

**Congress Docket**  
**Lincoln Academy, October 15, 2016**

**1) A Bill to Reauthorize the Export-Import Bank**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The United States government will hereby reauthorize the Export -
3. Import Bank.
4. **SECTION 2.** This law will go into effect immediately.
5. **SECTION 3.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
6. And void.

*Respectfully submitted by Rep. Baldacci, Bangor High School, Maine District*

**2) The Humane Methods of Interrogation Act**

1. **BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**
2. **SECTION 1.** The Central Intelligence Agency shall be prohibited from holding
3. Detainees other than on a short-term, transitory basis.
4. **SECTION 2.** The interrogation techniques of such detainees and/or any persons
5. Who are in the custody of the United States shall be limited to techniques mentioned
6. In the Army Field Manual.
7. **SECTION 3:** "Short term, transitory basis" shall be defined as a temporary
8. Holding of a "detainee" for the purposes of relocating said detainee from one location
9. To another.
10. "Detainee" shall be defined as a person and/or persons that are held in custody by the
11. Appropriate powers to be and who are not suspects in criminal cases or prisoners of
12. War.
13. **SECTION 4.** The Director of National Intelligence and the Legislative Branch shall enforce
14. this 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.

**15. SECTION 5.** This bill shall take effect immediately after passage.

**16. SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and

**17.** Void.

*Respectfully submitted by Rep. Baldacci, Bangor High School, Maine District*

### **3) A Bill to Rename “Columbus Day” to “Indigenous People’s Day”**

**1. Section 1:** Whereas indigenous people have faced cultural subjugation and repression

**2.** in that which is now called the United States of America

**3. Section 2:** Whereas Christopher Columbus served as the impetus to the

**4.** aforementioned suppression

**5. Section 3:** Whereas the United States Government has, in its past, taken a stance

**6.** against those who further repression

**7. Section 4:** Therefore, the federal holiday “Columbus Day” shall hereby be changed to

**8.** “Indigenous People’s Day”

**9. Section 5A:** Columbus Day shall be defined as the federal holiday celebrating the

**10.** arrival of Christopher Columbus arrival to the Americas on the second Monday of

**11.** October

**12. Section 5B:** Indigenous People’s Day shall be instated to celebrate the culture of the

**13.** American Indigenous People and to recognize their mistreatment in world history.

**14. Section 6:** This legislation shall go into effect upon passage.

**15. Section 7:** The United States Congress shall oversee this bill.

**16. Section 8:** All laws in conflict in this bill are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted by Rep. McGrath, Cape Elizabeth High School, Maine District*

#### **4) A Resolution to Provide Increased Funding to the Center for Disease Control to Research**

1. **WHEREAS**, The resistance of certain bacteria to antibiotics has become a widespread
2. problem; and
3. **WHEREAS**, Millions of people annually become infected with bacteria that are resistant
4. to antibiotics, or “superbugs” each year in the United States alone, tens of
5. thousands of whom die from the infections; and
6. **WHEREAS**, Without research into the causes of antibiotic resistance and attempts to
7. Find solutions for dealing with antibiotic resistance the problem will only
8. continue to worsen in the future; and
9. **WHEREAS**, Relatively little is known about these antibiotic resistant bacteria and little
10. research has been done to learn how to combat this issue; now, therefore, be it
11. **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled recommend that increased funding is
12. provided to the Center for Disease Control in order to increase our
13. understanding of antibiotic resistance bacteria.

*Respectfully submitted by Rep. Cerabona, Kennebunk High School, Maine District*

## **5) A Bill to End All Oil Subsidies**

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

- 1. SECTION 1.** All subsidies currently being given to the oil industry shall hereby
- 2.** Be removed and redistributed to the clean energy industry.
- 3. SECTION 2.** “Oil subsidies” shall be defined as money given by the federal
- 4.** Government to the oil industry to support the industry’s operations.
- 5.** “Oil industry” shall be defined as the group of public and private companies
- 6.** Responsible for the drilling, production, refining, distribution and sale of oil.
- 7.** “Clean energy industry” shall be defined as the collection of public and
- 8.** Private companies that sell, produce, promote and engineer clean energy sources
- 9.** Such as, but not limited to wind, solar, nuclear, and geothermal, and hydropower.
- 10. SECTION 3.** This bill shall be enforced by the United States Department of
- 11.** Energy as well as the United States Department of the Interior.
  - a.** Any governmental agency found to be distributing any subsidies to the oil industry shall be immediately stripped of all funding and will be stripped of all powers currently delegated to them until they stop the distribution of these subsidies.
  - b.** There will be a joint committee created by the aforementioned agencies which will have executive power to decide what companies in the clean energy industry should receive subsidies from the government as well as whether or not specific methods of producing energy should be considered as clean energy.
- 12. SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect by January 1, 2018
- 13. SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
- 14.** And void.

*Respectfully submitted by Rep. Cerabona, Kennebunk High School, Maine District*

## **6) The American Property Rights Act of 2015**

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

**2. SECTION 1.** All asset forfeiture practices carried out by the United States

**3.** Department of Justice or United States federal agencies working in direct cooperation

**4.** with the United States Department of Justice that require no more evidential

**5.** foundation than a preponderance of the evidence to proceed with the seizure property

**6.** or *in rem* actions are hereby abolished.

**7. SECTION 2.** An “asset forfeiture practice” shall be defined as an action by which a

**8.** governmental agency deprives a citizen of his or her property in connection to a

**9.** violation of the law.

**10. SECTION 3.** A “preponderance of the evidence” shall be defined as the conclusion

**11.** that a proposition seems more probably true than false.

**12. SECTION 4.** An “*in rem* action” shall be defined as a legal action brought directly

**13.** against a piece of property rather than against a citizen in which the property is the

**14.** defendant and no criminal charges against the owner of the aforementioned property

**15.** are necessary.

**16. SECTION 5.** The Department of Justice will oversee the implementation of this

legislation.

**17. SECTION 6.** This law shall take effect ninety days after its passage.

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

**19.** and void.

*Respectfully submitted by Sen. Eickmann, Kennebunk High School, Maine District*

## **7) A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Abolish Capital Punishment**

1. **WHEREAS**, many states and the federal government continue to practice capital
2. punishment; and
3. **WHEREAS**, capital punishment has proven excessively expensive and ineffective;
4. therefore, be it
5. **RESOLVED**, by two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following
6. article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which
7. shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by
8. the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date
9. of its submission by the Congress:
10. **SECTION 1A.** Capital punishment shall be abolished throughout the United States,
11. and neither the states nor the federal government shall apply it.
12. **SECTION 1B.** Capital punishment is defined as the process whereby a person is put
13. to death as punishment for a crime.
14. **SECTION 2.** The United States Congress shall have the power to enforce this article
15. by appropriate legislation.

*Respectfully submitted by Sen. Eickmann, Kennebunk High School, Maine District*

## **8) A Resolution to Renew Research on Firearm-related Violence**

1. **WHEREAS**, the Center for Disease Control has been largely prohibited from
2. researching firearm-related violence; and
3. **WHEREAS**, research about and an understanding of firearm-related violence and its
4. underlying causes are critical to the prevention of future firearm-related deaths and
5. injuries; now, therefore, be it

6. **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled, that legislation shall be enacted
7. to permit the Center for Disease Control to perform research about firearm-related
8. violence and its causes regardless of the potential uses or implications of the
9. aforementioned research and that legislation shall be enacted to provide funding for
10. the Center for Disease Control to perform the aforementioned research about firearm-
11. elated violence and its causes.

*Respectfully submitted by Sen. Eickmann, Kennebunk High School, 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 Scarborough High School, 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 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
- 3. our 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,
- 7. therefore, be it RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled recommend the
- 8. immediate construction of further nuclear energy plants in the United States.**

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Central Minnesota District.*