

**Congress Docket**  
**Poland Regional High School**  
**December 10, 2016**

**1) A Bill to Ensure the Voting Rights of Convicted Felons**

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

1. **SECTION 1.** No state or the District of Columbia may prohibit felons who have completed their
2. sentence, parole, and probation from participating in elections.
3. **SECTION 2.** A felon shall be defined as an individual who has committed a felony.
4. Although the definition of a felony may vary from state to state, the general definition of a
5. felony shall remain as a crime more serious than a misdemeanor.
6. **SECTION 3.** The United States Election Assistance Commission shall enforce this law.
7. **SECTION 4.** The bill shall be made effective December 1st 2017
8. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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

**2) A Resolution to Withdraw from the United Nations**

1. **WHEREAS**, the US is burdened with abiding by every law set forth by the General Assembly
2. and, **WHEREAS**, the International Court of Justice interferes with the Constitutional right given
3. to the US Supreme Court and,
4. **WHEREAS**, the United States payment to the UN (FY14: \$2.402 billion USD) is very large
5. compared to other nations; Therefore be it
6. **RESOLVED**, that the U.S. withdraws from the United Nations and no funds shall be allocated
7. to this organization until complete termination and the territory UN HQ shall be expelled from
8. New York City.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by ELHS, Maine District*

### **3) A RESOLUTION TO ABOLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

1. **WHEREAS**, the ranking of the U.S. Educational system is belittled on the International stage
2. and, **WHEREAS**, the latest trend of taking educational classes has been via the world wide web
3. and, **WHEREAS**, the Federal Government is not specifically authorized to oversee education in
4. its thirty enumerated powers in the U.S. Constitution and,
5. **WHEREAS**, the Common Core Standards and “one-size-fits-all” way of thinking is failing our
6. educational system and,
7. **WHEREAS**, the wages of public educators is relatively low and,
8. **WHEREAS**, the typical “classroom” in the U.S. has stayed the same for the past 150 years;
9. Therefore be it
10. **RESOLVED**, that Department of Education be terminated and its budget (FY11: \$77.8 billion
11. USD) be reallocated to the states to start up a newly customized teaching system and raise the
12. wages of public educators.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Bilal Hussein, ELHS, Maine District*

### **4) A BILL TO LEGALIZE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION**

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

1. **SECTION 1:** All colleges, universities and/or higher education institutions are hereby ordered to
2. use affirmative action when admitting students.
3. **SECTION 2:** Affirmative action shall be defined as a quota of students to be allowed into a
4. college, university and/or higher education institution based on their race and/or gender.
5. **SECTION 3:** This bill will surely give advantages to minorities across the United States.
6. **SECTION 4:** This bill shall be enforced as a joint-project by the Department of Education and
7. the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

8. **SECTION 5:** Any college, university and/or higher educational institution that do not comply
9. and cooperate shall cease admitting students to their institution.
10. **SECTION 6:** This piece of legislation shall be made effective on July 1, 2017
11. **SECTION 7:** All laws and Supreme Court rulings in conflict with this legislation are hereby
12. declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by ELHS, Maine District*

## **5) A BILL TO FIGHT THE ZIKA VIRUS**

1. **BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**
2. **SECTION 1:** A preemptive notion to exterminate mosquitos using pesticides is hereby taken
3. into effect.
4. **SECTION 2:** Mosquitos shall be defined as the aedes aegypti specimen.
5. **SECTION 3:** Genetically modified versions of these mosquitos shall be released in Florida,
6. Georgia and the District of Columbia.
7. **SECTION 4:** The CDC budget (FY16: 7.010 billion USD) shall be increased by \$4 billion USD.
8. **SECTION 5:** The Center for Disease Control shall oversee this piece of legislation.
9. **SECTION 6:** This piece of legislation shall be made effective immediately upon passage.
10. **SECTION 7:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by ELHS, Maine District*

## **6) A Resolution to Admit More Syrian Refugees**

1. **WHEREAS**, The United States has been incredibly restrictive over the amount of refugees it
2. Has emitted and brought into the country; and
3. **WHEREAS**, This has meant that many refugees have lost the ability to enter into a safe
4. Haven in the United States; and
5. **WHEREAS**, This has gone against the American value of taking in and helping those who
6. Are in need; now, therefore, be it
7. **RESOLVED**, By this Student Congress here assembled that the United States looks for ways
8. To pass legislation aimed at allowing and bringing in as many Syrian refugees as possible.

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

## **7) A BILL TO BAN PRIVATE PRISONS**

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

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Senator Sydney McDonald, Bangor High School*

## **8) 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 shall allow states to set their own medical
2. marijuana policies.
3. **SECTION 2.** The government shall 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. shall remove the CBD strains, used to treat epilepsy and seizure
6. disorders, from the federal definition of marijuana.
7. **SECTION 4.** The federal government shall allow 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 shall permit financial services and banking for marijuana
11. dispensaries.
12. **SECTION 6.** Public or private research that sanctioned by the government shall be
13. exempted from federal criminal laws concerning the use or possession of marijuana.
14. **SECTION 7.** The Drug Enforcement Agency shall oversee the implementation of this bill.
15. **SECTION 8.** This law shall 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 Senator Baldacci, Bangor High School, Maine District*

## 9) Establish a National Infrastructure Bank

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The United States shall establish a National Infrastructure Bank as a government
2. corporation with the task of investing in transportation, environmental, energy and
3. telecommunications projects.
4. **SECTION 2.** All members of the National Infrastructure Bank will be appointed by the
5. President of the United States, with the advice and consent of the Senate.
6. **SECTION 3.** A nine member Executive Committee of the Bank shall be created. This
7. committee will establish requirements and make recommendations for project proposals to be
8. considered for financial assistance.
9. **SECTION 4.** A five member Board of Directors of the Bank shall be created. This board will be
10. responsible for monitoring and overseeing energy, environmental, telecommunications, and
11. transportation infrastructure projects.
12. **SECTION 5.** Five years after the formation of the bank, the General Accountability Office will
13. be directed to assess the impact and benefits of each funded project.
14. **SECTION 6.** After the Executive Committee and Board of Directors pick projects with solid
15. revenue potential, private investors will be compelled to invest in the bank.
16. **SECTION 7.** The bank will supplement other federal infrastructure programs by providing
17. loans, loan guarantees and proceeds from bond issuances for projects, and make payments to
18. help states and localities cover their bond interest payments.
19. **SECTION 8.** To pay for the \$25 billion dollar bank, the overseas tax loophole, relating to
20. multinational corporations, will be closed. Those corporations will be taxed at the same rates
21. they are taxed at in the United States. The rest of the money generated from closing the loophole
22. will go to reducing the national debt.

23. **SECTION 9.** The Department of Transportation, Department of the Treasury, and the IRS will  
24. oversee the enforcement of this bill.

25. **SECTION 10.** This law shall take effect on January 1, 2017.

26. **SECTION 11.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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

## **10) A BILL TO BAN DRILLING AND HYDRAULIC FRACKING IN NATIONAL PARKS**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** All drilling and hydraulic fracturing, or “fracking,” will be banned
2. indefinitely on land designated as “national parkland” within the United States, and licenses
3. allowing fracking will be suspended immediately.
4. **SECTION 2. A.** “Hydraulic Fracturing” is a technique that injects a mixture of water, sand
5. and chemicals into the ground under high pressure to crack rock and allow trapped natural
6. gas and oil to flow.
7. **SECTION 2. B.** “National Parkland” is any land designated as such by the National Park
8. Service and the United States Department of the Interior.
9. **SECTION 3.** Oversight of this falls under the joint control of the United States
10. Environmental Protection Agency, United States Department of the Interior, and United
11. States Department of Homeland Security. Any company found drilling or fracking will be
12. fined \$2 million per offense.
13. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect February 1, 2016.
14. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Senator Sydney McDonald, Bangor High School*

## **11) A Bill to Reduce Gun Violence**

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

1. **SECTION 1.** The United States shall amend the federal criminal code to make it a crime to
2. knowingly import, sell, manufacture, transfer, or possess a semiautomatic assault weapon or
3. large capacity ammunition feeding device (H.R. 4269, 114<sup>th</sup> Congress).
4. **SECTION 2.** A semiautomatic assault weapon utilizes a portion of the energy of a firing
5. cartridge to extract the fired cartridge case and chamber the next round and requires a separate
6. pull of the trigger to fire each cartridge. A large capacity ammunition feeding device is a
7. magazine, belt, drum, feed strip, or similar device, including any such device joined or coupled
8. with another in any manner, that has an overall capacity of, or that can be readily restored,
9. changed, or converted to accept, more than 10 rounds of ammunition; and does not include an
10. attached tubular device designed to accept, and capable of operating only with .22 caliber rimfire
11. ammunition.
12. **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms will oversee the enforcement of
13. the bill.
14. **SECTION 4.** This law shall go into effect on January 1, 2017.
15. **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*

## **12) A Bill to Provide Funding to Public Schools to Implement Programs for Learning Native Languages**

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

1. **SECTION 1:** The federal government shall provide funds to each state for the
2. Purpose of implementing courses teaching students in public schools Native Languages.



3. **SECTION 2:** Native languages shall be defined as languages spoken by the Native
4. American tribes as listed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.
5. **SECTION 3:** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Education
6. And The Bureau of Indian Affairs.
  - A. During the first year of implementation, \$40 million dollars shall be divided between each state. After the first year, \$10 million dollars will be allocated each year towards improving and continuing these language programs.
  - B. The Bureau of Education shall determine how much of the \$40 million and \$10 million dollars each state shall receive based on three factors; first, the presence or lack thereof of language programs teaching native languages in the state, population of native tribes in the area of the state, as well as the level of danger the native languages in that area are to dying out.
  - C. Schools with large populations of Native Americans, as determined by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, will be given priority for the funding.
  - D. To pay for the initial cost as well as the recurring annual costs, sales at all casinos shall be taxed at 1% the first year, 0.5% the second year, and shall be adjusted for inflation each recurring year as determined by the Internal Revenue Service based on the projected revenue for the casino industry each year.
  - E. Each year the Department of Education shall require proof from each state that the funds allocated have been used for their intended purpose. If this is found not to have been the case, the state will not receive these funds for a period of no less than one year.
7. **SECTION 4:** This legislation shall be implemented by January 1, 2018.
8. **SECTION 5:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Submitted by Rep. Cerabona, Kenneunk High School, Maine District*

## **13) A Resolution to Investigate Human Rights Violations**

### **By Israel**

1. **WHEREAS**, there has been recent concerns around Israel's treatment of Palestinians and
2. **WHEREAS**, The United States supplies billions of dollars in military aid to Israel; and
3. **WHEREAS**, The United States has a responsibility to ensure that the aid that it gives out is
4. being used properly and responsibly, especially in a situation as volatile as that in the Middle
5. East; and,
6. **WHEREAS**, There has never been any action taken to insure that this aid is being used
7. responsibly; now, therefore, be it
8. **RESOLVED**, That there be an investigation launched to determine whether or not
9. their aid is being used responsibly; and, be it
10. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, That if the aid is found to not be used for its intended purpose, some
11. or all of that aid be revoked until such a time as the possible human rights violations are halted.

*Submitted by Rep. Cerabona, Kenneunk High School, Maine District*