

**Congress Docket**  
**NSDA Qualifying Tournament**  
**February 28, 2015**

**1) A Bill to Approve the Keystone XL Pipeline**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

- 1. SECTION 1:** TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, L.P. is authorized to construct, operate, and
- 2.** maintain pipeline facilities for the import of crude oil and other hydrocarbons at the United
- 3.** States-Canada Border at Phillips County, Montana, in accordance with the application filed
- 4.** with the Department of State on May 4, 2012.
- 5. SECTION 2:** “Crude oil” shall be defined as an unrefined petroleum product composed of
- 6.** hydrocarbon deposits.
- 7. SECTION 3:** The Department of State, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
- 8.** Agency will oversee the enforcement of this bill.
- 9. SECTION 4:** The bill will be implemented in January 2015.
- 10. SECTION 5:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by SHS, Maine District*

**2) A Resolution to Ratify UNCLOS**  
**(United Nations Convention on Law of the Sea)**

- 1. WHEREAS,** The United Nations created the Convention on Law of the Seas in 1994, with the
- 2.** United States Senate still not having ratified it; and
- 3. WHEREAS,** there is still no internationally binding standard of law for international waters; and
- 4. WHEREAS,** Ratification of UNCLOS can significantly help through increasing reserves of
- 5.** oil on the arctic seabed and through resolving disputes in the South China Sea; now, therefore,
- 6. be it RESOLVED,** By the Student Congress here assembled shall strongly encourage the United

7. States Senate to ratify the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, and that the
8. United States assumes all responsibilities ratification entails.

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

### **3) A Resolution to Deploy Ground Forces in Iraq and Syria**

1. **WHEREAS**, the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria continues to present an astounding threat to
2. not only the Middle East but for the entire nation; and
3. **WHEREAS**, current efforts made by the United States such as airstrikes and humanitarian aid
4. have proven to be extremely unsuccessful in efforts to stop the spread of ISIS; and
5. **WHEREAS**, if the United States does not pursue other alternatives to combat the Islamic
6. State it presents a significant threat to U.S. interests in the Middle East, as well as the safety of
7. the country; now, therefore, be it
8. **RESOLVED**, that the Student Congress here assembled look for ways to send 50,000 ground
9. forces into Iraq and Syria to combat the spread of ISIS.

*Introduced by SHS, Maine District*

### **4) A Bill to Institute Congressional Term Limits**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

1. **SECTION 1:** Term limits shall now be implemented for the United States Congress
2. **SECTION 2:** “Term limits” shall be defined as a limit on the number of consecutive or
3. non-consecutive terms a member of Congress can serve in either the House of Representatives
4. or the Senate.
5. **SECTION 3:** The maximum number of terms that a member of the House of Representatives
6. can serve shall be 6 terms, or twelve years.
7. **SECTION 4:** The maximum number of terms that a member of the Senate can serve shall be
8. three terms, of eighteen years.

9. **SECTION 5:** The Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives shall
10. oversee the enforcement of this bill.
11. **SECTION 6:** Current members of the 114th Congress shall be subject to these term limits at
12. the beginning of their next term. Their current or previous terms shall not count towards their
13. limit.
14. **SECTION 7:** This bill shall go into effect at the seating of the 115th Congress.
15. **SECTION 8:** All laws in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced by SHS, Maine District*

## **5) A Bill to Limit Police Armaments**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

1. **SECTION 1.** The 1033 program, created by the National Defense Authorization Act shall be
2. repealed.
3. **SECTION 2.** All equipment that is militarized that is currently owned by law enforcement
4. agencies and non-public security agencies shall be returned to the Department of Defense
5. within 60 days of the passage of this bill.
6. **SECTION 3:** SWAT, or Special Weapons and Tactics teams, shall not be required to
7. return militarized equipment.
- A. All SWAT teams shall be required to give a yearly report on how many persons have  
been killed, injured, and/or arrested in SWAT activities to the Department of Justice.
- B. If a SWAT team fails to file said report, it shall be fined \$1,000,000.
8. **SECTION 4.** "Militarized" shall be defined as any item or piece of equipment that is
9. categorized as such: APCs, small arms and/or ammunition of .50 caliber or above,
10. camouflage gear, automatic small arms, combat knives, grenades, bayonets, grenade

11. launchers, and MRAPs. "1033 program" shall be defined as a program in which the Secretary
12. of Defense can excess Department of Defense property to federal, state, and local law
13. enforcement agencies.
14. **SECTION 5 A.** Any federal police agency that does not comply with this bill shall be
15. defunded. Any state or local police agency that does not comply with this bill shall be fined
16. the exact monetary value of the militarized items in possession.
17. **SECTION 5 B.** Any attempted purchase of militarized equipment defined in Section 4 shall
18. Be prohibited and shall result in a \$400,000 fine.
19. **SECTION 5 C.** All police agencies shall be required to give a yearly report on how many persons
20. have been killed, injured, and/or arrested in police activities to the Department of Justice. Failure to
21. file this report shall result in a \$1,000,000 fine.
22. **SECTION 6.** The Department of Defense, the Department of Justice and the Attorney
23. General shall enforce this legislation. The DoD shall be encouraged to give the militarized equipment to
24. NATO allies in the Baltics.
25. **SECTION 7.** This bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.
26. **SECTION 8.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted by Sen. Frankonis, Lincoln Academy*

## **6) A Bill to Raise Revenue for the Infrastructure**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

1. **Section 1.** The current tax on gasoline shall be raised by 10 cents and shall be subsequently adjusted
2. to include inflation.
3. **Section 2.** A \$0.60 tax on oil per barrel usage shall be implemented and subsequently adjusted to
4. include inflation.
5. **Section 3.** All funds shall be directed strictly to highway construction, maintenance, and repair.

6. **Section 4.** All funds raised shall go to the Highway Trust Fund.
7. **Section 5.** Any further shortfalls in the Highway Trust Fund's budget shall be covered by funds
8. from the Treasury's general fund.
9. **Section 6.** The Department of Transportation and the IRS, where applicable, shall oversee the
10. enforcement of this legislation.
11. **SECTION 7.** This bill shall take effect on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.
12. **Section 8.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted by Sen. Frankonis, Lincoln Academy*

## **7) The Humane Methods of Interrogation Act**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

1. **SECTION 1.** The Central Intelligence Agency shall be prohibited from holding detainees other
2. than on a short-term, transitory basis.
3. **SECTION 2.** The interrogation techniques of such detainees and/or any persons who are in the
4. custody of the United States shall be limited to techniques mentioned in the Army Field Manual.
5. **SECTION 3.** "Short term, transitory basis" shall be defined as a temporary holding of a
6. detainee for the purposes of relocating said detainee from one location to another.
- A. "Detainee" shall be defined as a person and/or persons that are held in custody by the appropriate powers to be and who are not suspects in criminal cases or prisoners of war.
7. **SECTION 4.** The Director of National Intelligence and the Legislative Branch shall enforce this
8. bill by all available means.
- A. Any person or persons found violating this legislation in either the CIA or a party working under the CIA shall be subject to immediate removal from the CIA.
- B. A minimum of 10 years' incarceration without possibility of parole shall be implemented on said persons.

9. **SECTION 5.** The Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security shall be  
10. responsible for holding said detainees.

11. **SECTION 6.** This bill shall take effect immediately after passage.

12. **SECTION 7.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted by Sen. Frankonis, Lincoln Academy.*

## **8) A Resolution to Amend the Constitution To Limit the War Powers of the Presidency**

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

2. **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is  
3. proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to  
4. all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three  
5. fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

### **ARTICLE**

6. **SECTION 1:** The President of the United States shall only have the power to deploy  
7. members of the armed forces in the event that the Congress of the United States declares  
8. war, or the Congress of the United States issues a specific statutory authorization, or in the  
9. event of a national emergency created by an attack or attacks upon the United States, any  
10. territories or possessions of the United States, or upon the armed forces of the United States.

11. **SECTION 2A:** In the absence of any of the previous three sections in Section 1, if  
12. armed forces of the United States are deployed by the President, the Congress of the United  
13. States must be fully informed of the action of deploying the armed forces of the United States  
14. without the previous three actions in Section 1 within 48 hours.

15. **SECTION 2B:** The President shall then continually consult the Congress of the United  
16. States and fully inform the Congress of the United States of the circumstances surrounding  
17. the deployment of the armed forces of the United States as well as the estimated scope and  
18. duration of the deployment every three months.

19. **SECTION 2C:** Should the President fail to inform the Congress of the United States in the  
20. prescribed manner in Section 2 or Section 2B, the deployed armed forces must be withdrawn  
21. in 60 days, unless the actions mentioned in Section 1 occur.

**22. Section 3:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

*Respectfully submitted, Sen. Frankonis, Lincoln Academy*

## **9) A Bill to Fight Poverty**

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

**2. Section 1A:** The United States will increase the hourly minimum wage until it has the buying power  
**3. of 10.25 United States Dollars in January of 2015.**

**4. Section 1B:** This will be accomplished by gradually increasing the hourly minimum wage no less  
**5. than once per year, and no more than six times per year.**

**6. Section 1C:** These increases will begin on January 1st, 2016, and end no later than January 1st, 2040

**7. Section 2:** Once the hourly minimum wage ceases to be increased, it will be periodically adjusted, to  
**8. insure it retains the buying power of 10.25 United States Dollars in January of 2015**

**9. Section 3:** “Hourly minimum wage” is defined as the minimum compensation that can be paid to  
**10. employees per hour of work.**

**11. Section 4:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted, Rep. Perry, Bangor High School*

## **10) A Bill to Secure the Future of America**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

**1. Section 1A:** A tax will be levied on all combustibles containing carbon.

**2. Section 1B:** The tax will be one United States Dollar for every kilogram of carbon in the fuel.

**3. Section 2A:** A tax will be levied on all new vehicles sold in America.

**4. Section 2B:** The tax will be equal to one hundred thousand times the vehicles price times its its fuel  
**5. economy in miles per gallon to the negative fourth power, as estimated by the EPA.**

**6. Section 2C:** The tax will be paid when the car is purchased from the manufacturer.

7. **Section 2D:** The tax paid on imported cars will be twice that paid on vehicles manufactured in the
8. United States.
9. **Section 2E:** All vehicles with an EPA estimated fuel economy greater than 50 miles per gallon that
10. are sold for less than sixty thousand United States Dollars will be exempt from all other taxes.
11. **Section 3:** All vehicles which do not emit greenhouse gasses having a price less than sixty thousand
12. United States Dollars will not be taxed.
13. **Section 4:** If any citizen with an income below twice the poverty line wishes to install a heat pump
14. in their primary residence, the heat pump, but not the installation, will be paid for by the United
15. States government, if it is deemed acceptable by the Department of Housing and Urban
16. Development.
17. **Section 5:** This bill will be overseen jointly by the Department of Transportation and the
18. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
19. **Section 6:** All laws in conflict with this legislation
20. are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted, Rep. Perry, Bangor High School*

## **11) A Bill To Repeal The Mann Act**

**BE ENACTED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

1. **SECTION 1.** The White-Slave Trade Act of 1910 (18 U.S.C.A. & 2421 et seq.), or the
2. Mann Act, is hereby repealed.
3. **SECTION 2.** The Department of Justice shall oversee the execution of this legislation.
4. **SECTION 3.** This law shall take effect on January 1, 2015
5. **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully introduced by Representative Pongsri, BHS, Maine District*



**12) A Bill To Declare English As The Official Language Of The United States**  
**BE ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

1. **SECTION 1. Findings** The Congress finds and declares that throughout the history of the United
2. States, the common thread binding individuals, who came from different part of world and had
3. different backgrounds, all around the country has been the English language.
4. **SECTION 2. ENGLISH AS THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE** The English Language is hereby
5. declared the official language of the United States and its Federal Government. Therefore, official
6. functions of Government shall be conducted in English.
7. **SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS** The term ‘official’ refers to any function that (I) binds the
8. Government, (II) is required by law, or (III) is otherwise subject to scrutiny by either the press or the
9. public.
10. **SECTION 4. ENFORCEMENT** The Secretary of Homeland Security shall oversee, enforce, and
11. issue this legislation with the exception of extraordinary circumstances, such as asylum.
12. **SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE** This law will take effect 180 days after the date of the
13. enactment of this legislation, and all laws in in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
14. and void.

*Respectfully submitted by Representative Pongsri, BHS, Maine District*