

Congress Docket - States
Brunswick High School
January 28, 2016

1) A Bill to Save America's Pollinators

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1A.** The Administrator of the EPA shall suspend the registration of any
2. members of the nitro group of neonicotinoid insecticides to the extent such insecticide is
3. registered, conditionally or otherwise, under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and
4. Rodenticide Act ([7 U.S.C. 136 et seq.](#)) for use in seed treatment, soil application, or foliar
5. treatment on bee-attractive plants, trees, and cereals until the Administrator has made a
6. determination that such insecticide will not cause unreasonable adverse effects on pollinators
7. based on —
 - A. An evaluation of the published and peer-reviewed scientific evidence on whether the use of such neonicotinoids cause unreasonable adverse effects on pollinators; and
 - B. A completed field study that meets the criteria required by the Administrator and evaluates residues, including residue buildup after repeated annual application, chronic low-dose exposure, cumulative effects of multiple chemical exposures, and any other protocol determined to be necessary by the Administrator.
8. **SECTION 1B.** Notwithstanding section 3 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and
9. Rodenticide Act ([7 U.S.C. 136a](#)), for purposes of the protection of honey bees, other
10. pollinators, and beneficial insects, the Administrator of the EPA shall not issue any new
11. registrations, conditional or otherwise, for any seed treatment, soil application, and foliar
12. treatment on bee-attractive plants, trees, and cereals under such Act until the Administrator
13. has made the determination described in subsection (a), based on an evaluation described in
14. subsection (a)(1) and a completed field study described in subsection (a)(2), with respect to
15. such insecticide.

- A. Regularly monitor the health and population status of native bees;
 - B. Identify the scope and likely causes of unusual native bee mortality; and
 - C. Beginning not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act and each year thereafter, submit to Congress, and make available to the public, a report on such health and population status.
- 16. SECTION 1C.** The Secretary of the Interior, in coordination with the Administrator of the
- 17. EPA,** shall —
- 18. SECTION 2.** The agencies indicated in Section 1 will be responsible for the implementation
- 19. of this legislation as is written.**
- 20. SECTION 3.** This bill shall go into effect 180 days after passage.
- 21. SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Senator Shedd, CEHS, Maine District.

2) A Bill to Fight the Development of Antibiotic Immunity

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1. SECTION 1A.** A livestock producer may not provide a medically important antibiotic to
- 2. a food-producing animal for a nontherapeutic purpose unless:**
 - A.** There is a significant risk of a disease or infection that is present on the premises being transmitted to the food-producing animal;
 - B.** The administration of the medically important antibiotic to the food-producing animal is necessary to prevent transmission of the disease or infection;
 - C.** The medically important antibiotic is provided to the food-producing animal for the shortest duration necessary to prevent transmission of the disease or infection; and
 - D.** The medically important antibiotic is provided to the smallest number of food-producing animals necessary to prevent transmission of the disease or infection.
- 3. SECTION 2.** As used in sections 1 to 5 of this Act:
 - A.** “Food-producing” means:
 - 1.** All cattle, swine or poultry, regardless of whether the specific animal is raised

for the purpose of producing food for human consumption; or

2. Any animal of a type that the United States Department of Agriculture identifies by rule as livestock typically used to produce food for human consumption.

B. “Livestock producer” means a person raising a food-producing animal for commercial purposes.

1. “Medically important antibiotic” means a drug that is composed in whole or in part of a drug from an antimicrobial class that is categorized as critically important, highly important or important in the World Health Organization list of Critically Important Antimicrobials for Human Medicine.
2. “Non-therapeutic purpose” means growth promotion, feed efficiency, weight gain or disease prevention.

4. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Agriculture shall be responsible for the implementation
5. of this legislation and is authorized to impose fines of up to \$10,000 for each violation of
6. this Act.

7. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect on January 1, 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Senator Shedd, CEHS, Maine District

3) A Bill to Reduce Corn Subsidies

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1A.** U.S. governmental subsidies supporting the corn industry will be
2. reduced by 10% at the beginning of each fiscal year until they no longer exist, starting the
3. first year after passage.
4. **SECTION 1B.** The Department of Agriculture will submit a report to Congress at the
5. close of each fiscal year detailing the health, environmental, and economic impacts of the
6. reduction in corn subsidies that year, and that report shall inform future decisions
7. surrounding corn subsidies.
8. Congress hereby appropriates \$10 million annually to the USDA to support research

9. informing its annual report to Congress. These funds can come from the savings of
10. reducing corn subsidies.
11. **SECTION 2.** "Corn subsidies" shall be defined as any direct payments to farmers in the
12. corn industry as well as federally-subsidized crop insurance insuring corn.
13. **SECTION 3.** The USDA will oversee the implementation of this legislation.
14. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect on October 1, 2017.
15. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by CEHS, Maine District

4) A Resolution to Admit More Syrian Refugees

1. **WHEREAS,** The United States has been incredibly restrictive over the amount of
2. refugees it has admitted and brought into the country; and
3. **WHEREAS,** This has meant that many refugees have lost the ability to enter into a
4. Safe haven in the United States; and
5. **WHEREAS,** This has gone against the American value of taking in and helping those
6. who are in need; now, therefore, be it
7. **RESOLVED,** by this Student Congress here assembled that the United States looks
8. for ways to pass legislation aimed at allowing and bringing in as many Syrian
9. refugees as possible.

Respectfully submitted by Rep. Kinnon McGrath, CEHS, Maine District

5) A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO INCLUDE THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

1. **WHEREAS,** we are in need of a clearer and stricter judicial standard for deciding cases of
2. sex discrimination; and,
3. **WHEREAS,** the rights of women are not being effectively protected under the 14th
4. Amendment; and,

5. **WHEREAS**, women need protection against the rollbacks of the significant advances in
6. women's rights achieved over the past half century; therefore, be it,
7. **RESOLVED**, by two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is
8. proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to
9. all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of
10. three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission by
11. the Congress:
12. **Section 1.** Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United
13. States or by any State on account of gender identity.
14. **Section 2.** The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the
15. provisions of this article.
16. **Section 3.** This article shall take effect 1 month after the date of ratification.

Respectfully Introduced by Cape Elizabeth High School, Maine District

6) The Trial Consulting Act of 2017

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** All trial consultants shall hereby be required to become licensed before
2. practicing their profession in a criminal or civil court.
3. **SECTION 2.** Trial consultants are hereby defined as any person who provides counsel to
4. influence the jury selection process during criminal and civil cases or who
5. provides advice to the attorneys or other members in a court of law and is hired to
6. do so.
7. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will be responsible for enforcing this law.
8. The Department of Justice shall be responsible for determining the criteria
9. applicants must meet in order to have their license approved. This may
10. include any sort of test, interview process, or other requirements deemed

11. necessary by the Department of Justice.
12. If any person is found to be practicing a form of trial consulting without having
13. been licensed shall be fined no less than \$1000 and no more than \$10,000, and
14. shall be prohibited from applying for a trial consulting license for the next
15. year. On a second offense, the fine and time before applying for a license will
16. be raised to between \$2000 and \$20,000, and two years, and on a third offense
17. the person shall be permanently banned from practicing any sort of trial
18. consulting.
19. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect on January 1, 2018
20. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Submitted by Representative Cole Cerabona, KHS, Maine District

7) Establish a National Infrastructure Bank

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The United States shall establish a National Infrastructure Bank as a
2. government corporation with the task of investing in transportation, environmental, energy
3. and telecommunications projects.
4. **SECTION 2.** All members of the National Infrastructure Bank will be appointed by the
5. President of the United States, with the advice and consent of the Senate.
6. **SECTION 3.** A nine member Executive Committee of the Bank shall be created. This
7. committee will establish requirements and make recommendations for project proposals to be
8. considered for financial assistance.
9. **SECTION 4.** A five member Board of Directors of the Bank shall be created. This board
10. will be responsible for monitoring and overseeing energy, environmental,
11. telecommunications, and transportation infrastructure projects.
12. **SECTION 5.** Five years after the formation of the bank, the General Accountability Office

13. will be directed to assess the impact and benefits of each funded project.
14. **SECTION 6.** After the Executive Committee and Board of Directors pick projects with solid
15. revenue potential, private investors will be compelled to invest in the bank.
16. **SECTION 7.** The bank will supplement other federal infrastructure programs by providing
17. loans, loan guarantees and proceeds from bond issuances for projects, and make payments to help states and localities cover their bond interest payments.
18. **SECTION 8.** To pay for the \$25 billion dollar bank, the overseas tax loophole, relating to
19. multinational corporations, will be closed. Those corporations will be taxed at the same rates
20. they are taxed at in the United States. The rest of the money generated from closing the
21. loophole will go to reducing the national debt.
22. **SECTION 9.** The Department of Transportation, Department of the Treasury, and the IRS
23. will oversee the enforcement of this bill.
24. **SECTION 10.** This law shall take effect on January 1, 2018.
25. **SECTION 11.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted by Senator Baldacci, Bangor High School, Maine District

8) A Bill to Make College More Affordable

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The United States government shall place a sliding scale tax on all higher
2. education institute endowments larger than \$500 million.
3. Higher education institutes with endowments greater than \$3 billion will be taxed at a rate of 2%.
4. Institutes with endowments higher than \$2 billion will be taxed at a rate of 1.5%.
5. Institutes with endowments higher than \$1 billion will be taxed at a rate of 1%.
6. Institutes with endowments higher than \$500 million will be taxed at a rate of 0.5%.
7. **SECTION 2.** To make sure that these universities are still making contributions to society,
8. the government will allow them to deduct financial aid spending from their tax bills.

9. **SECTION 3.** The United States shall mandate that all institutions of public education spend
10. at least 5% of their assets each year, just as the government does with non-profits.
11. **SECTION 4.** The money from the sliding scale tax will go back to the states in the form of
12. block grants to supplement their existing higher education budgets to reduce pressure on
13. increasing tuition or to prevent further cuts to academic programs.
14. **SECTION 5.** The Department of Education and the IRS will oversee the enforcement of this
15. bill.
16. **SECTION 6.** This law shall go into effect on January 1, 2018.
17. **SECTION 7.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted by Senator Baldacci, Bangor High School, Maine District

9) Venezuelan Human Rights and Democracy Protection Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The President of the United States shall impose asset blocking sanctions and
2. the Secretary of Homeland Security shall impose U.S. exclusion sanctions against any
3. person, including a current or former official of the government of Venezuela or a person
4. acting on behalf of such government, who has perpetrated or is responsible for assisting or
5. directing acts of violence or human rights abuses against individuals.
6. **SECTION 2.** The Departments of State and Homeland Security will oversee the enforcement
7. of this bill.
8. **SECTION 3.** The President and the Department of Homeland Security will compile and
9. send a list of the Venezuelans who have been sanctioned to Congress within six months of
10. this legislation passing.
11. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect on January 1, 2018.
12. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted by Senator Baldacci

10) A Bill to Raise the Income Tax on the Wealthy

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1. Section 1:** The US Income Tax Code will change as follows:
- 2.** For the bracket of income more than \$415,051 taxes shall be raised from 39.6% to 57%.
- 3.** For the bracket \$413,351 - \$415,050 taxes shall have rates raised from 35% to
- 4.** 50%. For the bracket \$190,151 - \$413,350 taxes shall be raised from 33% to 37%.
- 5. Section 2:** Congress shall be free to use the raised money for whatever purposes it
- 6.** sees fit.
- 7. Section 3:** If no allocation is made for all or some of the money it shall go to the
- 8.** paying of the national debt.
- 9. Section 4:** These changes will go into effect in the next fiscal year.
- 10. Section 5:** All regulations in conflict with this legislation are hereby overruled.

Introduced by Rep. Benjamin Amar, Orono HS, Maine District

11) A Resolution to Provide Financial Services to Marijuana-Related Business

- 1. WHEREAS,** many financial institutions do not provide service to marijuana-related
- 2.** businesses; and
- 3. WHEREAS,** without financial services, marijuana-businesses pose a greater risk and more
- 4.** minimal benefit to the communities in which they exist; and
- 5. WHEREAS,** this failure on the part of financial institutions to provide services to marijuana-
- 6.** related businesses is largely driven by the stance of federal law; now, therefore, be it
- 7. RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled, that legislation shall be enacted to permit
- 8.** financial institutions to offer financial services to marijuana-related businesses that comply
- 9.** with state and local law without fear of federal punitive measures.

Introduced by Senator Eickmann, KHS

12) A RESOLUTION TO INTERVENE IN THE SYRIAN CIVIL WAR

1. **Section 1.** The United States shall issue a formal declaration of war against the government
2. of Bashar Al Assad.
3. **Section 2.** The U.S shall utilize its air force to its full potential.
4. **Section 3.** The United States shall insert 250,000 infantry forces to aid the Free Syrian Army.
5. **Section 4.** The U.S shall provide munitions aid to the Free Syrian Army.
6. **Section 5.** The Department of Defense and U.S military shall oversee the execution of this
7. Resolution
8. **Section 6.** This resolution shall take effect 90 days after passage.

Submitted by Representative Ethan Leonard, KHS, Maine District

13) A BILL TO ABOLISH THE INHERITANCE TAX

1. **Section 1.** The inheritance tax shall hereby be abolished.
2. **Section 2.** The United States Government shall retain any funds previously gained by the use
3. of the Inheritance Tax.
4. **Section 3.** The Internal Revenue Service shall oversee the implementation of this resolution.
5. **Section 4.** This bill shall take effect upon the commencement of the 2018 fiscal year.

Submitted by Representative Ethan Leonard, KHS, Maine District

14) A BILL TO IMPOSE AN ARMS EMBARGO ON RUSSIA

1. **Section 1.** Any sale of firearms, commercial or military, to the Russian Federation is hereby
2. prohibited.
3. **Section 2.** Any attempts to bypass these sanctions shall be met with severe fines.
4. **Section 3.** The implementation of this resolution shall be overseen by the Department of
5. Commerce.
6. **Section 4.** This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Submitted by Representative Ethan Leonard, KHS, Maine District

15) A Resolution to Protect American Education

1. **WHEREAS**, in general, charter schools show no benefits over traditional public schools that
2. operate under the direct control of a school district; and
3. **WHEREAS**, the federal government uses funding to incentivize and support the formation
4. of various schools in different parts of the country; and
5. **WHEREAS**, this funding should be concentrated as to provide the most effective education
6. possible for American students, therefore, be it
7. **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled, that future federal educational policy shall
8. generally promote the growth and improvement of traditional public schools under the direct
9. control of a school district rather than the expansion of charter schools; and be it
10. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that some federal support for the development of charters be
11. preserved for purposes of maintaining charter schools that do reach high levels of academic
12. achievement and evaluating developments in the efficacy of charter.

Introduced by Senator Eickmann, KHS, Maine District

16) A Resolution to Withdraw from NAFTA

1. **WHEREAS**, Since the North American Free Trade Agreement was signed by
2. President George H.W. Bush, the United States has lost hundreds of thousands of jobs;
3. And **WHEREAS**, The free trade agreement among Mexico and Canada has allowed
4. for businesses and companies to move their production outside of the United States;
5. and **WHEREAS**, NAFTA is the primary reason for the loss of many manufacturing
6. and factory jobs in the United States; now, therefore, be it
7. **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that the United States invoke Article
8. 2205 and begin the withdrawal process from NAFTA.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Senator Quinn Stewart, SHS, Maine District

17) The “College for All” Act of 2017

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1. SECTION 1:** The Secretary of Education shall award grants to States for the purpose of
- 2.** Enabling them to eliminate tuition and required fees at public colleges. The federal
- 3.** Government will provide 66% of the funds from the grants, and the States will match one-
- 4.** Half of those funds (33%).
- 5. SECTION 2:** In order to be eligible for a grant, a State must (1) ensure that public
- 6.** Colleges maintain per-pupil expenditures on instruction at levels that meet or exceed the
- 7.** Expenditures for the previous fiscal year; (2) ensure that tuition and required fees for in-
- 8.** state undergraduate students in the State’s public education system are eliminated; (3)
- 9.** provide an assurance that not later than 5 years after the date of enactment, not less than
- 10.** 75% of instruction at public colleges in the State is provided by tenured or tenure-track faculty.
- 11. SECTION 3:** The Department of Education will oversee the grant process. An amount of
- 12.** \$47,000,000,000 shall be appropriated from these grants, to be raised through a 1%
- 13.** transaction tax on stock and security transactions and transfers. An individual taxpayer
- 14.** Whose adjusted gross income does not exceed \$50,000 is eligible for a tax credit for the
- 15.** Amount of tax paid on covered transactions.
- 16. SECTION 4:** The transaction tax shall go into effect immediately upon passage, while the
- 17.** Grants will be given by the Secretary of Education two years after the date of
- 18.** Implementation.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Scarborough High School, Maine District

18) A Resolution to Endorse the TPP

1. **WHEREAS**, the United States has continuously gone back and forth on the issue of the
2. Trans Pacific Partnership; and
3. **WHEREAS**, Global free trade presents many opportunities to join the world in persistent
4. and expansionary policies aimed at elevated constituents of all income levels; and
5. **WHEREAS**, the TPP remains the best option for the United States to pursue those goals;
6. now, therefore, be it
7. **RESOLVED**, By the Student Congress here assembled that Congress approves the Trans-
8. Pacific Partnership once the President approves of the deal.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Scarborough High School, Maine District

19) The Prison Reform Act of 2019

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1:** The Bureau of Prisons shall refrain from building any new prisons in states
2. Which contract with private or for-profit prisons. All current construction projects in
3. Affected states shall be ceased. The BOP shall also relocate all federal prisoners from states
4. Which have such contracts by January 1, 2020.
5. **SECTION 2:** Private or for-profit prisons are defined as privately or publically held
6. corporations which contract with state and local governments to handle corrections services.
7. They may own or lease the buildings in which the prisoners are housed.
8. **SECTION 3:** The Bureau of Prisons and Department of Justice shall oversee this bill.
9. **SECTION 4:** This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2020.
10. **SECTION 5:** All laws in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Senator Quinn Stewart, SHS, Maine District

20) A Resolution to Allow Foreigners to Run for President and Vice President

1. **WHEREAS**, Immigrants have been productive members of our nation and,
2. **WHEREAS**, people who are not native to this country are barred from running for President
3. and Vice President; now, therefore be it
4. **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled, that the following article is proposed as an
5. Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and
6. purposes as a part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the
7. states within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress.

ARTICLE

8. **SECTION 1:** The phrase “natural born citizen” as stated in Article II, Section I of the
9. Constitution of the United States shall be nullified and replaced with the phrase “naturalized
10. citizen”.
11. **SECTION 2:** The United States Congress shall have the power to enforce this article
12. through appropriate legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by ELHS, Maine District

21) A RESOLUTION TO ABOLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

1. **WHEREAS**, the ranking of the U.S. Educational system is belittled on the International
2. stage and,
3. **WHEREAS**, the latest trend of taking educational classes has been via the world wide web
4. and, **WHEREAS**, the Common Core Standards and “one-size-fits-all” way of thinking is
5. failing our educational system and,
6. **WHEREAS**, the wages of public educators is relatively low and,
7. **WHEREAS**, the typical “classroom” in the U.S. has stayed the same for the past 150 years;
8. Therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that Department of Education be terminated and its budget

9. (FY: \$1.3 billion) be reallocated to the states to start up a newly customized teaching system
10. and raise wages of public educators.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sen. Bilal Hussein, ELHS, Maine District