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STUDENT CONGRESS

PRELIMS

BILLS

**A BILL TO FUND THE DEPLOYMENT OF ANTI-BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEMS
TO JAPAN**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** 2.5 Billion dollars shall be allocated for the purpose of funding the
3 deployment of either THAAD or Aegis Ashore units to Japan, pending
4 Japanese state approval.

5 **SECTION 2.** Funding allocated should be enough for 2 THAAD units or 3 Aegis
6 Ashore units, whichever the Japanese government desires

7 A. THAAD shall be defined as Terminal High Altitude Area Defense.

8 B. Aegis Ashore shall be defined as the land-based component of the
9 Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense System

10 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Political-Military Affairs shall oversee the implementation
11 of this legislation

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Dalton Lin
Syosset High School*

A BILL TO PHASE OUT THE USE OF PRIVATE PRISONS

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States government will phase out the use of private prisons

3 **SECTION 2.** A. A private prison or for-profit prison shall be defined as a place in which
4 5 individuals are physically confined or incarcerated by a third party that
5 is contracted by a government agency. Phase out shall be defined as the
6 act of discontinuing a process or project.

7 **SECTION 3.** Immediately from passage, every year the United States will reduce the
8 number of prisoners in private prisons by 20% from the number at the
9 time of passage. Therefore, in five years, the use of private prisons shall be
10 completely phased out

11 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect 1 month after passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Sohail Mohammed

Syosset High School

A Bill to Establish the Federal Legalization of Euthanasia For Terminally Ill Patients

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** There shall hereby exist a law which permits the use of euthanasia on
3 consenting, ill individuals throughout the United States.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Terminally ill” refers to an individual who has been confirmed by a
5 physician to have an incurable ailment which will ensure debilitating
6 physical pain and the death of the patient. The Department of Health and
7 Human Services will be responsible for creating an official list of ailments
8 that can be considered terminal illnesses.

9 “Euthanasia” refers to the act of a physician or medically licensed third party
10 administering the lethal medication for terminally ill patients. PAD
11 (Physician Assisted Death), also known as assisted suicide, is not to be
12 confused with euthanasia.

13 “Consenting” refers to an individual who has thrice provided in written statements, that
14 they are consenting to the act of euthanasia, with said statements
15 occurring at least one month apart from one another and being in a
16 secure state of mind, as attested to by a medical professional in a written
17 statement.



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18 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will assume responsibility
19 for the implementation of the above provisions. This process will be
20 covered entirely by Medicaid for individuals with access to it

21 **SECTION 4.** The above provisions will take effect 60 days following its passage in this
22 session.

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A Resolution to Modify the Family Medical Leave Act of 1993

1 **WHEREAS,** the present maternity leave policy as stated by the Family Leave Act of
2 1993 mandates companies to allow expecting mothers 12 weeks of
3 unpaid leave; and

4 **WHEREAS,** 12 weeks is an insufficient period of time for labor recovery and could
5 lead to mental and physical issues; and

6 **WHEREAS,** research has shown that a maternity leave up to 5 months is effective in
7 reducing the chances of postpartum depression; and

8 **WHEREAS,** Postpartum Depression is defined as when a mother suffers from
9 depression after childbirth due to hormonal changes, psychological
10 adjustment to motherhood, and fatigue; now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the period of unpaid leave be
12 extended as decided by the expectant mother up to 18 weeks.

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A BILL TO UPGRADE THE US ELECTRICAL GRID

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. \$20 billion shall be annually allocated to the Department of Energy for
3 the next 25 years (or until Congress or the Department of Energy deems funding no
4 longer necessary) for the repair and upgrade of the national grid, and implementation
5 of a “smart grid” with a target date for 50% completion by December 31, 2044.

6 A. Up to 80% of the annual allocation may be awarded in the form of grants.

7 B. Entities requesting grant assistance under this bill must submit individual
8 applications to the Department of Energy detailing their projects.

9 C. Applications will be evaluated on various relevant factors, including: communities
10 served, scale, technical efficiency, environmental impact, & levelized energy cost.

11 SECTION 2. The following terms are defined for clarity:

12 A. The national grid shall be defined as, “the power plants, transmission lines,
13 distribution lines, substations for routing power on the transmission grid,
14 substations on the distribution grid, and transformers that all contribute to
15 powering the United States.”

16 B. A “smart grid shall” be defined as, “An intelligent electricity grid—one that uses
17 digital communications technology, information systems, and automation to
18 detect and react to local changes in usage, improve system operating efficiency,
19 and in turn reduce operating costs while maintaining high system reliability.”

20 SECTION 3. The Department of Energy in association with the Environmental
21 Protection Agency shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

22 SECTION 4. This bill shall go into effect Fiscal Year 2019.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rory Mahon of Chaminade High School

The Congressional War Powers Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** A. The Authorization for Use of Military Force (Public Law
2 107-40; 50 3 U.S.C 1541) is hereby repealed.

3 B. The President of the United States is authorized to
4 conduct military operations inside countries or against organizations that
5 engage in terrorism against the United States. The president will need
6 congressional approval in order to stay past 15 days in any one country.
7 For any intervention in any nation or against an organization not linked to
8 anti-American terrorism, the president will need a simple majority vote by
9 congress in order to go into the conflict zone.

10 C. Within 3 days of deployment the president shall be
11 required to present to the Senate Committees on Intelligence, Homeland
12 Security and Governmental Affairs, and Foreign Relations evidence of Anti-
13 American terrorism. If said committees find a lack of evidence troops shall
14 be immediately removed.

15 D. Congress by a 2/3rds vote can at any time vote to recall
16 U.S. troops regardless of the time said troops have been deployed as well
17 as halt further military operations.

18 **SECTION 2.** Military operations are but not limited to deployment of
19 troops, drone strikes, airstrikes, etc.

20 **SECTION 3.** The State Department shall oversee this piece of legislation.

21 **SECTION 4.** This Act shall go into effect 30 days after passage.

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

*Respectfully submitted,
Xaverian High School*

THE COMPULSORY VOTING ACT OF 2017

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A. The United States shall hereby use compulsory voting for all federal elections.

B. Election Day is hereby declared a national holiday.

C. All businesses are hereby required to guarantee all employees four hours off of work on Election Day.

SECTION 2. “Compulsory Voting” is hereby defined as the process in which all eligible citizens are required to vote in federal elections.

SECTION 3. A: The Federal Election Commission shall oversee this legislation.

B. If an individual fails to follow Section 1A, said individual shall be given a fine of \$50. This fine shall increase by \$10 for every month the fine is not paid. The fine will cap out at \$200.

C. If a business fails to give an employee time off, they will be fined at \$500 per employee.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall go into effect in November 1, 2020.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Andreas Kapsalis
Xaverian High School*



A Bill to Raise the Minimum Wage

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** The federal minimum wage will be raised to \$15/hour.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Labor shall oversee the enforcement of this law.
- 4 **SECTION 3.** This law will go into effect on January 1, 2019.
- 5 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Resolution to Retract the CTEA and all Subsequent Extensions

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The Copyright Term Extension Act (CTEA) of 1998 has led to a dramatic
2 increase in orphan works; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** the CTEA no longer supports the United States Constitution’s dedication
4 to supporting the progress of the arts; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** the CTEA gave way for a series of copyright extensions which violate the
6 First Amendment; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** the policies regarding copyright prior to the CTEA worked well and did
8 not need to be changed; now, therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the Copyright Term Extension Act,
10 and all amendments to the duration of copyright following, shall be
11 repealed and the policy returned to the Copyright Act of 1976, though
12 the recent laws expanding the list of copyrightable material shall not be
13 affected.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by The Brooklyn Latin School

A BILL TO BAN THE USAGE OF PRIVATE MILITARY CONTRACTORS

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Private military contractors (PMCs) may no longer be utilized by
3. the US Department of Defense
4. **SECTION 2.** Private military contractors (PMCs) will be defined as companies
5. that engage in armed security services. These armed security services include but
6. are not limited to combat missions, provision of protective services, security advice
7. and planning, prison administration, interrogation, and intelligence gathering.
8. **SECTION 3.** The Congressional Armed Services Committee shall oversee the
9. implementation of this bill
10. The Congressional Armed Services Committee will make cuts to the Department of
11. Defense budget by the specific amount spent on missions that continue to utilize
12. private military contractors (PMCs)
13. **SECTION 4.** This bill will take into effect within one year of passage.
14. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
15. and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Suhail Younus
Syosset High School*

A Constitutional Amendment to Eliminate the Electoral College

Be it resolved by this Congress that:

1. **Section 1:** The United States Constitution shall be amended as such:
2. The Electoral College is hereby abolished. The President shall be elected by a popular
3. vote. If no candidate receives a majority of votes., a runoff will be held one week after
4. Election Day. The winner of the runoff will be declared President.
5. **Section 2:** This amendment will come into force upon ratification of two-thirds of both
6. Houses of Congress and three-quarters of State legislatures.

A Bill to Make Voting Compulsory.

Be it enacted by this Congress that:

1. **Section 1:** Voting on Election Day shall be compulsory for all citizens over the age of 18.
2. Section 2: Voting shall be defined as casting a ballot. The citizen may vote for no candidate in
3. a specific race, but the citizen must cast a ballot.
4. Section 3: Patients on hospitals shall be exempt.
5. Section 4. Failure to vote will result in a \$500 for the first failure to vote. Fines will be
6. increased by \$500 for each subsequent failure.
7. Section 5: This law shall be enforced by the Department of Justice.
8. Section 6: This law shall take effect on Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018.

A Resolution Concerning Cyber Warfare

1. Be it resolved by this Congress:
2. **Whereas:** Cyber espionage and Cyber warfare are the most newest threat to US security and
3. **Whereas:** Much of this activity takes place outside of the United States and
4. **Whereas:** The United States has no jurisdiction to stop foreign cyber attacks and
5. **Whereas:** Some foreign countries are at best neutral and at worst complicit in cyber attacks
6. on the United States.
7. Therefore be it resolved that the United States shall consider cyber threats against the
8. United States, its citizens, and its economy to be an act of war by the originating country.