

A Bill to Ban Flavored E-Cigarettes

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government will ban the sales of all flavored e-cigarette
3 and e-cigarette fuels.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. “E-cigarettes” shall be defined as any electronic device that people use to
5 inhale an aerosol.

6 B. “E-cigarette fuel” shall be defined as the heated liquid in e-cigarettes that is
7 inhaled by the user

8 C. “Flavored” shall refer to all e-cigarette and e-cigarette fuel flavors that are not
9 tobacco.

10 **SECTION 3.** A. The Food and Drug Administration shall be responsible for enforcing the
11 provisions of this bill.

12 B. Those found in violation of this bill shall be fined no less than \$500 per
13 offense.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Krystal Tran
Sarasota High School*

A Bill to Increase Taxes on Vaping Products

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Under the passage of this legislation, a 15% excise tax will be placed on all
3 vaping products.

4 **SECTION 2. A.** Excise tax as used in this bill refers to a tax affecting the producer aimed at
5 raising the price of vaping products to make them less obtainable for the
6 consumer.

7 **B.** Vaping products refers to any product designed to simulate smoking using
8 aerosol vapor.

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

11 **B.** This excise tax shall be enforced by standard measures using the Internal
12 Revenue Service.

13 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect one month after passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Marc Taylor
Hillsborough High School*

A Bill to Raise the Federal Minimum Wage

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will raise the federal minimum wage to \$15.

3 **SECTION 2.** Minimum wage shall be defined as the lowest hourly wage required by law.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Lily Taylor
Hillsborough High School*

A Resolution to Replace Animal Drug Testing with Organs-on-Chip Drug Testing

- 1 **WHEREAS,** U.S. laboratories have been killing animals during drug testing; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** Over 100 million animals die a year due to drug testing; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Animal testing faces many ethical issues as it violates animal rights as animals are
- 4 subject to pain and suffering; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** 95% of animal-tested drugs are unsuccessful when given to humans; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Animal testing is not a good measure of how humans will respond to the drug
- 7 which could endanger human lives who receive the improperly tested drug; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Organ-on-chip testing are created in laboratories and are designed to mimic
- 9 internal human structures; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** Organs-on-chip effectively predict the effect of the drug on humans; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** Organs-on-chip can be easily mass-produced and are cheaper; and
- 12 **WHEREAS,** Organs-on-chips can accelerate scientific research by lessening research and
- 13 development time so drugs can be introduced to market faster; now, therefore, be
- 14 it
- 15 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for organs-on-chip testing to
- 16 replace animal testing.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ashwatha Suresh
King High School*

A Resolution to Increase Cybersecurity Funding

- 1 **WHEREAS**, Cyberattacks are a growing threat to American security; and
2 **WHEREAS**, Cyberthreats are constantly evolving and require immediate action; and
3 **WHEREAS**, Targeted and effective cybersecurity is more important than ever; and
4 **WHEREAS**, Threats to cybersecurity put the whole country at risk; now, therefore, be it
5 **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled calls for an increase in cybersecurity
6 funding for the 2020 fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

*Campbell Shaw
Sarasota High School*

A Bill to Provide Tax Incentives for Businesses that Use Solar Panels

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal income tax shall be lowered for a business if it has implemented solar
3 panels as its primary energy source. This is an incentive for partaking in
4 sustainable energy consumption.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Primary energy source” shall be defined as the main contributor to the power of
6 the building.

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

9 B. The Department of the Treasury shall be responsible for administering the
10 deduction as well as deciding the specific percentage of deduction.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Navin Periannan
Wharton High School*

A Resolution to Ban the Use of Torture

1 **WHEREAS,** Governmental agencies, particularly the Central Intelligence Agency, have been
2 allowed to use torture as a method of information extraction; and

3 **WHEREAS,** The use of enhanced interrogation techniques, otherwise known as torture, is far
4 too rampant; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Banning the use of torture would provide an example to foreign countries to stop
6 using these techniques; and

7 **WHEREAS,** The use of torture significantly complicated legal prosecution of criminals; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled demands a ban on the use of torture.

Respectfully submitted,

*Garrett Olson
Sarasota High School*

A Resolution to Ban the Defacement of The American Flag

1 **WHEREAS,** Damaging the American flag in a way that purposefully defaces and causes
2 damage to it shall be seen as a crime; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Defacement of the American flag shall result in fines/penalties in proportion to
4 the amount of harm done to the flag; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Damaging the flag is a direct insult to America and its people; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Citizens of the United States shall not commit acts of insulation to government
7 property and the country itself; and

8 **WHEREAS,** Repeat offenses shall be result in increased penalties/fines relative to the amount
9 of times that the act is committed; now, therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for the act of committing damage
11 upon the American Flag to be seen and enforced as a crime.

Respectfully submitted,

*Andrew Novak
Carrollwood Day School*

A Bill to Fund the Mérida Initiative

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

2 **SECTION 1.** A. The United States shall spend 800 million dollars to fund the Mérida Initiative.

3 B. The funds provided shall be used for non-intrusive inspection equipment,
4 helicopters, transport aircraft, and police training.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. The Merida Initiative shall be defined as the security cooperation agreement
6 among the U.S., Mexico, and other countries in Central America.

7 B. Non-intrusive inspection shall be defined as ion scanners, gamma ray scanners,
8 x-ray vans, and canine units.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Drug Enforcement Administration and the United States Agency for
10 International Development shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of
11 this bill.

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

13 **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 Ban Direct-to-Consumer Pharmaceutical Advertising

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The use of Direct-to-Consumer Pharmaceutical Advertising, or DTCPA, shall be
3 banned from the United States.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Direct-to-Consumer Pharmaceutical Advertising” shall be defined herein as an
5 effect made by a pharmaceutical company to promote its prescription products
6 directly to patients.

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

9 B. Violation shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$25,000 or imprisonment
10 for a term not exceeding two years or both.

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

12 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with the provisions of this bill shall be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*ChenJishi Lin
Southeast High School*

A Resolution to Increase U.S. Arms Sales to Taiwan

- 1 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan has proven to be a key ally to the United States; and
2 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan has faced multiple threats of external conflict in the recent past; and
3 **WHEREAS**, It is desirable to protect Taiwan and to strengthen the relationship between the
4 United States and Taiwan; now, therefore, be it
5 **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled urges there be an increase in Arms
6 Sales between the United States and Taiwan.

Respectfully submitted,

*Race Lamboley
Sarasota High School*

A Bill to Withdraw United States Troops From Syria

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will withdraw all troops from the country of Syria within six
3 months of enactment of this bill.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. "Syria" as used herein refers to the internationally accepted political
5 boundaries of the country of Syria.

6 B. "Troops" as used herein refers to the soldiers or servicemen the United States
7 has currently stationed on Syrian ground.

8 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of Defense will be responsible for the enforcement of this bill.

9 B. The Department of Defense will withdraw the remainder of the United States
10 troops that are currently stationed in the country of Syria.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Sraddha Karthik
Sickles High School*

A Bill to Impose a Carbon Tax on Fossil Fuels

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

2 **SECTION 1.** A carbon tax of \$40 per metric ton shall be issued to companies that burn fossil
3 fuel.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. A carbon tax shall be defined as a fee that the U.S. government imposes on any
5 company that burns fossil fuels.

6 B. Fossil fuel is defined as any material that produces carbon dioxide, such as
7 coal, oil, gasoline, natural gas, and any other carbon-rich fuels.

8 C. A company is defined as any entity that produces 100,000 or more metric tons
9 per year .

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

12 B. A part of the tax revenue shall be allocated towards the U.S. Environmental
13 Protection Agency.

14 C. The EPA shall use the revenue to address issues regarding pollution.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rujuta Kansara
King High School*

A Bill to Raise the High School Leaving Age

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will set a federal school-leaving age, and this age will be 18
3 years past the date of birth of the student.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. School leaving age is the minimum age that children are legally allowed to
5 leave school.

6 B. Graduation is the award or acceptance of an academic degree or diploma; in
7 this case, it refers to high school diplomas or their equivalent.

8 **SECTION 3.** A. The U.S. Department of Education shall be responsible for enforcing the
9 provisions of this bill.

10 B. Every Student Succeeds Act Title IV funding will be made conditional on
11 implementation of this legislation at the state level.

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

13 **SECTION 5.** All laws, or portions of laws, in conflict with this legislation are declared null and
14 void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gary Huddleston
Jesuit High School*

A Bill to Establish a Federal Flat Tax

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will impose an equal percentage rate of federal income taxation
3 across all income classes residing in the United States and Territories .

4 **SECTION 2.** A. The percentage rate will be defined as 15% of individual income.

5 B. This will cause the national budget to be shrunk by 8%; which will be divided
6 equally among by each government agency.

7 C. Each government agency will share an equal budget reduction of 0.67%

8 **SECTION 3.** A. The Internal Revenue Service under the jurisdiction of the Department of
9 Treasury will be responsible for the enforcing the provisions of this bill.

10 B. In the event of violation of the new tax law, the IRS shall start an audit of
11 suspected offenders and levy punishments, such as seizures, fines, and
12 incarcerations, based upon severity of offense.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Isaac Fackrell
Northeast High School*