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PRELIMS
A Bill to Abolish the Federal Minimum Wage

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:


SECTION 2. This legislation shall not affect any current agreements with employees of the United States government nor with any employees of contractors of the United States government.

SECTION 3. This legislation shall take effect on the first day of Fiscal Year 2019.

SECTION 4. The Departments of Labor and the Treasury shall oversee enforcement of this legislation.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Msgr. Farrell High School.
A BILL TO AID DJIBOUTI

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall provide $300 million in developmental aid to Djibouti.

SECTION 2. A. ‘Developmental Aid’ shall be defined as financial aid to support the economic, environmental, social, and political development of developing countries.

B. $120 million shall be allocated to the pre-existing pilot WASH project in Djibouti and the Djibouti Department of Rural Hydraulics.

C. $90 million shall be allocated to the Power Africa, Workforce Development and the UN World Food Programme project.

D. The remaining $90 million shall be allocated with the discretion of USAID.

SECTION 3. United States Agency for International Development (USAID) shall

SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect at the beginning of FY 2019.

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

Respectfully submitted,

The Bronx High School of Science
A Bill to Stop Arms Sales to Saudi Arabia

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

2. Section 1. (A) The United States shall prohibit all funding and sales of military aid and
3. weapons to Saudi Arabia in order to combat the excessive death tolls and
4. human rights violations from Saudi involvement in the Yemen War.
5. (B) The US Department of Defense will monitor American defense
6. contractors to ensure sure all weapons deals with Saudi Arabia are terminated.

7. Section 2. (A) In order to resume any sort of military trade with the US, Saudi Arabia
8. must end war with Yemen.
9. (B) The US Department of State will oversee the conditions in Yemen to ensure
10. peace has been restored without any further interference by Saudi Arabia.


12. Section 4. All laws in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Chapin School
A Bill to Prevent the Restriction of Constitutionally Protected Speech in United States Public Colleges and Universities

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

2) SECTION 1: Funding of public colleges and universities in the United States shall be reduced if it has been proven that the restriction of protected speech, is taking place. State level funding towards the particular public college or university will decrease to prevent affecting federally funded research grants and student financial aid. Funding will be reduced 2% each year if the institution does not comply with the legislation, until the funding decrease rate reaches 30%.

3) SECTION 2: Public colleges shall be defined as a public university that is publicly owned or receives significant public funds through a national, subnational, or state government, or one which operates 90% or more from the acquisition of governmental funding or property.

4) Constitutionally protected speech shall be defined as the right, guaranteed by the 1st and 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, to express beliefs and ideas without unwarranted government restriction (to avoid a clear and present danger)

5) SECTION 3: The US Department of Education will enforce this legislation, and the Supreme Court will handle determining whether this consequence is enforced on a case by case basis

6) SECTION 4: This bill shall be enforced immediately upon passing

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

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah Snyder

The Harley School
A Bill to Abolish Mandatory Minimum Sentencing

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All federal mandatory minimum sentencing laws shall hereby be repealed.

SECTION 2. A mandatory minimum sentencing law shall be defined as a law that establishes a minimum amount of years of jail sentencing for a specific crime, regardless of any mitigating factors in the particular case.

SECTION 3. All funding from the United States government to any state for any jail, jail related or penal programs shall be terminated unless such state eliminates all laws that impose minimum mandatory minimum sentences for any offense, within one year of enactment of this bill. Any state that fails to meet the requirements of the preceding sentence by the required date shall immediately cease to receive any such funding, but upon implementation or laws sufficient to satisfy such requirements, such state may reapply to receive such funding from the US Government.

SECTION 4. This bill shall go into effect 180 days after passage, and all laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Loyola School.
A Bill to Cut Foreign Aid to Hostile Countries

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Passage of this bill will result in funding being cut to foreign aid to hostile countries that have posed or conducted themselves in a way that is threatening to the United States. Countries that will lose foreign aid include North Korea, Iran, Libya, Russia, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Nigeria, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Sudan, Somalia and Iraq. From onward any nations that fit the definition of hostile nations provided will also lose foreign aid funding.

SECTION 2. Hostile Nations are defined as nations that pose an active threat or have made threats to the U.S. as a nation, this includes sponsoring terror organizations, engaging in armed conflict with U.S. forces, threatening to commit attacks on the U.S., and aiding American enemies.

SECTION 3. The U.S. State Department and more specifically the Office of U.S. Foreign Assistance Resources will oversee the handling of all foreign aid funding that is cut and redistrubiting it away from affected countries.

SECTION 4. After passing the bill, the State Department will have till January 1st, 2019 to implement the bill.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Shenendehowa High School.
A BILL TO MODERNIZE THE U.S GOVERNMENT’S COMPUTER SYSTEMS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. 3 Billion dollars annually will be provided to the installation of new
computers to replace any systems that are older than 4 years in the Federal
Government.

SECTION 2. New computers will be defined as systems that are made exclusively out
of parts manufactured and assembled in the United States of America.

SECTION 3. The Department of Homeland Security will oversee the implementation of
this legislation and determine proper standards for the new systems.

A. The Department of Homeland Security will ensure that security
standards are up to date on all computers that are added to the
United States Government Computer Systems.

B. The Department of Homeland Security will oversee the preparation
of computers removed for redeployment to other operations.

C. Once prepared for redeployment the computers will be donated to
schools and other organizations dedicated to opportunities for
human advancement.

SECTION 4. This bill will immediately go into effect upon passage, with all computers
being in compliance by January 1st, 2022.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Christ the King HS

Prelims
A BILL TO BAN THE USAGE OF PRIVATE MILITARY CONTRACTORS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

1. SECTION 1. Private military contractors (PMCs) may no longer be utilized by the

2. US Department of Defense.

3. SECTION 2. Private military contractors (PMCs) will be defined as companies

4. that engage in armed security services. These armed security services include but are

5. not limited to combat missions, provision of protective services, security advice and planning,

6. prison administration, interrogation, and intelligence gathering.

7. SECTION 3. A. The Congressional Armed Services Committee shall oversee the

implementation

8. of this bill.

9. B. The Congressional Armed Services Committee will make cuts to the Department

10. of Defense budget by the specific amount spent on missions that continue to utilize

11. private military contractors (PMCs).

12. SECTION 4. This law will take effect within one year of passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Suhail Younus

Syosset High School
A Bill to Rebuild Syria on a Local Level

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States will provide an additional $1 billion each year for the next ten years through the USAID E3 Bureau, to the Syrian people for the purpose of rebuilding and stabilizing Syria.

SECTION 2. The Syrian people shall be defined as Syrian individuals residing in small-scale municipal units such as towns and villages.

SECTION 3. Aid will be provided by the USAID E3 Bureau, bypassing the channels of the Assad regime to work directly with locals.

SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect at the beginning of the 2019 Fiscal Year.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Stuyvesant High School*
A BILL TO PROVIDE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO TAJIKISTAN
TO ALLEVIATE POVERTY

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The United States hereby mandates to send 400 million dollars in
development assistance to the Republic of Tajikistan through direct cash transfers
to aid with poverty alleviation.

2. **SECTION 2.** Development assistance is defined as financial aid given by
governments to support the economic, political, social and environmental
development of developing countries.

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

4. **SECTION 4.** This piece of legislation will go into effect on January 1, 2020.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Lamisa Khan*

*Half Hollow Hills High School West*
A RESOLUTION TO PROTECT THE POLITICAL RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS OF THE BRAZILIAN PEOPLE

1. WHEREAS, His Excellency Jair Bolsonaro, since ascending to the Presidency of Brazil,

2. has taken increasingly authoritarian and fascist steps in government; and

3. WHEREAS, Bolsonaro’s government has clamped down on the rights of the Brazilian

4. people and taken moves to curtail freedoms such as that of expression; and

5. WHEREAS, Bolsonaro has openly glorified totalitarian methods of government and

6. espoused racist, homophobic, and misogynistic statements; and

7. WHEREAS, Bolsonaro’s policies have led to the rise of instability and violence in the

8. greater South American region, and threatened our sister republics throughout the

9. Americas; therefore

10. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled condemn Bolsonaro’s actions

11. and demand that the government of Jair Bolsonaro take appropriate measures to respect

12. the rule of law, the people, and the environment; and, be it

13. FURTHER RESOLVED, That if Bolsonaro and his regime reject the United States’

14. demands, the Congress here assembled take appropriate action against Bolsonaro, and the

15. United States Ambassador to the Organization of American States propose to the

16. Organization’s General Assembly sanctions and other diplomatic measures against

17. Brazil.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by The Mary Louis Academy
A Bill to Support the Mexican Agricultural Industry

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall provide 500 million dollars in Development Aid to the nation of Mexico as well as provide Developmental Services to improve the nation's agricultural sector.

SECTION 2. “Developmental Aid” shall be defined as direct financial assistance in the development of improved agricultural processes, purchase of agricultural technology to increase yields and subsidization of the sale of agricultural goods.

“Developmental Services” include both

A. The modernization of the Mexican agricultural industry through providing the country with modern technology

B. Education for farmer’s on how to use this new technology, develop their skills, find problems and/or opportunities in agricultural production, conservation, marketing, and family livelihood through the use of USAID’s Rural Extension and Advisory Services

SECTION 3. USAID shall oversee this piece of legislation and shall work in conjunction with the Mexican agricultural ministry to identify the farms and regions of Mexico most in need of assistance. Funding for this legislation will be reallocated from the State Department’s share of the Congressional Discretionary Spending Budget.

SECTION 4. This piece of legislation shall go into effect after 6 months after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Joseph Wisidagama.
A Bill to encourage an end to violence in the Kashmir region

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

2. SECTION 1. This legislation will add troops to India and Pakistan as well as political advisors to encourage

3. peace talks among the two nuclear entities and create a demilitarized zone. We will also provide $825 million to

4. the Department of Defense to execute this legislation. A tariff of 25% on India’s and Pakistan’s miscellaneous

5. textile articles industry to fund this legislation. This legislation will continue until both countries can come to a

6. peace treaty or when the fighting in Kashmir stops.

7. SECTION 2. Tariff - a tax or duty to be paid on a particular class of imports or exports, Miscellaneous textile

8. article - a tax or duty to be paid on a particular class of imports or exports

9. SECTION 3. The Department of Defense along with the Department of Commerce will oversee this legislation

10. SECTION 4. The start of the next fiscal year

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Joshua Muroff
A Bill to Create an Opt-Out System For Non Living Organ and Tissue Donations

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All current and future citizens of the United States shall be automatically registered as organ and tissue donors in their state of residency regardless of any outside factors (such as religion).

A. Once that citizen is over 18 years of age, they may “opt-out” and no longer be a registered organ and tissue donor. All citizens under 18 years of age may “opt-out” with permission from a legal guardian.

B. Upon death of an organ donor, the proper procedure for organ or tissue procurement will be carried out unless they have chosen to “opt-out”.

SECTION 2. A. An “opt-out system” is defined as a law that requires all citizens to be automatically registered as organ and tissue donors with the option to refrain from such procedure through proper legal channels.

B. “Non living organ donor” refers to a person who is deceased and whose organs and/or tissue can donated to a living patient that requires a transplant of an organ or tissue. The harvest and donation of organs shall occur after death.

C. Organs that can be donated include heart, liver, kidneys, lungs, pancreas and small intestines. Tissues include corneas, skin, veins, heart valves, tendons, ligaments and bones.

SECTION 3. The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

A. The Health Resources and Services Administration shall oversee the mandatory registration of organ donors in each state as well as withdrawal of registration.

SECTION 4. This law shall go into effect 90 days after this bill is passed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Hannah Heeger
Millennium High School
A Bill to Increase the Usage of Renewable Energy in the United States

Be it enacted by the Congress here assembled that:

Section 1: Corporations will be granted incremental tax breaks based on renewable energy usage and investment, which will encourage corporations to invest in the development of and usage of renewable energy sources, which is crucial to the preservation of a safe environment for our posterity. Corporations will be given a reduction on the current corporate tax rate during the fiscal year in question, based on their investments in and usage of renewable energy from the prior fiscal year. If the United States does not promptly embrace renewable energy and continues to rely on fossil fuels as energy sources, our environment will be irreparably damaged.

Section 2:

a) Usage shall be defined as the amount of energy that the corporation’s buildings and equipment use in kWh.

b) Assets shall be defined as all financial investments and holdings a corporation possesses. Based on the percentage of assets a corporation holds that are based in companies in which greater than 75% of their budget is devoted to the research of and/or development of renewable energy, corporations will be eligible for reductions in their corporate tax rate for the current fiscal year.

c) Renewable energy shall be defined as energy produced from sunlight, wind, rain, tides, waves, and geothermal heat.

Section 3: The Internal Revenue Service shall implement the tax reductions described to each eligible corporation in a given fiscal year.

The tax reductions will be as follows, and reductions regarding usage and assets may be combined:

UsageReduction% = (Usage% * .035)

AssetsReduction% = (Assets% * .010)

Section 4: This bill shall be implemented on January 1, 2019.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Pleasantville High School
BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** Congress shall ensure the national market for high-capacity magazines is not infringed for a period of 10 years.

2. **SECTION 2.** When state restrictions infringe upon the production and sale of high-capacity firearms magazines, federal powers shall take precedence and the limiting law shall yield.

   A. “Limiting law” is defined as any state law excluding possession, manufacture, loan, import, or sale of firearms components on the basis of high capacity.

3. **SECTION 3.** The definition of high capacity is arbitrary and deferred to the state.

4. **SECTION 4.** Enforcement is deferred to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

   A. The powers available to Congress arise from the Commerce Clause, the Taxing and Spending Clause, and the Police Power.

5. **SECTION 5.** This bill will go into effect no later than January 1st, 2020.

6. **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
PRISONER REHABILITATION ACT OF 2019

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Congress shall allocate $20 billion over the next 5 years for the introduction of G.E.D. programs and Pell grants to state and federal prisons. This shall be made available to inmates who lack a high school diploma and/or postsecondary education.

SECTION 2. Participation in the program on the part of states, prison systems, and universities shall be voluntary and optional.

SECTION 3. Adult inmates between the age of 18 and 65 who upon release will be no older than 65 will be eligible to participate in this program.

SECTION 4. The Department of Justice, Department of Education and each participating State’s respective department of corrections shall be responsible for the implementation of this legislation.

(A) The Department of Education shall be responsible for selecting and approving participating Universities.

(B) The Department of Justice and each participating state’s department of corrections will be responsible for overseeing the inmates and their classes.

(C) This legislation shall draw necessary funds from the budget of the Department of Education.

SECTION 5. This bill will go into effect one year from the date of passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Israel Pierre
Xavier High School
A Bill to Improve Internet Access in Rural American Communities

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A yearly amount of 300 million dollars will be diverted from the U.S. military base budget to the Federal Communications Commission’s Connect America Fund for the purpose of aiding the construction of broadband internet lines in rural areas.

SECTION 2. The “base budget” consists of the funds issued at the start of each budget period; it does not finance special projects. The Connect America Fund gives financial support to providers offering voice and broadband to U.S. areas lacking these services.

SECTION 3. The House and Senate Appropriations Committees will implement this piece of legislation in conjunction with the United States Department of Defense.

A. The House and Senate Appropriations Committees will hold a yearly review to ensure that this funding is used effectively, and have the authority to revoke funding.

B. The United States Department of Defense will decide which military activity or activities must be cut, if needed, to provide the funding stated in Section 1.

SECTION 4. This bill will take effect at the start of the 2020 fiscal year and will expire after ten years.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Jennifer Sachs

Half Hollow Hills High School East
A Bill to Amend the Constitution to Outlaw the Use of Eminent Domain

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Upon passage of this bill, the amendment process would be initiated to add the following amendment to the U.S. constitution. The use of eminent domain by local, state, or federal governments shall be considered an illegal and unconstitutional action and that for private property to be used for public use it must be sold to the government planning on using it by the owner of the property.

SECTION 2. Eminent Domain is defined as the right of the government to seize private property for public use, given compensation is given, regardless of owner’s consent.

SECTION 3. Congress and State Governments upon passage of this bill will initiate the amendment process to add the amendment to the constitution. If passed into an amendment, the Department of Justice and Supreme Court will oversee the amendments enforcement on local, state, and federal levels.

SECTION 4. After passage of the bill, the amendment process will begin immediately.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Shenendehowa High School.
A Bill to Repeal the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act shall be repealed, and all institutions created by it shall be dissolved.

A. All regulation created in reference to The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act shall be hereby repealed, and any institutions created by such regulation shall also be dissolved.

B. All institutions whose powers were expanded by The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act or any regulation related to it shall have such powers revoked.

SECTION 2. A regulation created in reference to The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act is any piece of legislation whose meaning is changed by this bill.

SECTION 3. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and The Federal Reserve shall be tasked with implementing this bill.

A. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation shall be charged with implementing this bill as it pertains to Commercial Banks.

B. The Federal Reserve shall be charged with implementing this bill as it pertains to all other financial institutions.

SECTION 4. This bill shall go into effect on January 1, 2022, and all laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Loyola School.
The Pursue Arctic Interests Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1.

a. The United States Federal Government shall provide 4.8 billion dollars to the U.S. Coast Guard to fund the building of 6 heavy polar class icebreakers.

b. All polar class icebreakers built using the allocated funds must be equipped with full science capability.

SECTION 2. A heavy polar class icebreaker shall be defined as a cutting vessel specifically designed to clear arctic ice with the use of an icebreaking bow. Full science capability, as defined by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, refers to a vessel equipped with oceanographic facilities comparable with those of modern oceanographic research ships.

SECTION 3. The 4.8 billion dollars specified in section 1 shall be provided from the budget of the Department of Homeland Security. The Comptroller General of the United States will be responsible for establishing a review committee, consisting of relevant staff from the Government Accountability Office, the National Science Foundation, U.S. Coast Guard, and prominent experts from industry and academia. This committee will be responsible for creating a procurement schedule, establishing quality standards and oversight of the building process.

In addition, the Comptroller General shall be required to submit a biannual report of the proceedings to Congress and make recommendations for further legislation if deemed necessary.

SECTION 4. Indicate the implementation date/timeframe.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Rep. Arjun Mazumdar
The Bronx High School of Science
A Bill to Aid Israel in Direct Occupation of the Gaza Strip

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Within the current calendar year, more than 332 rockets have been fired by Hamas and the Palestinian government, originated in the Gaza strip. In response to this recent escalation in violent military means, The United States ought to take military and economic measures in conjunction with the State of Israel to gain direct occupation of the Gaza Strip.

SECTION 2. Direct occupation is defined as the action and state in which one has control over a specific area. Measures taken by the United States in conjunction with current efforts by the State of Israel are aimed to directly aid the Israeli forces, and decrease this area of conflict.

SECTION 3. The Department of Defense and the Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation will oversee the implementation of this legislation. To ensure complete cease of the recent violence and murder inflicted upon citizens of the State of Israel, the deployment of 2,000 United States troops to the Gaza Strip and the necessary funding for weapons, ought to take place.

SECTION 4. This bill shall be implemented no later then December in the fiscal year of 2019.

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

Introduced by Sen. Snyder, The Harley School
A Resolution to Enact Judicial Term Limits to

Lessen Political Polarization

WHEREAS, Nominations of federal judges are becoming increasingly politically divisive.

WHEREAS, Judicial nominees are increasingly being confirmed along party lines and the federal judiciary is becoming more politically motivated.

WHEREAS, The American people have less trust in the judiciary and dislike Congress for creating such hostile nomination hearings; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for a constitutional amendment limiting the term of all federal judges to 15 years.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pleasantville High School.
SAUDI ARABIA-YEMEN ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall stop all arms sales to Saudi Arabia and impose economic sanctions. The lifting of sanctions and the renewal of arms sales shall be contingent upon Saudi Arabia’s discontinuation of airstrikes -- or other significant human rights abuses -- in Yemen.

SECTION 2. “Economic sanctions” shall be defined as the limitation and/or prohibition on trade and commerce with parties in Saudi Arabia.

SECTION 3. (A) Within thirty (30) days of passage of this bill, the Office of Economic Sanctions Policy and Implementation (SPI) shall develop and announce a set of measures designed to bring economic pressure on the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and on individual Saudis responsible for supporting and/or executing the war in Yemen.

(B) The Secretary of State shall be responsible for certifying if and when Saudi Arabia is no longer in violation of this act.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Israel Pierre
Xavier High School
A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ABOLISH THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE

WHEREAS, The Electoral College allows a president to be elected without a majority of voters and

WHEREAS, The Electoral College allows electors to disregard the will of the people and

WHEREAS, A democracy should be based on the will of the majority

RESOLVED, By a ¾ vote of these houses and a ¾ vote of the State Legislature that the following amendment be added to the constitution:

ARTICLE --

SECTION 1: the Electoral College is hereby abolished

SECTION 2: On a date designated by congress, voters shall vote for the President and the Vice president on a single ballot

SECTION 3: If no candidate receives a majority, there will be a runoff exactly one week after the original election date.

SECTION 4: The Department of Justice will establish voter eligibility and voting procedures which must be implemented in all states

SECTION 5: this amendment will be null and void unless it is passed by the aforementioned legislative bodies by January 1, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Coopa Scher
Syosset Highschool
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FINALS
A BILL TO REMOVE SANCTIONS ON SUDAN

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Republic of the Sudan is no longer designated as a state sponsor of terrorism.

SECTION 2. “State Sponsor of Terrorism” shall be defined as it is by the U.S. Department of State, which is a multitude of economic sanctions on nations deemed to be economically assisting terrorist groups.

SECTION 3. The Department of State shall be responsible for the implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This bill shall be implemented on May 1st, 2019.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Christ the King HS

Elims
A Resolution to Prohibit State Funding of Crisis Pregnancy Centers

WHEREAS, women go to crisis pregnancy centers under the pretense they will be able to receive an abortion, and

WHEREAS, crisis pregnancy centers, (CPCs), are organizations established to counsel pregnant women against having an abortion, and

WHEREAS, CPCs claim to have abortion services available when many do not, and

WHEREAS, many states provide funding for such centers; therefore, be it RESOLVED, by the Student Congress here assembled that state governments will eliminate public funding for CPCs, and be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Congress urges state governments to act on this resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Lamisa Khan
Half Hollow Hills High School West
A Resolution to End Cash Bail

WHEREAS, under the current bail system, individuals in custody who make cash bail may need to pay a deposit to be released, and

WHEREAS, lower-income individuals cannot afford to pay cash bail in some cases, and

WHEREAS, these individuals serve extensive time in the penal system whilst waiting for their trial; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Student Congress here that cash bail shall be abolished, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Congress urges State legislatures to act on this resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Neeya Shetty

Half Hollow Hills High School East
A BILL TO END THE DEATH PENALTY

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

2. SECTION 1: The death penalty in the United States will be repealed in all 50 states.

3. SECTION 2: The “death penalty” shall be defined as the punishment of execution, administered to someone legally convicted of a capital crime.

4. SECTION 3: The Department of Justice will enforce this legislation.

5. SECTION 4: This bill will take effect at the beginning of the 2020 fiscal year.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Andreas Pantazakos
Chaminade High School
The Promote Endurance and Colombian Equality (P.E.A.C.E.) Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The US Federal Government shall disburse $20 million to the agriculture sector in Colombia.

A. All funding shall be disbursed to Colombian citizens via microloans through non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

SECTION 2. Microloans are a small sum of money lent at low or no interest.

SECTION 3. USAID will be tasked in distributing the microloans to the NGOs.

A. The US Ambassador to Colombia and USAID shall submit independent quarterly reports on the impact the microloans have on violence in the country.

B. The Inter-American Development Bank shall be tasked with awarding contracts to the specific NGOs specified in Section 1.

SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect on the first day of the next Fiscal Year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Christian Bae, Stuyvesant High School
A BILL TO LIFT SANCTIONS ON CUBA

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The United States remove all sanctions and embargoes currently placed on the Republic of Cuba.

2. **SECTION 2.** Sanctions and embargoes will include any special restrictions on travel or trade between the United States and Cuba.

3. **SECTION 3.** The Department of State, Department of Commerce, and the Department of the Treasury shall be tasked with the implementation of this legislation.

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

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A Resolution for the National Alliance For Taiwanese Autonomy

WHEREAS, The Chinese government refuses to acknowledge Taiwan as a sovereign nation, exploiting it both politically and economically; and

WHEREAS, Millions of people have not been able to exercise their political rights, depriving them both of international recognition and domestically mandated requirements for civil and human rights; and

WHEREAS, These abuses have harmed the United States’ ability to claim itself as a protector of rights and the Chinese government has weakened the economy of Taiwan as a result of their policies; and

WHEREAS, The US maintains the importance of both trade and politics to influence the most change within Asia; and be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled officially recognize Taiwan as a sovereign nation; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the US will further encourage China to remove its presence from Taiwan

Respectfully Submitted,

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