

**Congress Docket
Maranacook Community High School
November 5, 2016**

**1) A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO INCREASE
THE TERM OF A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

1. **WHEREAS**, the term is currently two years and is considerably short; and
2. **WHEREAS**, Representatives that are elected to the house have to think about re-election
3. fairly soon after they enter the house; and,
4. **WHEREAS**, the term length of Representatives causes them to not focus on the matters on
5. hand, instead to focus constantly on being re-elected; and,
6. **WHEREAS**, the current United States Constitution establishes the length of a term;
7. therefore, be it, **RESOLVED**, by two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the
8. following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which
9. shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the
10. legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its
11. submission by the Congress:
12. **SECTION 1.** The term of a Representative as defined in Article 1; Section 2 of the United
13. States constitution shall be increased from two years to four years.
14. **SECTION 2.** The Representatives elected immediately following the ratification of this
15. amendment shall have the increase of their term to four years.
16. **SECTION 3.** The Representatives in the house at the time of ratification of this amendment
17. shall not have there term increased unless they are re-elected.
18. **SECTION 4.** The United States congress shall have the power to enforce this article by
19. appropriate legislation.

Introduced by Sen. Kyle Ryan, Kennebunk High School, Maine District

2) A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO REPEAL THE SECOND AMENDMENT

- 1. RESOLVED**, by two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is
- proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to
- all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of
- three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission by the
- Congress:
- SECTION 1.** The second article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States is
- hereby repealed.
- SECTION 2.** All current interpretations of the second amendment in decisions made by the
- Supreme Court will be upheld unless they are overturned by interpretation of this
- amendment.
- SECTION 3.** The United States congress shall have the power to enforce this article by
- appropriate legislation.

Introduced by Sen. Kyle Ryan, Kennebunk High School, Maine District

3) A Bill to Stabilize and Fund Power Africa

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1:** An additional one billion dollars in funding will be sent to the Power Africa
- Initiative.
- SECTION 2:** “Power Africa” shall be defined as the Department of State’s foreign aid
- Initiative intended to assist governments and organizations in facilitating the construction of
- Infrastructure and providing electricity to African countries.
- SECTION 3A:** The Department of State, USAID, and Department of the Treasury will
- oversee the enforcement of this bill.

8. **SECTION 3B:** The one billion dollars in funding shall come from implementing a Financial
9. Transaction Tax on all stock purchasing exceeding 10,000 dollars.
10. **SECTION 4:** The FTT shall go into effect immediately, while funding will be sent to Power
11. Africa one year after the date of implementation.
12. **SECTION 5:** All laws in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully introduced by Senator Quinn Stewart, Scarborough High School, Maine District

4) A Bill to Raise the Income Tax on the Wealthy

1. **BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT**
2. **Section 1:** For the bracket more than \$415,051 taxes shall be raised from
3. 39.6% to 57%. For the bracket \$413,351 - \$415,050 taxes shall have rates
4. raised from 35% to 50%. For the bracket \$190,151 - \$413,350 taxes shall
5. be raised from 33% to 37%.
6. **Section 2:** Congress shall be free to use the raised money for whatever
7. purposes it sees fit.
8. **Section 3:** If no allocation is made for all or some of the money it shall go
9. to the paying of the national debt.
10. **Section 4:** These changes will go into effect in the next fiscal year
11. **Section 5:** All regulations in conflict with this legislation are hereby overruled

Introduced by Benjamin Amar, Orono High School, Maine District

5) A Resolution in Support of the Trans-Pacific Partnership

1. **WHEREAS**, The free flow of trade and protection of intellectual property greatly benefit the
2. American economy; and
3. **WHEREAS**, Developing deeper economic ties with Asian trading partners furthers the
4. National security of the United States and peace for all throughout the region; now, therefore,
5. Be it **RESOLVED**, that the Congress here assembled supports the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

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

6) A Bill to Protect the Reliability of Elections

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** No voting machine shall be used in the election of federal offices which is
2. capable of electronically connecting to a central network, or which transmits election results
3. electronically.
4. **SECTION 2.** Such connections may occur wirelessly, through cellular phone networks, or
5. through standard internet connections. Election results may include both vote totals and raw
6. demographic data of voters.
7. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall oversee implementation of and compliance
8. with this regulation.
9. **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on January 1, 2017.
10. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by NSDA

7) A Bill to Mandate Release of Video Footage In Officer-Involved Shootings

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1. A.** In all cases where a law enforcement officer is involved in an incident
2. involving the discharge of firearms which results in the injury or death of a suspect, all
3. unedited video footage of the incident must be turned over to the Department of Justice
4. within 24 hours.
5. **B.** All such footage must also be made available to any interested media outlets within 72
6. hours after the incident.
7. **SECTION 2.** Video footage may be from dashboard cameras, body cameras, helicopter
8. cameras, drone videos, embedded media sources, or any other means of recording the
9. incident which are controlled and held by the law enforcement agency.
10. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will oversee enforcement of this legislation, and
11. will examine video footage turned over to determine if the civil rights of the victim were
12. violated during the incident.
13. **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on January 1, 2017.
14. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by NSDA

8) A Bill to Halt THAAD

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The United States will immediately cease development and deployment of the
3. Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) system.
4. **SECTION 2.** THAAD is a missile defense system intended for deployment in South Korea.
5. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense will oversee implementation of this legislation.
6. **SECTION 4.** This will take effect immediately upon passage.
7. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by NSDA

9) A Bill to Make our Highways Safer

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** All commercial vehicles with a gross weight greater than 30,000 pounds shall
2. be equipped with a mechanical device to limit maximum speed of the vehicle to no more than
3. 68 miles per hour.
4. **SECTION 2.** This device, or governor, shall be required as standard equipment on all
5. vehicles manufactured after the effective date of the legislation, and all existing vehicles shall
6. be retrofitted to include this device.
7. **SECTION 3.** The National Transportation Highway Safety Board shall be responsible for
8. enforcement of this legislation. Operators of vehicles found to be in violation shall be
9. subject to a fine of no less than \$10,000.
10. **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on March 1, 2018.
11. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by NSDA

10) A Bill to Designate Gold Butte as a National Conservation Area

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1. SECTION 1.** The Gold Butte area shall be designated as a National Conservation Area, and
- 2.** afforded the protections therein. Commercial grazing and farming shall be prohibited within
- 3.** the designated area.
- 4. SECTION 2.** Gold Butte refers to an area of about 350,000 acres of public lands that sits
- 5.** between the Overton Arm of Lake Mead National Recreation Area and the Grand Canyon
- 6.** Parashant National Monument just west of Mesquite.
- 7. SECTION 3.** The Department of the Interior will oversee the preservation and use of this
- 8.** land.
- 9. SECTION 4.** This will take effect upon passage. All current commercial grazing animals
- 10.** shall be removed by June 1, 2017, or shall become property of the United States government.
- 11. SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by NSDA

11) A Bill to Provide Proper Healthcare Incentives

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1. SECTION 1.** The joint rule on Incentives for Nondiscriminatory Wellness Programs in
- 2. Group Health Plans** is amended to include the following language: “No incentive shall be
- 3. allowed** which provides a financial penalty for any failure to correct any behavior or
- 4. healthcare condition.”**
- 5. SECTION 2.** Such penalties may include, but are not limited to, higher healthcare premiums
- 6. for those who smoke, higher healthcare premiums for those who meet the definition of**
- 7. overweight or obese, or changes in coverage based upon the cessation of the above.**
- 8. SECTION 3.** The Departments of Health and Human Services, Labor, and Treasury, as well
- 9. as the Internal Revenue Service, will oversee enforcement of this joint rule.**
- 10. SECTION 4.** This will take effect at the end of the next Affordable Care Act open
- 11. enrollment period.**
- 12. SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by NSDA