

Infrastructure Resolution

1. Whereas, poor infrastructure is causing damage to this
2. country.
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4. Whereas, thousands of bridges are one accident away from
5. collapsing.
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7. Whereas, potholes can damage cars and cost drivers
8. hundreds of dollars.
- 9.
10. Be it resolved by this student congress assembled that our
11. government allocates additional funds towards infrastructure.

Respectfully Submitted,
K. Looney
Canby High School

A Resolution to Ban the Sale of Firearms at Gun Shows

1. Whereas, Gun shows are defined as large conventions where firearms are
2. displayed and sold in major quantities.
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4. Whereas, Only state legislation currently requires background checks and
5. further restrictions on firearms sales from licensed dealers.
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7. Whereas, The purchases of firearms at gun shows is commonly called
8. “the gun show loophole” and often circumvent proper background checks,
9. proliferating illegal gun trade.
- 10.
11. Whereas, Firearms purchases and the sale of guns on gun show premises are
12. largely propagated by private sellers and not licensed dealers.
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14. Whereas, This allows the spread of hard to trace weapons and directly and
15. indirectly contributes to illegal weapons trade.
- 16.
17. Whereas, The illegal weapons trade circumvents state and federal laws and
18. props up organized crimes and domestic shootings.
- 19.
20. Therefore, be it resolved by the Congress here assembled that we should ban
21. the sales of firearms at gun shows.

Introduced by,
Lake Oswego High School

A RESOLUTION TO END THE INSANITY PLEA

1. Whereas, “Ignorance of the law is no excuse,” and;
- 2.
3. Whereas, The ability to tell right from wrong is also no excuse for breaking
4. the law, and;
- 5.
6. Whereas, Society must see that crimes are punished, and;
- 7.
8. Whereas, A criminal with no moral sense is a great threat to society, and;
- 9.
10. Whereas, The plea of insanity has become a cop-out for the most heinous
11. crimes, and;
- 12.
13. Whereas, Juries should not be responsible for ruling on mental capacity,
14. inasmuch as they lack the psychiatric expertise, and;
- 15.
16. Whereas, Mental treatment is not incompatible with incarceration.
- 17.
18. Be it therefore resolved by this congress assembled that the plea of “not
19. guilty by reason of temporary insanity” should be abolished in the United
20. States and evidence as to the mental state or capacity of the accused shall be
21. inadmissible in a court of law.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Westview High School

A Bill to Save American Lives

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

1. SECTION 1: The draft may now only be activated during times of
2. extreme danger to the United States.
- 3.
4. SECTION 2: “Extreme Danger” shall refer to at any time when the
5. United States is under absolute direct national threat, such as an invasion by
6. other sovereign states, and doesn’t have the necessary forces as defined by
7. the joint chiefs in any given scenario.
- 8.
9. SECTION 3: This will also abolish the exemption of women from the
10. draft.
- 11.
12. SECTION 4: All other sections of the Selective Service Act shall
13. remain the same.
- 14.
15. SECTION 5: This bill shall be enacted on January 1, 2019.
- 16.
17. SECTION 6: All laws in conflict with this resolution are hereby
18. declared null and void.

Submitted by
North Medford High School

A Bill to Decriminalize Prostitution

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

1. SECTION 1. The United States Federal Government will
2. decriminalize prostitution.
- 3.
4. SECTION 2. Decriminalization is considered an abolishment of
5. criminal penalties for violation of laws prohibiting prostitution. Prostitution is
6. considered an exchange of payment for sexual activity between consenting
7. adults.
- 8.
9. SECTION 3. National, state, and local law enforcement agencies will
10. no longer arrest adult sex workers who are exchanging sexual services for
11. money. The Department of Health and Human Services will mandate that
12. healthcare services be provided to sex workers in a non-discriminatory way,
13. and suspected or reported sex work will not be reported to law enforcement.
14. The money that is saved through decriminalizing sex work can be
15. reallocated to state and local healthcare agencies for more accessible STI
16. screenings and to the Department of Homeland Security's anti-trafficking
17. efforts.
18. A. Currently, human trafficking and prostitution are monitored and
19. enforced by the Department of Homeland Security and law
20. enforcement agencies.
21. B. Human Trafficking, especially of minors, is still illegal.
- 22.
23. SECTION 4. This legislation shall be enacted in January 2018.
- 24.
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26. SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby
27. declared null and void.

Respectfully introduced by
Gresham High School

A Bill to Legalize Euthanasia

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

1. SECTION 1. The United States Federal Government will legalize
2. assisted suicide for patients with the help of a physician.
- 3.
4. SECTION 2. All physicians must undergo training in order to comply
5. with patients who acquire the action of assisted suicide. Physicians
6. may help in deciding the best option for ending the patient's life, whether it
7. be overdose or lethal injection.
- 8.
9. SECTION 3. Each state will oversee and regulate health care facilities
10. that mandate euthanasia.
- 11.
12. SECTION 4. This bill will be enacted on January 1st, 2018
- 13.
14. SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with his legislation are hereby
15. declared null and void.

Submitted by
Summit High School

A Bill to Make Advertising to Children Illegal

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

1. SECTION 1. Advertising to children will be made illegal and any
2. persons who violate this law will be fined an amount dependent on the
3. severity of the case.
- 4.
5. SECTION 2. Children are defined as ages 0-12.
- 6.
7. SECTION 3. The Division of Advertising Practices will oversee the bill
8. and enforce it with administrative lawsuits. Advertising shall not cause moral
9. or physical detriment to minors, and shall therefore comply with the
10. following criteria for their protection:
 11. A. It shall not directly exhort minors to buy a product or a service.
 12. B. It shall not directly encourage minors to persuade their parents
 13. or others to purchase the goods or services being advertised.
 14. C. It shall not exploit the special trust minors place in parents or
 15. teachers.
 16. D. It shall not unreasonably show minors in dangerous situations.
 - 17.
18. SECTION 4. The implementation of this bill will occur within the first
19. quarter of 2018.
- 20.
21. SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby
22. declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by
Hood River Valley High School

A Bill to Rescind the War Powers Resolution

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

1. SECTION 1. The War Powers Resolution will hereby be declared null
2. and void.
- 3.
4. SECTION 2. Congress must be notified of any military action within
5. 48 hours of the occurrence.
- 6.
7. SECTION 3. The President cannot commit ground troops for more
8. than 72 hours without a Congressional authorization of military force
9. unless:
 10. A. The commitment is a response to a formal declaration of war
 11. against the United States
 12. B. The commitment is a response to violations of the Geneva
 13. Conventions, Hague Conventions, and all child protocols of the
 14. aforementioned.
 15. C. The commitment is a response to a national emergency for the
 16. United States or one of her allies.
- 17.
18. SECTION 4. The President retains the right to veto declarations of war
19. and Congressional authorizations of military force.
- 20.
21. SECTION 5. Funding of a military action does not expressly grant
22. congressional authorization under this bill.

Introduced by
I. Welch
Nestucca High School

A Bill to Ensure Paid Leave for Cancer Patients

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. SECTION 1. Employers in the United States are required to give a
2. paid leave for people diagnosed with cancer in order to ensure they have
3. adequate time for treatment.
- 4.
5. SECTION 2. The amount of time they are given off will depend upon
6. the stage and type of cancer they are diagnosed with, but will not exceed 50
7. days in total.
8. A. A doctor's recommendation with the expected
9. timeframe, number of days, etc. will be submitted to the employer to
10. ensure the employer is given adequate information to comply with this
11. law.
- 12.
13. SECTION 3. The Department of Labor will oversee the enforcement
14. of this legislation.
15. A. Employers that do not comply with this law will be fined
16. \$2,000 for each offense.
- 17.
18. SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect on January 1, 2018.
- 19.
20. SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby
21. declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marshfield High School

The Social Security Reform Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. SECTION 1. The current retirement age for Social Security will now be
2. raised from 65 to 68 increasing the requirement age by 1 year every 2 years,
3. over the span of 6 years.
4. A. Citizens are able to apply for partial benefits at the age of 60.
5. B. The current wage cap of \$118,500 will be increased to \$500,000.
6. C. Additionally, a new bracket of social security tax of a 7.5% Social
7. Security tax rate will be implemented for people who have an income of
8. over \$700,000 along with a wage cap of \$750,000.
- 9.
10. SECTION 2. “Partial benefits” refers to the ability to apply for Social
11. Security earlier, but get less resources with every check.
- 12.
13. SECTION 3. The I.R.S will be in charge of implementation of this bill.
14. A. Someone who is currently filed as a widow/widower will receive an
15. additional 50% increase in their monthly Social Security payout.
16. B. The employer Social Security tax rate of 6.2% will be cut to 5.5%.
17. This applies only to businesses that have fewer than 75 employees.
18. C. If there is a surplus in the Social Security account, 35% will be
19. earmarked to increase Social Security checks.
20. D. If a child is orphaned, that child shall receive their parents’ social
21. security payment until they reach the age of 25. The I.R.S must receive a
22. death certificate of both parents and create a new form for the orphan’s
23. current guardians to fill out.
- 24.
25. SECTION 4. This legislation will be implemented at the start of the fiscal
26. year of 2019.
- 27.
28. SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared
29. null and void.

Introduced by
South Medford High School

A Bill to Change the U.S. Graduation Requirements to Create Better Speakers

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. SECTION 1. All students enrolled in High School must receive at least one
2. credit of a Speech and Debate course in order to meet the graduation requirements.
- 3.
4. SECTION 2. High School will be defined as grades 9-12 in the United States
5. education system, and a Speech and Debate course is defined as any course that grants an
6. Oral Fluency credit.
7. A. An Oral Fluency credit may be earned by receiving a passing grade in: a
8. Speech and Debate course, a theater or drama course, or a general education
9. public speaking course.
10. B. Active participation and membership in: a Speech and Debate club or
11. academic team, a theatrical or drama club, or a mock trial team or club can, as
12. determined by the club or team's advisor and the individual school's Student
13. Services Coordinator or administration, also grant credit.
- 14.
15. SECTION 3. This bill will be enforced by the U.S. Department of Education,
16. and the individual Departments of Education between each U.S. State will receive a sum
17. of money equivalent to that of the average cost of one credit hour per student enrolled in
18. said courses, for the implementation of such program.
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20. SECTION 4. This bill shall go into effect with the enrollment of the graduating
21. class of 2024.
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23. SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
24. and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by
Crater High School

A Bill to End the Used Nuclear Fuel Stalemate

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. SECTION 1. The Department of Energy is hereby instructed to complete
2. and open Yucca Mountain as the national geologic repository for spent nuclear
3. fuel as dictated in the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982.
4. A. In parallel with the efforts to open Yucca Mountain, the
5. Department of Energy is instructed to begin the licensing and
6. construction of the Texas Waste Control Specialist “WCS” site for the
7. interim storage of spent nuclear fuel.
8. B. This legislation also authorizes all land, water, and transportation
9. rights that are required to open these facilities.
- 10.
11. SECTION 2. Spent nuclear fuel is the left over control rods from the
12. nation’s commercial nuclear sector, and not the U.S. weapons complex.
13. SECTION 3. The Department of Energy in conjunction with the Nuclear
14. Regulatory Commission are responsible with implementing this legislation.
15. The Department of Transportation and in the Department of the Interior are
16. responsible for granting the land, water, and transportation rights.
17. A. This legislation requires that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission
18. licenses Yucca Mountain and the WCS site, if they meet requirements
19. terms of public safety and technical feasibility for 10,000 years.
20. B. The Treasury must allow the access to the Nuclear Waste Fund to
21. fund the opening of Yucca Mountain and the Waste Control Specialist
22. Site.
- 23.
24. SECTION 4. This legislation shall go immediately into effect.
- 25.
26. SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared
27. null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by
Lincoln High School

A Bill to Increase Social Security Pensions for Golden American Citizens

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. SECTION 1. American citizens over the age of 65 will receive an
2. annual yearly 5% raise in their social security after the first 2 year of
3. receiving their payments.
- 4.
5. SECTION 2. This annual increase will be funded by an increase in
6. taxation on large corporations.
- 7.
8. SECTION 3. The United States Social Security Administration under
9. the federal government, along with a new board of Social Security in every
10. state will ensure effective administration of this bill.
- 11.
12. SECTION 4. The bill will go into immediate effect on July 1st, 2018.
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14. SECTION 5. All previous laws that are in conflicted with this bill will
15. henceforth be declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted by
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