

**Chaminade 2021
Student Congress**

Prelim Bills

A Bill to Defend United States Interests in the South China Sea

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SECTION 2. Intelligence and defense operations include but are not limited to freedom of navigation operations (FONOPs), the improvement of U.S. bases in the South China Sea, and increased surveillance operations.

SECTION 3. The Department of Defense shall be responsible for the allocation and distribution of funds and implementation of this bill.

SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect immediately after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Loyola School.

A Bill to Enact Paycheck Protection for Small Businesses During States of Emergency

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Small businesses in areas designated to be in a state of
2 emergency shall be compensated for their payroll costs with benefits for 4
3 weeks following the declaration. These funds can also be used to pay
4 interest on mortgages, rent, and utilities.

5 **SECTION 2.** Small businesses are defined by the Small Business
6 Association (SBA) as most non-publicly traded manufacturing companies
7 with 500 employees or fewer total regardless of location. Additionally,
8 most non-manufacturing businesses with average annual receipts under
9 \$7.5 million are defined as small businesses. Exceptions exist by industry as
10 defined by the SBA.

11 **SECTION 3.** The US Resident Corporations Tax shall be increased by 2%
12 for annual funding towards this bill. The SBA will implement this bill with
13 support of the Department of the Treasury.

14 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect starting on January 1st, 2020.

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

17 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pierce Berke.*

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A Resolution to Invest in Nuclear Fusion

1 **WHEREAS**, fusion power has the potential to create an inexpensive, clean, and
2 abundant energy source in the United States; and

3 **WHEREAS**, recent scientific breakthroughs have made fusion power more attainable
4 as a reliable energy source; and

5 **WHEREAS**, investment in and encouragement of nuclear fusion research and
6 development may be extremely beneficial to solving the current energy crisis; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 **RESOLVED**, that the United States government hereby invest in and encourage
9 research and development of nuclear fusion.

10 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Pamnani of Syosset High School*

A Bill to Have the United States leave NATO

1. **IT BE ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS ASSEMBLED THAT:**
2. **Section 1.** NATO is an acronym for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The North
3. Atlantic Treaty organization was created in 1949 to protect against the treat that the
4. Soviet Union posed to Western Europe. The Soviet Union was a communist state that
5. sought to spread communism to Western Europe following WW2. The Soviet Union
6. collapsed on December 26, 1991.
7. **Section 2.** Although the treat if the Soviet Union is long gone, the United States and
8. Many other states still remain in NATO. Since the collapse of the Soviet Union NATO
9. actively seeks other roles, with little success. As a result, the United States has military
10. obligations to this organization and pays to be a part of NATO as well.
11. **Section 3.** This piece of legislation will be enforced by the U.S Department of State. All
12. Ties to this organization will be dissolved.
13. **Section 4.** This Legislation will go into effect immediately after its passing.
14. **Section 5.** All laws that conflict with this piece of legislation is hereby declared null and
15. void.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator. Matthew Guirguis

Cold Spring Harbor Jr./Sr. high

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Abolish 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
2. is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be
3. valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the
4. legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its
5. submission by the Congress:

6. ARTICLE 1

7. **SECTION 1.** The Electoral College is hereby abolished. The President and Vice
8. President shall be elected by a popular vote. If no candidate receives a majority of the
9. vote, a runoff will be held one week after Election Day. The winner of the runoff will be
10. declared President.

11. **SECTION 2.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
12. legislation.

A Bill to Inform Customers about Genetically Modified Organisms

1. Be it enacted by the congress here assembled that
2. Section 1: All Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) must be labeled as such at the
3. expense of the company that produced them
4. Section 2A: The United States government will not renew any crop subsidies contained within
5. the farm bill upon expiration unless an extreme case such as famine arises.
6. Section 2B: Upon expiration of the farm bill, the funds previously allocated to
7. subsidies for corn, soy, livestock, and sugar will be allocated to converting non organic farms
8. to organic and to subsidizing organic food products in schools.
9. Section 3A: A twenty billion dollar annual fund will be established to subsidize crops and
10. livestock produce that are sold within 50 miles of where they were grown and/or raised
11. Section 3B: A 5% additional tax will be levied on synthetic pesticides which will help fund
12. the aforementioned program and will be used to subsidize natural pest prevention practices
13. Section 4: A 5% tax will be levied on soft drink products, which will be used to subsidize
14. organic vegetable production with the exception of potato production.
15. Section 5: The measures of this bill will take effect on January 1st

A BILL TO REGULATE ABSENTEE BALLOTS

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

2 SECTION 1. A. Absentee ballots may not be sent to a voter unless specifically requested.

3 B. These ballots must be requested a minimum of one month before the election.

4 SECTION 2. An absentee ballot is a vote cast by someone who is unable or unwilling to attend
5 the official polling station to which the voter is normally allocated.

6 SECTION 3. Any state that fails to follow these guidelines will lose all federal grants and or
7 subsidies allocated for the purpose of the election.

8 SECTION 4. The Federal Election Commission, in conjunction with The Department Justice,
9 shall oversee the implementation and enforcement of this legislation.

10 SECTION 5. Upon passage, this legislation shall go into effect on January first of 2021.

Respectfully submitted
Rep. Steven L. Jones
Chaminade High School

A Bill to Preserve Our National Parks

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A. National Parks' admissions fees will be raised to the following amounts during peak season. All admissions fees are charged per vehicle and are valid for up to one week after purchase.

(i) Lands with more than 2 million annual visits will charge \$50.

(ii) Lands with fewer than 2 million annual visits will charge \$20.

B. During the offseason, admissions fees will be reduced by half.

C. The annual "America the Beautiful" pass will remain \$80 each year.

D. The revenue derived from these fees will be used exclusively in the parks from which they were collected.

SECTION 2. A. "National Parks" refer to the 61 lands designated as such by the US DOI.

B. "Peak season" varies between lands. Park administrators will determine the four busiest consecutive months of the year. The "offseason" refers to the remaining 8 months.

C. The "America the Beautiful" pass is an annual membership granting the pass holder unlimited access to all public land under the DOI.

SECTION 3. The US Department of the Interior (DOI) is tasked with the implementation of this funding structure.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect FY2021.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Carter Ley of Stuyvesant HS.

A Bill to Distribute Relief funds in order to relieve the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. 600 dollars shall be distributed to each American citizen, per month, for three months, who meets the following criteria:

- A) Over 18 and under 65 years of age
- B) Annual income is less than \$75,000 per year. (In the case of income between \$75,000 and \$100,000, recipients are eligible for half the benefits).

SECTION 2. "Month" is defined as "month".

SECTION 3. The Social Security Administration and the Department of the Treasury shall oversee implementation of this bill.

One-third of the funds for this bill will be appropriated out of the Department of Defense budget.

The remaining funds shall come from evenly-distributed cuts to social security benefits.

SECTION 4. This bill will take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pelham Memorial High School

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Impose Term Limits on Supreme Court Justices

1. Be it enacted by the student congress here assembled that:
2. By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is proposed as an
3. amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and
4. purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the
5. several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

6. **Article**

7. Section 1: All persons confirmed to the Supreme Court after the ratification of this amendment
8. shall serve for no longer than eighteen (18) years after the day he or she is confirmed.
9. Section 2: This Amendment shall take effect on January 1 of the year following its adoption
10. by three-fourths of the states.

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SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect immediately after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Loyola School.

A Bill to Implement a Gas Tax to Strengthen Green Manufacturing

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The U.S. federal government will implement a nationwide seventeen cent per gallon gasoline tax to invest in strengthening and diversifying America's manufacturing sector with a focus on green manufacturing.

SECTION 2. Nationwide is defined as all U.S. states and territories. Green manufacturing is defined as manufacturing and industrial companies that research and utilize innovative green technologies and seek to reduce their carbon footprint.

SECTION 3. The Department of Transportation and the Department of Commerce will oversee the implementation of this bill.

A. The Department of Transportation will be responsible for the collection of gasoline tax revenue.

B. The Department of Commerce will be responsible for overseeing the distribution of tax incomes into direct investment in research and development projects in green manufacturing and tax credits for companies that remain in the United States, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and manufacture in green technologies.

SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect in January of 2021.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ishan Parasher.

A Bill to Lift Sanctions on Iran to Counteract Chinese Influence

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. A. The United States shall remove all sanctions placed on the
3 Islamic Republic of Iran since November 5, 2018.

4 B. The United States shall reenter into diplomatic negotiations with
5 Iran including, but not limited to, denuclearization and Iran's
6 provocations in the Persian Gulf.

7 C. The United States shall appoint an ambassador (or equivalent)
8 to Iran to oversee negotiations.

9 D. All future US aid to and diplomatic talks with Iran shall not be
10 contingent on Iran's domestic policies.

11 SECTION 2. Sanctions shall be defined as all political, commercial, military,
12 and financial penalties imposed on a government, group, or
13 individual.

14 SECTION 3. The Office of Foreign Assets Control under the Department of the
15 Treasury shall oversee the enforcement of this bill.

16 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage. All
17 laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
18 void.

19 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Chadha of Syosset High School*

THE PROMOTE ENDURANCE AGAINST CHINESE ENCROACHMENT (P.E.A.C.E) ACT

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall send \$500 million in military aid to India.

SECTION 2. “Military aid” shall be defined as any form of weaponry, intelligence, and monetary support which contributes directly to the funding of Indian’s military.

SECTION 3. The US Department of State and the Department of Defense shall be responsible for the implementation of this legislation.

A. The responsible agencies shall conduct quarterly audits to ensure the aid is used properly.

B. The Department of State shall cut off all aid if any misuse of the funds is discovered.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Andrea Li

Stuyvesant High School

People's Rights Amendment

1 **WHEREAS,** Seeing as legal persons are granted additional liberties than
2 that of natural persons, but are affirmed by Citizens United v. Federal
3 Election Commission (FEC), 558 U.S. 310 to be held to the same scrutiny
4 from the FEC as natural persons, and;

5 **WHEREAS,** Legal persons exert disproportionate influence over political
6 campaigns; and now, therefore, be it resolved that corporate entities are
7 no longer held up to the same constitutional scrutiny as people with more
8 power. The integrity of our democratic system will no longer be
9 undermined by the disproportionate influence of these entities.

10 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the
11 following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the
12 United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the
13 Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the
14 several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the
15 Congress:
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ARTICLE --

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18 **SECTION 1:** We the people of the United States of America affirm the
19 Constitution aims to protect the rights of natural persons.

20 **SECTION 2:** Uses of people, person, or persons in the Constitution
21 excludes corporations, limited liability companies, or
22 corporate entities predisposed to abide by similar
23 regulations to the people.

24 **SECTION 3:** Not anything contained herein shall be intended as
25 restricting the natural persons's inalienable rights such as
26 freedom of speech, press, religion, and other rights of the
27 people.
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*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pierce Berke at John Jay High School.
Partially Inspired by People's Rights Amendment*

A BILL TO REPEAL SECTION 230 OF THE COMMUNICATIONS DECENCY ACT

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

2 SECTION 1: Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act, which shields social
3 media companies from responsibility to moderate their platforms and user content, shall
4 hereby be repealed.

5 SECTION 2: The Federal Communications Commission and Federal Trade Commission
6 shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

7 SECTION 3: This legislation shall become effective on 1/1/2022 upon passage.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Jack Viscuso

Chaminade High School