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<SUPER SESSION>

A Bill to End All Testing on English in the Naturalization and Achieving Citizenship Process

1. Be it enacted by this Congress here assembled that:
2. Section I: All testing on the English language in the naturalization or citizenship process
3. shall be prohibited.
4. Section II: A. The Testing of English refers to any and all oral, auditory, interview, written,
5. or multiple choice examination on the English language in the process of naturalization.
6. B. Naturalization or Citizenship Process refers to the steps taken by an inhabitant of the
7. United States wishing to be documented with official citizenship.
8. Section III: This bill shall take effect 1 year after passage by this legislative body, in order to
9. allow for the prohibition of all English examinations during the Naturalization Process.
10. Section IV: If any location of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services were to
11. continue to test on the English language one year after the implementation of this bill, then
12. any and all failures for citizenship will be reexamined and the location will be fined \$100,000
13. for the first offense. Any and all following offenses will result in legal action
14. on the location and will be shut down, until reestablished with compliance to this bill.
15. Section V: The United States Department of Justice will continue to oversee all locations of
16. the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, including the assessment on the
17. compliance with this bill.
18. Section VI: All laws in conflict with this legislation shall hereby be declared null and
19. void.

Respectively Submitted by Sam Saba, Utica Academy for International Studies



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A Bill to Require Senate Hearings to Occur for Presidential Appointments

1. Be it enacted by the Congress here assembled that:
2. Section 1: All presidential appointments for positions that require the approval of the Senate
3. will be guaranteed acknowledgement from the Senate. The Senate will still retain
4. their constitutional abilities to consent or not to consent to the appointment.
5. Section 2: The appointed positions will be defined as Supreme Court nominees and Cabinet
6. positions.
7. Section 3: The process for confirmation will continue to remain constant from prior
8. confirmations. Various pre-existing Senate committees will be responsible for the
9. initial confirmation process, depending on the given appointment,
10. Section 4: The United States Department of Justice will be responsible for the execution of
11. this bill. No funding is required. If this bill is violated, Senators will be removed
12. from their positions and a special election shall take place in their respective
13. States.
14. Section 5: This legislation shall take effect two months after its passage.
15. Section 6: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Pragya Thakur, Utica Academy for International Studies



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A Resolution to Prevent Presidential Candidates from Private Business Involvement

1. Whereas, operating private businesses run the risk of conflicting with the presidency, and
2. Whereas, private businesses, which are defined as businesses that hold interests separate
3. to the welfare of the United States, are regulated only by laws and not personal
4. oversight, and
5. Whereas, the president and vice president are exempt from any level of regulation, and
6. Whereas, conflict-of- interest requirements would prevaricate a serving president's
7. active duty to national welfare
8. THEREFORE, be it resolved by this FFL Student Congress here assembled that
9. A constitutional amendment be added where positions of presidency and vice
10. presidency will be required to dissolve ownership, or relinquish ownership of a private
11. industry greater than one billion in net worth to a blind trust for the duration of at
12. least 5 years prior to campaigning for the presidency, prior to accepting the presidency,
13. and during their tenure in office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alex Tan, Henry Ford II High School



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A Bill to Set Minimum Paid Parental Leave

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. SECTION 1. All businesses in the United States will be required to provide six months
3. of paid parental leave in cases of a pregnancy or adoption of a baby.
4. SECTION 2. Paid Parental leave is defined as time off with pay during which the
5. parents, whether a man and woman or a same-sex couple, are able to
6. take off work shortly before or after the birth/adoption of their child.
7. Cases of adoption will only be applicable to the leave provided in this bill
8. when the child adopted is under the age of one.
9. SECTION 3. The United States Department of Labor will oversee the enforcement of
10. this bill.
11. A. Any company found in violation of this law will be required to pay an
12. additional 5% tax on all taxable income.
13. B. No additional funding will be needed to oversee this bill, but all tax
14. revenue from this bill will be allocated to the U.S. Department of
15. Labor.
16. SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2017.
17. SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Azhan Ahmad and Alejandro Ramirez of Rochester Adams.



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Bill to Shut Down Guantanamo Bay

1. SECTION 1: Be it enacted by Congress here assembled
2. The Guantanamo Bay detention camp in the United States military prison located in the
3. Guantanamo Bay Naval Base in will be shut down
4. SECTION 2: All current prisoners will be relocated to their country of origin. All prisoners
5. serving sentences will continue to serve their sentence under their home country's legal system.
6. SECTION 3: This bill will be overseen by the department of homeland security and the
7. department of defense. All funds will come from the money previously allocated towards
8. running the Guantanamo bay detention camp.
9. SECTION 4: This bill will be enacted on September 1, 2017
10. SECTION 5: All laws in conflict of this legislation will be declared null and void.

Submitted by Senators Azhan Ahmad, Christopher Streng, and Dania Jaamour
Rochester Adams HS



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A Bill to Make Traffic Great Again

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. SECTION 1. All vehicles with more than four tires be required to stay in the right lane.
- 3, SECTION 2. This will be enforced by local, state, and federal police authorities.
- 4, SECTION 3. Failure to comply with this law result in a fine of \$500.00 and/or up to 30
- 5, days in jail.
- 6, SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect, June 1, 2017.
- 7, SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Madison Aguilar, Holt High School



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A Bill to Enact a One Child Policy

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. SECTION 1. A person may only bear one child.
- 3, SECTION 2. A person is defined as a man or a woman.
- 4, SECTION 3. The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the
- 5, enforcement of the bill along with the Administration for Children and
- 6, Families.
- 7, SECTION 4. Any person not in compliance will be fined up to \$25,000.
- 8, SECTION 5. This Bill shall take effect January 1, 2018.
- 9, SECTION 6. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted by,

Andrew Bean and Elliott Hanvey, Holt High School



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A Bill to Cut Sports in Public High Schools

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS THAT:

1. Section 1: All sports shall be removed from Public Schools
2. Section 2: All sports shall be removed from from Public Schools
3. to increase funding for new books and help with
4. improving internet and computer quality to help 5. students be prepared for a 21st century job.
6. Section 3: The Department of Education will oversee this and any
7. conflicts will be enforced by the Federal Bureau
8. of Investigation.
9. Section 4: This Bill will go into effect starting at the start of the school year, 2020.
11. Section 5: All other laws that are in conflict with this new
12. policy shall be declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ionia High School



A Bill to Enact a Securities Transaction Tax to Raise Revenue

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** A six-tenths of a percent (0.6%) tax shall be levied on the purchase of all
3 securities and financial instruments. Transactions involving government
4 issued bonds will be exempt from the tax.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** A purchase will be defined as the exchange of a financial instrument or
6 security from one party or another, typically for monetary compensation.
7 A security or financial instrument will be defined as, but not limited to,
8 debt securities (bank notes and bonds), equity securities (common stock,
9 preferred stock etc.) and derivative contracts (forwards, futures, options,
10 and swaps).
- 11 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service will be responsible for collecting the tax
12 established in this legislation, and the Commodity Futures Trading
13 Commission and the Securities and Exchange Commission will assist in
14 enforcing this legislation.
- 15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect at the start of the next fiscal year.
- 16 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Submitted by Mitchell Harpenau of Portage Central High School



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A Bill To Institute Instant Runoff Voting

1. *BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED, THAT :*
2. *Section 1. Instant runoff voting shall be implemented for all federal primary and general*
3. *elections in a scheduled process. Instant runoff elections in primaries shall be*
4. *intra-party.*
5. *Section 2. Instant-runoff voting is a preferential system where the voter ranks the candidates*
6. *in order of preference. Instant run-off voting shall only be used when the*
7. *candidate receiving the most votes fails to receive a majority of the vote. A*
8. *majority shall be a vote of 50 percent plus one.*
9. *Section 3. The Federal Election Commission shall have oversight and disciplinary power*
10. *over the enforcement of this bill.*
11. *Section 4. Funding for implementation shall be a part of the general budget of the*
12. *Department of Justice.*
13. *Section 5. Implementation shall follow this schedule:*
14. *A. Congress and Senate primaries, 2018;*
15. *B. Congress, Senate and Presidential primaries, 2020; and*
16. *C. General election implementation, 2020.*
17. *Section 6. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.*

Respectfully submitted by

Riley Wilson, Grand Rapids City High School



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A RESOLUTION TO OPEN UNITED STATES PRISONS TO UNITED NATIONS INSPECTION

- 1. WHEREAS The promotion of respect for human rights has been a central goal of United*
- 2. States foreign policy;*
- 3. WHEREAS The United States is a signatory to the United Nations Convention against*
- 4. Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT);*
- 5. WHEREAS Solitary confinement is a common practice within prisons in the United States*
- 6. And has been identified as being potentially in violation of CAT;*
- 7. WHEREAS The Department of Justice has delayed or denied access to prisons from the*
- 8. designated rapporteur for CAT; and*
- 9. WHEREAS The United States is required to submit its sixth periodic report to the CAT*
- 10. Committee by November 28, 2018; therefore be it*
- 11. RESOLVED By the Congress here assembled that the United States Department of Justice*
- 12. Shall provide open and immediate access to all prisons, federal and state, to the*
- 13. designated Follow-Up Rapporteur for CAT.*

Respectfully submitted by

Justine Schumaker, Grand Rapids City High School



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<Super Session>

A Resolution to Encourage Buying Local

1. *WHEREAS, American consumers spent over \$3.4 billion on Cyber Monday; and*
2. *WHEREAS, that online spending was greater than in-person purchasing on Black Friday; and*
3. *WHEREAS, online spending often does not provide taxable income to the locality in which the*
4. *consumer lives; and*
5. *WHEREAS, the lure of deals online discourages consumers from purchasing from local vendors; and*
6. *WHEREAS, money spent at a brick and mortar vendor stays within the local community through salary*
7. *and taxes; and*
8. *WHEREAS, consumers have a responsibility to support their neighbors; now, therefore, be it*
9. *RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that consumers should patronize local vendors exclusively.*

Submitted by NSDA. Open to any for sponsorship.



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Refugees Welcome Bill

1. *Be it enacted by the Congress here that:*
2. *Section I The number of refugees accepted into the United States will increase from 70,000*
3. *to 250,000 refugees the first year then by 50,000 for five years after that.*
4. *Section II A Refugee shall be defined as someone who has been forced to flee his or her own*
5. *country because of persecution, war, or violence. Persecution shall be defined as fear for*
6. *reasons of race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group.*
7. *Section III The Refugee Affairs Division at the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services shall*
8. *assume responsibility and conduct security checks of applicants, health examinations, and a*
9. *review of applications. All necessary funding for this bill shall be provided by a 3 percent tax*
10. *increase on tobacco.*
11. *Section IV All other laws or portions conflicting with or pertaining to this law shall*
12. *hereby be declared null and void*
13. *Section V This bill shall be implemented on January 21st, 2017.*

Submitted by PCEP



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Bill to Protect and Subsidize Editing of the Human Genome

1] *Be it enacted by the Congress here assembled that:*

2] *Section I] In order for the advancement of human progress and the betterment of the human species,*

3] *gene editing will be subsidized via federal grants. All rights to human genome editing as a*

4] *commercial service are hereby the properties of local, state, and federal governments.*

5] *Section II] "Gene editing" is defined as technology used to change any aspect of the human genome.*

6] *Any government that decides to implement gene editing must do so as a public service.*

7] *Governments found guilty of discrimination will be allowed 1 week to end their program or 5 months*

8] *to revise the program such that it meets standards of non-discrimination. Governments that have*

9] *ended their program due to discriminatory policies must have their policy released to the public and*

10] *reviewed by a judge prior to re-implementation.*

11] *Research pertinent to gene editing will be subsidized by federal grants no less than \$400 million.*

12] *Governments may not implement gene editing as a service without approval of the safety of the*

13] *technology used by an ad hoc committee of geneticists.*

14] *"Commercial service" is defined as any purpose other than research.*

15] *"Public service" is defined as a service that is not for monetary gain, and is practically accessible to*

16] *all, regardless of race, sexual orientation, political stance, religion, or socioeconomic status, or*

17] *physical ability.*

18] *Section III] The bill will be implemented immediately upon passing.*

19] *Section IV] Local, state and federal departments of health and human services will be responsible*

20] *for executing the terms of this bill. Subsidies to be funded by a 6% tax on online retail transactions.*

21] *Section V] All pending or current legislation in conflict with this bill is hereby null and void.*

Submitted by PCEP



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A Bill to Place a Tax On Sugar-Sweetened Beverages

1. Be it enacted by this Congress here assembled that:
2. Section 1: A penny-per-ounce tax is to be placed on all sugar-sweetened beverages.
3. Section 2: Sugar-sweetened drinks are to be defined as any soft drinks, fruit drinks,
4. sports drinks, tea and coffee drinks, energy drinks, sweetened milk or milk
5. alternatives, and any other beverage in which sugars like high fructose corn
6. syrup and sucrose are added.
7. Sugar is to be defined as any artificial sweetener such as neotame and aspartame.
8. A penny-per-ounce tax is to be defined as a cent increase in total price for every ounce present in
9. sugar-sweetened beverage.
10. All revenue from added tax shall go to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
11. Section 3: This legislation shall take effect six months after passage by this legislative body.
12. Section 4: The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services shall assume responsibility of regulation
13. for this bill.
14. This bill requires no additional funding in order to function.
15. Failure of stores to place new tax on sugar-sweetened beverages will be in violation of the law and shall be
16. penalized in accordance with current tax laws.
17. Section 5: All current laws or regulations in conflict with this legislation will be declared null and void.

Submitted by PCEP