

**Congress Docket  
Bangor High School  
October 29, 2016**

**1) A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Modify  
Eligibility Requirements to Hold the Office of President**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**1. Whereas Article II, Section 1 of the US Constitution reads:**

“No Person except a natural born Citizen, or a Citizen of the United States, at the time of the Adoption of this Constitution, shall be eligible to the Office of President; neither shall any Person be eligible to that Office who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty five Years, and been fourteen Years a Resident within the United States.”

- 2. RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following
- 3.** article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which
- 4.** shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by
- 5.** the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date
- 6.** of its submission by the Congress:
- 7. SECTION 1:** The wording “natural born Citizen” in Article II, Section 1 shall be
- 8.** changed to “naturalized Citizen”:

“No Person except a naturalized Citizen, or a Citizen of the United States, at the time of the Adoption of this Constitution, shall be eligible to the Office of President; neither shall any Person be eligible to that Office who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty five Years, and been fourteen Years a Resident within the United States.”

- 9. SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
- 10.** appropriate legislation.

*Respectfully submitted by Rep. Anna Raley, Greely High School, Maine District*

## **2) A Bill to Make College More Affordable**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1. SECTION 1.** The United States government shall place a sliding scale tax on all
- 2.** higher education institute endowments larger than \$500 million.
- 3.** Higher education institutes with endowments greater than \$3 billion will be taxed at a
- 4.** rate of 2%.
- 5.** Institutes with endowments higher than \$2 billion will be taxed at a rate of 1.5%.
- 6.** Institutes with endowments higher than \$1 billion will be taxed at a rate of 1%.
- 7.** Institutes with endowments higher than \$500 million will be taxed at a rate of 0.5%.
- 8. SECTION 2.** To make sure that these universities are still making contributions to society,
- 9.** the government will allow them to deduct financial aid spending from their tax bills.
- 10. SECTION 3.** The United States shall mandate that all institutions of public education spend
- 11.** at least 5% of their assets each year, just as the government does with non-profits.
- 12. SECTION 4.** The money from the sliding scale tax will go back to the states in
- 13.** the form of block grants to supplement their existing higher education budgets to
- 14.** reduce pressure on increasing tuition or to prevent further cuts to academic programs.
- 15. SECTION 5.** The Department of Education and the IRS will oversee the
- 16.** enforcement of this bill.
- 17. SECTION 6.** This law shall go into effect on January 1, 2017.
- 18. SECTION 7.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted by Senator Baldacci, Bangor High School, Maine District*

### **3) A Bill to Re-impose the Arms Embargo on Bahrain**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The United States government is prohibited from selling or transferring tear
2. gas, small arms, light weapons, ammunition for small arms and light weapons, humvees, and
3. other weapons used for crowd control to Bahrain until the Department of State certifies that
4. that country has fully implemented all 26 recommendations set forth in the 2011 Bahrain
5. Independent Commission of Inquiry report.
6. **SECTION 2.** The 2011 Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry report listed
7. recommendations to help the country of Bahrain improve its human rights record.
8. **SECTION 3.** The Department of State will oversee the enforcement of this bill.
9. Within a year of this legislation's passage, the State Department will report to Congress if
10. Bahrain has met all 26 BICI recommendations.
11. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2017
12. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted by Senator Baldacci, Bangor High School, Maine District*

### **4) The VANGUARD Act of 2016**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1:** The Vanguard Allied Now with Georgia and Ukraine Against Russian
2. Dangers Act is hereby placed into effect.
3. **SECTION 2A:** Ukraine and George shall each receive \$5 billion in military aid to combat
4. Separatist and militia groups within their borders. Aid shall be allocated in the form of
5. Military equipment and monetary grants. Aid shall be overseen by the Department of
6. Defense, and a mandatory report on the allocation of aid shall be presented biannually to the

7. United States Congress.
8. **SECTION 2B:** The United States shall deploy 1,500 troops to both George and Ukraine to
9. Serve as advisors and to conduct troop training programs.
10. **SECTION 3A:** The United States shall urge the United Nations to oversee both Russia's
11. Elections and Ukraine's local elections to equally promote free and fair elections.
12. **SECTION 3B:** The United States shall impose additional sanctions on Russia, to be
13. Determined by the Department of State. The United States shall also push for other G7
14. Countries to adopt the sanctions on Russia.
15. **SECTION 4:** This legislation shall be implemented upon ratification.
16. **SECTION 5:** All laws in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and void

*Respectfully submitted by Senator Quinn Stewart, Scarborough High School, Maine District*

### **5) The Consumer Safety and Defense Act of 2016**

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

1. **SECTION 1:** The Chand-Stewart-Delisle Act of 2016 is hereby placed into effect.
2. **SECTION 2A:** An additional \$5 billion dollars shall be allocated in aid to the Food and
3. Drug Administration's Budget for the purpose of increasing the number of inspection
4. facilities by at least 5,000 facilities.
5. **SECTION 2B:** "Inspection facilities" shall be defined as buildings constructed by the FDA
6. That are used for approving, testing, and inspecting food and drug products for consumer
7. use.
8. **SECTION 2C:** The FDA will also be required to expand their amount of farm visitation
9. And observance, alongside the Department of Agriculture, by at least 25% over the next
10. Three years. These will be used to examine the living conditions of farm animals, while also

11. Inspecting farms for diseases.

12. **SECTION 3:** The United States Department of Agriculture and the Food and Drug

13. Administration shall jointly enforce this legislation.

14. **SECTION 3A:** The funding shall come from a .1% Financial Transaction Tax on all stocks,

15. Bonds, and securities on all Wall Street transactions above 10,000 dollars.

16. **SECTION 4:** This bill shall go into effect one fiscal year from the date of passage.

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

*Respectfully submitted by Senator Quinn Stewart, Scarborough High School, Maine District*

## **6) The Fair Wage and Prosperity Act of 2016**

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

1. **SECTION 1:** The federal minimum wage shall be increased to \$12.50 an hour (Twelve

2. Dollars, fifty cents)

3. **SECTION 2A:** “Federal minimum wage” shall be defined as the lowest hourly wage that

4. can be provided by law to employees.

5. **SECTION 2B:** The minimum wage of tipped employees shall additionally be raised, to that

6. Half the minimum wage set forth in this bill (\$6.25).

7. **SECTION 2C:** “Tipped employees” shall be defined as employees mainly working in the

8. Service industry who receive at least 50% of their earnings from tips from customers.

9. **SECTION 3:** The United States Department of Labor shall oversee this bill.

10. **SECTION 4A:** This bill will go into effect one fiscal year from the date of passage.

11. **SECTION 4B:** The minimum wage shall be divided into small increments of increases:

12. It shall be raised to \$9.25 at implementation immediately, then to \$10.25 one year later,

13. Then to \$12.50 in the next fiscal year.

14. **SECTION 4C:** After the minimum wage has been raised to \$12.50, it will then go up
15. According to the inflation rate, using the Chained Consumer Price Index. If inflation occurs,
16. The wage will increase. If significant deflation occurs, the wage will adjust accordingly.
17. **SECTION 5:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted by Senator Quinn Stewart, Scarborough High School, Maine District*

## **7) A Bill to Repeal the Johnson Amendment**

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

1. **SECTION 1.** All organizations recognized under Section 501(c)(3) of the tax code shall no
2. longer be prohibited from directly or indirectly participating in, or intervening in, any
3. political campaign on behalf or in opposition to any candidate for elective office.
4. **SECTION 2.** The Johnson Amendment shall be defined as limitations set forth by the tax
5. code upon organizations recognized under Section 501(c)(3)
6. Organizations recognized under Section 501(c)(3) of the tax code shall be defined as
7. nonprofit organizations that are tax-exempt, with the approval of the Internal Revenue
8. Service.
9. **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service, along with the Federal Election Commission,
10. shall enforce this legislation
11. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect 15 days after the its passage
12. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Scarborough High School, Maine District*

## **8) A Bill to Cease the Production of One-Cent Pieces and Five-Cent Pieces**

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

1. **SECTION 1.** The “cent” or “one cent piece” and “nickel” or “five-cent piece” shall hereby
2. no longer be minted.
3. **SECTION 2.** Minting shall be defined as the production of new “cents” or “one cent pieces”.
4. **SECTION 3.** All current “cents” or “one cent pieces” and “nickels” or “five-cent pieces”
5. shall remain in circulation and shall remain a valid form of U.S. currency.
6. **SECTION 4.** The United States Mint shall oversee the implementation of this bill.
7. **SECTION 5.** This bill shall go into effect 30 days after passage.
8. **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Ibrahim Chand, SHS, Maine District*

## **9) A Resolution to Support Private Space Companies**

1. **WHEREAS**, SpaceX has just succeeded in launching a rocket into space, delivering
2. satellites, and returning the rocket to earth; and
3. **WHEREAS**, NASA currently is not on track to develop their own reusable launch system; and
4. **WHEREAS**, a reusable launch system is key to American space independence and
5. furthering the life of the International Space Station; and
6. **WHEREAS**, private companies will be the future of American space travel; and
7. **WHEREAS**, current NASA funding will not be sufficient to build a new program; now,
8. therefore, be it **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that NASA cease
9. operations on creating new reusable spacecraft and use an increased portion of its
10. budget to support private companies in the development of new launch technology.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Maine District*

## **10) A Bill To Privatize Amtrak**

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

**2. SECTION 1.** The National Railroad Passenger Corporation, or Amtrak, shall be  
**3. privatized.**

**4. SECTION 2.** Privatization of Amtrak is defined as changing from governmental to private  
**5. control and ownership through the sale of preferred stock and de-federalizing the**  
**6. appointment of Amtrak's board of directors.**

**7. SECTION 3.** The Department of Transportation will oversee the enforcement of this Bill,  
**8. which is binding to all parties in agreement to Section 1 and has the same**  
**9. effect as if arrived at by agreement of the parties under the Railway Labor Act.**

**10. SECTION 4.** Amtrak's preferred stock will be saleable upon passage of this bill and  
**11. Amtrak's Board of Directors managed by the corporation's owners.**

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

*Respectfully Submitted by Cape Elizabeth High School, Maine District*

## **10) 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 Bangor High School, Maine District*