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# STUDENT CONGRESS DOCKET

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## ABOUT THE DOCKET

This docket consists of (i) all legislation submitted by the registration deadline and deemed satisfactory by the League *and* (ii) supplemental legislation drafted by the Tournament Coordinator to ensure a sufficient number of B/R. Items on the docket appear in an order that **does not** reflect the legislative calendar or chamber assignments.

Although each will consider its own members' legislation first, it is a certainty that items from the other chamber will be considered. **HENCE, IT IS TO COMPETITORS' ADVANTAGE TO RESEARCH EVERY ITEM ON THIS DOCKET, EITHER INDIVIDUALLY OR DIVIDED AMONG A SCHOOL'S DELEGATION.**

## ITEMS DEEMED UNSATISFACTORY

The items below, while sufficient to admit their sponsors' delegations to the tournament, were not considered suitable for publication on the docket. Please refer to the cited sections of the FGCCFL STUDENT CONGRESS MANUAL for further information.

Title of Legislation	Deficiencies and Notes
A Bill to Ban Animal Testing in the United States	This legislation was not written using the approved bill template in the manner prescribed, § 15(b).
A Bill to Work Towards Ending Educational Gaps in the Public School System	This legislation was not written using the approved bill template in the manner prescribed, § 15(b). In addition, attention should be paid to the content guidance for bills, § 16, regarding appropriate elements and wording and the acceptable forms for Section 4.

## ADVANCE REVIEW REMINDER

Coaches **only** may submit legislation for advance review by emailing it to Josh Schneider prior to the registration deadline. Allow 48 hours for a response, which will identify issues that must be resolved to get the B/R on the docket *and* weak spots in drafting, with repair advice when possible.

**A Bill to Enhance Mental Health Awareness Programs**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Education shall develop an improved mental health awareness  
3 curriculum for elementary and secondary schools.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. This improved curriculum shall identify and attempt to resolve the mental health  
5 conditions prevalent among school children across the nation, as well as provide  
6 students with the appropriate resources and information needed.

7 B. To develop the curriculum, the Secretary of Education shall appoint licensed  
8 psychologists familiar with child and developmental psychology, who may further  
9 conduct surveys of persons currently in the public school system.

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

12 B. Fifty million dollars shall be appropriated for the development of the curriculum.

13 C. Public schools adopting this curriculum shall be entitled to a grant proportional  
14 to enrollment, not to exceed \$2,500.

15 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on June 1, 2024.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Ian Pegler  
H.B. Plant High School*

**A Resolution to Reform State-Regulated Hurricane Insurance**

1 **WHEREAS**, Florida hurricane insurance companies are poorly regulated by the state and have  
2 uncapped premiums; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Insurance companies will charge premiums that can economically abuse those  
4 who cannot afford it; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Florida homeowners that live on islands or in flood zones are required to pay  
6 extreme amounts of money; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Residents who do not live in an insurance-mandated zone must choose to either  
8 be at risk of hurricane damage or pay a hefty premium; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Hurricane insurance companies located on barrier islands skyrocket prices,  
10 making the above stressors even more pressing; now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled implores the State of Florida to more  
12 closely regulate hurricane insurance for property owners; and be it

13 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, That Florida should impose a cap on hurricane insurance premiums  
14 exceeding no more than \$2,600 annually.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Isabelle Pasagian  
H.B. Plant High School*

**A Resolution to Propose a Constitutional Amendment  
to Require Demonstrated Knowledge to Qualify as a Congressional Candidate.**

1 **WHEREAS**, Members of Congress have demonstrated a shocking lack of knowledge of history  
2 and civic issues even as they continue to hold office; and

3 **WHEREAS**, This lack of knowledge contributes to poor policy decisions and ineffective  
4 lawmaking; and

5 **WHEREAS**, By implementing a test for Congressional candidates, voters will be aware of  
6 candidates' civic, political, and international knowledge; 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 within seven years from the date  
11 of its submission by the Congress:

12 style="text-align:center">ARTICLE --.

13 SECTION 1: No person shall be elected to the office of Representative or  
14 Senator without having attained at least a 60% score on a test of  
15 international relations, public policy, and United States history,  
16 law, and government, within the twelve months preceding Election  
17 Day.

18 SECTION 2: This article shall take effect three years after ratification.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Avery Brown  
H.B. Plant High School*

**A Bill to Protect Transgender Minors' Access to Medical Care**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Transgender youth shall have access to safe, confidential, and efficient medical  
3 care.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. As used herein, “medical care” is any therapy, consultations, medications, etc.  
5 that aids in transitioning. Medical care is “safe” if it decreases risks associated  
6 with gender dysphoria and causes minimal unintended side effects.

7 B. Parents or guardians shall not be notified of any reversible transition methods,  
8 including but not limited to hormone blockers and hormone replacement therapy.  
9 These decisions shall be solely between the patient and the doctor.

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

12 B. Funding shall be granted to medical institutions nationwide to treat juvenile  
13 patients with gender dysphoria.

14 C. Medical personnel who divulge information to parents or guardians regarding  
15 any reversible/inconsequential care a patient may be receiving without the consent  
16 of that patient, may be sued for malpractice, fined, and/or lose their license(s).

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

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Jack Lowrance  
Lakewood Ranch High School*

**A Resolution to Prohibit Gerrymandering**

1 **WHEREAS**, Gerrymandering is the drawing of voting districts to give a distinct advantage to a  
2 certain party or demographic; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Gerrymandering has called into question the American Ideal of equal  
4 representation; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Gerrymandering has caused immense polarization in politics, creating an unfair  
6 advantage to one party or another; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Gerrymandering is not supporting the best interest of the people, backed by their  
8 votes; now, therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled urges gerrymandering to be abolished  
10 and put into no further use by the state legislatures.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Laine Krupka  
Osceola Fundamental High School*

**A Resolution to Propose a Constitutional Amendment  
to Empower Congress to Pass Term Limits for the United States Congress.**

1 **WHEREAS**, Members of the Congress of the United States serve for too long; and  
2 **WHEREAS**, Members of Congress have become out of touch with constituents; and  
3 **WHEREAS**, Members of Congress have become entrenched in their position; and  
4 **WHEREAS**, Members of Congress have become increasingly elderly, the average age being  
5 far above the median age of the American citizen; now, therefore, be it

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

11 **ARTICLE --.**

12 SECTION 1: The Congress shall have the sole authority to make legislation  
13 regarding the creation or modification of term limits for Members  
14 of the Congress of the United States.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Ivan Dezelic  
Osceola Fundamental High School*

**A Resolution to Oppose the Circumvention of Lawful Pathways Rule**

1 **WHEREAS**, President Biden intends to place impossible restrictions on the asylum-seeking  
2 process; and

3 **WHEREAS**, These restrictions, known as the Circumvention of Lawful Pathways Rule, go  
4 against the right to asylum regardless of how a person enters the country; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Asylum acceptance rates are already low, and this will further decrease them,  
6 providing less people with proper refuge and aid; and

7 **WHEREAS**, This limitation not only obstructs individual's rights to apply for asylum, but also  
8 deems those who previously applied ineligible; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Taking away the right to seek asylum in the United States is an unjust measure  
10 that provides ongoing risk and endangers the lives of those seeking refuge; now,  
11 therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled stands opposed to the Circumvention  
13 of Lawful Pathways Rule.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Genesis Pena Suarez  
Sarasota High School*



**A Resolution to Mandate a Food and Nutrition Course**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, Diets amongst American children are detrimental to their health; and  
2 **WHEREAS**, Lack of education on nutrition leads to underdevelopment in growth or obesity  
3 leading to lifelong diseases; and  
4 **WHEREAS**, Federal requirements on education concerning nutrition are nonexistent; and  
5 **WHEREAS**, Children should be guaranteed the right to proper education on nutrition and diet;  
6 now, therefore, be it  
7 **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled calls for a federally mandated food and  
8 nutrition course in all U.S. public schools.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Ella Moulton  
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 moderate 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,*

*FGCCFL*

**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 and
- 5 should be 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 shutting down the
- 13 industry's operations with all deliberate speed.

*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 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 5 percent shall be levied annually upon the aggregate wealth, in excess of  
3 \$1 billion, 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 the wealth tax is deemed unenforceable, the marginal estate tax rate shall be  
13 increased to 95 percent of the portion of an estate in excess of \$1 billion.

14 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on January 1, 2024.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Florida Gulf Coast CFL*