

**Congress Docket
Maranacook High School
November 15, 2014**

1) A Bill to Ban Assault Weapons

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1. SECTION 1:** The sale of assault weapons to civilians shall be declared illegal in
- 2.** All states.
- 3. SECTION 1A:** “Assault weapons” shall be defined as any selective-fire military
- 4.** Grade firearm 3 capable of fully automatic, semi-automatic or burst fire at the
- 5.** option of the user.
- 6. SECTION 2:** Upon passage of this bill, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and
- 7.** Firearms shall provide a list of weapons that are to be classified as assault
- 8.** weapons.
- 9. SECTION 3:** Any person(s) found selling these weapons to civilians shall be
- 10.** tried for illegal arms possession and dealing.
- 11. SECTION 4:** This bill shall be enforced by the Bureau for Alcohol, Tobacco, and
- 12.** Firearms.
- 13. SECTION 5:** This bill shall go into effect 90 days from the date of passage.
- 14. SECTION 6:** All laws in conflict with this legislation shall hereby be declared
- 15.** null and void.

Submitted for Congressional Debate by SHS, Maine District

**2) A BILL TO DEPLOY GROUND FORCES TO IRAQ TO COMBAT
THE DESTABILIZING INSURGENCY**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1. SECTION 1.** The United States will deploy 30,000 ground forces in Iraq for the
- 2.** purpose of combating ISIS and other terrorist actors in the region.
- 3. SECTION 2.** Ground forces shall be defined US servicemen that will carry out
- 4.** land-based operations. ISIS shall be defined as the Islamic State of Iraq and the
- 5.** Levant.
- 6.** Terrorist actors shall be defined as groups that fit clauses A and B of the
- 7.** definition of International Terrorism in 18 U.S.C. § 2331.
- 8. SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Defense will oversee this
- 9.** legislation. Funds shall be allocated from discretionary spending as needed by the
- 10.** Department of Defense.
- 11. SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented within 1 year of passage.
- 12. SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
- 13.** and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by SHS, Maine District

3) A BILL TO REFORM TAXATION IN AMERICA

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will be privatized through an
2. open bidding system and paid based on how much revenue they produce.
3. **SECTION 2.** The Tax Code will no longer include loopholes for big businesses.
4. **SECTION 3.** The privatized IRS will be given a super seceding position in
5. Congressional amendments to the tax code.
6. **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
7. and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by SHS, Maine District

4) A Resolution to Overturn Citizens United

1. **WHEREAS**, the United States Supreme Court has defined corporations to be
2. equivalent of American citizens in the case of Citizens United v. Federal Election
3. Commission; and
4. **WHEREAS**, this has led to massive donations from corporations; and
5. **WHEREAS**, these massive donations can lead to corruption within the state and
6. federal government; and
7. **WHEREAS**, the United States government needs to be responsible for its citizens
8. and not seven corporations; so, therefore, be it
9. **RESOLVED**, by the Student Congress here assembled that the Congress will
10. look for ways to overturn the case of Citizens United v. Federal Election
11. Commission to limit the effects of large scale donations on an election.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sen. Quinn Stewart, SHS, Maine District

5) The Judicial Integrity and Fair Trial Act of 2015

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** All judges at the state or local level shall be confirmed by the state
2. legislature or other impartial board. The use of elections to select judges is
3. prohibited.
4. **SECTION 2.** A judge is defined as a public official responsible for deciding or
5. supervising cases in a court of law.
6. **SECTION 3.** The Attorney General shall implement and enforce this legislation.
7. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect within one year of passage.
8. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
9. and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sen. Desmond Molloy, FHS, Maine District

6) A Resolution to Authorize Military Force in Iraq and Syria

1. **WHEREAS,** Syria and Iraq are being overrun by jihadist groups; and
2. **WHEREAS,** This groups have flourished as a result of the Syrian Civil War,
3. and the repressive nature of the Assad regime; and
4. **WHEREAS,** Such groups will continue to pop up as long as the Syrian people
5. are brutalized by their government; and
6. **WHEREAS,** The situation is currently deadlocked; now, therefore, be it
7. **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled declares war against the Assad
8. regime of Syria, and directs the armed forces to act to neutralize the jihadist
9. forces within Syria, overthrow the Syrian regime, and prevent ethnic and sectarian
10. violence within Syria; and be it

11. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Congress also authorizes the deployment of
12. troops to Iraq to destroy the Islamic State and prevent sectarian and ethnic
13. violence in northern Iraq, given the Iraqi government's consent.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sen. Desmond Molloy, FHS, Maine District

7) A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Ban the Death Penalty

1. **BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**
2. **RESOLVED**, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following
3. article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States,
4. which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
5. ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years
6. from the date of its submission by the Congress:
7. **SECTION 1:** Federal and State governments shall no longer be allowed to
8. punish criminals by using the death penalty.
9. **SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
10. appropriate legislation.

Introduced by Representative Ryan, KHS, Maine District

8) A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO INCREASE THE TERM OF A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1. **WHEREAS**, the term is currently two years and is considerably short; and
2. **WHEREAS**, Representatives that are elected to the house have to think
3. About re-election fairly soon after they enter the house; and,
4. **WHEREAS**, the term length of Representatives cause them to not focus on

5. The matters on hand, instead to focus constantly on being re-elected ; and
6. **WHEREAS**, the current United States Constitution establishes the length of
7. A term; therefore, be it,
8. **RESOLVED**, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the
9. Following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the
10. United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the
11. Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several
12. States within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:
13. **SECTION 1:** The term of a Representative as defined in Article 1; Section 2
14. Of the United States constitution shall be increased from two years to four
15. Years.
16. **SECTION 2:** The Representatives elected immediately following the
17. Ratification of this amendment shall have the increase of their term to four
18. Years.
19. **SECTION 3:** The Representatives in the house at the time of ratification of
20. This amendment shall **NOT** have there term increased unless they are re
21. Elected.
22. **SECTION 4:** The United States congress shall have the power to enforce
23. This article by appropriate legislation.

Introduced by Representative Ryan, KHS, Maine District.

9) A Resolution to Abolish the Sale of Tobacco Products

1. **Whereas:** tobacco products are some of the deadliest products in the history of
2. civilization, killing an estimated 6 million people a year; and
3. **Whereas:** there is no real benefit to tobacco use, as long term it kills half of its
4. users; and
5. **Whereas:** the tobacco industry has already promised to halt the production of its
6. products if they were found harmful; and
7. **Whereas:** a majority of smokers do not enjoy the fact that they smoke; and
8. **Whereas:** a prohibition on the sale of commercial tobacco products would lead
9. to a net reduction in health costs, an increase in labor productivity, and a halt
10. on the waste of precious physical resources;
11. **Therefore:** be it resolved by this Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League Student
12. Congress here assembled that all tobacco products be banned from
13. commercial sale in the United States.

Introduced by BHS, Maine District

10) A BILL TO LIMIT WASTE BY LIMITING THE FARM

SUBSIDIES BUDGET

1. **IT BE ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**
2. **SECTION 1:** The agricultural subsidies budget, given to the U.S. Department of
3. Agriculture will be reduced by 10%.
4. **SECTION 2:** Agricultural Subsidies are defined as funds provided by the
5. government to farms and farmers.
6. **SECTION 3:** The Office of Management and Budget will oversee the

7. enforcement of this bill.
8. **SECTION 4:** This law will go into effect at the start of the next fiscal year.
9. **SECTION 5:** All law is conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
10. void.

Introduced by Rep. Daigle, BHS, Maine District

11) An Act To Strengthen America's Financial Future in Perpetuity

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED

THAT:

2. **Section One: Irrevocable Budget Trust Fund established; purpose.**The
3. Irrevocable Budget Trust Fund, referred to in this section as "the trust fund," is
4. established to create a long-term revenue stream from investments in order to
5. supplement future General Fund revenues. Funds appropriated to the trust fund
6. must be held in trust and must be invested for the exclusive purpose of providing
7. stable revenues for the General Fund and may not be encumbered for, or
8. diverted to, other purposes. Funds appropriated for the trust fund may not be
9. diverted or de-appropriated by any subsequent action.
10. **Section Two: Trustees.** The Secretary of the Treasury and the
11. Controller General shall serve as trustees of the trust fund.
12. **Section Three: Duties of the trustees.** The trustees of the trust fund shall
13. jointly make the final decision on all matters pertaining to
14. administration of the trust fund.
15. **Section Three: Investment of funds.** The trustees of the trust fund
16. are responsible for the investment and reinvestment of the funds

17. appropriated to the trust fund.
18. **Section Four: Annual transfers of funds.** Notwithstanding any law to the
19. contrary, annually beginning with the fiscal year starting July 1, 2015,
20. Congress shall appropriate 5% of General Fund revenues to fund the trust fund.
21. Annually beginning with the fiscal year starting July 1, 2020 the trustees shall
22. transfer to the General Fund 5% of the fund earnings from the previous fiscal
23. year. Earnings transferred to the General Fund from the trust fund are not
24. considered General Fund revenue for the purposes of this subsection.
25. **Section Five: Report to Congress.** The trustees of the trust fund shall make
26. a written report to the Senate committee on appropriations on or before
27. March 1st of each year including a discussion of any areas of policy
28. or administration of the trust fund that, in the opinion of the trustees of
29. the trust fund, should be brought to the attention of the committee and
30. a review of the status of the trust fund.

Respectfully submitted by Sen. Joseph Perry, BHS, Maine District

12) A BILL TO PROTECT LIFE

1. **BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED**
2. **THAT:**
3. **SECTION 1.** The United States shall provide healthcare to all American Citizens.
4. **SECTION 2.** Every year, marijuana, alcoholic drinks, tobacco
5. and tobacco products will be taxed an additional 5%.
6. **SECTION 3.** Every February 29th, drinks with sugar or caffeine
7. will be taxed an additional 1 percent.

8. **SECTION 4.** This bill takes effect on January 1st of 2015.

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

Respectfully submitted by Sen. Joseph Perry, Bangor, Maine District

13) A Bill to Mandate a Later Start Time in Public Schools

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** No public school shall begin before 8:30 a.m. any day of the week.
2. Schools will run later based on how much of their school day must be made up by
3. the loss in morning hours.
4. **SECTION 2.** The Department of Education shall enforce this legislation.
5. **SECTION 3.** Schools will have until August 1, 2015 to comply with this
6. legislation.
7. **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
8. and void.

Submitted by Representative Cerabona, KHS

14) A Bill to Improve Practices at the Guantanamo Bay Detention Camp

1. **BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**
2. **SECTION 1.** Officials managing the Guantanamo Bay Detention Camp will be
3. subject to biannual evaluations conducted by the US Department of Justice
4. **SECTION 2.** *Officials* are defined as members of the US armed forces holding
5. command at the Guantanamo Bay Detention Camp. *Evaluations* are defined as
6. inspections that document the practicality and ethical nature of management
7. practices at the Guantanamo Bay Detention Camp.

8. **SECTION 3.** The US Department of Justice will oversee and enforce this law
9. A committee will be created to elect members of the US Department of Justice to
10. evaluate officials managing the Guantanamo Bay Detention Camp
11. **SECTION 4.** This law will be implemented immediately upon passage
12. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
13. and void.

Respectfully submitted by Representative Moyer, Kennebunk HS

15) A Bill to Increase Development in Space

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The United States will hereby invest 20 billion dollars in space based infrastructure.
2. **SECTION 2.** Space-based infrastructure is defined as the basic physical and organizational structures and facilities needed for the operation of a society or enterprise in space.
3. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration will be responsible for implementing this piece of legislation.
 - A. 10 billion dollars will be allocated to the Department of Defense with the possibility of renewal if future projects meet US national security needs.
 - B. 10 billion dollars will be allocated to NASA with the possibility of renewal if future projects meet US economic and societal needs.
4. **SECTION 4.** This piece of legislation will be implemented upon passage.
5. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the West Iowa District.

16) A RESOLUTION TO GRANT CLEMENCY TO AMERICAN WHISTLEBLOWERS

- 1. WHEREAS**, The United States has witnessed an increase in leaks of National
- 2. Intelligence**, as well as dramatic responses from our Departments of Justice and
- 3. Homeland Security** that resulted in the imprisonment and/or flight of suspected
- 4. criminals**; and
- 5. WHEREAS**, said “whistleblowers,” or “traitors,” are in violation of
- 6. confidentiality contract law** upon the release of information, yet a great deal of the
- 7. disclosed information** is debatably incriminating per the Fourth Amendment,
- 8. which creates a potential for twofold judicial action**; and
- 9. WHEREAS**, overreaction to Intelligence disclosures by public institutions sets a
- 10. precedent of secrecy**, contradictory to professions of transparency by U.S.
- 11. officials**; and
- 12. WHEREAS**, such drastic action against labeled “traitors” is
- 13. responsible for a weakening of trust** between the United States’ Citizens and
- 14. Government**, as well as a diminished diplomatic status with foreign nations; and
- 15. WHEREAS**, whistleblowers in the recent past have proven to be resourceful,
- 16. talented individuals** who express a sincere concern for Liberty and National
- 17. Defense**; now, therefore, be it
- 18. RESOLVED**, That agencies under the jurisdiction of the United States
- 19. Government seek justice only for crimes relating to broken confidentiality**
- 20. contracts in accordance with the Eighth Amendment**; and be it
- 21. FURTHER RESOLVED**, That aforementioned agencies refrain from seeking to
- 22. designate American whistleblowers as traitors**, and refrain from trying them as so
- 23. in a court of law**, incentivizing individuals to remain on our Nation’s soil.

Respectfully submitted by Erie, New York