

STUDENT CONGRESS DOCKET

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NOTE TO AUTHORS

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A Bill to Fund Humanitarian Aid to the Democratic Republic of the Congo

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will work with the United Nations Office for the Coordination
3 of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and UNICEF as to send humanitarian aid to the
4 Democratic Republic of the Congo.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Humanitarian aid” consists of assistance that is used to relieve suffering during
6 emergency situations, including but not limited to food, shelter, emergency
7 healthcare services, and improved sanitation and hygiene.

8 **SECTION 3.** The United States Agency for International Development’s Bureau for Humanitarian
9 Assistance shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

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 Bill to Criminalize Deepfake Pornography

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

2 **SECTION 1.** It shall be unlawful for any person to create or participate in creating
3 nonconsensual, fake pornographic or sexual content of another person or persons.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. As used herein, “fake” refers to content that has been digitally or otherwise
5 altered in a way that does not reflect real events.

6 B. As used herein, “pornographic” refers to explicit visual content of sexual
7 activities or body parts.

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

10 B. Those found guilty of the creation of fake pornographic material will be
11 sentenced to at minimum 6 months; and an additional 15 days for each piece of
12 content produced.

13 C. Additional fines or punishments may be sought per case due to severity of
14 material as deemed appropriate by the Department of Justice.

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,

*Savannah Anderson
Southeast High School*

A Bill to Ban Wilderness Therapy Camps

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Wilderness therapy camps will be banned and any participants will be found and
3 be sent home.

4 **SECTION 2.** As used herein, “wilderness therapy camps” are any form of residential treatment
5 to correct behavioral or psychological issues, taking place in different natural
6 environments in which a minor was enrolled by a parent or guardian and has
7 limited or no access to their home or communication to their family.

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

10 B. If the camps are not closed when mandated, or any person enrolled is not found
11 the operator of the camp will receive a \$500 fine per week. After one month the
12 personnel in charge of the camps may face up to 2 years in prison.

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,

*Chloe Billaut
Southeast High School*

A Bill to Mandate Women’s Registration in the Selective Service

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Upon reaching 18 years of age, women will be required to register for the United
3 States Selective Service, following the existing rules for the agency.

4 **SECTION 2.** In the event of a draft, the Secretary of Defense shall determine the feasibility of
5 including women in the selection process.

6 **SECTION 3.** A. The Selective Service System will be responsible for enforcing the provisions
7 of this bill.

8 B. Women will be subject to the same penalties as men for failing to register. The
9 penalties include ineligibility for student loans, federal employment, and similar
10 benefits which become permanent if a woman fails to register by her 26th birthday
11 in the absence of good cause.

12 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*James Mayer
Sarasota High School*

A Bill to Impose Stricter Regulations on Event Ticketing Platforms

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

2 **SECTION 1.** It shall be unlawful for event ticketing platforms in the United States to engage in
3 price gouging or other unfair and deceptive business practices.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. “Event ticketing platforms” shall be defined as any corporation that
5 substantially controls the entire ticketing process, from ticket creation, to pricing,
6 to payment processing, and delivery.

7 B. “Price gouging” shall be defined as increasing the price of goods, services, or
8 commodities to a price much higher than what is considered reasonable or fair.

9 **SECTION 3.** A. The Federal Trade Commission shall be responsible for enforcing the
10 provisions of this bill.

11 B. Regulations imposed on ticketing companies will include rules such as
12 disclosing the face value of a ticket, advertising ticket prices with added fees, and
13 prohibiting primary ticket sellers from setting a minimum resell price.

14 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Andrew Light
Sarasota High School*

**A Resolution to Call for Apologies and Reparations for War Crimes
Committed by Japan in Nanjing**

1 **WHEREAS**, The atrocities committed by Japan in Nanjing during World War II have for too
2 long gone unaddressed by the United States and Japan; and
3 **WHEREAS**, Survivors of the atrocities and their descendants have long gone without apology
4 or reparations from the perpetrators; and
5 **WHEREAS**, The Japanese have not yet formally denounced the atrocities committed; and
6 **WHEREAS**, The Japanese have yet to provide reparations for survivors and their descendants;
7 and
8 **WHEREAS**, The United States abhors war crimes yet has not called for similar recourse as
9 with Germany; and
10 **WHEREAS**, Germany, unlike Japan, has addressed its atrocities as well as paid reparations to
11 its victims; and
12 **WHEREAS**, Japan has belittled atrocities committed within Nanjing; now, therefore, be it
13 **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled categorically urges the nation of Japan
14 to formally and sincerely apologize and take accountability for their actions
15 within Nanjing as well as pay reparations to survivors and their descendants.

Respectfully submitted,

*John Joura
Robinson High School*

A Bill to Provide Climate Change Relief to Pacific Islands

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All Pacific island countries shall receive 100 million dollars in infrastructural and
3 humanitarian aid in response to rising sea levels.

4 **SECTION 2.** As used herein, “Pacific island countries” shall be defined as Fiji, the Republic of
5 Kiribati, The Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, Samoa, The Solomon
6 Islands, and the Kingdom of Tonga.

7 As used herein, “humanitarian aid” shall be defined as aid including but not
8 limited to food, water, and medical supplies. Infrastructural aid shall be defined as
9 but not limited to funding towards storm and flood control.

10 **SECTION 3.** A. The United States Agency for International Development and the Department
11 of State shall be responsible for the enforcement of this bill.

12 B. If deemed necessary, the Department of State can renew this aid yearly to
13 ensure long term restoration of these countries.

14 **SECTION 4.** This provisions of this bill will take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Saket Rao
Pine View School*

A Bill to Ban the Use of Artificial Grass

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Artificial grass shall be prohibited in all recreational areas in the United States
3 and will be replaced with natural grass.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. “Artificial grass” shall be defined as synthetic, man-made grass that requires
5 little care and is typically made of fibers such as nylon and polyethylene.

6 B. “Recreational areas” shall be defined as places dedicated to enjoyment and
7 leisure activities, including but not limited to parks, golf courses, school
8 playgrounds, and football stadiums.

9 C. “Natural grass” shall be defined as grown living grass that produces oxygen.

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

12 B. Building inspectors, provided by local governments, will regularly examine for
13 artificial grass, in addition to their standard tasks.

14 C. Monthly taxes based on the building inspectors’ decisions, ranging from \$500
15 to \$5000, shall be imposed on areas that use artificial grass.

16 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect January 1, 2025.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Harry Xu
Pine View School*

A Bill to Mandate First Responder Lanes on Interstate Highways

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

2 **SECTION 1.** An exclusive first responder lane will be constructed on all interstate highways to
3 improve access for emergency vehicles.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. As used herein, an “exclusive first responder lane” is defined as a special lane
5 of traffic built on the side of the road in which only law enforcement, firefighters,
6 and medical personnel are permitted to drive in the case of an emergency.

7 B. As used herein “interstate highways” are the component roads of the Dwight
8 Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways.

9 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of Transportation (DOT) shall be responsible for enforcing
10 the provisions of this bill.

11 B. The Congress finds that this bill falls under federal jurisdiction because the
12 DOT sets safety regulations for all major modes of transportation.

13 C. Any state which cannot present a plan for implementation by January 1, 2025,
14 is in violation and will be fined \$1 million, which will double every 6 months the
15 state stays in violation.

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,

*Tyler Emery
Newsome High School*

A Bill to Increase the Minimum Employment Age to 16

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The minimum age for employment shall be raised from 14 to 16 years.

3 **SECTION 2.** The provisions of this bill shall apply to all enterprises covered by the Fair Labor
4 Standards Act.

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

7 B. There shall be a fine of \$2,500 for a first offense and \$5,000 for subsequent
8 offenses for employing persons under the age of 16.

9 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect January 1, 2025.

10 **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 Bill to Redistribute Funding from Highways to Railways

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal budget for the construction and maintenance of new public railways
3 shall be set at 50% of the total revenue from federal gas taxes for that year.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. As used herein, “new public railways” shall refer to any rail infrastructure
5 whose construction began on or after January 1, 2023.

6 B. As used herein, “federal gas taxes” shall refer to any tax levied by the United
7 States on gasoline, diesel, or any other special fuels, whether deposited in the
8 highway or mass transit account.

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

11 B. The 50% of gas tax revenue not earmarked for railway construction shall
12 remain available to be spent on highway infrastructure.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Dylan S. Conway
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A Bill to Tax Fast Fashion

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

2 **SECTION 1.** A surtax of 2% of value shall be imposed on all fast fashion commodities
3 imported into the United States.

4 **SECTION 2.** As used herein, “fast fashion” shall be defined as any clothing made
5 inexpensively by mass production retailers.

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

8 B. The money collected by this tax shall be used to fund better waste collection
9 and recycling systems.

10 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect 30 days after passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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