

**Congress Docket
Brunswick High School
December 13, 2014**

1) A Bill to End the Cuban Embargo

1. **BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**
2. **SECTION 1.** The United States end the Cuban embargo.
3. **SECTION 2.** An embargo is defined by a restriction imposed on commerce and/or the
4. movement of merchant ships.
5. **SECTION 3.** The U.S. State Department will oversee the implementation of this bill.
6. **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect on January 1, 2016.
7. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted by Rep. Baldacci, HS, Maine District

2) The Affordable College Act of 2016

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1:** The United States government will hereby fund all tuitions for
2. public colleges and universities so that it is free to all American students who wish to go.
3. **SECTION 2:** "Public colleges and universities" shall be defined as colleges or
4. universities currently receiving funding from the state or federal governments.
5. **SECTION 3:** Room and board, for all students who wish to explore this option,
6. will still be charged to students and at the current rates that colleges have them at.
7. **SECTION 4:** "Room and board" shall be defined as any student of a college or
8. university living on campus and their living expenses.
9. **SECTION 5:** The United States government shall receive all necessary funding
10. from a .3% tax increase on American citizens and with 75% of the money that

11. was previously used for student aid and federal loans.
12. **SECTION 5A:** The remaining 25% of funding used for student aid and federal
13. loans shall go to helping American students who wish to attend private institutions.
14. **SECTION 5B:** “Private institutions” shall be defined as an independent school
15. that sets its own policies and goals, and if privately funded.
16. **SECTION 6:** The Department of Education shall oversee this bill.
17. **SECTION 7:** This bill shall go into effect on January 1st, 2016.
18. **SECTION 8:** The delay is set so that the United States government has the
19. necessary time to gain the required funding for this bill.
20. **SECTION 9:** All laws in conflict with this bill shall be declared null and void.

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

3) A Bill to Repeal the 16th Amendment of the United States Constitution

1. Be it enacted by the Congress assembled here that:
2. **Section 1.** Hereby the federal government does not have the authority to tax
3. Persons income, and this tax shall be replaced by a federal sales tax of 5% of the
4. sale value of an item, this excludes food staples and taxes the sale of all non-food items.
5. **Section 2.** Income tax is a tax of a persons income,
6. **Section 3.** The Internal Revenue Serves shall over see and enforce this law.
7. **Section 4.** This law shall take affect on the 20th of January 2017.
8. **Section 5.** All law conflicting with this bill shall be rendered null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Tyler Dunn, Maranacook, Maine District

4) A Bill to Move Textbooks Online

- 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**
- 2. SECTION 1.** The United States move public school textbooks from print to online.
- 3. SECTION 2.** Textbook is defined as literature about a particular subject that is used in
- 4.** the study of that subject especially in a school.
- 5. SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee the implementation of this bill.
 - A.** Each and every school district will be in charge of programming their student's textbooks online.
 - B.** If a school district does not have computers for every student, they will be exempt from this legislation.
- 6. SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented on January 1, 2016.
- 7. SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted by Rep. Baldacci, HS, Maine District

5) A Bill to Raise the Minimum Wage

- 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**
- 2. SECTION 1.** The United States raise the minimum wage from \$7.25 an hour to
- 3.** \$10.10 an hour.
- 4. SECTION 2.** The minimum wage is defined by the lowest wage permitted by law.
- 5. SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Labor will oversee the implementation of this bill.
- 6. SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented on January 1, 2016.
- 7. SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
- 8.** void.

Respectfully Submitted by Rep. Baldacci, HS, Maine District

6) A Bill to Leave Standardized Testing to the States

- 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**
- 2. SECTION 1.** The United States let states make the decision whether or not to use
- 3.** standardized testing in public schools. This would get rid of the No Child Left Behind
- 4.** policy regarding standardized testing, which mandates that all 50 states must implement
- 5.** these tests.
- 6. SECTION 2.** Standardized Testing is an assessment whose reliability has been
- 7.** established by obtaining an average score of a significantly large number of individuals
- 8.** for use as a standard of comparison.
- 9. SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee the implementation of this bill.
- 10. SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented on January 1, 2016.
- 11. SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted by Rep. Baldacci, HS, Maine District

7) A BILL TO BAN PAYDAY LOANS

- 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**
- 2. SECTION 1.** Payday loans of any kind shall be banned.
- 3. SECTION 2.** “Payday loans” are defined as small, short-term unsecured loans given to
- 4.** consumers with previous payroll and employment records.
- 5. SECTION 3.** The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, the Department of Commerce,
- 6.** and the Department of the Treasury, shall work together to enforce this law.
- 7. SECTION 4.** This law shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced by Senator Danby, BHS, Maine District

8) A BILL TO OVERTURN SHELBY V. HOLDER

1. **BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**
2. **SECTION 1.** The 2013 Supreme Court ruling on the case Shelby County vs. Eric Holder
3. shall be reversed.
4. **SECTION 2.** The Department of Justice shall oversee the execution of this legislation.
5. **SECTION 3.** This law shall take effect immediately upon passage.
6. **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Senator Danby, BHS, Maine District

9) A BILL TO MANDATE ELECTRONIC TEXTBOOKS

1. **BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**
2. **SECTION 1.** The United States Government shall mandate that all public schools shall
3. be equipped with electronic textbooks for each course, if available.
4. **SECTION 2.** Paper textbooks shall still be used in the schools
5. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Technology shall execute this legislation.
6. **SECTION 4.** All schools or school departments who do not comply with giving their
7. students textbooks shall be fined \$250 for every course that a student is not provided with
8. textbook.
9. **SECTION 5.** This law shall take effect on January 1, 2015.
10. **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Senator Danby, BHS, Maine District

10) The Assisted Suicide Act of 2015

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1. SECTION 1:** Physician assisted suicide will be fully legalized across the United States
- 2.** for doctors to use for their patients with terminal diseases that do not have a foreseeable
- 3.** cure or treatment that will prolong the patient's life.
- 4. SECTION 2:** "Terminal diseases" will be defined as a specific disease that causes the
- 5.** patient extreme suffering while there is no cure or treatment in sight that will
- 6.** significantly help the patient.
- 7. SECTION 3:** "Extreme suffering" shall be defined as a level of pain, whether mental or
- 8.** physical, determined by the patient.
- 9. SECTION 4:** "Assisted suicide" shall be defined as a way for doctors to end their
- 10.** patient's life using means of injection that is the same used in lethal injections for the
- 11.** death penalty.
- 12. SECTION 5:** Any doctor found to be using this method of physician assisted suicide to a
- 13.** patient without a terminal disease or without the permission of a patient or the patient's
- 14.** family will be classified as first degree murder.
- 15. SECTION 6:** A mental exam on the patient will be performed to ensure that they are of
- 16.** sound mind and are consciously able to make this decision. If they are not found to be
- 17.** mentally able to make this decision, it will be left up to the patient's family.
- 18. SECTION 6A:** If there is no family remaining if the patient is not able to make the
- 19.** decision, the procedure will not take place.
- 20. SECTION 7:** The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee this
- 21.** legislation.

22. SECTION 8: This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2015.

23. SECTION 9: All laws in conflict with this bill shall be declared null and void.

Submitted by Sen. Quinn Stewart, SHS, Maine District

11) A Bill to Privatize Amtrak

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1:** The National Railroad Passenger Corporation known as Amtrak shall
2. hereby be privatized.
3. **SECTION 2:** "Privatized" shall be defined as selling all common stock of the
4. government to a private investor.
5. **SECTION 3:** The Department of Transportation shall oversee this bill.
6. **SECTION 4:** This bill shall go into effect when it has been decided on a private investor
7. to purchase the services of Amtrak.
8. **SECTION 5:** All laws in conflict with this bill shall hereby be declared null and void.

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

12) A Resolution Concerning the Double Jeopardy Clause of the Fifth Amendment

1. **Whereas:** The Double Jeopardy Clause of the Fifth Amendment has proven to be
2. outdated; and
3. **Whereas:** The clause hampers the proper upholding of justice; and
4. **Whereas:** This prevents the Judicial Branch from thoroughly fulfilling its role in
5. American government; and
6. **Whereas:** There have been several cases in the United States that prove this; now,
7. therefore, be it
8. **Resolved,** by the Student Congress here assembled that the United States looks for ways

9. to pass legislation to edit, or eliminate the Double Jeopardy Clause, primarily in the case
10. of violent and federal offenses.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Andrew Paradis, SHS, Maine District