

Congress Docket
NSDA Qualifying Tournament
February 6, 2016

1) A Bill to End the Excessive Militarization of Local Police

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1. SECTION 1.** All federal programs and grants that assist local police in obtaining automatic
- 2. or semi-automatic weapons or APCs shall hereby be prevented from doing so; this bill will**
- 3. not apply to local SWAT teams.**
- 4. SECTION 2.** Federal programs and grants that assist local police in obtaining automatic or
- 5. semi-automatic weapons or APCs include but are not limited to the 1033 program and the**
- 6. Department of Justice's Byrne JAG Program.**
- 7. APCs are defined as Armored Personal Carriers.**
- 8. SWAT teams shall be defined as a group of elite police marksmen who specialize in high risk**
- 9. tasks.**
- 10. Local police forces shall be defined as municipal, county, tribal, and regional police forces**
- 11. that derive authority from the local governing body that created them.**
- 12. SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice, the Department of Defense, and the Department of
- 13. Homeland Security shall collaborate in implementing, enforcing, and abiding by this**
- 14. legislation.**
- 15. Federal agencies that do not comply with this legislation shall lose 50% of their federal**
- 16. funding.**
- 17. SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2017
- 18. SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sydney McDonald, BHS, Maine District

2) A Bill to Provide Aid to Ukraine

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1. SECTION 1:** The United States government shall hereby provide one billion dollars annually
- 2.** To Ukraine for a period of three years. The United States shall also have the power to provide
- 3.** Lethal aid.
- 4. SECTION 2:** Military support includes the direct provision of military equipment from the
- 5.** United States or military equipment purchased from private entities. Lethal aid shall be
- 6.** Defined as any form of assistance not listed in Title 10, Section 2547 of United States code.
- 7. SECTION 3A:** The Department of Defense and the Department of State shall oversee this
- 8.** Bill.
- 9. SECTION 3B:** The Department of State shall request that members of the North Atlantic
- 10.** Treaty Organization shall also support the Ukrainian government in its conflict with
- 11.** Pro-Russian rebels.
- 12. SECTION 4:** This legislation will be implemented immediately upon passage.
- 13. SECTION 5:** All laws in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and void.

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

3) Withdraw from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization

- 1. WHEREAS,** The treaty obligates us to defend the borders of twenty-seven (27) other
- 2.** North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) members under Article 5 without
- 3.** constitutionally required congressional authorization; and
- 4. WHEREAS,** We have over 60,000 military personnel stationed in NATO countries; and
- 5. WHEREAS,** We shoulder over seventy percent of NATO's financial burden; and
- 6. WHEREAS,** The United States' best partners for international peace are now Russia,

7. China and Iran; now, therefore, be it
8. **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled invoke Article 13 and begin the
9. one-year withdrawal process from NATO.

Introduced by Cavan Hagerty, BHS, Maine District

4) A Bill to Declare War on ISIL

1. **BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**
2. **SECTION 1.** The United States of America shall declare war on the organization referring to
3. itself as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL).
4. **SECTION 2.** This declaration of war authorizes the President of the United States, in his role as
5. Commander in Chief of United States military forces, to engage in offensive and
6. defensive military operations against ISIL.
7. **SECTION 3.** Pursuant to this declaration of war this Congress shall provide funding necessary to
8. carry out missions against ISIL. Funding for the war against ISIL shall be reviewed
9. each year by this Congress.
10. **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Cavan Hagerty, BHS, Maine District

5) A Resolution to Ban State-Run Lotteries

1. **WHEREAS**, The lottery is addictive and can contribute to gambling problems;
2. **WHEREAS**, The lottery disproportionally targets the poor;
3. **WHEREAS**, and Governments should not be in the business of gambling
4. **WHEREAS**, States have not used revenue from lottery games responsibly
5. And lottery money does not really benefit education;
6. **RESOLVED**, That the United States Congress look for ways to ban state-run lotteries.

Respectfully submitted by Caroline Baldacci, BHS, Maine District

6) A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Ban Capital Punishment

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **RESOLVED**, That upon approval of two-thirds of the chamber of this Student
2. Congress here assembled, the following Constitutional amendment be sent to the state
3. legislatures for approval:
4. **SECTION 1:** The death penalty shall not be imposed by the United States,
5. or by any State, Territory, or other jurisdiction within the United States.
6. **SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
7. appropriate legislation subject to approval of 3/4 of the states.

Introduced by Connor Flotten, Brunswick High School, Maine District

7) A Bill to Ban Solitary Confinement

1. **BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED**
2. **Section 1:** Solitary confinement shall be banned in all state, federal, and privately owned
3. prisons.
4. **Section 2:** Solitary confinement shall be defined as the practice of isolating a prisoner in
5. a closed cell for 20-24 hours a day.
6. **Section 3:** Disciplinary segregation may not occur for a period of longer than one week
7. and may only be used to prevent violence from occurring.
8. **Section 4:** Administrative segregation and involuntary protective custody shall hereby be
9. entirely banned.
10. **Section 5:** Supermax prisons shall hereby be banned.
11. **Section 6a:** All prisons currently designated as supermax prisons shall be required to

12. submit a plan to be approved by the Federal Bureau of Prisons concerning future
13. placement of prisoners by January 1, 2017. These plans shall begin to be implemented by
14. January 1, 2018, and must be fully implemented by January 1, 2020.
15. **Section 6b:** All prisons currently holding prisoners in solitary confinement shall be
16. required to submit a plan to be approved by the Federal Bureau of Prisons concerning the
17. placement and treatment of all prisoners concerned no less than six months from the
18. passage of this bill. These plans shall begin to be implemented by January 1, 2017, and
19. must be fully implemented by January 1, 2018.
20. **Section 7:** This bill shall be enforced by the Federal Bureau of Prisons.
21. **Section 8:** All laws in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Representative Kathleen Dunn, BHS, Maine District

8) A Resolution to Enforce Taxation on Churches

1. **WHEREAS**, Churches that file as religious organizations are exempted from all
2. taxes; and **WHEREAS**, Churches own \$300-\$500 billion in untaxed property that
3. costs state and federal governments millions each; and
4. **WHEREAS**, The Constitution sets a clear precedent for separation of church and
5. state and no guidelines for what qualifies as a religion; now, therefore, be it
6. **RESOLVED**, By the Congress assembled here that all churches and “religious
7. organizations” shall be taxed according to the property that they own.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cavan Hagerty, BHS, Maine District

9) A Bill to Cut Aid to Israel

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1. SECTION 1:** The United States shall hereby discontinue all current aid being given
- 2.** To Israel, unless the following terms have been met:
 - 3. A:** Israel withdraws its forces from the West Bank;
 - 4. B:** Palestinian political prisoners are released;
 - 5. C:** The West Bank barrier has been demolished;
 - 6. D:** Military operations against Palestinians cease for a period of three years.
 - 7. E:** The Gaza blockade is lifted;
 - 8. F:** The Israeli settlements in the West Bank are vacated.
 - 9. G:** Construction projects on new settlements in the West Bank are ended; and
 - 10. H:** Israel recognizes the Palestinian nation, as set forth by the United Nations, as a
 - 11.** Sovereign state.
- 12. SECTION 2:** The Department of State and the Department of Defense shall oversee
- 13.** This bill.
- 14. SECTION 3:** This bill shall go into effect on January 1, 2017.
- 15. SECTION 4:** All laws in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and void.

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

10) A BILL TO BAN PRIVATE PRISONS

- 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**
- 2. SECTION 1.** Private prisons are hereby banned. The privatization of prisons by both the
- 3. takeover of existing public facilities as well as the building and operation**
- 4. of new and additional prisons by for-profit companies is also banned.**
- 5. SECTION 2.** Private prisons, also known as for-profit prisons, are defined as places in
- 6. which individuals are physically confined or incarcerated by a third party**
- 7. that is contracted by a government agency.**
- 8. SECTION 3.** The Federal Bureau of Prisons will oversee the enforcement of the bill.
- 9. SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect immediately.
- 10. SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted by Sydney McDonald, Bangor High School, Maine District

11) A Resolution to Combat the Global Energy Crisis to Construct More Nuclear Energy Plants in the United States

- 1. WHEREAS,** We find ourselves in a global crisis of energy; and
- 2. WHEREAS,** The energy production methods of today do unconscionable harm to our
- 3. environment; and**
- 4. WHEREAS,** The continued use of these methods will only contribute to the growing
- 5. problems of changing climates and a warming planet; and**
- 6. WHEREAS,** We require clean energy in vast amounts and without delay; now, therefore, be
- 7. it RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled recommend the immediate construction
- 8. of further nuclear energy plants in the United States.**

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Central Minnesota District.

12) A Resolution to Subsidize Alternative Wind Technology Research

1. **WHEREAS**, Energy demand in the United States has been steadily escalating 10% in the
2. last ten years; and
3. **WHEREAS**, The amount of available customers in the United States increased from
4. approximately 133 million to 145 million from 2002-2012; and
5. **WHEREAS**, The average retail price of energy has been inflated 37.7% in the last ten years
6. which has ultimately hindered the economic recovery of the United States; and
7. **WHEREAS**, Wind energy is predicted to be the most promising source of renewable energy,
8. increasing in production 37.3% since 2012, keeping pace in growth with natural gas
9. production; and
10. **WHEREAS**, Wind energy research is required to continue this promising growth and will
11. create more opportunities for the American people in the form of research positions and
12. maintenance jobs on wind farms; now, therefore, be it
13. **RESOLVED**, By the Congress assembled here that wind energy research be supported by
14. the United States Government in the form of subsidized tax deductions for companies that
15. donate to any United States operated research sites pertaining to wind energy, or to
16. companies that actively pursue renewable energy wind technology research.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Rocky Mountain North District

13) 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

14) The Compassionate Access, Research Expansion, and Respect States Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The United States government allows states to set their own medical
2. marijuana policies.
3. **SECTION 2.** The government reclassify marijuana as a Schedule 2 drug in the Drug
4. Enforcement Agency's five category drug classification system.
5. **SECTION 3.** The U.S. removes the CBD strains, used to treat epilepsy and seizure
6. disorders, from the federal definition of marijuana.
7. **SECTION 4.** The federal government allows doctors working for the Department of
8. Veterans Affairs in states where medical marijuana is legal to recommend it for certain

9. condition.

10. **SECTION 5.** The government permit financial services and banking for marijuana

11. dispensaries.

12. **SECTION 6.** Public or private research that sanctioned by the government should be

13. exempted from federal criminal laws concerning the use or possession of marijuana.

14. **SECTION 7.** The Drug Enforcement Agency will oversee the implementation of this bill.

15. **SECTION 8.** This law will go into effect on January 1, 2017.

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

Respectfully submitted by Representative Baldacci, Maine District

15) A Resolution to Overturn Citizens United

1. **WHEREAS,** The Supreme Court case of Citizens United vs. Federal Election Commission

2. Has opened the doors for large campaign contributions; and

3. **WHEREAS,** These large campaign contributions represent a fundamental flaw to the

4. American political system and to American democracy; now, therefore, be it

5. **RESOLVED,** By the Student Congress here assembled that this Congress looks for ways to

6. Overturn the Supreme Court Case of Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission; and be it

7. **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this Congress begins the process of drafting an amendment

8. To the Constitution in order to limit campaign financing.

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

16) The Fair Wage Act of 2017

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

2. SECTION 1: The United States shall hereby raise its federal minimum wage to \$15.00 over

3. The next five years.

4. SECTION 2: “Federal minimum wage” shall be defined as the lowest hourly wage that can

5. Be provided to an individual as compensation for employment.

6. SECTION 3A: The United States Department of Labor shall oversee this bill.

7. SECTION 3B: Upon passage, the Department of Labor shall create a list of any and all

8. Potential exemptions from raises in the minimum wage.

9. SECTION 3C: After the five year period has elapsed, the minimum wage shall be evaluated

10. Once every year. If significant inflation has occurred, the wage will increase. If significant

11. Deflation occurs, the wage will be adjusted accordingly.

12. SECTION 4: This bill shall go into effect January 1st, 2017.

13. SECTION 5: Any and all laws in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and void.

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