
STUDENT CONGRESS DOCKET

2023-24 FGCCFL All Events 2 ■ October 14, 2023 ■ Hillsborough High School

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 a random order that is grouped by the author's assigned chamber but **does not** reflect the legislative calendar.

Although legislation with an author present in the chamber will be given priority, substitute authors are permitted as per FGCCFL STUDENT CONGRESS MANUAL § 7(a), and it is likely that chambers will exhaust their authored legislation with substantial time remaining. **HENCE IT IS TO YOUR ADVANTAGE TO RESEARCH EVERY ITEM ON THIS DOCKET, EITHER AS AN INDIVIDUAL OR AS A LEGISLATIVE 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 Provide Foreign Aid to Argentina	Threshold requirements, § 14(b). Template and format, § 15(a). Recycled legislation, § 14(e). CAUTION: The sponsor is admonished that any future submissions that are substantially similar to this item will not be sufficient to admit the sponsor's delegation to the tournament.
A Bill to Work towards Ending Educational Gaps in the Public School System	Template and format, § 15(a). Bill text, §§ 16(a), (c), (d) & (g).
A Bill to Ban Gender-Based Dress Code to Create Equality in the School System	Template, § 15(a). Bill text, § 16.

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 Ban International Arms Transactions

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All entities, public or private, are hereby banned from trading arms or military
3 technology to any foreign entity, be it public or private.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. Arms and military technology are defined as any technology, device or
5 intellectual property that has the ability or potential to be weaponized for military
6 uses. Technology widely available to the public is not classified as arms or
7 military technology.

8 B. Arms transactions are defined as any transaction which involves the trade of
9 arms or military technology for anything, including but not limited to: assets,
10 arms, and intellectual property (such as patents).

11 **SECTION 3.** A. This bill shall be enforced by the Departments of Defense, Commerce, the
12 Justice, and Homeland Security.

13 B. Any violation of this legislation shall be prosecuted for treason in a federal
14 court. A monetary fine equaling the total value of all arms traded shall be brought
15 against the violator(s).

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Aadi Bhensdadia
Pine View School*

A Resolution to Expand Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

- 1 **WHEREAS**, There is a lack of EV (electric vehicle) charging stations; and
2 **WHEREAS**, This issue severely hurts the use of electric vehicles, which is a growing industry;
3 and
4 **WHEREAS**, Greater use of EVs is vital in reducing the effects of climate change; now,
5 therefore, be it
6 **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled calls for development of more electric
7 vehicle charging infrastructure; and be it
8 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, That proper funding be allocated, and that suitable government
9 agencies be given the task of carrying this plan out.

Respectfully submitted,

*Aum Bhatt
Hillsborough High School*

A Bill to Provide Per-Unit Subsidies for Tiny Homes

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall subsidize the production of tiny homes in exchange for
3 purchasing the units. The subsidies shall be used by the companies to reduce the
4 production costs of manufacturing the units. The cost of the subsidies will be \$50
5 per square foot of units sold to the government.

6 **SECTION 2.** Tiny homes will be defined as houses that cost no more than \$100,000, and no
7 more than 1,000 square foot in size.

8 **SECTION 3.** A. The US Department of Housing and Urban Development shall be responsible
9 for coordinating, purchasing, and developing the units.

10 B. Five hundred million dollars will be given towards providing the housing
11 subsidies.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Arya Agarwal
Strawberry Crest High School*

A Resolution to Implement Automatic Continuing Resolutions

1 **WHEREAS,** Polarization in the United States has on several occasions prevented congress
2 from passing legislation to renew funding for the federal government; and

3 **WHEREAS,** In the event that Congress doesn't pass legislation to renew government funding
4 the United States government effectively shuts down; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Shutdowns have detrimental effects on various components of the United States
6 government including the Military, and Social Security; and

7 **WHEREAS,** By implementing Automatic Continuing Resolutions funding for programs
8 continues until the budget is finalized and new legislation is passed without
9 needing to pause debate; now, therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for the implementation of
11 Automatic Continuing Resolutions beginning in the 2025 fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

*Devin Escobedo
Sarasota High School*

A Bill to Provide Tax Breaks for Employing Veterans

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Companies in the United States shall receive a federal corporate income tax
3 reduction proportional to the number of veterans they employ.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. A veteran is defined as a person who was honorably discharged from the
5 armed forces of the United States, to include the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast
6 Guard, Marine Corps, and Space Force.

7 B. For a company to take advantage of this bill, the veterans employed must be
8 employed at the company for three months and must work for 30 hours per week.

9 C. If at least 5% of a company's employees are veterans, then the company's
10 income tax rate will be reduced by 1%.

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

13 B. There will be no penalty to companies who choose to not hire veterans.

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,

*Sriya Boddapati
Osceola Fundamental High School*

A Bill to Increase Funding for Foreign Language Programs in Elementary Schools

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Funding will be increased for public elementary schools in the United States of
3 America to establish and maintain foreign language programs for students in
4 grades kindergarten through fifth grade.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Foreign language program” is defined as a course or set of courses that educates
6 students on reading, writing, speaking, and listening in a language other than
7 English.

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

10 B. One billion dollars will be allocated for the purposes in this bill.

11 C. Schools that fail to comply with this bill shall be fined \$1,000 to assist in
12 funding this bill.

13 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect August 1, 2024.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Sierra Farrell
Newsome High School*

A Bill to Legalize the DACA Program

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (hereinafter DACA), as
3 formulated by the Executive Branch, is hereby authorized by the Congress.

4 **SECTION 2.** The authorization granted in this bill shall apply retroactively to all DACA-related
5 executive actions taken on or after July 15, 2012.

6 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of Homeland Security shall be responsible for enforcing the
7 provisions of this bill.

8 B. All judicial decisions premised on the lack of Congressional approval for
9 DACA are hereby vacated.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Shaliana Bravo
Southeast High School

A Resolution to Reform Sexual Education for All Students

- 1 **WHEREAS**, Lack of inclusive sexual education curriculum places student in harm’s way; and
2 **WHEREAS**, Without sex education, students end up making damaging choices in their sexual
3 lives; and
4 **WHEREAS**, Adolescents are at increased risk for STIs, unplanned pregnancies, and unhealthy
5 stigma around sexual identity; and
6 **WHEREAS**, Nationwide, teenagers’ lives are devastated when the lack of comprehensive
7 sexual education puts teens in vulnerable situations; now, therefore, be it
8 **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled calls for reformed sexual education
9 curriculum that equally educates all students.

Respectfully submitted,

*Andrew Light
Sarasota High School*

A Bill to Tax Unrealized Capital Gains

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

2 **SECTION 1.** For unrealized capital gains over 20 million dollars in a year, standard capital
3 gains tax will be applied to be paid at the end of the fiscal year. If the asset is not
4 able to be immediately liquidated, a “tab” will be set up with the Internal Revenue
5 Service (IRS) to be paid within 20 years of its opening or upon liquidation of the
6 asset. The balance of the “tab” will accrue 4% interest annually. Exceptions will
7 be made for primary residences.

8 **SECTION 2.** A. Capital gains shall be defined as any increase in value of an asset.

9 B. Tab shall be defined as a balance to be paid.

10 C. Accrue shall be defined as to accumulate or gain.

11 D. Liquidated shall be defined as the sale of an asset.

12 E. Asset shall be defined as any property or security.

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

15 B. This IRS shall enforce this legislation using seizure of assets, fines, and
16 criminal prosecution if necessary.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Samuel Burgess
Newsome High School*

A Bill to Reimburse Independent Teacher Purchases

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Teachers who contribute funds to their own classroom for the betterment of their
3 students' learning environment or experience shall be entitled to reimbursement.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. Funds contributed to the classroom shall be defined as any money spent to
5 improve the learning process of a student.

6 B. The benefit will cover 80% of the funds used by the educator, but no more than
7 \$700 per educator per school year.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Isabelle M. Pasagian
H.B. Plant High School*

A Bill to Fight Homelessness

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Housing and Urban Development will receive \$500 million to
3 use to fund homeless shelters in midsize and smaller communities.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. “Homeless” is defined as anyone who does not have a permanent place of
5 residence.

6 B. “Midsize and smaller communities” are defined as communities with a
7 population of 500,000 or less.

8 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of Housing and Urban Development shall be responsible for
9 enforcing the provisions of this bill.

10 B. The Department will receive \$500,000,000 money and use it accordingly in the
11 mid-size and smaller communities for homeless shelters, education, skill
12 development classes, etc.

13 C. This is a one-time allocation and will have to be voted on yearly for future
14 allocation.

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,

*Ryder Yarbrough
Osceola Fundamental High School*

**A Resolution to Propose a Constitutional Amendment
to Protect U.S. Elections from Interference**

1 **WHEREAS**, Foreign powers have sought to interfere in U.S. political campaigns and elections;
2 and

3 **WHEREAS**, The sovereignty of the United States depends on fair elections free from outside
4 influence; now, therefore, be it

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

10 **ARTICLE --.**

11 **SECTION 1:** The Congress shall have power to regulate political campaigns and
12 elections in the United States on a viewpoint-neutral basis.

Respectfully submitted,

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