

**Congress Docket  
Bangor High School  
October 24, 2015**

**1) The Affordable and Sustainable College Tuition Act of 2017**

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

1. **SECTION 1:** The College for All Act of 2015 is hereby passed into law, and
2. Shall take effect on January 1, 2017.

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

**2) A Bill to Legalize Marijuana**

1. **Section 1:** The Bill to Legalize Marijuana will legalize marijuana for both
2. Medicinal and recreational use throughout the United States.
3. **Section 2:** Recreational use will be defined as an activity done for enjoyment.
4. **Section 3:** The department of Health and Human services, and the Department of
5. Justice will oversee this bill.
  - a. All prisoners jailed for the consumption, possession, or distribution of marijuana shall be released and given full rights as if they were never incarcerated.
  - b. Implementing a tax equivalent to 25% additional to what the store price will be set. Licensing to sell recreational marijuana will be sold for no less than the sum of \$250.
  - c. The legal age to consume recreational marijuana will be set at the age of 21 years.
6. **Section 4:** This bill will take place immediately after passage.
7. **Section 5:** Any laws in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Brundige, Maranacook, Maine District*

### **3) A Bill to Repeal Weapons Bans**

- 1. Section 1:** All weapons bans will be repealed. All magazine capacity bans will be
- 2.** Repealed, and fully automatic weaponry bans will be repealed because the bans
- 3.** Are unconstitutional.
- 4. Section 2:** Bans will be defined as forbidding people from possessing something.
- 5.** Fully automatic weaponry will be defined as a weapon that, when the trigger is held
- 6.** Down, will fire continuously until the weapon's magazine is empty. Weapons will be
- 7.** Defined as a ballistic firearm such as rifles and pistols.
- 8. Section 3:** The Department of Defense will oversee this bill.
  - a.** Mandatory civilian firearm training will be set for a 7 day education period where citizens of the United States, between ages of 15 and 50, will be taught how to use and respect all firearms. Any additional lessons will be paid at the individual's expense.
  - b.** Children's education staff will be required to either have equipped a hand held firearm or a taser either on their shoulder or hip area and must be seen openly. Line 7b is to prevent school shooting events from occurring. Any mentally ill person who has been diagnosed for a false sense judgement will not be given any weaponry on school grounds.
- 9. Section 4:** This bill will take place 30 days after passage.
- 10. Section 5:** Any laws contradicting this bill will hereby be declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Maranacook, Maine District*

## **4) Resolution to Introduce a Grade 13**

1. **RESOLUTION TO:** Introduce a Grade 13 to Publicly Funded High Schools
2. **SECTION 1:** A grade 13 will be introduced to publicly funded high schools
  - a. The program will be funded by the U.S. Department of Education
  - b. This program will be optional for students, but must be offered through qualifying schools
3. **SECTION 2:** Students enrolled in grade 13 will be considered dual enrolled
4. **SECTION 3:** Students will have completed their core classes through their high
5. School by grade 12, so they will not be required to enroll in any high school
6. Classes. This leaves them free to take up to 8 credits through local colleges.
7. **SECTION 4:** these credits can be transferred to local community colleges to be
8. Put towards an associate's degree.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Katie Kenny Erskine Academy, Maine District*

## **5) A BILL TO WITHDRAW OUR NAVAL PRESENCE IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA**

1. **BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**
2. **SECTION 1.** All U.S. military personnel shall be withdrawn from the South China
3. Sea, and all operations shall be halted.
4. **SECTION 2A.** "Personnel" is defined as soldiers, ships, and drones.
5. **SECTION 2B.** "South China Sea" is a marginal sea that is part of the Pacific Ocean,
6. Encompassing an area from the Singapore and Malacca Straits to the Strait of Taiwan
7. Of around 3,500,000 square kilometers.
8. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense shall be responsible for carrying out this

9. Legislation.

10. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be enacted fourteen months after passage.

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

12. Void.

*Introduced by Senator Nick J. Danby, BHS, Maine District*

## **6) A BILL TO LIFT THE BAN ON CRUDE OIL EXPORTS**

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

2. **SECTION 1.** The ban on crude oil exports in America is hereby lifted.

3. **SECTION 2.** “Crude oil” shall be defined as a dark oil consisting mainly of

4. Hydrocarbons.

5. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy shall oversee this piece of legislation.

6. **SECTION 4.** This law shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

8. Void.

*Introduced by Senator Nick J. Danby, BHS, Maine District*

## **7) A BILL TO RESTORE ECONOMIC ACCOUNTABILITY**

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

2. **SECTION 1.** Carried interest will be taxed at the ordinary income tax rate instead of

3. The capital gains tax rate.

4. **SECTION 2A.** Carried interest will therefore be taxed at the same rates as income

5. (or salary) in terms of percent per bracket.

6. **SECTION 2B.** “Carried interest” is defined as a share of the profits of an investment

7. Or investment fund that is paid to the investment manager in excess of the amount

8. That the manager contributes to the partnership.
9. **SECTION 3.** This bill will be overseen and enforced by the Internal Revenue Service
10. (IRS).
11. **SECTION 4.** This law will go into effect the next tax year.
12. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
13. Void.

*Introduced by Senator Nick J. Danby, BHS, Maine District*

### **8) A Resolution to Provide Further Aid to Syrian Refugees**

1. **Whereas,** The Syrian refugee crises is the largest refugee crisis since World War II;
2. **Whereas,** The United States has largely sat back and done little while many other
3. Nations have accepted hundreds of thousands of refugees; and
4. **Whereas,** The United States has largely accelerated the current conflict in the Middle
5. East and thus has a moral obligation to provide aid; now, therefore, be it
6. **Resolved,** By the Student Congress here assembled that the United States accept
7. 500,000 refugees within six months, and they shall be allocated to the United States
8. Minor Outlying Islands; and be it
9. **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That after a period of three years living on the islands, the
10. Refugees shall have the option to vote for statehood, independence, or remaining a
11. U.S. territory.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Sophia Lajoie, SHS, Maine District*

## **9) A Resolution to Address Standardized Testing**

1. **WHEREAS**, The United States has largely focused on standardized testing as a core
2. Part of the educational curriculum since the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001; and
3. **WHEREAS**, Such a focus on standardized testing has narrowed the curriculum to the
4. Point where many teachers are adjusting their time to exclusively focus on test
5. Preparation; and
6. **WHEREAS**, This can lead to other important classes being left out of the curriculum
7. For the sole purpose of having more time for test preparation; and
8. **WHEREAS**, The children of the United States should be able to have a free and open
9. Without the presence of tests which do not help overall education; now, therefore,
10. Be it **RESOLVED**, By the Student Congress here assembled that the United States
11. Look for ways to remove the requirement of standardized testing as a part of federal
12. Education standards.

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

## **10) A Bill to Increase Funding for Refugee Resettlement in the United States**

1. **BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**
2. **Section 1.** \$300 million dollars will be added to the Refugee Admissions Budget
3. For FY 16.
4. **Section 2.** The money will be distributed among the three departments that are
5. Involved in refugee resettlement, the Departments of Homeland Security, State,
6. And Health and Human Services.
  - A. The money will be specifically allocated to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, the Administration

for Children and Families and the Office of Refugee Resettlement.

7. **Section 3.** The aforementioned four sub-government organizations will be in
8. Charge of distributing the money in proportion to their respective needs
9. Accounting for the increase in refugee acceptances, as has been done in previous
10. Fiscal years.
11. **Section 4.** This increase will go into effect January 1st, 2016
12. **Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
13. Void.

*Introduced by Senator Annie Gott, Falmouth High School, Maine District*

## **11) A Bill to Require Background Checks for Private Gun Sales**

1. **BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**
2. **Section 1.** Firearms may only legally be sold by parties with Federal Firearm
3. Licenses.
4. **Section 2.** All federally licensed firearms dealers must conduct background checks in
5. Accordance with the National Instant Criminal Background Check System for every
6. Sale of firearms or ammunition.
7. **Section 3.** Firearms are defined for the purposes of this bill as they are defined in the
8. Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act.
9. **Section 4.** Violation of Section 1 or Section 2 will be considered a level nine federal
10. Offense, at the minimum.
11. **Section 5:** The Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Justice shall
12. Implement and enforce this legislation in conjunction with the Bureau of Alcohol,
13. Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

**14. Section 6:** This law shall take effect on February 1st, 2016.

**15. Section 7:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced by Senator Brautigam, Falmouth High School, Maine District*