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A Bill to Provide Subsidies for Algal Biofuels

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 Article 1 The United States federal government shall create a subsidies
2 program to encourage corporations to adopt algal biofuels.
- 3 Article 2 A corporation shall be defined as a private entity designed with the
4 intent to provide services or products for a profit.
- 5 Article 3 The funding for this legislation will be implemented into the
6 FY2017 federal budget, and the subsidies will become available by
7 June 1st, 2017.
- 8 Article 4 The Department of Energy will oversee the implementation of this
9 legislation.
- 10 Article 5 All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
11 and void.

Respectfully submitted,

American Heritage Boca/Delray

A Bill to Mandate Police Body Cameras in State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies

Be it enacted by the student congress assembled here that:

1 Article 1. All state and local law enforcement agencies shall hereby be required to
2 provide body cameras to all law enforcement officials in their employ, to
3 be worn and active during interactions with civilians.

4 Article 2. “Law enforcement officials” shall be defined as “officers, agents, or
5 employees of a state or local government with the jurisdiction to make
6 arrests and enforce the law.” “Body cameras” shall be defined as a “video
7 recording devices affixed to the chest that will record during all
8 encounters with civilians.”

9 Article 3. The provisions of this legislation shall go into effect one year after
10 passage.

11 Article 4. The United States Department of Justice shall be responsible for the
12 implementation and enforcement of this legislation.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Boca Raton Community High School

A Bill to Abolish the Practice of Lobbying

Be it enacted by this Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League Student Congress here assembled

that:

1 Article I: The practice of lobbying promotes the personal gain of organizations and
2 individuals over the good of the nation and must be eliminated.

3 Article II: a) Lobbying is defined as the practice of trying to persuade legislators
4 to propose, pass, or defeat legislation to promote a special interest;

5 b) Organizations are defined as groups of people structured in
6 specific ways to achieve a series of shared goals.

7 Article III: This bill will be implemented by July 1, 2016.

8 Article IV: The Office of Congressional Ethics will oversee the enforcement of the
9 bill.

10 Article V: All other laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be
11 declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Clark Advanced Learning Center

A Bill to Invest in Alternative Energy Resources

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 Article 1. The United States government shall reallocate three-billion dollars
2 (\$3,000,000,000) from non-renewable resource spending to the
3 investment of alternative energy resources.

4 Article 2. A. Alternative energy resources shall include solar power, wind
5 power, hydropower, nuclear power, and other forms of sustainable
6 energy.

7 B. Investment shall be defined as the research, development,
8 production, and distribution of alternative energy resources.

9 Article 3. Implementation shall begin on June 1, 2016

10 Article 4. The Environmental Protection Agency shall work with the Department of
11 Energy to determine the distribution of funds. The Department of the
12 Treasury shall be responsible for the reallocation of funds from the non-
13 renewable energy budget.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dreyfoos School of the Arts

A Bill to Require Video Cameras in Vests

1 *Be it enacted by this Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League Student Congress here*
2 *assembled that:*

3 Article I: All law enforcement officers shall be required to have a functioning video
4 camera installed in their vest to detect and deter police violence. Each law
5 enforcement organization employing officers shall supply the video
6 cameras at no expense to the officers.

7 Article II: The term “vest” includes but is not limited to bullet proof vests or other
8 outwear covering the chest of the officer. “Functioning” means cameras
10 must be turned on and be fully operational at all times the officer is on
11 duty.

10 Article III: This law will become effective January 1, 2017.

11 Article IV: The individual states shall each be responsible for overseeing enactment
12 and compliance with this Bill by each law enforcement agency in its
13 jurisdiction

14 Article V: Any and all other laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall
15 hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Inlet Grove Community HS

A Bill to Mandate Birth Control as a Requirement to Receive Governmental Assistance

Be It Enacted by this PBCFL Student Congress here assembled that:

1 Article I. Birth control (for both genders) will be required to receive Welfare or
2 Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP).

3 Article II. A. All males on the aforementioned social programs will be given
4 Vasalgel or similar male contraception.

5 B. All females on the social programs will be given Depo-Provera
6 shots.

7 Article III. The provisions of this bill will go into effect on January 1, 2019.

8 Article IV. The Department of Health and Human Services will be in charge of the
9 workings of this bill.

10 Article V. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this bill are
11 hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Jupiter High School

A Bill to Reform the Mandatory Minimum for Drug-Related Offenses

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 Article I: The mandatory minimum prison sentencing for drug-related offenses shall
3 be decreased by a margin of 50%.

4 Article II: Mandatory minimum shall be defined as, “The minimum number of years
5 a person convicted of a crime must serve.”

6 Article III: The provisions of this legislation shall go into effect immediately upon
7 passage.

8 Article IV: The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) shall oversee the
9 implementation of this legislation.

10 Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martin County High School

A Bill to Rehabilitate Minor Drug Offenders

Be it enacted by the student congress here assembled that:

1 Article 1. In the case of minor drug offenses, any sentence of incarceration
2 shall be disallowed and, where necessary, replaced with an
3 appropriate term of rehabilitation.

4 Article 2. A. Minor drug offenses include misdemeanor possession and usage of
5 controlled substances as defined by the Controlled Substance Act.
6 The appropriate term of rehabilitation, if one is necessary, shall be
7 determined by on a per-case basis with due consideration to the
8 nature of the usage (including history of usage and level of
9 dependence) and of the drug (specifically the Schedule it belongs
10 to in the CSA Scheduling).

11 B. Funds previously allocated to the incarceration of minor drug
12 offenders shall be reserved for the purpose of establishing and
13 maintaining rehabilitation centers.

14 Article 3. The modified sentencing guidelines shall take effect January 1, 2018.

15 Article 4. The United States Sentencing Commission shall recognize and
16 impose the modified sentencing guidelines.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Palm Beach Central High School

A Bill to Add Sugar to the List of Controlled Substances

Be it enacted by this PBCFL Student Congress here assembled that:

1 Article I: The United States Federal Government will classify sugar as a controlled
2 substance.

3 Article II: Controlled substance being defined as a drug or chemical whose
4 manufacture, possession, or use is regulated by a government.

5 Article III: The bill will take effect on August 1, 2017.

6 Article IV: Proceedings to add, delete, or change the schedule of a drug or other
7 substance will be initiated by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

8 (A) The Controlled Substances Act authorizes the Drug Enforcement
9 Administration to monitor the distribution of all controlled
10 substances.

11 (B) All individuals and firms that are registered to disperse controlled
12 substances are required to maintain complete and accurate
13 inventories and records of all transactions involving controlled
14 substances, as well as security for the storage of controlled
15 substances.

16 Article V: All other laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be
17 declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Palm Beach Gardens High School

A Bill to Mandate all Police Officers to Participate in a Sensitivity Training Program

1 Article I: The purpose of this bill is to train police officers to recognize their
2 own implicit biases.

3 Article II: “Implicit,” implied though not plainly expressed. “Sensitivity Training,”
4 training intended to sensitize people to their attitudes and behaviors.

5 Article III: The provisions of this bill shall take effect January 1, 2016

6 Article IV: The Justice Department will oversee the will oversee the enforcement of
7 the bill.

8 Article V: All laws or portions of laws in conflict with this bill shall be null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Palm Beach Lakes Community High School

A Bill to Mandate Later Start Times for Public High Schools

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 Article I: Public high schools will start no earlier than 8:30 A.M. in their respective
2 time zones. This will be enforced in order for students to maintain
3 healthier sleeping patterns and be more attentive in class.

4 Article II: Public high schools are defined as any public education center that
5 receives federal aid, included but not limited to funding, with students
6 enrolled in grades 9-12. Attentive is defined as focused and paying
7 attention.

8 Article III: This bill shall go into effect prior to the next school year upon passage.

9 Article IV: The Bill would be enforced by the United States Department of Education
10 in conjunction with stated school districts.

11 A) Any school that fails to adhere to the expressed rules and
12 regulations herein shall receive no federal funding until
13 compliance is met.

14 B) The Respective school districts shall also be required to make
15 reasonable accommodations for transportation to and from school,
16 as well as school-sponsored extracurricular activities.

17 Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Park Vista High School

A Bill to Raise Import Tariffs on China

Be it enacted by this congress here assembled that:

1 Article 1: A 6% import tariff will be erected, additionally on top of any import duties
2 already demanded, specifically against the sovereignty of China and any
3 trade with them that is defined as being imported into The United States,
4 and where import dues are already demanded.

5 Article 2: An import tariff will be defined as duties paid exclusively upon
6 importation into the United States of America.

7 Article 3: The implementation of this legislation will begin at the start of the next
8 fiscal year.

9 Article 4: The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) within the Department of
10 the Treasury will be responsible for the execution of this bill.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Royal Palm Beach High School

A Bill to Repeal Mandatory Minimum Prison Sentences in the United States

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 Article 1. Mandatory minimum sentences in the United States must be repealed for
3 any and all crimes.

4 Article 2. A mandatory minimum sentence is a minimum number of years to be 5
sentences for particular offenses.

6 Article 3. The Department of Corrections (DOC) will oversee the implication of the
7 bill.

8 A. Judges will decide what the sentence is on a case-by-case basis.

9 Article 4. Mandatory minimums will begin to be repealed starting January 1, 2016.

10 Article 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void,
11 and any sentences already in effect can be appealed at the request of the
12 accused.

Respectfully submitted,

Seminole Ridge High School

A Bill to Make Public College Tuition Free

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 Article I. All public colleges and universities will become tuition free for all
2 students enrolled in a four year undergraduate program.

3 Article II. Tuition free is defined as there being no fee for higher education within all
4 public colleges.

5 Article III. The United States Department of State will be in charge of the
6 implementation of this legislation.

7 Article IV. This legislation will be implemented one year upon passing.

8 A. The Department of State will put through a small tax onto Wall
9 Street transactions to fund the program.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Suncoast High School

A Bill to Legalize Euthanasia

Be it enacted by this PBCFL Student Congress here assembled that:

1 Article I: The United States Government shall decriminalize euthanasia by
2 legalizing the termination of life performed by Doctors of Medicine.

3 Article II: Euthanasia is defined as the voluntary act of killing an individual
4 experiencing extreme pain or suffering.

5 A. Before termination of life can occur, a mutual decision must be
6 reached between doctor and patient. If the patient is deemed
7 incapable of making decisions by a court of law, a power of
8 attorney will assume the role of the patient.

9 B. Euthanasia shall only be performed by a Doctor of Medicine
10 certified in this medical process. The training and certification
11 process shall be determined by the Department of Health and
12 Human Services.

13 Article III: This legislation will be implemented on January 1st of the calendar year
14 proceeding its approval by Congress and signing of the President of the
15 United States.

16 Article IV: The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the
17 implementation of this bill.

18 Article V: All laws in conflict with this bill shall be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

The Benjamin School

A Resolution to Encourage State Legislatures to Require Regulation for Uber Drivers

1 Whereas: Uber now exists in 58 countries and more than 300 cities; and
2 Whereas: Uber is currently worth more than fifty billion dollars; and
3 Whereas: The legality of Uber has been challenged, particularly by the taxi
4 industry and;
5 Whereas: Large scale protests by taxi drivers have already occurred in London,
6 Berlin, and Madrid over lack of regulation for Uber drivers; and
7 Whereas: There have been numerous incidents criminally deficient driving by
8 Uber drivers; and
9 Whereas: There is currently no government-based background check or licensing
10 requirement for Uber drivers:
11 Therefore: be it resolved by this Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League Student
12 Congress assembled here that: the state legislatures should require
13 licensing standards and background checks similar to those of taxi drivers
14 and other CDL holders for Uber drivers.

Respectfully submitted,

The King's Academy

A Bill to Eliminate Barriers to Facilitate Adoption of Children by Same-Gender Couples

Be it enacted by the Student Congress here assembled that:

1 Article 1 All state entities that receive Federal assistance and are involved with
2 adoption or foster care placements shall permit joint adoption by same-
3 gender couples and give them equal priority in adoption cases. Any public
4 child welfare agency receiving federal financial assistance will be
5 prohibited from discriminating against any potential foster or adoptive
6 family on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status.

7 Article 2 “Joint-adoption” refers to equal legal representation of both parents as the
8 guardian of the adopted child. “Equal priority” defines the prohibition of
9 heterosexual couples being given preferential treatment.

10 Article 3 This law will go into action on January 1, 2016

11 Article 4 The Office of the Administration for Children and Families, a division of
12 the Department of Health and Human Services, will be responsible for
13 overseeing the implementation of this legislation. If a state fails to comply,
14 the Secretary of Health and Human Services may withhold payment to the
15 state, to the extent the Secretary deems the withholding necessary to
16 induce the state into compliance with this section.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Wellington High School

A Resolution to Ban All Tobacco Use In the United States

1 Whereas: More Americans die from cigarettes than from liquor, car accidents,
2 suicide, AIDs, homicide, and illegal intake of drugs combined; and
3 Whereas: The CDC reports that 46 million Americans age 18 years and older
4 smoke cigarettes, 443,000 smoking-related deaths occur annually in the
5 U.S. smoking affects the population, causes premature deaths and is a
6 substantial financial burden to society; and
7 Whereas: One of every five deaths in the U.S. is related to smoking, due to
8 conditions such as pneumonia, bronchitis, lung cancer and emphysema;
9 and
10 Whereas: The NFPA says smoking causes 90,000 fires per year in the US, and that
11 90% of wildfires in the US are caused by smoking; and
12 Whereas: Tobacco use is a significant danger to the society as a whole
13 Therefore: be it resolved by the student congress here assembled that all tobacco
14 items and items identifying with the utilization of tobacco be banned from
15 use in the United States of America.

Respectfully submitted,

William T. Dwyer High School