

**Congress Docket
Poland Regional High School
December 6, 2014**

1) A Resolution to Expand the Afghan Army

1. **WHEREAS**, The US withdrawal from Afghanistan has led to fears that the
2. Taliban will regain dominance in the country; and
3. **WHEREAS**, This has driven the former members of the Northern Alliance, which
4. resisted Taliban rule, to reassemble armed forces to combat a potential
5. resurgence; and
6. **WHEREAS**, Such creation of armed groups could undermine the monopoly on
7. Violence that a successful national army must possess; and
8. **WHEREAS**, The addition of Northern Alliance fighters to the Afghan army could
9. increase its levels of experience; now, therefore, be it
10. **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled urge the Afghan government to
11. incorporate the National Front of Afghanistan into the Afghan armed forces.

Respectfully Submitted by Senator Molloy, FHS, Maine District

2) The Compassionate Justice Act of 2016

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** Private prisons are hereby banned.
2. **SECTION 2.** Private prisons are defined as any correctional facility run by a
3. third party, receiving a government contract to do so.
4. **SECTION 3.** The Attorney General shall implement and enforce this legislation.
5. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect on January 1st, 2016.
6. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null

7. and void.

Respectfully Submitted by Senator Molloy, FHS, Maine District

3) A BILL TO MAKE UNPAID INTERNSHIPS ILLEGAL

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** All unpaid internships in the United States are hereby declared
2. illegal.
3. **SECTION 2.** “Unpaid internships” is defined as a method of on-the-job training
4. for white-collar and professional careers. Internships for professional careers are
5. similar in some ways to apprenticeships for trade and vocational jobs.
6. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor shall oversee this legislation.
7. **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect immediately upon passage.
8. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
9. and void.

Introduced by Senator Danby, BHS, Maine District

4) A BILL TO REPEAL THE JONES ACT

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The Merchant Marine Act of 1920 (P.L. 66-261), or the Jones Act,
2. is hereby repealed.
3. **SECTION 3.** The Departments of Defense and Commerce shall oversee the
4. execution of this legislation.
5. **SECTION 4.** This law shall take effect on January 1, 2015.
6. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
and void.

Introduced by Senator Danby, BHS, Maine District

5) A Bill to Make Childcare Affordable

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The United States allow citizens to deduct the cost of childcare as a
2. business expense on their tax returns.
3. **SECTION 2.** Deductible expenses are those that can be subtracted from an
4. individual's income before it is subject to taxation.
5. **SECTION 3.** The IRS 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
8. and void.

Respectfully submitted by Rep. Baldacci, BHS, Maine District

6) A Resolution to Change the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States

1. **Whereas,** the Executive Branch does not have the power to deny a person their
2. 2nd amendment right,
3. **Whereas,** the US government does not have the right to restrict the sale of
4. conventional firearms to civilians unless they create a explosion (i.e. grenades,
5. RPG's and grenade launchers),
6. **Whereas,** extensive back ground checks shall be required before the sale of any
7. firearm,
8. **Whereas,** a doctor can restrict issuance of a permit of a firearm based on the
9. person's mental state,
10. **Whereas,** crimes such as murder, grand theft auto, terrorism, armed robbery, and

11. espionage shall result in the restriction and/or prevention of the right to bear arms,
12. **Whereas**, a permit will be required for the possession of fully automatic weapons
13. and this permit can be revoked at any time if the Justice Department so desires,
14. **Whereas**, the Justice Department, CIA, and FBI shall have the power to enforce
15. this law,
16. **Whereas**, the punishment for violation of the law shall result in a minimum of 2
17. years of incarceration and 150 hours of community service,
18. **Whereas**, the funds needed to pay for this resolution shall be taken from the
19. affordable care act, this amount shall be 50 million dollars, and taxes shall not be
20. raised to pay for this resolution,
21. **Whereas**, all laws conflicting with this resolution shall hereby be rendered null
22. and void,
23. **Resolved**, That the Congress here assembled makes this amendment to the
24. Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Respectfully submitted by Maranacook High School, Maine District

7) A Bill to Establish a 21st Century Civilian Conservation Corps Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The United States re-establishes a Civilian Conservation Corp that
2. puts to work unemployed and underemployed civilians to advance useful public
3. works projects aimed at safeguarding natural resources and developing new
4. transportation and infrastructure.
5. **SECTION 2.** The Civilian Conservation Corps was part of President Roosevelt's
6. New Deal during the Great Depression. It put millions of young men to work

7. in manual labor jobs related to conservation and the development of natural
8. resources.
9. **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Interior will oversee the implementation
10. of this bill. The funding for this program will be determined after the bills passage
11. by the U.S. House Committee on Natural Works and the U.S. Senate Committee
12. on Environment and Public Works.
13. **SECTION 4.** The law will take effect on January 1, 2016.
14. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
15. and void.

Respectfully submitted by Rep. Baldacci, BHS, Maine District

8) A Bill to Lower the Legal Drinking Age

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1:** The United States will hereby lower the legal drinking age down
2. from 21 years old to 18 years old.
3. **SECTION 2:** “Legal drinking age” shall be defined as the age in which a United
4. States citizen is legally allowed to consume alcohol.
5. **SECTION 3:** The Department of Justice shall oversee and enforce this bill.
6. **SECTION 4:** This bill shall go into effect 30 days from the date of passage.
7. **SECTION 5:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
8. and void.

Submitted for Congressional Debate by SHS, Maine District

9) A Bill to Require Security Cameras on Police Officers

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1:** All law enforcement officers shall hereby be equipped with
2. security cameras on their uniform between the area of the chest and head.
3. **SECTION 2:** “Security cameras” shall be defined as a television system in which
4. signals are transmitted from a camera to receivers by cables or links, forming a
5. closed circuit, as used in security systems.
6. **SECTION 3:** The Department of Justice shall oversee this legislation.
7. **SECTION 4:** If any officer tampers with or removes the security camera, or is
8. non-compliant of this bill, the officer involved shall receive a fine of \$2,000. In a
9. subsequent offense, the officer shall be removed from their position.
10. **SECTION 5:** This bill shall take effect 30 days from the date of passage.
11. **SECTION 6:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are declared null and void.

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

10) A Resolution Regarding America’s Prison Systems

1. **WHEREAS**, in the past few years, the amount of privatized prisons has
2. significantly increased in the United States, and
3. **WHEREAS**, privatized prisons can lead to prisons being run as businesses
4. without the incorporation of rehabilitation of the prisoners during their time, and
5. **WHEREAS**, privatized prisons have shown to have an increase in abuse cases
6. and health related issues since it’s expansion, so, therefore, be it
7. **RESOLVED**, by the Student Congress assembled that the United States look for
8. ways to pass legislation to either improve the quality of privatized prisons or to
9. abolish and illegalize the process of prison privatization altogether.

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

11) A Bill to Restore First Amendment Rights

- 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**
- 2. SECTION 1.** No litigation may be pursued against any individual or party for
- 3.** libel or other defamatory forms of expression as long as the said expression was
- 4.** publicly released without malicious or reckless disregard to the truth.
- 5. SECTION 7.** This law will take effect immediately after passage.
- 6. SECTION 8.** The Department of Justice shall enforce this legislation.
- 7. SECTION 9.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
- 8.** and void.

Introduced by Congressman Eickmann, K.H.S.

12) Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Act of 2014

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1. SECTION 1.** Effective programs will be developed to help combat the onset of
- 2.** Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in members of the armed forces during and
- 3.** after active service.
- 4. SECTION 2.** The Department of Defense will oversee the reallocation of
- 5.** funding within its budget to support the development of said programs.
- 6. SECTION 3.** Subcommittees of the Senate and House committees on Armed
- 7.** Services will be created to review the effectiveness of implemented programs and
- 8.** call for the change or redevelopment of programs that prove to be ineffective.
- 9. SECTION 4.** The Department of Defense Congress will enforce this legislation,
- 10.** and Congress will determine compliance with this bill.

11. SECTION 5. This law shall take effect ninety days after its passage.

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

13. and void.

Introduced by Senator Eickmann, K.H.S., Maine District