

**Congress Docket
Deering High School
November 18, 2017**

1) A Bill to Nationally Legalize the ownership & sale of automatic and semiautomatic weapons of high capacity

1. **SECTION 1:** Automatic and semiautomatic firearms shall be legal to be sold and owned by
2. citizens, this includes any variations including burst fire these weapons will be referred to as
3. military grade weapons.
4. **SECTION 2:** Military grade weapons will be monitored by the Bureau of Alcohol,
5. Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.
6. **SECTION 3:** These weapons will be monitored in the same way as weapons of the
7. same cartridge type, rifle, pistol or shotgun shell.
8. **SECTION 4:** The right to own these firearms shall not be infringed upon regardless of the
9. amount of these firearms owned.
10. **SECTION 5:** The right to have high capacity weapons (10 rounds and above) shall not
11. be infringed upon, all capacities of magazine including fifty and above are legal.
12. **SECTION 6:** Belt, drum or box fed weapons shall be made fully legal
13. **SECTION 7:** States and cities may not infringe upon the right of American Citizens to
14. bear arms of high capacity or military grade.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by ELHS, Maine District

2) A Resolution to grant the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Independence from the United States of America

1. **WHEREAS,** Puerto Rico, officially recognized as the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, is
2. currently an unincorporated territory of the United States.
3. **WHEREAS,** Currently, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico's debt exceeds 70 billion

4. U.S dollars, and its debt equalled 76% of its gross national product (GNP), and
5. therefore, by percentage, is ranked as one of the most indebted governments in the
6. world, exceeding the United States as a whole.
7. **WHEREAS**, Puerto Rico is highly dependent on government assistance programs, such
8. as welfare.
9. **WHEREAS**, Puerto Rico does not contribute oil, renewable energy, and natural
10. resources in accordance with United States expectations.
11. **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation
12. that the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico be granted independence.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jake Marks, Falmouth High School, Maine District

3) A Bill to Reform the Federal Income Tax

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** All federal income taxes shall be reduced by 25%
3. **SECTION 2.** The current federal income tax brackets are as follows: 10% marginal tax
4. for incomes of up to \$9,325, 15% for incomes above \$9,326, 25% for incomes above
5. \$37,951, 28% for incomes above \$91,901, 33% for incomes above \$191,651, 35% for
6. incomes above \$416,701, and 39.6% for incomes above \$418,401.
7. **SECTION 3.** The Department of the Treasury shall oversee the implementation of this
8. legislation.
9. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect on October 1st, 2018.
10. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cameron Nelson, Lincoln Academy, Maine District

4) A Bill to Stop Fluoridation in Water

1. Whereas the U.S. Food and Drug Administration classifies fluoride as a drug, and
2. Whereas there is no current informed consent for cities to put fluoride into water;
3. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
4. **SECTION 1.** All fluoridation in water, drinking or otherwise, shall no longer have added
5. fluoride to it.
6. **SECTION 2.** Fluoridation being any addition to the natural fluorine in public water tanks.
7. **SECTION 3.** United States Environmental Protection Agency will be created to ensure the
8. cessation of water fluoridation.
9. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately.
10. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rebecca Lambert, Lincoln, Maine District

5) The Puerto Rican Statehood Resolution of 2017

1. **WHEREAS**, it has been in the best interest of the Puerto Rican people to become a state, due
2. to the ongoing condition of their Commonwealth;
3. **WHEREAS**, in a referendum in 2012, 61.16% of Puerto Ricans voted for statehood, and;
4. **WHEREAS**, in a referendum in 2017, 97.18% of Puerto Ricans voted for statehood,
5. **WHEREAS**, citizens residing in the territory do not receive the same voting privileges for
6. that of the office of the President and Vice President, and are not represented in the Senate;
7. **BE IT RESOLVED**, That the State Elections Commission of Puerto Rico is authorized upon
8. the passing of this resolution to have a congressionally recognized ratification vote on the
9. admission of Puerto Rico into the Union as a State, in accordance with all standards for the
10. ballot set by said Commission; and
11. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the items included in the ballot would contain the

12. following points;

A.) Puerto Rico would be permanently united to the other several States of the Union,

B.) The Constitution, as it applies to the several other States, will do the same in Puerto Rico,

C.) The equality of Puerto Rico with the several other States will be enforced namely through

13. the sections outlined in Article I of the Constitution, regarding State representation in

14. Congress and the Senate, voting, and taxation.

Introduced for Congressional debate by Kennebunk High School, Maine District

6) A Bill to Means Test Social Security to Ensure Fiscal Solvency

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

2. **SECTION 1.** Future retirees who earn more than \$110,000 per year during ten or more years

3. of their career will be ineligible for Social Security benefits upon retiring.

4. **SECTION 2.** “Future retirees” refers to those who begin eligibility for Social Security

5. after the implementation date of this legislation.

6. **SECTION 3.** The Social Security Administration will oversee the implementation of this

7. legislation.

8. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on October 1, 2020.

9. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional debate by the NSDA

7) A Bill to Counter the Opioid Crisis

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

2. **SECTION 1.** \$100 million shall be allocated to fighting opioid addictions across the country.

3. **SECTION 2.** \$30 million from this fund will be added to the Public Health Emergency Fund,

4. with the requirement that this money only be used to combat the drug epidemic.

5. SECTION 3. The remaining \$70 million will be given to the US Department of Health and
6. Human services.
 - A. This money must be used for Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grants.
 - B. The SAMHSA grants provided through the funding in this legislation cannot be given to any private entities.
7. SECTION 4. Funding shall be allocated immediately upon the passage of this legislation.
8. SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional debate by the NSDA

8) A Bill to Lower the Federal Corporate Tax Rate

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The federal corporate tax rate for the largest tax bracket of corporations shall
3. be lowered from 35% to 20%. For all lower brackets, any federal corporate tax rate on
4. income shall be lowered by 10%
5. **SECTION 2.** The largest tax bracket of corporations shall be defined as corporations with
6. taxable income higher than \$18,333,333.
7. **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service shall be charged with the implementation of this
8. legislation.
9. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect at the start of FY 2019.
10. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional debate by the NSDA

9) A Resolution to Ratify the Rome Statute

- 1. WHEREAS**, The United States remains one of the only developed Western countries to have
2. not ratified the Rome Statute; and
- 3. WHEREAS**, Being able to actively participate in the International Criminal Court (ICC) is
4. key to promoting US interests in the international community; and
- 5. WHEREAS**, As a global superpower, the United States' ratification of the Rome Statute
6. would substantially strengthen the ICC; and
- 7. WHEREAS**, A strengthen ICC, with United States backing, would be able to more
8. effectively combat and prosecute war crimes; now, therefore, be it
- 9. RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled officially ratifies the Rome Statute of the
- 10.** International Criminal Court.

Introduced for Congressional debate by the NSDA

10) A Bill to Repair Relations with Russia

- 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**
- 2. SECTION 1.** All sanctions and actions taken toward Russia between 2014 and 2017 are
3. hereby reversed.
- 4. SECTION 2.** Sanctions may include economic sanctions, military sanctions, change of
5. favored nation status, expulsion of diplomats, and other actions designed to force Russia to
6. act in a certain way or punish them for actions they may have taken.
- 7. SECTION 3.** The Department of State will oversee the normalization of relations with
8. Russia and insure that all previously taken actions are reversed.
- 9. SECTION 4.** This will take effect on February 1, 2018.
- 10. SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional debate by the NSDA