Wei
Needham High School
Needham, Massachusetts.

House B Legislation

A Bill to Encourage African Development by Eliminating Development Aid
BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. U.S. foreign aid to all African nations shall be cut entirely, with the exception of emergency aid and currently allocated PEPFAR funds.

SECTION 2. "U.S. foreign aid" is defined as all monetary and material assistance given by the United States government to a foreign government. "Emergency aid" is defined as any and all U.S. aid given to a foreign nation in a time of natural disaster, war, or any other national emergency. PEPFAR is the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS relief.

SECTION 3. A. USAID in conjunction with the Department of State shall have authority to enforce this legislation.

SECTION 4. This law will take effect five (5) years after the passage of this legislation.

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

*Introduced by Matt DeBari
Lake Highland Preparatory School*

A Bill to Restructure Social Security

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **Section I:** The minimum eligibility age to receive Social Security benefits is increased from 65 to
3 67 and the Social Security Administration will implement a means-test for its recipients with
incomes of over \$100,000 per year in order to prioritize distribution of aid.

4 **Section II:** Means-test is defined as an investigation into the financial position of a person
applying for aid from public funds.

5 **Section III:** The Social Security Administration will oversee the enforcement of this bill

6 **Section IV:** This bill will take effect two years upon its passage.

7 **Section V:** All other laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be declared null and
8 void

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Respectfully Submitted by Jon Fanger

St. Joseph's Preparatory School

A Resolution Regarding Outsourcing

- 1 Whereas: Outsourcing by United States-based corporations limits the number
2 of jobs available for American citizens; and
- 3 Whereas: Outsourcing contributes greatly to our economic distress; and
- 4 Whereas: Without regulations on outsourcing, it will lead us to worse consequences.
- 5 Therefore: Be it resolved by this Student Congress here assemble that:
- 6 The United States of America shall enact stricter regulations on
- 7 outsourcing to benefit the livelihoods of our citizens and our economy.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Elise Huppert
Yorktown High School

A Resolution to Streamline the Department of Homeland Security

1. **WHEREAS,** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
2. is burdened by fragmented bureaucracy
3. and overlapping Congressional oversight; and
4. **WHEREAS,** The Department of Homeland Security is the
5. country's primary protection agency in the
6. civilian field; and
7. **WHEREAS,** The inefficiency of the DHS has resulted in over
8. \$15 billion wasted in failed contracts, \$2 billion in
9. waste and fraud in misuse of government funds,
10. and a slow pace of processing critical security
11. information; now, therefore, be it
12. **RESOLVED,** By this Congress that: The oversight of Homeland
13. Security be streamlined to a single Joint
14. Congressional committee in charge of
15. reviewing actions of the DHS; and, be it
16. **FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Department of Homeland Security
17. declassify certain security information, to be
18. arbitrated by the Homeland Security Congressional
19. committee, in order to break down information
20. barriers among national, state and local govt.

Introduced by Gregory Keiser, Delbarton School

A Resolution to Revoke the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security between the United States and Japan

1: *Whereas:* Japan has been under military restrictions since World War II; and

2: *Whereas:* Restrictions are no longer required for US defense, and;

3: *Whereas:* The majority of Japanese demand reduction of US military presence, and;

4: *Whereas:* Restrictions forbids Japanese maintenance of land, sea, and air forces, and;

5: *Whereas:* Attack or invasion of Japan necessitates the United States Forces Japan to defend

6: them, and;

7: *Whereas:* These obligations could cause troop casualties and economic pressures, and;

8: *Whereas:* Lifting restrictions allows for further development of international and economic

9: cooperation, therefore;

10: *Be it resolved that:* the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security between the United States

11: and Japan should be revoked and US military restrictions on Japan ought

12: to be lifted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Lu

Syosset High School

A BILL TO END AGRICULTURAL SUBSIDIES

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2 Section 1: All agricultural subsidies shall be phased out over the next five years.

3 Section 2: Funds for agricultural subsidies shall be reallocated to domestic and
4 international food assistance programs, with the goal of fighting hunger.

5 Section 3: A) Agricultural subsidies are defined as direct payments to farmers to
6 support their production of agricultural goods.

7 B) Food assistance is defined as prevention of hunger through assistance
8 to underprivileged individuals who have difficulty affording food.

9 Section 4: Punitive tariffs shall be levied against countries who continue their
10 agricultural subsidies programs five years after the passage of this
11 legislation, with the president setting said tariffs with the goal of
12 pressuring said nations to abandon their subsidies programs.

13 Section 5: The Departments of the Treasury, the Department of Agriculture, and
14 the Agency for International Development (USAID) shall enforce and
15 monitor this legislation, as well as distribute funds.

16 Section 6: This bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

17 Section 7: All laws or portions of laws conflicting with the provisions of this
18 legislation shall hereby be declared null and void.

Introduced by Jeremy Majerovitz,

Stuyvesant High School

A Bill to Facilitate the Disposal of Controlled Substances

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) registrants will be allowed to
3 establish drug disposal programs for dispensed controlled substances.

4 **SECTION 2. A.** “DEA registrants” will be defined as pharmacies, hospitals,
5 practitioners, teaching institutions, and Narcotic Treatment Programs.

6 **B.** “Drug disposal programs” will be defined as programs that conform
7 with the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) and the DEA regulations
8 regarding proper disposal of drugs, including procedures specified by
9 federal regulation, 21 C.F.R. § 1307.21.

10 **C.** “Dispensed controlled substances” are the drugs defined by the CSA as
11 more susceptible to abuse and are not limited to any one Schedule.

12 **SECTION 3. A.** The DEA will oversee this legislation, with the Attorney General
13 ensuring that public health and safety are taken into consideration in the
14 programs.

15 **B.** \$10 million per annum will be appropriated from the Domestic
16 Enforcement portion of the DEA budget and will be distributed through a
17 grant program at their discretion from FY 2012 through FY 2015.

18 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect FY 2012.

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

Introduced by Kayla Morton, Suncoast High School

A Resolution to Abolish the Debt Ceiling

WHEREAS, The Debt Ceiling causes periods of uncertainty for the United States government and economy,

WHEREAS, Raising the Debt Ceiling wastes time and increases partisan divide,

WHEREAS, the Debt Ceiling is redundant, therefore,

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Debt Ceiling shall be abolished and Congress shall be able to borrow money unrestrained, and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all laws in conflict with this piece of legislation are declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe F. Paolicelli

Fordham Preparatory School

A Resolution Encouraging the Phasing Out of All Nuclear Power Plants in the United
States by 2025

1. Whereas, the safety of nuclear power plants is in question as evidenced by the
2. accidents at Three Mile Island and other nuclear power plants; and
3. Whereas, dangerous radioactive emissions are regularly released into the
4. atmosphere to settle into land and water used for food production; and
5. Whereas, President Obama has nixed the use of Yucca Mountain and no
6. suitable other location has been secured for the storage of nuclear power plant
7. waste; and
8. Whereas, terrorists have and will continue to use nuclear fuel for destructive
9. purposes; and
10. Whereas, the negative health issues related to radioactivity are well-documented;
11. now, therefore, be it
12. RESOLVED by this Student Congress here assembled:
13. that all nuclear power plants in the United States be phased out by 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Wells

Jupiter High School

House C Legislation

A Resolution to End Drone Strikes

1 **WHEREAS**, ; unacceptable collateral damage occurs from the frequent use of drone
2 strikes and

3 **WHEREAS**, ; the inaccuracy and the lack of precision of these drone strikes increase
4 anti-American sentiment and

5 **WHEREAS**, ; drone strikes are inhibiting the United States' efforts in Afghanistan

6 **WHEREAS**, ; now, therefore, be it

7 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that we call on the President of the
8 United States to end the use of drone strikes as part of US military policy.

*Introduced by Jared Blinderman,
Nova High School*

A Bill to Increase Tax Breaks on Oil

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Taxes will be cut by two-thirds of their current rates for oil companies in
3 the United States from 2012-2022.

4 **SECTION 2.** Taxes shall only be cut if oil companies begin producing technology for
5 alternative energy by 2017.

6 **SECTION 3.** Production of alternative energy shall be defined as the manufacturing of
7 usable energy excluding fossil fuels.

8 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Energy will oversee this legislation.

9 **SECTION 5.** This law will take effect within one year of passage.

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

*Introduced by
Christina Bruce
St. Thomas Aquinas High School*

A Bill to Abolish the Department of Education

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 Article I: The Department of Education shall hereby be abolished.

3 Article II: All duties of the Department of Education are hereby transferred to the
4 State and Local jurisdictions.

5 Article III: This legislation shall be overseen by the United States House Committee
6 on Education and Workforce and the United States Senate Committee on
7 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

8 Article IV: This Bill shall take effect on July 1st, 2012.

9 Article V: All laws in conflict with this Bill shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Laine Hamilton
Yorktown High School

Resolution for the annexation of Greenland

1. WHEREAS, the American economy is falling downward and
2. WHEREAS, Our current dependence on foreign natural resources is detrimental to the nation and
3. WHEREAS, Oil has a grip over the nations economic and foreign policy and the weakness of the dollar has
4. caused continual inflation now, therefore, be it
5. RESOLVED, By the Student Congress here assembled that: the United States annex the
6. Territory of Greenland for the vast number of natural resources that it provides to boost our economy.

Respectfully submitted.
Vincent Lettieri
Chaminade High School

A Bill to Reform the Social Security System

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1. A.** The Maximum Taxable Earnings Amount (MTEA) for Social Security
3 taxes shall be eliminated.

4 **B.** A Social Security tax shall be levied on capital gains at the same rate
5 that it is levied on wages.

6 **C.** For a period of 3 years, the minimum age at which one can collect
7 Retirement Insurance Benefits will be reduced to age 60. People retiring
8 between ages 60 and 62 will receive 75% of their normal retirement
9 benefit.

10 **SECTION 2. A.** The MTEA is the maximum amount of earnings on which a social
11 security tax is levied.

12 **B.** Capital gains are earnings made from the sale of property or of an
13 investment.

14 **C.** The “normal retirement benefit” is the benefit one would receive if one
15 retired at the standard retirement age (either 65, 66, or 67 depending on
16 one’s year of birth).

17 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be carried out by the Social Security Administration
18 in conjunction with the IRS.

19 **SECTION 4. A.** Sections 1A and 1B of this legislation shall be implemented beginning
20 in fiscal year 2013.

21 **B.** Section 1C of this legislation shall take effect within 6 months of
22 passage.

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

*Introduced by Max Liebeskind,
Stuyvesant High School*

**A Resolution to Ratify the United Nations
Convention on the Law of the Sea**

1 **WHEREAS**, the United States has had a recent need for its underwater resources; and
2 **WHEREAS**, a significant amount of these resources are in the Arctic Circle; and
3 **WHEREAS**, Russia has started to lay claim to the entirety of the Arctic Circle under the
4 jurisdiction of the UNCLOS; and
5 **WHEREAS**, the United States cannot combat this without being under the same
6 jurisdiction as Russia; now, therefore, be it
7 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that the United States ratify the United
8 Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Introduced by Abraham Mendelson, Montville Township High School

A BILL TO HELP THE LITTLE GUY

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

2 **ARTICLE I:** The United States Federal Government shall reallocate 4.78% of the
3 annual Department of Defense budget. The reallocated money shall
4 be appropriated to the Department of Labor for the purpose of
5 supporting small businesses.

6 **ARTICLE II:** A small business shall be defined as a company that has fewer than
7 500 employees, and has been founded for three years or less prior to
8 the passage of this bill.

9 **ARTICLE III:** This bill shall be enforced by the U.S Small business Administration.

10 **ARTICLE IV:** This bill shall take effect immediately upon passage

11 **ARTICLE V:** All laws in conflict with this legislation shall be hereby declared null
and void.

Respectfully submitted to the Committee on Economics

Will Trabaris

New Trier High School

A Bill to Repeal Corporate Taxes in America

1	BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
2	Section I: The federal corporate tax system shall be abolished and replaced with a
3	25% value-added tax applicable to all companies, corporations,
4	conglomerates, and all other business-related entities that operate within
5	the United States for a time period of at least five years.
6	Section II: Value-added tax shall be defined as a consumption tax placed on a
7	product whenever value has been added during manufacturing,
8	production, or distribution.
9	Section III: This law shall be enacted by the Department of the Treasury under the
10	jurisdiction of the Internal Revenue Service in conjunction with the
11	Department of Commerce.
12	Section IV: This law shall take effect on October 1 st , 2014, upon the start of the new
13	fiscal year.
14	Section V: All other laws in conflict with this bill will hereby be declared null and
	void.

*Introduced by Evan Wescott
St. Joseph's Preparatory School*

House D Legislation

A BILL TO PERMIT EUTHENASIA

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

- 1 . **Section 1:** Euthanasia will hereby be a permissible practice by licensed physicians for
2. terminally ill patients.
3. **A.** Terminally ill status shall be determined by attending physician.
4. **Section 2:** The euthanasia will only be administered to patients who make clear
5. consent to do so
- 6 **A.** No medical beneficiaries will have the option to decide on behalf of the patient on terms of euthanasia. Only patients themselves can request service
7. **Section 3:** The Department of Health and Human Services shall provide oversight for
8. execution of this legislation.
9. **Section 4:** This bill shall be effective starting January 1, 2012
10. **Section 5:** All legislation in conflict with the aforementioned policy shall herby be
11. declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Blonde, Cypress Bay High School

A Bill to Assist Mexico in Fighting the Nation's Drug War

1: **Be it enacted by the Congress here assembled that:**

2: **Section 1:** The US Government will send weapons and other supplies to Mexican police

3: forces.

4: **Section 2:** The US government will send a human intelligence force to aid Mexican law

5: enforcement officials.

6: **Section 3:** This bill will go into effect one fiscal year after its passage.

7: **Section 4:** During that year, talks will be held with Mexican and US officials to determine

8: what sorts of supplies and weapons would best benefit the Mexican police and the

9: US human intelligence force that will be joining them.

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

Respectfully Submitted

Hannah Camhi

Syosset High School

A Bill to Reform International Tax Code

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The US-China Tax Treaty of 1987 shall hereby be repealed.

3 **SECTION 2.** Tax-free status given to Chinese government and business officials within
4 the U.S. Internal Revenue Code are hereby revoked.

5 **SECTION 3.** A 30% withholding tax rate shall initially be imposed upon Chinese held
6 assets.

7 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Treasury shall have the power to adjust the withholding
8 rate imposed on Chinese assets. The Internal Revenue Service shall be
9 responsible for overseeing the taxation process.

10 **SECTION 5.** This law will take effect within eighteen months of passage.

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

*Introduced by.
David Farrow
Charlotte Latin School*

A Resolution Regarding Social Security

- 1 Whereas: The Social Security Program has grown to a size that is unsustainable; and
- 2 Whereas: The Social Security Program has exhausted the funds set aside for them
and is
- 3 now drawing on funding the United States does not have; and
- 4 Whereas: Various measurements will help the United States Government retain the
- 5 original purpose of the program while still preventing its exorbitant cost.
- 6 Therefore: Be it resolved by this Student Congress here assemble that:
- 7 The Social Security Program shall undergo reforms to make the Program
- 8 more fiscally responsible and stable.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Hannah Green
Yorktown High School

A Resolution to Repair and Maintain America's Dams

- 1 **Whereas:** The United States Government currently owns only 11% of over 85,000
2 dams in the country.
- 3 **Whereas:** The number of high hazard potential dams is increasing at an alarming rate,
4 totaling 15,237.
- 5 **Whereas:** State dam safety programs do not receive efficient funding to keep dams in
6 good enough shape for the safety of their residents.
- 7 **Whereas:** High hazard dams bring about numerous pernicious threats to those who
8 live near them and in their surrounding areas.
- 9 **Whereas:** High hazard dams can be used against us in warfare on our home land, in
10 all parts of the country.
- 11 **Be it Resolved** that a Dam Maintenance Task Force (DMTF) be created in order to
12 maintain all dams in the United States of America, as well as develop,
13 create, and fix dams that are of high hazard, or have potential of becoming
14 hazardous to people of the United States of America.
- 15 **Be it Further Resolved** that congress appropriate \$7.45 billion over the next 5 years to
16 cover the current dam maintenance shortfall, and to consume the state
17 owned dams.
18

Joseph Heidt

La Salle College High School

A Bill to Abolish the Capital Gains Tax

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Capital Gains Tax is hereby abolished. Capital gains on assets will no
3 longer be taxable.

4 **SECTION 2.** Capital gains are defined as the profits realized on the sale of a non-
5 inventory asset that was purchased at a lower price.

6 **SECTION 3.** This law will take effect on October 1, 2011, the start of fiscal year 2012.

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

*Introduced by David Jakubowicz
Nova High School*

A Bill to Amend the Jones Act Provision of the Merchant Marine Act of 1920

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Section 27 of the Merchant Marine Act regarding cabotage within U.S.

3 waters is hereby repealed

4 **SECTION 2.** This law will take effect within six months of passage.

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

Introduced by. Héctor Piña, Independent

A Bill to Eliminate the Debt Ceiling

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The debt ceiling is hereby permanently removed. Passage of a federal
3 budget will be deemed sufficient authority for the Treasury to borrow as
4 much as is required to fund the budget without separate legislation
5 authorizing said borrowing.

6 **SECTION 2.** “Debt ceiling” refers to the maximum amount borrowable by the federal
7 government as first mandated by the Second Liberty Bond Act of 1917.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Treasury shall oversee implementation of this bill.

9 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect immediately.

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

Introduced by Catie Wettach, Lake Highland Preparatory School

Senate A Legislation

A RESOLUTION TO FURTHER THE ADVANCEMENT OF NON-EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH

WHEREAS: Non-embryonic stem cell research (from here on NESCR) has already made some outstanding findings in the field of genetics research

WHEREAS: NESCR has the potential to help thousands of people with genetic disorders

WHEREAS: embryonic stem cell research has ethical and moral dilemmas facing it that NESCR does not

WHEREAS: NESCR does not have adequate funding in any capacity,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ESTABLISHED: That NESCR will have a 100 million dollar per year fund by the U.S. Treasury on top of the 300 million dollars per year that was funded in 2010 by private groups and the government

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: this funding will take place up to the next ten (10) years, or as seems fit by the National Institutes of Health.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Oliver Coble

Fordham Preparatory School

A Bill to Incentivize Domestic Manufacturing Facilities

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1: The United States Congress will ban U.S corporations from manufacturing goods outside the United States.

Section 2: A. The manufacture of goods shall be defined as the production of tangible goods as well as related work that can be climatically, environmentally and circumstantially done in the U.S.

B. The manufacture of goods excludes intellectual labors such as computer programming, invention, intellectual property, or anything relating to the specific exceptional skill of foreign persons.

Section 3: Corporations affected by Section 1 will be able to establish domestic manufacturing facilities (DMF's) within the United States.

Section 4: Domestic manufacturing facilities shall be defined as facilities in which US corporations can manufacture their goods while workers, working at minimum wage, are tax deductible for the corporation.

Section 5: Tax deduction benefits shall cease 30 years after the passing of this bill.

Section 6: The Department of Labor and the State Department will enforce this bill.

Section 7: This bill shall take effect on January 1, 2022.

Section 8: All legislation and laws in conflict with this bill shall be declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted by Felix Hartmann of American Heritage School of Boca/Delray

A Bill to Expand Green Card Allocation

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Green Cards (permanent residency cards) will be given to immigrants who illegally entered the United States and legally married a U.S. citizen or legal resident.

SECTION 2. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will restructure the Adjustment of Status (I-485) Interview to decrease the amount of fraudulent marriages.

SECTION 3. This law will take effect within one year of passage.

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

Submitted by Diego Henriquez,

St. Thomas Aquinas High School

A Resolution to Allow Woman to Serve in Combat Positions in all Branches of the Military

1 **WHEREAS**, Currently the Army and Marine Corps do not allow women to serve in
2 combat positions; and

3 **WHEREAS**, The Military is finding it more and more difficult to meet their quotas for
4 numbers of troops; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Allowing women to serve in combat would drastically increase the
6 number of people who could serve in the Military; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Women who freely choose to serve in the Military should have the same
8 rights to all positions as men; and

9 **WHEREAS**, It is discrimination to bar women from holding certain jobs purely based
10 on gender; now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that there should not be a gender
12 qualification for any position in the United States Military, including combat positions.

Introduced by Kevin Herriman, Eastside Catholic

A Bill to Adjust the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) for Inflation

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Alternative Minimum Tax shall hereby be adjusted for inflation
3 annually based off of the Consumer Price Index.

4 **SECTION 2.** All other tax laws governing the proper usage of the AMT shall remain
5 unchanged.

6 **SECTION 3.** This bill shall be carried out by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
7 Any attempt to avoid these taxes shall result in the prosecution of the
8 persons responsible to the fullest extent of the law for tax evasion.

9
10 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect beginning in the 2012 fiscal year.

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

Introduced by Anshika Niraj, Beachwood High School

A Bill to Restore What Matters the Most

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED

THAT:

Article I At least 50% of all land that is managed by the National Park Service, the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Bureau of Land Management will be required to be restored and designated as Wilderness. To accomplish this, \$50 million will be reallocated from the defense budget in order to accommodate the means of this bill.

Article II A wilderness, in contrast with those areas where man and his own works dominate the landscape, is hereby recognized as an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammeled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain. An area of wilderness is further defined to mean in this Act an area of undeveloped Federal land retaining its primeval character and influence, without permanent improvements or human habitation, which is protected and managed so as to preserve its natural conditions and which (1) generally appears to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature, with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable; (2) has outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation; (3) has at least five thousand acres of land or is of sufficient size as to make practicable its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition; and (4) may also contain ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historical value.

Article III This bill shall take effect on January 1st. 2012.

Article IV This bill shall be enforced by the National Park Service, the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Bureau of Land Management.

Article V All laws in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted to the Committee on Economics

Jamey Sharp
New Trier High School

A Bill to Abolish Agricultural Subsidies

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 Article I: The United States government shall abolish all USDA agricultural
3 subsidies.

4 Article II: The USDA is the United States Department of Agriculture.

5 Article IV: This Bill shall take effect on January 1st, 2013.

6 Article V: The United States House Committee on Agriculture, the United
States

7 Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry, and the
United

8 States Department of Agriculture shall oversee the enforcement of
this

9 Bill.

10 Article VI: All laws in conflict with this Bill shall hereby be declared null and

11 void.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Drew Teitelbaum
Yorktown High School

A BILL TO SEND MICROLOANS TO THE COLUMBIAN PEOPLE

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

2 **SECTION 1.** \$10 billion dollars in the form of microloans shall be sent to low-income
3 Colombian people for the growing and harvesting of legal crops.

4 **SECTION 2.** Legal crops shall be defined as crops which substances considered legal in
5 America are grown from.

6 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of State shall choose which micro-
7 financing organization will be in charge of the distribution of these loans.

8 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect on January 1, 2012.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Arushi Thaper
Trinity Preparatory School*

A Resolution to Reform Secret Detention Facilities in Afghanistan and Iraq

1 **WHEREAS**, the current status of the United States' secret detention facilities in
2 Afghanistan and Iraq has not changed since President Barack Obama
3 revealed them in 2009; and

4 **WHEREAS**, these secret detention facilities are still using methods such as torture and
5 cruel interrogation on the basis of countering terrorism; and

6 **WHEREAS**, no effort has been made by the United States Federal Government to stop
7 these abusive practices; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the United States' secret detention policies classified detainees as immune
9 to the Geneva Conventions set by the United Nations; now,

10 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That the United States Federal Government will
11 reform its secret detention facilities in Afghanistan and Iraq by increasing
12 transparency, inspection, and regulation under international law.

Respectfully Submitted,

Justin Wang

Pennsbury High School

Senate B Legislation

A BILL TO HELP THE UNEMPLOYED

Be it enacted by the Student Congress here assembled that:

1. **Article I:** Small Businesses hiring any person who has been unemployed for a
2. minimum of 3 months shall receive a \$750 tax credit per worker with cap
3. of 10 after the hired person has worked for 12 months.
4. **Article II:** A small business shall be defined as a company that has less than 1,000
5. employees, and has been founded 5 years or less prior to the passage of
6. this bill.
7. **Article III:** This bill shall take effect in January 1st, 2012.
8. **Article IV:** This bill shall be enforced by the U.S Department of Labor.
9. **Article V:** All laws in conflict with this bill shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Economics,

Philip Choi
New Trier High School

A Bill to Invest in Chinese Environmental Policy Efforts

1. Be it enacted by this student congress here assembled that:
2. Article I. One billion dollars over the next three years will be allocated to the People's 3. Republic of China for use in developing environmental policy.
4. Article II. These monies will be used to invest in alternative energy sources (such as
5. biofuel, wind power, and solar power) and air cleaning technologies (such as
6. electrostatic precipitators and scrubbers).
7. Article III. The Congressional Budget Office in conjunction with the EPA will be in
8. charge of the workings of this bill.
9. Article IV. The provisions of this bill will go into effect on December 1, 2011.
10. Article V. All laws in conflict with the provisions of this bill are hereby declared null 11. and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Eckerle

Jupiter High School

A Bill to Quell the War on Drugs

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. This legislation will increase the United States' global efforts to help stop the illicit drug trade.

Section 2. The following methods will be taken:

- A. This legislation will pull all troops from Germany and Italy and relocate them in the northern region of Afghanistan to quell the drug abuse.
- B. Additionally we will give Mexico's military \$2 billion in aid to fight drug cartels.
- C. Finally this legislation will provide \$1 billion in future funding to help quell future drug abuse around the world.

Section 3. The Department of State in joint with the Department of Defense will be working together to implement this bill.

- A. Funding for this legislation will come from reallocations from the annual budget of the Department of Defense.

SECTION 4. This bill will be taken into effect 3 months among passage.

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

Introduced by Jonathan Hutton

Nova High School

A Bill to Eliminate the Conflict from Conflict Minerals

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1. A.** A 25% punitive sales tax shall be placed on all companies utilizing
3 conflict minerals originating within the Democratic Republic of the
4 Congo.

5 **B.** A 5% subsidy shall be put in place for all conflict minerals proven to
6 have originated outside of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

7 **SECTION 2. A.** Conflict minerals shall be defined as gold, tantalum, tungsten, and tin.

8 **B.** A 25% punitive sales tax shall be defined as a 25% sales tax on all
9 goods and services produced or sold by a given company.

10 **C.** A 5% subsidy shall be defined as a reimbursement to the purchaser of
11 5% of the amount paid for the minerals purchased.

12 **SECTION 3.** This bill shall be enforced by the Department of the Treasury, in
13 conjunction with the Department of State and the Department of
14 Commerce.

15 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect within six months of passage.

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

Introduced by Annarose "AJ" Jacob, Stuyvesant High School

A Bill to End Economic Sanctions on Cuba

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** All U. S. economic sanctions against the
2. Republic of Cuba be terminated.
3. **SECTION 2.** *Economic Sanctions:* the United States
4. embargoes and restrictions on trade of
5. all goods besides military goods to Cuba.
6. **SECTION 3.** The United States Treasury Department
7. will enforce this legislation through its
8. Office of Foreign Assets Control. The
9. enforcement will follow the regulations
10. of the Trading with the Enemy Act.
11. **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill will be completed
12. by September 30, 2012, besides the
13. ban on travel which will be lifted
14. immediately.
15. **SECTION 5.** All other laws in conflict with this policy
16. shall hereby be declared null and void.

Introduced by Michael Mumma, Delbarton School

A Bill to Deter the Hiring of Illegal Immigrants

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Fines levied against employers who hire illegal aliens are hereby increased
3 to \$30,000 per illegal alien hired.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Employers” shall be defined as the member of company management
5 who hires the illegal alien. “Illegal alien” shall be defined as any foreign
6 national who is not permitted under U.S. law to live in the U.S.

7 **SECTION 3.** All federal aid to states and municipalities who do not enforce this
8 legislation is hereby invoked until the legislation is enforced.

9 **SECTION 4.** Any revenue raised by this legislation shall be devoted to increased border
10 security.

11 **SECTION 5.** A. The Department of Justice shall oversee the provisions of Sections 1-2
12 of this legislation.

13 **B.** The Department of the Treasury shall oversee the provisions of Section
14 3 of this legislation.

15 **C.** The Department of Homeland Security will oversee the provisions of
16 Section 4 of this legislation.

17 **SECTION 6.** This law will take effect within six months of passage.

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

Introduced by Martin Page, Milton Academy

A Bill to Create an Infrastructure Bank

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Four trillion dollars will be allocated for infrastructure investment in the
3 United States.

4 **SECTION 2.** To ensure long-term sustainability and finance projects of regional and
5 national significance, an independent National Infrastructure Bank will be
6 established.

7 **SECTION 3. A.** This bill shall be administered by the Department of Transportation,
8 with interagency conjunction where departmental conflicts arise, until the
9 establishment of the National Infrastructure Bank.

10 **B.** The main means of distribution until Bank establishment will be the
11 current Surface Transportation Program (STP), with other mechanisms
12 determined at the prerogative of the secretary of transportation.

13 **C.** To ensure efficacy, one half of one percent of every billion dollars
14 invested must be allocated to data collection, analysis, and reporting.

15 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect within six months of passage.

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

Introduced by Danielle Rucci, Lake Highland Preparatory School

A Resolution to Abolish Affirmative Action

- 1: **Whereas:** Colleges and employment centers have currently existing systems in place to select 2: students and new employees respectively, and;
- 3: **Whereas:** Said system selects by using a diversity of matrixes and court-approved rigid racial 4: quotas, and;
- 5: **Whereas:** affirmative action was originally intended to correct previous discrimination and
- 6: violations of civil liberties, and;
- 7: **Whereas:** it has become obsolete with increased racial equality and modern times, and;
- 8: **Whereas:** it fosters racism and discrimination that runs counter to the goals of racial
- 9: equality, and;
- 10: **Whereas:** affirmative action rewards the ethnicity instead of the skill of the
- 11: applicant, therefore;
- 12: **Be it resolved that:** this congress creates plans for a committee to determine how to abolish 13: affirmative action in employment centers and colleges by the school
- 14: year 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicholas Walsh

Syosset High School

A Bill to Aid the Triangle of Death

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill will deliver humanitarian as well as military aid to the Somali
3 people and refugees residing in the Horn of Africa.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. "Humanitarian Aid" shall be defined as resources needed to live
5 sustainably, including food and water.

6 B. "Military Aid" shall be defined as the use of the United States military
7 counter-insurgency efforts. No weapons will be provided to the refugees.
8 The military aid will be in the form of service, not resources.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense in conjunction with the Department of Health
10 and Human Services will oversee the provisions of this bill.

11 A. The Department of Defense will oversee all military actions.

12 B. The Department of Health and Human Services will send delegates to
13 provide the humanitarian aid.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect immediately after passage.

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

Introduced by Josh Yagur, Lake Mary Preparatory School

Senate C Legislation

A Bill to Create Energy Sectors For The Increased Use of Alternative Energy Sources

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill will implement 10 alternative energy sectors. Each alternative
3 energy sector will be assigned an alternative energy source(s) and must
4 produce 15% more energy than the current alternative energy production.

5 The Department of Energy, in conjunction with local state energy agencies
6 and the regional transmission organization, will develop and extend
7 energy infrastructure for alternative energy sources.

8 **SECTION 2. A.** “Alternative energy sectors ” shall be defined as districts composed of
9 states that must use a specific alternative energy source.

10 **B.** Alternative energy sectors will have 7 years to boost energy production
11 to the required 15% more alternative energy production levels

12 **SECTION 3. A.** The Department of Energy shall oversee the provisions of this bill.

13 **B.** Funding shall be derived from the elimination of the National
14 Aeronautics and Space Administration, Federal Emergency Management
15 Agency, and the United States Postal Service.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect 12 months after passage by this legislative
17 body.

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

Introduced by Regan Bloss, Lake Mary Prep.

A Bill to Remove Agriculture Subsidies

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill will abolish all current and future agricultural subsidies in the US

3 **SECTION 2.** Subsidies – form of financial assistance paid to a business or economic sector

4 **SECTION 3.** All federal departments are responsible for phasing out all subsidies they oversee.

5 A. Any company failing to dissolve these subsidies will face a fine up to 8.5%

6 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be enacted by fiscal year 2013

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

Respectfully submitted,

Tyler Finello

Timber Creek High School

A Bill to Fight Corruption in Foreign Aid

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** USAID in cooperation with the CIA will conduct investigations to

3 determine any misuse of monetary aid by nations given US aid.

4 **SECTION 2.** If government officials have misused aid, it will be cut off until reform

5 begins within said country.

6 **SECTION 3.** Civilian aid will be investigated but not revoked.

7 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect within three months of passage.

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

Introduced by Jeremy Gutner, Cypress Bay High School

A Bill to Repeal Public Sector Collective Bargaining Rights

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All collective bargaining rights currently guaranteed to public sector labor

3 unions are hereby revoked

4 **SECTION 2.** The implementation of this bill shall be overseen by the Department of

5 Labor

6 **SECTION 3.** This law will take effect upon expiration of existing contracts

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

Introduced by Scott Hutchins, Eastside Catholic

A Bill to Alleviate the European Debt Crisis

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Government will not collect income tax on income
3 earned from Greek, Portuguese, Irish, Italian and Spanish government
4 bonds. The United States will also issue a 5 billion dollar loan to Greece,
5 Portugal, Ireland, Italy and Spain.

6 **SECTION 2.** These loans will mature over 30 years and will have a fixed low interest
7 rate for all 30 years.

8 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Treasury Department will enforce this legislation.

9 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect within six months of passage.

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

Introduced by.
David Millstein
Bronx Science

A Bill to Implement Probation with Enforcement

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1. A.** Non-violent drug offenders will receive Probation with Enforcement.

3 **B.** All current non-violent offenders will be released on Probation with
4 Enforcement.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Probation with Enforcement” shall be defined as random or frequent
6 urinary drug testing for non-violent drug offenders.

7 **SECTION 3.** This Legislation shall be enforced by the Department of Justice.

8 **1.** Automated computer systems will contact two percent (2%) of people
9 on probation with enforcement per day by 9:00 AM. Where if chosen,
10 the offender must report to the courthouse that same day for the UA
11 drug test.

12 **2.** A positive drug test or failure to provide a sample that specific day
13 results in the offender’s immediate arrest.

14 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect within six months of passage.

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

*Introduced by Beth Moses,
Beachwood High School*

An Resolution to Lower the Voting Age

1 **WHEREAS**, Citizens between the ages of fourteen and seventeen can become part of the
2 workforce, and

3 **WHEREAS**, Legally employed citizens between the ages of fourteen and seventeen pay
4 taxes on their wages, and

5 **WHEREAS**, Citizens between the ages of fourteen and seventeen cannot vote, and

6 **WHEREAS**, The United States of America frowns upon taxation without representation.

7 **THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the voting age for federal taxpayers be
8 lowered to fourteen.

Respectably Submitted by Christina Paolicelli

Convent of the Sacred Heart CT

A Resolution to Increase Sanctions on Syria

- 1 **Whereas:** The current status of Syrian protests has not changed since they
2 began; and
- 3 **Whereas:** Syria’s current government continues to repress its people; and
- 4 **Whereas:** The demands of the protesters have not been met; and
- 5 **Whereas:** Syria has engaged in widespread human rights abuses; and
- 6 **Whereas:** An international sanction would have more impact than an unilateral
7 sanction by the United States
- 8 **Therefore be it resolved that:** The United States government petition the United
9 Nations Security Council for stronger sanctions upon the country of
10 Syria.

Respectfully Submitted,
Neil Patel
Pennsbury High School

A Bill to Aid the Poppy Problem in Afghanistan

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall fund the construction of poppy fueled biodiesel
3 plants in Afghanistan through loans given to Afghani entrepreneurs.

4 **A.** The following provisions are valid only until the loan is repaid:

5 a. five percent of annual profits from the plants will be
6 directed to the United States government; and,

7 b. the plants shall be subject to periodic inspections to
8 ensure full compliance with these regulations.

9 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this bill, poppy fueled biodiesel plants shall be defined
10 as fuel production facilities where poppies account for the majority of the
11 source of the biofuel. Afghani entrepreneurs are only those who pass a
12 rigorous selection process to ensure a total lack of involvement in
13 corruption.

14 **SECTION 3.** The State Department will finance the loans, oversee the construction of
15 the plants, finance the inspectors, and be responsible for enforcing
16 compliance. The State Department will also create an advisory board,
17 composed of members of the public and private sectors, which will
18 conduct annual evaluations of the plants.

19 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect within a year of passage, when the first two
20 plants shall begin construction. After one year of operation, the two plants
21 will be evaluated by the advisory board. Pending a successful evaluation,
22 three other plants will begin construction at this time.

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

Introduced by.

Jessie Press-Williams

Charlottesville High School

Senate D Legislation

A Bill to Reform Corporate Income Taxes

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1. A.** The tax deferrals on overseas income shall hereby be abolished for
3 domestic corporations.

4 **B.** Internal Revenue Code Section 199 shall be repealed for domestic
5 corporations such as gas and oil companies.

6 **SECTION 2. A.** “Tax deferrals” shall be defined as taxes that domestic corporations
7 have postponed in paying until a later time.

8 **B.** “Domestic corporations” shall be defined as corporations which legally
9 declare their operations headquarters as within the United States.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service shall enforce this legislation.

11 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect fiscal year 2012.

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

Introduced by Emily Chan of American Heritage School at Plantation

A Resolution to Better the United States Visa System

1 **WHEREAS** The United States economy is in desperate condition and,
2 **WHEREAS** The national unemployment rate is nearing 10% and,
3 **WHEREAS** Local businesses could be greatly bolstered by an influx of new workers and
4 consumers and,
5 **WHEREAS** The process for obtaining a nonimmigrant visa is unnecessarily laborious
6 and the expedition of the process could do more to attract leisure travelers from around
7 the world and,
8 **WHEREAS** The Visa Waiver Program should be updated,
9 **THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the United States Visa System be
10 reformed, including reasonable travelers programs which would ensure low-risk visa
11 applicants a shorter process, without compromising security.
12 **LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Visa Waiver Program be extended to
13 include the nations of Argentina, Brazil, China, Chile, Poland and Taiwan.

*Respectfully submitted by Alexa de Alessandrini.
Convent of the Sacred Heart, CT.*

A Bill to Establish the International United Nuclear Agency (I.U.N.A.)

1	BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2	SECTION 1. The International United Nuclear Agency is established to work in
3	conjunction with the IAEA (International Atomic Energy Association) to effectively
4	and efficiently regulate the use of Nuclear Power in the Global Community to ensure
5	responsibility and safety.
6	SECTION 2. Regulation will consist of training officials, implementation and
7	installation of Nuclear Power Plants, granted approval for safe and subsidized Nuclear
8	Power, as well as any other means of necessary legal action needed to be taken to
9	create a better Global Climate for Nuclear Energy.
10	SECTION 3. The United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (USNRC) will
11	oversee enforcement of this bill and maintain significant influence in the decisions
12	made by the IUNA. The IUNA will also receive backing and support from the United
13	Nations and the UN Security Council upon their approval.
14	SECTION 4. This bill will take effect as soon as passage by the Congress here
15	assembled and the approval of the UN Security Council as well as the International
16	Atomic Energy Association.
17	SECTION 5. This International Agency will receive sufficient funding and an agreed
18	upon monetary figure approved by the USNRC, IAEA, and the UN.
19	SECTION 6. All other laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be
20	declared null and void.

*Introduced by James DeMarshall
Saint Joseph's Preparatory School*

A Bill to Alter US Strategy in Afghanistan

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Government shall no longer recognize the legitimacy of
3 the current Government of Afghanistan under the leadership of Hamid
4 Karzai, and will support the writing of a new Afghan Constitution, and the
5 formation of a new government, by a constitutional convention consisting
6 of representatives from all thirty-four Afghan Provinces

7 **SECTION 2.** The United States shall offer a six month ceasefire to the Afghani Taliban
8 on the sole condition that they agree to peace talks to be held in Bern,
9 Switzerland and moderated by officials from the United Nations

10 **SECTION 3. A.** In these talks, the United States will demand, amongst other things,
11 that the Taliban demilitarize, and allow NATO forces to continue hunting
12 agents of Al Qaeda within Afghanistan unobstructed. The United States
13 shall make no demand that conflicts with the cultural or religious beliefs
14 of the Afghan people, including Pashtuns and Afghani Hindis.

15 **B.** If the Taliban and United States come to an agreement, the US
16 government will officially recognize the Taliban as a legitimate Afghan
17 political party, not a terrorist group

18 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect at midnight on January 1st, 2012.

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

Introduced by.

Thomas Gilroy, Pleasantville High School (NY)

A Bill to Mandate Voting

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All United States citizens over the age of 18 residing in the U.S at the time
3 of a national election are hereby required to vote for all candidates for
4 federal office. Exemptions will be made for those with special medical
5 circumstances. All those choosing not to vote without an exemption will
6 incur a significant tax penalty every year until they vote.

7 **SECTION 2.** Federal Office shall be defined as the office of the President, U.S. Senator
8 and U.S. Representative. Significant tax penalty shall be defined as a
9 double in the individual income tax of the person not voting.

10 **SECTION 3. A.** The Internal Revenue Service will be responsible for collecting the tax
11 penalty mentioned in Sections 1 and 2

12 **B.** All money brought in from the Voting Penalty shall be redirected to
13 the Federal Elections Commission

14 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect within six months of passage.

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

Introduced by Kyle Hendrix, Eastside Catholic

A BILL TO REINSTATE THE GLASS-STEAGALL ACT

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

2 Section 1: The portions of the Glass-Steagall Act repealed by the Financial
3 Services Modernization Act of 1999 shall be reinstated.

4 Section 2: This bill shall take effect 3 months after passage.

5 Section 3: All laws or portions of laws conflicting with the provisions of this
6 legislation shall hereby be declared null and void.

Introduced by William Francis Knight IV,

Stuyvesant High School

A Bill to Increase Research and Funding of Miniature Nuclear Power Reactors

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The US government shall allocate grants to the research and purchase of
3 miniature nuclear power reactors.

4 **SECTION 2.** Miniature reactors shall be defined as any structure that can be reasonably
5 buried in the ground, produces energy using nuclear fission, and produces
6 energy at a rate equal to or more efficient than conventional reactors.

7 **SECTION 3. A.** \$100 million shall be allocated in the form of grants to research
8 organizations (including private companies) for new development in
9 miniature reactors

10 **B.** \$200 million shall be allocated in the form of grants to electric
11 companies to help offset the price of new miniature reactors.

12 **SECTION 4.** The \$300 million shall come out of the Department of Energy's budget in
13 the next two fiscal years. In addition the Department of Energy shall be
14 responsible for determining the criteria for and distributing the grants to
15 the research organizations and electric companies in compliance with
16 Section 3.

17 **SECTION 5.** The Department of Energy shall oversee the passage of this legislation.

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

*Introduced by.
Chris Reuther
St Thomas Aquinas*

A Bill to Sanction Syria and Bahrain

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The U.S. Congress officially condemns the actions of both the current
3 government of Syria led by Bashar al-Assad and the current
4 government of Bahrain led by the Al-Khalifa monarchy, and will
5 implement the following policies with the aim of their overthrow or
6 collapse

7 **A.** Full economic sanctions against Syria and Bahrain shall be enacted.

8 **B.** The State Department is hereby recommended to push for the
9 enactment of comprehensive multilateral sanctions against both nations
10 at the U.N. Security Council

11 **SECTION 2.** \$100 million is hereby set aside for humanitarian aid to the citizens of
12 Syria and Bahrain, to be distributed by private organizations

13 **SECTION 3.** Economic sanctions are hereby defined as the cessation of all bilateral
14 economic activity between the United States and the target nation,
15 including the freezing of all assets of members of the ruling government.

16 **SECTION 5.** This law will take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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