

Congress Docket
NSDA Qualifying Tournament
February 11, 2017

1) A BILL TO BAN TURNPIKES ACROSS THE U.S.

1. **BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**
2. **SECTION 1:** Turnpikes are hereby outlawed in the 50 United States and existing territories.
3. **SECTION 1A:** “Turnpike” shall be defined as a barrier set across such a highway to stop passage
4. until a toll has been paid.
5. **SECTION 2:** Any state that does not comply shall lose all federal funding.
6. **SECTION 3:** The Department of Transportation shall oversee this piece of legislation.
7. **SECTION 4:** This piece of legislation shall be made effective on April 3, 2017.
8. **SECTION 5:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bilal Hussein ELHS, Maine District

2) A Resolution to Update America’s Voting Machines

1. **WHEREAS,** a majority of all voting machines in most states are out-of-date and,
2. **WHEREAS,** these machines have been showing their age and,
3. **WHEREAS,** the last time the federal government used money (\$2 billion USD) for new machines
4. was from 1995-2005. Therefore be it
5. **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled allocate \$4 billion USD to states that have
6. unreliable and/or archaic voting machines.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bilal Hussein, ELHS, Maine District

3) A Bill to Relocate the U.S. Embassy in Israel

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1. SECTION 1:** The Embassy of the United States to Israel shall hereby relocate from Tel Aviv to
2. Jerusalem.
- 3. SECTION 2:** U.S. Military personnel shall be stationed in Jerusalem to supervise the transition.
- 4. SECTION 3:** The Department of State and Department of Defense shall oversee this of legislation.
- 5. SECTION 4:** This legislation shall be made effective May 14, 2018.
- 6. 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 RESTORE ETHICS TO CONGRESS

- 1. WHEREAS,** the Office of Congressional Ethics is under attack and;
- 2. WHEREAS,** rules under consideration would strip the office of its ability to investigate members of
3. Congress and,
- 4. WHEREAS,** these rules would also limit types of behavior which would be considered unethical and,
- 5. WHEREAS,** this office was created in the wake of several ethical scandals in the House of
6. Representatives and,
- 7. WHEREAS,** the office is intended to be non-partisan and,
- 8. WHEREAS,** limiting the ability of the ethics office to investigate wrongdoing of members of
9. Congress gives the appearance of a culture absent of ethics; now, therefore be it
- 10. RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the Office of Congressional Ethics maintain its
11. position as an independent watchdog of ethical standards.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by NSDA; Resubmitted by ELHS, Maine District

5) A Bill to Repeal The Perkins Act of 1984

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

- 2. SECTION 1:** The Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1984 is hereby repealed.
- 3. SECTION 2:** The Department of Education shall oversee this legislation.
- 4. SECTION 3:** This legislation shall be made effective immediately upon passage.
- 5. SECTION 4:** All laws in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by ELHS, Maine District

6) A BILL TO PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN AID TO YEMEN

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1. SECTION 1.** The United States federal government shall provide 500 million dollars annually for a
- 2.** period of five years in humanitarian support directly to the people of Yemen.
- 3. SECTION 2.** Humanitarian aid shall be defined as the construction of rudimentary surface
- 4.** transportation systems, well drilling and the construction of basic sanitation facilities, medical assistance
- 5.** and the construction and repair of public facilities.
- 6. SECTION 3.** USAID shall oversee the implementation of this piece of legislation.
- 7. SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect immediately.
- 8. 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, Maine District

7) A Bill to End the Excessive Militarization of Local Police

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1. SECTION 1.** All federal programs and grants that assist local police in obtaining automatic or semi-automatic weapons or APCs shall hereby be prevented from doing so; this bill will not apply to local SWAT teams.
- 2. SECTION 2.** Federal programs and grants that assist local police in obtaining automatic or semi-automatic weapons or APCs include but are not limited to the 1033 program and the Department of Justice's Byrne JAG Program.
 - A.** APCs are defined as Armored Personal Carriers.
 - B.** SWAT teams shall be defined as a group of elite police marksmen who specialize in high risk tasks.
 - C.** Local police forces shall be defined as municipal, county, tribal, and regional police forces that derive authority from the local governing body that created them.
- 3. SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice, the Department of Defense, and the Department of Homeland Security shall collaborate in implementing, enforcing, and abiding by this legislation. Federal agencies that do not comply with this legislation shall lose 50% of their federal funding.
- 4. SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2018
- 5. 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, Maine District

8) 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 indefinitely on land

2. designated as “national parkland” within the United States, and licenses allowing fracking will be
3. suspended immediately
4. **SECTION 2. A.** “Hydraulic Fracturing” is a technique that injects a mixture of water, sand and chemicals into the ground under high pressure to crack rock and allow trapped natural gas and oil to flow.
- B.** “National Parkland” is any land designated as such by the National Park Service and the United States Department of the Interior.
5. **SECTION 3.** Oversight of this falls under the joint control of the United States Environmental
6. Protection Agency, United States Department of the Interior, and United States Department of
7. Homeland Security. Any company found drilling or fracking will be fined \$2 million per offense.
8. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect January 1, 2018.
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, Maine District

9) A Resolution to Encourage NATO to Remove U.S. Nukes from Turkey

1. **WHEREAS**, The United States currently has nuclear weapons in Turkey that are being put at risk, as
2. the country is unstable, and
3. **WHEREAS**, The nuclear weapons serve no strategic purpose, because both the U.S. and Turkey don’t
4. have certified aircraft to carry the weapons, and
5. **WHEREAS**, Keeping the nukes in Turkey could greatly harm the security of the U.S. and the world,
6. And **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled recommend to NATO that they remove U.S.
7. nukes from Turkey.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Senator Baldacci, Bangor High School, Maine District

10) 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 Enforcement
4. 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 Veterans
8. Affairs in states where medical marijuana is legal to recommend it for certain condition.
9. **SECTION 5.** The government shall permit financial services and banking for marijuana
10. dispensaries.
11. **SECTION 6.** Public or private research that sanctioned by the government shall be
12. exempted from federal criminal laws concerning the use or possession of marijuana.
13. **SECTION 7.** The Drug Enforcement Agency shall oversee the implementation of this bill.
14. **SECTION 8.** This law shall go into effect on July 1, 2017.
15. **SECTION 9.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Senator Baldacci, Bangor High School, Maine District

11) A Resolution to Provide Paid Family Leave

1. **WHEREAS**, The Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 does not cover many American families;
2. **WHEREAS**, Which shrinks our nation's economy as well as worker's incomes;
3. **WHEREAS**, The United States is the only industrialized nation in the world that doesn't have paid
4. leave;
5. **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled look for ways to provide paid family and medical
6. leave.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Senator Baldacci, Bangor High School, Maine District

12) The VANGUARD Act of 2017

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1:** The Vanguard Allied Now with Georgia and Ukraine Against Russian Dangers
2. 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 military
5. Equipment and monetary grants. Aid shall be overseen by the Department of Defense, and a
6. Mandatory report on the allocation of aid shall be presented biannually to the United States
7. 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

13) A Resolution to Amend the Constitution for a Fair Voting System

1. **WHEREAS,** The Electoral College has and will continue to poorly represent the votes of

2. The people in Presidential elections; and

3. **WHEREAS,** This causes the voice of the American people to be diminished throughout the

4. Election; now, therefore, be it

5. **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is

6. Proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid

7. To all intents and purposes as a part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of

8. Three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the

9. Congress.

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10. **SECTION 1:** The Electoral College shall hereby be discontinued as the primary method for

11. Electing the President of the United States. The primary method used to elect the President of

12. The United States shall now only be a nation wide popular vote.

13. **SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have the power to enforce this article through appropriate

14. Legislation.

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

14) A Bill to Stabilize and Fund Power Africa

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1. SECTION 1:** An additional one billion dollars in funding will be sent to the Power Africa
2. Initiative.
- 3. SECTION 2:** “Power Africa” shall be defined as the Department of State’s foreign aid
4. Initiative intended to assist governments and organizations in facilitating the construction of
5. Infrastructure and providing electricity to African countries.
- 6. SECTION 3A:** The Department of State, USAID, and Department of the Treasury will
7. 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

15) A Resolution to Encourage Taiwanese Independence

- 1. WHEREAS,** The Taiwanese government and people have been under the control of China for
2. many years; and
- 3. WHEREAS,** The Taiwanese people have often been treated like second class citizens in the
4. eyes of the Chinese government; and
- 5. WHEREAS,** A large amount of the corruption spewing from Taiwan is a direct result of the
6. Chinese government maintaining control over the region; now, therefore, be it
- 7. RESOLVED,** By the Student Congress here assembled that the United States shall endorse
8. and fully support any efforts made by Taiwan in terms of becoming an independent nation, while
9. continuing sales of goods and services to the country.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by SHS, Maine District

16) A Resolution to Improve America's Drug Laws

- 1. WHEREAS,** The policies set forth in the United States in the 1980s have represented draconian
2. Backwards for the United States, and
- 3. WHEREAS,** Mandatory minimum sentencing has played a large part in disenfranchising minority
4. Communities and putting them in prison for extended periods of time; now, therefore, be it
- 5. RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled looks for ways to repeal mandatory
6. Minimum sentencing laws.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by SHS, Maine District