

A Bill to Reduce Police Militarization

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall abolish the 1033 Program.

3 **SECTION 2.** The 1033 Program shall be defined as the program that transfers extra military
4 equipment to civilian police forces.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of
6 this bill.

7 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Ray Min
Pine View School*

A Bill to End the Use of Private Prisons

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will phase out the number of prisoners in
3 private prisons by 10% every year for the next 10 years.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. Private Prisons will be defined as a place in which individuals are incarcerated
5 by a third party that is contracted by a government agency.

6 B. Phase out will be defined as the act of discontinuing a process or project.

7 C. Prisoners in private prisons will be transferred to other Federal prisons.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this
9 bill.

10 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on January 1, 2020.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Race Lamboley
Sarasota High School*

A Bill to Provide Disaster Aid to the Flooded Agricultural Midwest

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall allocate \$200 million in farming subsidies for the
3 purposes of disaster aid to flooded areas of the Midwest.

4 **SECTION 2.** Farming subsidies shall be defined as funds provided to farmers to supplement
5 their income.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Agriculture shall be responsible for enforcing and funding the
7 provisions of this bill.

8 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Garrett Olson
Sarasota High School*

A Bill to Create a Federal Soda Tax

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal government shall create a federal soda tax of 10%.

3 **SECTION 2.** A Soda Tax, or Sugary Drink Tax, shall be defined as a surcharge to carbonated
4 beverages that consist of flavoring and a sugar additive or substitute.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of
6 this bill.

7 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect January 1, 2021.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Blaise Lamboley
Sarasota High School*

A Resolution to Ban Corporal Punishment in All U.S. Public Schools

- 1 **WHEREAS**, Corporal punishment in public schools continues to occur; and
- 2 **WHEREAS**, The use of corporal punishment affects students on emotional, physical, and
- 3 educational levels; and
- 4 **WHEREAS**, In an age of increased violence among children, corporal punishment models a
- 5 direct conflict with the educational goals of positive and supportive behavior;
- 6 now, therefore, be it
- 7 **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled demands an end to the use of corporal
- 8 punishment in all U.S. public schools.

Respectfully submitted,

*Krystal Tran
Sarasota High School*

A Resolution to Abolish the Debt Ceiling

1 **WHEREAS,** The United States is the only developed nation that imposes an arbitrary
2 borrowing limit on itself; and

3 **WHEREAS,** The nature of the debt ceiling makes it possible for one faction in the Congress to
4 hold the rest of the government hostage; and

5 **WHEREAS,** The debt ceiling conflicts with federal spending bills, creating the potential for
6 recurring crises; and

7 **WHEREAS,** The absence of a debt ceiling would not result in a debt crisis, as is obvious from
8 the low yields on U.S. Treasury securities; now, therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for the federal debt ceiling to be
10 abolished; and be it

11 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That any borrowing necessary to execute spending legislation
12 adopted by the Congress be deemed authorized upon passage of such legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

Florida Gulf Coast CFL

A Resolution to Nationalize the Coal Industry

1 **WHEREAS,** Coal as a fuel source for electric power generation is utterly unsustainable; and
2 **WHEREAS,** The coal mining industry is collapsing under competition from natural gas and
3 renewables; and
4 **WHEREAS,** The collapse of an entire industry generates significant social costs that can be
5 mitigated through careful planning; and
6 **WHEREAS,** The private sector has been unable to mitigate the costs to coal miners and
7 communities, instead choosing to take short-term profits and to leave a mess to be
8 cleaned up at taxpayer expense; and
9 **WHEREAS,** A government takeover of the industry would facilitate an orderly shutdown of
10 coal mining in the United States; now, therefore, be it
11 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for the federal government to
12 nationalize the coal mining industry for the purpose of ceasing the industry's
13 operations with all deliberate speed.

Respectfully submitted,

Florida Gulf Coast CFL

A Resolution to Replace the Gas Tax with a Mileage Tax

1 **WHEREAS**, Federal excise taxes on gasoline and diesel fuel are earmarked for the Highway
2 Trust Fund, to be used for infrastructure repairs; and

3 **WHEREAS**, The growing number of hybrid and electric vehicles will reduce the available
4 revenue for roads without reducing the number of vehicles they carry; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Electric-powered freight trucks such as the Tesla Semi will contribute to wear and
6 tear without contributing substantially to rehabilitation; and

7 **WHEREAS**, While the federal fuel taxes once served as an acceptable proxy for a tax on road
8 use and impact, they will soon cease to do so; and

9 **WHEREAS**, The distance a vehicle driven is a direct measure of road use; and

10 **WHEREAS**, A vehicle's mileage is easy to ascertain; now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled calls for the replacement of federal
12 vehicle fuel taxes with a mileage tax on a revenue-neutral basis.

Respectfully submitted,

Florida Gulf Coast CFL

A Resolution to Encourage Removal of Israeli Settlements

1 **WHEREAS,** The State of Israel continues to permit, and refuses to remove, settlements well
2 outside its 1967 borders; and

3 **WHEREAS,** The intent of these settlements is to justify Israel’s retention of additional land in
4 any future negotiations with Palestinians; and

5 **WHEREAS,** The construction of settlements in places that could not reasonably be part of a
6 negotiated land swap is a threat to a future two-state solution; and

7 **WHEREAS,** The United States remains committed to a Middle East peace process culminating
8 in two safe, secure, and free states; and

9 **WHEREAS,** Only the United States is capable of putting adequate pressure on Israel not to
10 foreclose the peace process; now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for the State of Israel to halt
12 expansion of settlements and to abandon settlements well beyond the 1967
13 borders; and be it

14 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the United States refuse to support, directly or indirectly, the
15 expansion or defense of such settlements.

Respectfully submitted,

Florida Gulf Coast CFL

A Resolution to Extend the Life of Nuclear Power Plants

1 **WHEREAS,** The burning of fossil fuels to generate electricity is the most easily addressable
2 major contributor to climate change; and

3 **WHEREAS,** A rapid switch from fossil fuels to renewables such as solar and wind power is not
4 feasible; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Nuclear power generation does not emit a significant amount of carbon dioxide;
6 and

7 **WHEREAS,** While the construction of nuclear power plants has a sizeable carbon footprint, the
8 maintenance of existing plants does not; and

9 **WHEREAS,** Many nuclear power plants in the United States are reaching their scheduled end
10 of life; and

11 **WHEREAS,** The need for cleaner energy justifies continued investment in these facilities,
12 whether as a long-term solution or as one step in the transition to solar and wind;
13 now, therefore, be it

14 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled urges the United States to invest in
15 extending the useful life of her nuclear power plants.

Respectfully submitted,

Florida Gulf Coast CFL

A Resolution to Make Medicaid a Federally Administered Program

1 **WHEREAS**, Medicaid is currently a program jointly funded and administered by federal and
2 state governments; and

3 **WHEREAS**, As a result, Medicaid eligibility and benefits vary widely from state to state,
4 creating gross inequalities in public health; and

5 **WHEREAS**, As a result of the Supreme Court’s decision in *Florida v. HHS*, the Affordable
6 Care Act’s Medicaid expansion was made optional; and

7 **WHEREAS**, States’ refusal to participate in the Medicaid expansion has led to harmful
8 outcomes, including thousands of premature deaths; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Federal administration of Medicaid would result in fairer outcomes, lower costs,
10 and better public health for the most vulnerable; now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled calls for Medicaid to be converted to a
12 fully federally administered program.

Respectfully submitted,

Florida Gulf Coast CFL

**A Resolution to Propose a Constitutional Amendment
to Allow the House to Enact Legislation without Senate Concurrence**

1 **WHEREAS**, The United States Senate has become a “legislative graveyard” due to its failure
2 to act on legislation duly adopted by the House of Representatives; and

3 **WHEREAS**, The Senate’s undemocratic nature constitutes an impermissible barrier to effective
4 governance; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Providing an alternative legislative process will enable progress while still
6 allowing passions to calm; now, therefore, be it

7 **RESOLVED**, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is
8 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be
9 valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the
10 legislatures of three-fourths of the several states:

11 **ARTICLE --.**

12 SECTION 1: A bill which shall have twice passed the House of Representatives
13 in identical form, with at least six months between passage votes,
14 shall be deemed to have passed the Senate and shall be presented
15 to the President, as provided in Article I, Section 7 of the
16 Constitution.

17 SECTION 2: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
18 appropriate legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

Florida Gulf Coast CFL

A Bill to Levy a Tax on Extreme Wealth

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

2 **SECTION 1.** A tax of 2 percent shall be levied annually upon the aggregate wealth, in excess of
3 \$50 million, of all United States persons.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. As used herein, “wealth” shall include all assets wherever held (including
5 beneficial interests in trusts, partnerships, and limited liability companies) less
6 any debts secured by said assets.

7 B. As used herein, “United States persons” shall include natural persons who are
8 citizens or residents of the United States and those who have renounced their
9 citizenship within the previous 20 years, but after the effective date of this bill.

10 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of the Treasury shall be responsible for enforcing the
11 provisions of this bill.

12 B. If this bill is declared unconstitutional as a direct tax, the federal estate tax
13 shall be increased to 80 percent of all estates in excess of \$50 million.

14 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on January 1, 2020.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Florida Gulf Coast CFL

A Bill to Protect Health Care Providers' Freedom of Conscience

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

2 **SECTION 1.** No health care provider shall be required to perform a procedure or dispense a
3 substance as a condition of licensure or employment if he or she has a
4 conscientious objection to doing so.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. As used herein, a "health care provider" is any person whose practice or
6 profession is the provision of medical services and whose practice is authorized by
7 law, including but not limited to physicians, nurses, medical technicians,
8 physicians' assistants, pharmacists, and pharmacy technicians.

9 B. As used herein, an objection shall be considered "conscientious" if it is
10 unconditional and grounded in a sincerely held religious belief.

11 C. To qualify for protection under this bill, the health care provider must inform his
12 or her employer of the objection before exercising the right of refusal.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this
14 bill. Employers and licensing boards found in violation of this bill shall be fined
15 no less than \$5,000 and no more than \$25,000 per offense.

16 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect 6 months after passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Florida Gulf Coast CFL

A Bill to Permit Electioneering by Houses of Worship

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Houses of worship shall be permitted to engage in electioneering while
3 maintaining their tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal
4 Revenue Code.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. As used herein, “houses of worship” shall include all not-for-profit entities
6 organized principally for religious purposes, without regard to sectarian
7 affiliation.

8 B. As used herein, “electioneering” shall be defined as participation or
9 intervention in political campaigns on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate
10 for public office or any ballot issue.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of the Treasury shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions
12 of this bill. Houses of worship that have lost tax-exempt status due to past
13 electioneering activities shall have that status reinstated retroactively to the date
14 of its revocation.

15 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Florida Gulf Coast CFL

A Bill to Open Medicare to All Americans

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Medicare shall be opened to all citizens and residents of the United States and
3 shall be included in the federal and state Health Insurance Marketplaces.

4 **SECTION 2.** The premium for individuals who are under age 65 and not totally and
5 permanently disabled shall be the lesser of 9.5 percent of adjusted gross income or
6 the current Medicare Part A and B premiums established by law.

7 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of Health and Human Services shall be responsible for
8 enforcing the provisions of this bill.

9 B. Funding for benefits paid in excess of premiums shall be appropriated from
10 general revenue.

11 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on November 1, 2020.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Florida Gulf Coast CFL

A Bill to Authorize and Tax Foreign Emoluments

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Federal officials shall be permitted to receive foreign emoluments provided that a
3 99 percent excise tax is paid on said emoluments.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. As used herein, a “foreign emolument” is any payment, gift, or thing of value
5 given by a foreign government.

6 B. As used herein, an emolument is “received” if it is given to, and accepted by,
7 either the official or an entity owned by the official in whole or in part.

8 C. Nothing in this bill shall have any effect on federal bribery laws.

9 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of the Treasury shall be responsible for enforcing the
10 provisions of this bill.

11 B. Failure to remit the excise tax within 90 days of receipt of the emolument shall
12 be punishable by a fine equal to twice the tax owed.

13 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Florida Gulf Coast CFL