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A BILL TO PURSUE ARCTIC INTERESTS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States Federal Government shall provide 4.8 billion dollars to the U.S.

Coast Guard to fund the building of 6 heavy polar class icebreakers. All polar class icebreakers built using the allocated funds must be equipped with full science capability.

SECTION 2.A. A heavy polar class icebreaker shall be defined as a cutting vessel specifically designed to clear arctic ice with the use of an icebreaking bow.

B. Full science capability, as defined by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, refers to a vessel equipped with facilities comparable with those of modern oceanographic research ships.

SECTION 3.A. The Comptroller General of the United States will be responsible for establishing a review committee consisting of relevant staff from the Government Accountability Office, the National Science Foundation, U.S. Coast Guard, and prominent experts from industry and academia. This committee will be responsible for creating a procurement schedule and providing oversight of the building process. The Comptroller General shall also be required to submit a biannual report of these proceedings to Congress and make recommendations for further legislative action if deemed necessary.

B. The 4.8 billion dollars specified in Section 1 shall be provided from the budget of the Department of Homeland Security.

SECTION 4. This bill shall be implemented on January 1, 2020.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Arjun Mazumdar
The Bronx High School of Science*

A Bill to Reduce Gun Violence

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) will require a universal background check for all firearm sales in the United States and transfers of ownership. These background checks will be recorded and go through the National Instant Criminal Background Check System.

Section 2. All sales of firearms and transfers of ownership shall be prohibited to all persons under the age of 21.

Section 3. Licensed firearm dealerships shall be prohibited in all school districts.

Section 4. The ATF and state agencies will regulate additional taxes that will be imposed on all firearm sales. The state agencies will follow the Seattle Gun Tax Ordinance and use the new tax money to generate revenue to help fund gun violence prevention programs, research, and defray medical costs of gun violence-based injuries.

- a. Raise the federal sales tax for pistols and revolvers from 10% to 15%.
- b. Raise the federal sales tax on portable weapons and ammunition from 11% to 20%.
- c. A \$50.00 additional tax imposed in lieu of state tax on interstate gun transfers and gun shows organized by a licensed dealer.
- d. A \$25.00 additional tax imposed on all firearm purchases in all states.
- e. "Second Amendment Weekends," or weekends in states, like Mississippi and Louisiana, where the sales tax is removed from guns, are prohibited.

Section 5. The above goes into effect January 1, 2019.

Section 6. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted,
The Chapin School*

A BILL TO ABOLISH MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCING

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All federal and state mandatory minimum sentencing laws shall hereby be
3 repealed.

4 **SECTION 2.** A mandatory minimum sentencing law shall be defined as a law that establishes a
5 minimum amount of years of jail sentencing for a specific crime, regardless of
6 any mitigating factors in the particular case.

7 **SECTION 3.** If a state has any law enforcing mandatory minimum sentencing practices, that
8 law will no longer be in effect. Other state and federal sentencing guidelines shall
9 be preserved.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect January 1, 2020.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Olivia Pasquerella
Loyola School*

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION

1 BE IT RESOLVED by two-thirds of this New York Catholic Forensic League Student
2 Congress here assembled, that the following article is proposed as an
3 amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid
4 to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the
5 legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from
6 the date of its submission by the Congress:

ARTICLE XXVIII

8 SECTION 1: The thirteenth article of amendment to the Constitution of
9 the United States is hereby repealed.

10 SECTION 2: Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude shall exist within
11 the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

12 SECTION 3: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
13 appropriate legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

Msgr. Farrell High School

A Bill to Increase the Usage of Renewable Energy in the United States

Be it enacted by the Congress here assembled that:

Section 1: Corporations will be granted incremental tax breaks based on renewable energy usage and investment, which will encourage corporations to invest in the development of and usage of renewable energy sources, which is crucial to the preservation of a safe environment for our posterity. Corporations will be given a reduction on the current corporate tax rate during the fiscal year in question, based on their investments in and usage of renewable energy from the prior fiscal year. If the United States does not promptly embrace renewable energy and continues to rely on fossil fuels as energy sources, our environment will be irreparably damaged.

Section 2:

- a. Usage shall be defined as the amount of energy that the corporation's buildings and equipment use in kWh.
- b. Assets shall be defined as all financial investments and holdings a corporation possesses. Based on the percentage of assets a corporation holds that are based in companies in which greater than 75% of their budget is devoted to the research of and/or development of renewable energy, corporations will be eligible for reductions in their corporate tax rate for the current fiscal year.
- c. Renewable energy shall be defined as energy produced from sunlight, wind, rain, tides, waves, and geothermal heat.

Section 3: The Internal Revenue Service shall implement the tax reductions described to each eligible corporation in a given fiscal year.

The tax reductions will be as follows, and reductions regarding usage and assets may be combined:

Usage:	Reduction
- 0-9%	- no tax rate reduction
- 10-19%	- 0.375%
- 20-29%	- 0.750%
- 30-39%	- 1.125%
- 40-49%	- 1.500%
- 50-59%	- 1.875%
- 60-69%	- 2.250%
- 70-79%	- 2.625%
- 80-100%	- 3.000%

Assets:	Reduction
- 0-9%	- no tax rate reduction
- 10-19%	- 0.125%
- 20-29%	- 0.250%
- 30-39%	- 0.375%
- 40-49%	- 0.500%
- 50-59%	- 0.625%
- 60-69%	- 0.750%
- 70-79%	- 0.875%
- 80-100%	- 1.000%

Section 4: This bill shall be implemented on January 1, 2019.

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

*Respectfully Submitted,
Senator Daniel Igielski
Pleasantville High School*

A Bill to End the Oppression of the Filipino People

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A. The United States shall impose targeted sanctions on the Philippines to combat the extrajudicial killings encouraged by President Rodrigo Duterte.
B. Sanctions will be lifted after sufficient reforms are made to the War on Drugs carried out by his administration.

SECTION 2. A. “Targeted sanctions” refers to sanctions on the Philippines’ government, police forces, and all other groups implicated in the War on Drugs.
B. “Sufficient reforms” require the Filipino government to end their sponsorship of extrajudicial killings and to make significant efforts to reduce the violence in their War on Drugs.

SECTION 3. A. The US Department of Treasury is responsible for maintaining the sanctions.
B. The US Department of State will oversee the condition in the Philippines and assess whether sufficient reforms have been made.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect January 1st, 2019.

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 Ban Prison Privatization

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government will no longer be able to hire
3 companies to run for-profit places of confinement for federal inmates.

4 **SECTION 2.** Private prisons will be defined as a system where for-profit companies
5 contract with the government to run prison facilities.

6 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be enforced by the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP).

7 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented January 1, 2019.

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

Trevor Day School

A BILL TO ESTABLISH MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS IN SCHOOLS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All state middle and high schools are now required to have mental health programs that adequately address the mental illnesses of their students.

The federal government shall provide funds for the training and hiring of qualified therapists.

SECTION 2. (A) State and local school systems that receive any federal education funding are subject to the revocation of such funds if they are deemed not to be in compliance with this legislation.

(B) Mental illnesses include, but are not limited to: depression; anxiety; drug addiction; and eating, mood, and personality disorders.

(C) A school is considered to have fulfilled the requirement of Section 1 when they provide treatment and/or appropriate referrals that have aided at least 75% of students deemed to be in need of assistance.

SECTION 3. The Department of Education and the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) will oversee the legislation. The Department of Education will disburse \$15 billion over three years for the hiring and training of qualified therapists sufficient to address the requirements of this legislation.

(A) The NIMH shall create and enforce guidelines which define the minimum qualifications for these therapists, as well as the required standard of care.

SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect within one year from the date of passage. The bill's requirements, and the potential revocation of funding, shall take effect within four years of passage.

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

*Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan Murgida
Xavier High School*

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A Bill to Reform Federal Student Loans to Base Repayment on Future Income Equity

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All Federal Direct Loans to students shall no longer be repaid in terms of the total amount borrowed plus interest. Instead, these loans shall be repaid in the form of equity in the borrower's future income.

SECTION 2. "Equity" shall refer to a set percentage of a borrower's income from all sources over a given time period. All recipients of these loans shall repay them with a fixed percentage (see below) of their total income, from all sources, during the twenty-five (25) years immediately following the departure from their educational institution.

SECTION 3. The Department of Education shall continue to administer the Direct Loan Program. It shall establish a uniform base rate of repayment based on the average expected earnings of all college graduates during the repayment period (as determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics) and the average borrower's debt load. This base rate will then be adjusted according to each individual student's specific amount borrowed to determine his or her actual repayment rate.

A. The Internal Revenue Service shall act as the collection arm for these student loans.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall go into effect on January 1st, 2020.

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

Respectfully submitted by Michael Ljubich, Xavier High School

A Bill to Rebuild Syria on a Local Level

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will provide an additional \$1 billion each year for the
3 next ten years through the USAID E3 Bureau, to the Syrian people for the
4 purpose of rebuilding and stabilizing Syria.

5 **SECTION 2.** The Syrian people shall be defined as Syrian individuals residing in small-
6 scale municipal units such as towns and villages.

7 **SECTION 3.** Aid will be provided by the USAID E3 Bureau, bypassing the channels of
8 the Assad regime to work directly with locals

9 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect at the beginning of the 2019 Fiscal Year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Stuyvesant High School

**A BILL TO CONTRACT PRIVATE ENTITIES TO
EFFECTIVELY PROSECUTE TAX EVASION AND WELFARE FRAUD**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. In order to combat the growing issue of tax evasion and social welfare fraud the IRS is hereby directed to enter into contracts allowing private entities to investigate possible instances of tax evasion and social welfare fraud.

SECTION 2. Private entities shall be defined as professional service firms.

SECTION 3. The Internal Revenue Service shall oversee implementation of this bill.

- A. The IRS shall work with state governments in the investigation and prosecution of social welfare fraud.
- B. Contracts shall be financed by a percentage of money won in criminal and civil proceedings of tax evasion and social welfare fraud.
- C. Contracts shall be created by the IRS on a case by case basis

SECTION 4. This bill shall go into effect at the beginning of the 2019 fiscal year.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Dylan Bousquette
Loyola School*