

Congress Docket
Poland Regional High School
December 9, 2017

1) A Bill to Legalize Prostitution

Whereas prostitution is a profession and the workers inside of said occupation have the right to openly practice and be safe in their work,

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Brothels, prostitutes and all other types of prostitution is legalized.
3. **SECTION 2.** Brothels being an establishment that houses the action of prostitution.
4. Prostitution being the practice or occupation of engaging in sexual activity with
5. someone for payment, prostitute being the person selling their body for payment.
6. **SECTION 3.** The police shall enforce the passing of this bill
7. **SECTION 4.** Immediately after the passing of this bill
8. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln Academy, Maine District

2) A Bill to Legalize Abortion

Whereas it is not the government's right to decide what people chose to do with their bodies,
and **Whereas** TRAP laws have proved to be prejudice towards abortion clinics

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Abortion clinics and the action of abortion itself, is declared legal and must be
3. provided when asked, especially in claims of incest or rape.
4. **SECTION 2.** Abortion being the termination of a human pregnancy by choice and without
5. outside influence impairing decisions.

6. **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Public Health Service will ensure the protection of this bill.
7. **SECTION 4.** Immediately
8. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void,

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln Academy, Maine District

3) A Bill to Nationally Mandate Capital Punishment

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** Capital punishment by lethal injection shall be enacted into law in all 50 states.
2. **SECTION 1A.** “Capital Punishment” shall be defined as the government sanctioned
3. practice in which a person is put to death as punishment for a crime.
4. **SECTION 1B.** “Lethal injection” shall be defined as a Barbiturate, Paralytic, and Potassium
5. solution.
6. **SECTION 2.** The injection process shall require at least two doctors, and closely-related
7. persons to the criminal shall be allowed to attend.
8. **SECTION 3.** Capital punishment shall apply to acts of espionage, treason, murder, genocide,
9. and all other capital offenses.
10. **SECTION 4.** The Department of Justice shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.
11. **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall go into effect on January 1, 2018.
12. **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln Academy, Maine District

4) A RESOLUTION TO CUT AID TO PAKISTAN

1. **WHEREAS**, the U.S. has given Pakistan almost \$2 billion USD in foreign aid and,
2. **WHEREAS**, the United States has deployed more drones for warfare in Pakistan than in any
3. other country,
4. **WHEREAS**, the military in Pakistan may have formed an alliance with ISIS; Therefore be it
5. **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled work to terminate military aid and weapons
6. sales to the nation of Pakistan.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by ELHS, Maine District

5) A Resolution to Abolish the TSA

1. **WHEREAS**, the current budget of the Transportation Security Agency is extremely costly
2. and, **WHEREAS**, the TSA has never actually stopped or prevented a terrorist attack and,
3. **WHEREAS**, security screenings and checkpoints seem to consume a majority of the time of
4. travelers;
5. Therefore be it **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled work to discontinue funds
6. given to the Department of Homeland Security to foster the TSA (FY16: \$7.3 billion) and
7. reallocate these funds to more time efficient and cost effective methods to stop and prevent
8. terrorist attacks via aircraft.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by ELHS, Maine District

6) The Fair Wage Act of 2018

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1. SECTION 1:** The United States shall hereby raise the federal minimum wage to \$15.00.
- 2. SECTION 2A:** “Federal minimum wage” shall be defined as the lowest wage per hour as
- 3.** permitted by law.
- 4. SECTION 2B:** Current penalties for violations of minimum wage laws will still be in place
- 5.** with no change in penalties occurring.
- 6. SECTION 3:** The Department of Labor shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.
- 7. SECTION 4:** This legislation shall go into effect on March 1, 2018.
- 8. SECTION 5:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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

7. A Bill to Repeal and Replace the War Powers Resolution of 1973

- 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**
- 2. Section 1.** The Deployment Accountability Committee is hereby established and E. SJ. Res. 23
- 3. (Authorization for the Use of Military Force) and 50 USC Chapter 33 (War Powers**
- 4 Resolution of 1973) are hereby repealed.**
- 5 Section 2. A.** The Deployment Accountability Committee will consist of the Speaker of the
- 6 House of Representatives, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the House of**
- 7 Representatives and the Senate, and the Chairman and Ranking Members of the**
- 8 House and Senate Committees on Armed Services, Foreign Relations, Intelligence,**
- 9 and Appropriations.**
- 10 Section 2B.** Before deploying U.S. troops to a country, the President must submit a classified

11 report to the Deployment Accountability Committee detailing the location of the
12 conflict, the purpose of the deployment, the estimated duration of the deployment,
13 and the service branches involved in the operation.

14 Section 2C. The Deployment Accountability Committee must introduce a Resolution of
15 Consent in each chamber of Congress within ten days of the submission of the
16 presidential report, at which time the presidential report is declassified to the
17 remainder of members of Congress but not to the American public. The vote must
18 occur within ten days of introduction of the resolution. The President may deploy
19 troops upon introduction of the resolution to Congress, but should the resolution
20 fail, is required to remove troops from the country of conflict within ninety days.

21 Section 2D. The Deployment Accountability Committee may introduce a Resolution of
22 Objection if they believe troops must be withdrawn at any time, regardless of any
23 other resolution. Upon passage, the President must remove troops from the country
24 of conflict within one hundred eighty days; troops cannot be deployed again
25 until thirty days after the passage of the Resolution.

26 Section 2E. The Deployment Accountability Committee may introduce a Resolution of
27 Consolation before the expiration thirty day wait-time incurred by a Resolution of
28 Objection. Upon passage of the resolution, the President can deploy troops in the
29 country of conflict immediately and at executive will, barring a Resolution of
30 Objection.

31 Section 3. The Department of Defense shall oversee implementation of this legislation.

32 Section 4. The provisions of this legislation shall go into effect upon passage. Upon passage,

33 current deployments shall be considered consented upon barring a Resolution of
34 Objection.

35 Section 5. All laws or sections of laws in conflict shall be declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted, Joe Bergeon, Kennebunk HS, Maine District

8) A Resolution Regarding the Development of Self-Driving Vehicles

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

2. **Whereas:** Self-driving (autonomous) vehicles are the future of private transportation, and

3. **Whereas:** The United States must be a leader in transportation innovation, and

4. **Whereas:** Growth in this industry will facilitate transportation development, therefore, Be It

5. **Resolved:** That the United States Congress shall empower the Department of the Treasury to

6. explore tax incentives for businesses that invest in development of autonomous vehicles.

Respectfully Submitted, Joe Bergeon, Kennebunk HS, Maine District

9. A Resolution to Encourage the Department of State to Establish Formal Diplomatic Relations with the Kingdom of Bhutan

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

2. **Whereas:** The United States still lacks formal diplomatic relations with the Kingdom of

3. Bhutan, and

4. **Whereas:** The United States relies upon the Republic of India to communicate with His

5. Majesty's government, and

6. **Whereas:** The Kingdom of Bhutan exists in an area of strategic interest, therefore be it

7. **Resolved:** That the United States Congress encourage the Department of State to explore

8. ways to establish formal diplomatic relations with the Kingdom of Bhutan.

Respectfully Submitted, Joe Bergeon, Kennebunk HS, Maine District

10) The Jury Consulting Act of 2017

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. SECTION 1. Any individual that is hired or consulted for the expressed purpose of
2. assisting in the juror selection process shall be required to obtain a license in order to
3. continue to practice this profession in any United States District Court. These individuals
4. shall be hereby referred to as “jury consultants.”
5. SECTION 2. “Jury consultants” shall be defined as any individual that is hired or
6. consulted by the plaintiff, defendant, the legal counsel of either of those individuals, or an
7. outside individual with jurisdiction over the “voir dire” process, that is consulted for the
8. expressed purpose of advising any of the aforementioned parties on the optimal makeup
9. of the jury based on the preliminary group of jurors, or an individual that advises any of
10. the aforementioned parties on which jurors should be retained for the court’s proceedings
11. or dismissed from jury duty.
12. “Voir dire” shall be defined as the preliminary examination of the group of individuals
13. selected to serve on a jury.
14. SECTION 3. This legislation shall be enforced by the Department of Justice’s (DOJ) Office of Legal Policy.
 - A. The Office of Legal Policy shall be responsible for delegating any number of employees as it sees fit, based on the number of applications, to be directly responsible for the

approval or denial of the request for license from all applying jury consultants, as well as determining the criteria under which applications shall be approved or denied.

B. Pursuant to section 1, each applicant for a license must submit an application to the DOJ with documented proof of their qualifications, which shall include the following: The applicant's achievement of bachelor's degree, or any higher degree including a masters, Ph.D., and Juris Doctor a in a discipline that the DOJ's Office of Legislative Affairs deems appropriate for an individual serving as a jury consultant, as well as well as experience being involved in courtroom proceedings prior to the application's submission.

C. Prior to the deadline for implementation, the DOJ's Office of Legislative Affairs shall be responsible for the outlining an creation of the application and specific criteria under which applications for licenses shall be considered. This criteria shall be submitted to the Office of Legal Policy no less than three (3) months prior to the implementation deadline.

D. An individual suspected of practicing jury selection without having obtained the necessary license issued by the DOJ shall be investigated by the DOJ. In the event that the DOJ determines that the individual under investigation has practiced jury consulting without having acquired the proper license, the individual shall be barred for a period of no less than two (2) years from re-applying to be a jury consultant. On a second offense of operating without a license, the individual shall be permanently barred from applying for a license.

15. SECTION 4. This bill shall go into effect on January 1, 2019. Individuals that have

16. submitted their request for a license pursuant to section 1 before the implementation

17. deadline shall be granted a stay of six (6) months, during which they may continue to

18. practice jury consulting until either the individual's application for a license is denied, in
19. which case they must cease practicing jury consulting immediately, or the six month
20. period expires, in which case they must cease jury consulting immediately, until such a
21. time as their request for a license is approved by the Department of Justice. Otherwise,
22. the individual shall not practice jury consulting until such a time as their application is
23. approved.

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

Submitted for Congressional Debate by Sen. Cerabona, KHS,