

**Congress Docket
Deering High School
November 19, 2016**

1) A Resolution to Halt the Construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline

1. **WHEREAS**, the already proposed \$3.8 billion pipeline will cover over 1200 miles of ground
2. most of which are Native American reservation camps and,
3. **WHEREAS**, the pipeline does pass over the drinking water supply of over 8000 tribal members and,
4. **WHEREAS**, the construction of this pipeline has desecrated many ancient burial sites and ancient
5. artifacts belong to the Native Americans; therefore be it
6. **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled work to put a halt on any and all construction of the
7. Dakota Access Pipeline until appropriate legislation is proposed to meet the needs of the Native
8. American Reservation Camps.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by ELHS, Maine District

2) A Bill to Repeal the Uniform Act of 1966

1. **BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**
2. **SECTION 1:** All 50 states (excluding Arizona and Hawaii) are hereby ordered to abolish the
3. observation of Daylight Savings Time.
4. **SECTION 2:** The Center for Disease Control and the Department of Health and Human
5. Services shall oversee this piece of legislation.
6. **SECTION 3:** This legislation shall go into effect on March 5, 2017.
7. **SECTION 4:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by ELHS, Maine District

3) A Bill to Mandate Schools to Start at 11:30AM

- 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**
- 2. SECTION 1:** Any educational institution whether public, private, parochial, charter, or
- 3. magnet with grades between 9-12 are hereby ordered to begin instructional time no earlier**
- 4. than 11:30 in the morning.**
- 5. SECTION 2:** Any educational institution between the grades of 9-12 that does not comply
- 6. shall lose all government funding.**
- 7. SECTION 3:** The Department of Education shall oversee this piece of legislation.
- 8. SECTION 4:** This legislation shall go into effect on January 5, 2017.
- 9. SECTION 5:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by ELHS, Maine District

4) A Resolution to Make Elections Fairer

- 1. WHEREAS,** The *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* Supreme Court case allows
- 2. Super PACS and other outside groups to spend an unlimited amount of money in elections; and**
- 3. WHEREAS,** This case has given the wealthy the power to have more influence in elections
- 4. than regular Americans; and**
- 5. WHEREAS,** Elections in our country should be determined by votes and not dollars; now,
- 6. therefore, be it**
- 7. RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled find ways to overturn the *Citizens United* case.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sen. Baldacci, Bangor HS, Maine District

5) A Resolution to Ban State-Run Lotteries

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sen. Baldacci, Bangor HS, Maine District

6) A Bill to Require Background Checks on all Gun Sales

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1:** All gun sales shall hereby be subject to background checks including private sales.
2. **SECTION 2:** background checks will be defined as a check of a person's criminal history and their
3. mental health.
4. **SECTION 3:** the alcohol, tobacco, and firearm agency will be responsible for the enforcement for
5. this bill.
6. **SECTION 4:** This will take effect on January 1st 2017,
7. **SECTION 5:** All law in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Sarah Harvey, Medomak Valley High School, Maine District

7) A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Improve The Electoral College

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **RESOLVED**, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is
2. proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which
3. shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
4. ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within
5. seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:
6. **ARTICLE --**
7. **SECTION 1:** In the presidential election, the winner of the popular vote shall receive 51
8. electoral votes towards the electoral college.
9. **SECTION 2:** The 270 electoral vote threshold required to become President shall be
10. increased to 295 electoral votes.
11. **SECTION 3:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Introduced by Patrick White, Medomak Valley High School, Maine District

8) A Bill to Disband the NSA

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The NSA will hereby be disbanded.
2. **SECTION 2a:** The NSA will be defined as The National Security Agency as was created
3. by the Patriot Act.
4. **Section 2b:** Disband will be defined as a cause to break up and to stop functioning.
5. **SECTION 3.** This bill will be enforced by congress.
6. **SECTION 4.** This bill will go effect by January 1,2017.
7. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Elizabeth Caguana, Medomak Valley High School, Maine District

9) A Bill to Combat the Syrian Refugee Crisis

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1. SECTION 1:** The United States shall hereby raise its current refugee quota from 85,000 to
- 2.** 150,000. At least 50,000 refugees from Syria shall be accepted under the new quota.
- 3. SECTION 2A:** A refugee shall be defined pursuant to Section 101(a)(42) of the Immigration
- 4.** And Nationality Act.
- 5. SECTION 2B:** A refugee quota shall be defined as the maximum number of refugees to be
- 6.** Settled into the United States.
- 7. SECTION 3A:** The Department of US Citizenship and Immigration Services in conjunction
- 8.** With the US Department of State shall enforce this legislation.
- 9. SECTION 3B:** The Department of US Citizenship and Immigration Services shall be
- 10.** Responsible for processing all new refugee and asylum claims and determining whether a
- 11.** Refugee is to be admitted into the United States.
- 12. SECTION 3C:** The Department of State shall coordinate UN High Commissioner for
- 13.** Refugees and countries within the European Union to determine the best course for transport
- 14.** And resettlement of Syrian refugees into the United States.
- 15. SECTION 4:** This legislation shall go into effect immediately upon passage.
- 16. SECTION 5:** All laws in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and void.

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

10) The Fair Voting and Election Amendment of 2017

1. **WHEREAS**, The American political system has become more and more reliant on the two
2. Party system of governance; and
3. **WHEREAS**, Systems such as straight-ticket voting only help to reinforce those beliefs; and
4. **WHEREAS**, Removing this system only helps to expand third party options and gives
5. Voters more choices in their electoral process; now, therefore, be it
6. **RESOLVED**, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is
7. Proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to
all
8. Intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three
9. Fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission by Congress:

ARTICLE

10. **SECTION 1:** The method of providing voters with the option of straight ticket, or straight
11. Party voting in elections on the federal, state, local, or municipal level are hereby banned.
12. **SECTION 2:** “Straight party voting” shall be defined as an option granted to voters to
13. Automatically vote for all members of one political party, or another.
14. **SECTION 3:** The United States Congress shall have the ability to enforce this amendment
15. With appropriate legislation.

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

11) The Financial Fairness and Stability Act of 2017

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1. SECTION 1:** A Financial Transaction tax of 1% shall be instituted on all large market
- 2.** transactions. In addition, a minimum one minute hold time will be imposed on all stock, bond,
- 3.** and securities purchases. Furthermore, the SEC will host a website with the most recent
- 4.** financial data to provide further information on market fragmentation, price synchronization,
- 5.** and information dissemination.
- 6. SECTION 2A:** “Financial Transaction Tax” shall be defined as a tax levied upon financial
- 7.** transactions such as the purchase of bonds, stocks, and securities.
- 8. SECTION 2B:** “Large Market Transactions” shall be defined as an exchange of capital larger
- 9.** than 10,000 dollars with the result being ownership of financial goods.
- 10. SECTION 2C:** “Minimum hold time” shall be defined as the minimum amount of time that
- 11.** someone must hold onto a bond, stock, or security before they sell them.
- 12. SECTION 3:** The CFTC, IRS, and SEC will oversee the implementation of this legislation.
- 13. SECTION 3A:** Any and all revenue generated by this legislation shall be divided as such:
- 14.** Twenty-five percent of the funds shall be placed in the budget for the Department of
- 15.** Education, twenty-five percent of the funds shall be placed in the Department of Health and
- 16.** Human Services, and fifty percent shall be used to fund the Highway Trust Fund.
- 17. SECTION 4:** This legislation shall take effect one year from the date of passage.
- 18. SECTION 5:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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

**12) A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO INCLUDE
THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT**

1. **WHEREAS**, we are in need of a clearer and stricter judicial standard for deciding cases of sex
2. discrimination; and,
3. **WHEREAS**, the rights of women are not being effectively protected under the 14th
4. Amendment; and,
5. **WHEREAS**, women need protection against the rollbacks of the significant advances in
6. women's rights achieved over the past half century; therefore, be it,
7. **RESOLVED**, by two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is
8. proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all
9. intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths
10. of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:
11. **Section 1.** Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States
12. or by any State on account of sex.
13. **Section 2.** The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the
14. provisions of this article.
15. **Section 3.** This article shall take effect 1 month after the date of ratification.

Respectfully Introduced by Cape Elizabeth High School, Maine District

13) A Resolution to Remain in the Paris Agreement

1. **WHEREAS**, The President-elect has repeatedly discussed expanding the fossil fuel
2. industry and reversing Obama's climate policies aimed at keeping the temperature
3. increase below 2°C, as was set out in the Paris Agreement, and
4. **WHEREAS**, The vast majority of scientists believe climate change is a pressing issue,
5. And **WHEREAS**, This could render Earth inhospitable for our future generations; now,
6. therefore, be it **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled recommend that the
7. future administration remains in the Paris Agreement.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Senator Shedd, Cape Elizabeth HS, Maine District

