

CFL of RVC Congress

- 1) The bills in this docket are the only bills to be debated.
- 2) Bills for finals are reserved for the final round. Bills in the final round are property of the chamber; no school has the right to authorship in finals. Rather, the sponsor will be determined by regular precedence.
- 3) Bills may not be debated for more than $\frac{1}{3}$ of the session time, that is 55 minutes. After 55 minutes, there is an immediate vote on the bill.
- 4) The chamber may decide to utilize direct questioning.
- 5) Because this is a debate, there should not be one-sided discussion. Therefore, if 2 speeches on one side of the bill are given back-to-back, there will be an immediate vote on the bill.
- 6) Authorship (not sponsorship) speeches will be followed by 2 minutes of questioning. All other speeches will be followed by 1 minute of questioning. Rules may not be suspended to add question time.
- 7) Judges will rank the top 8 in the chamber at the end of each session. The parliamentarian will rank all speakers after both sessions. If registration is small, this number may be lowered.

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Prelim Bills

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 Limit the Use of Solitary Confinement

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Federal prisons shall adopt a new set of criteria to determine
3 whether an inmate may be sent to solitary confinement.

4 A. This criteria requires evidence of violence within the
5 prison and/or its facilities.

6 **SECTION 2.** Upon entering confinement, prisoners shall be informed of the
7 duration of their punishment.

8 A. Mentally ill prisoners shall be granted shorter periods of time
9 spent in isolation.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Bureau of Prisons shall oversee the implementation
11 of this law.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect one-hundred days after its enactment.

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

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 Increase Funds for Human Genetic Engineering Research
[Allow Genetic Engineering Companies to progress in their Findings]**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED
THAT:

SECTION 1. Human genetic engineering research companies will receive funds in order for them to continue their research.

SECTION 2. Genetic engineering is the process of using recombinant DNA (rDNA) technology to alter the genetic makeup of an organism. Traditionally, humans have manipulated genomes indirectly by controlling breeding and selecting offspring with desired traits.

SECTION 3. Precision BioSciences and biotech companies will allocate 8 million dollars in funds to specific companies and hire directors to oversee the specific amounts each company will receive

A. The directors will also oversee how the companies are specifically using their funds for in their research

SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect January 1, 2021

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ava Gugliermo

Sacred Heart Academy

A BILL TO BAN FRACKING

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

2 SECTION 1. Hydraulic fracturing for oil and natural gas shall be phased out by 2025. Federal
3 agencies will no longer issue permits for the expansion of fracking effective
4 immediately upon passage. By 2025, all permits for wells where fracking is, or
5 has been used, will be revoked. By 2025, all fracking in the United States, both
6 offshore and onshore, will be banned entirely.

7 SECTION 2. “Hydraulic fracturing” or “fracking” is defined as the process of extracting
8 underground resources, such as gas or oil, by injecting water into a well at
9 high-pressure to crack subterranean rock.

10 SECTION 3. The Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency will be
11 responsible for the implementation of this legislation.

12 SECTION 4. Upon passage, this legislation shall take effect May 1, 2021.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Jack Viscuso
Chaminade High School

A BILL TO END CASH BAIL

- 1 Section 1: Cash bail shall be eliminated for all defendants in Federal Courts.
2. Section 2: States which continue to utilize cash bail for defendants shall lose all
3. federal grants to their state justice systems.
4. Section 3: This bill shall be implemented by the Department of Justice.
5. Section 4: This bill shall take effect on Jan 1, 2021.
6. Section 5: All laws contradicting this law are null and void.

**A Bill to Increase Minimum Wage for all Workers to
Improve the Standard of Living and Decrease Poverty**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1. SECTION 1** . The minimum wage will be raised to a living wage.
2. A. Section 203(M)(1) of the Fair Labor Standards Act is hereby repealed.
3. B. Section 206(A) of the Fair Labor Standards Act is hereby repealed.
- 4. SECTION 2** . Living wage will be defined for 2022 as \$16.00 an hour and shall be 5.
reassessed each year by the United States Department of Labor.
- 6. SECTION 3** . The United States Department of Labor will oversee the implementation
7. of this legislation.
- 8. SECTION 4** . This legislation will be enacted on January 1, 2022.
- 9. SECTION 5** . All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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Elim Bills

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*

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO REPEAL THE
22nd AMENDMENT

1 WHEREAS, No person shall be elected to the office of the President more than twice; and

2 WHEREAS, Citizens may not elect a person to the office of the President if that person has

3 served twice which hurts the democratic process; and

4 WHEREAS, Qualified officials may be denied the ability to serve our country because upon

5 this term limit

6 RESOLVED, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is

7 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall

8 be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by

9 the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the

10 date of its submission by the Congress:

ARTICLE --

1 SECTION 1. The twenty-second article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States

2 is hereby repealed.

3 SECTION 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven L. Jones

Chaminade High School

**A Resolution to Create a Committee for African American Reparations to
Address the Injustice & Inequality of Slavery**

WHEREAS, Slavery has stained our country with economic and social inequalities

WHEREAS, African Americans today face the consequences of slavery in multiple aspects of their lives

WHEREAS, African Americans are at unfair disadvantages in our country today and do not receive required support from the US government

WHEREAS, Social and economic reparations would benefit African Americans and the United States.

RESOLVED, The Student Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for a solution to create a Committee for Reparations.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rep. Elizabeth Musso

Sacred Heart Academy

A Resolution to Admit The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico into the Union

1. The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico will be granted full statehood
2. Whereas: a majority of Puerto Rican's would like Puerto Rico to be granted statehood
3. Whereas: Puerto Rico has a large enough population to qualify as a state
4. Whereas Puerto Rico is a crucial component of our country that ought to be ensured a more
5. secure and equal place within the American federal government.
6. Whereas: this measure respects the United Nations charter and its upholding of peoples' right
7. to self determination, and the Atlantic Charter of 1941.
8. Whereas: Puerto Rico will be given all the rights and responsibilities of a state, such as
9. representation on the federal level akin to any other state
10. Whereas: the federal government has an obligation to grant statehood to territories and
11. commonwealths where a majority of the respective territory or commonwealth desire
12. statehood.
13. Be it resolved that: this congress will admit Puerto Rico into the Union as the fifty first state
14. of the United States of America.