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101. A Resolution to Encourage Ukraine to Join NATO

- 1 WHEREAS, Russian belligerence has threatened the freedom and liberty of all Ukrainians; and
2 WHEREAS, Russia has a recent and militaristic history of imperialistic aggression towards Ukraine
3 through the illegal annexation of Crimea and allegations against Ukraine for posing as a
4 "serious threat" to Russia; and
5 WHEREAS, Ukraine, as a part of the 1994 Budapest Memorandum, pledged to return Russia's Cold
6 War Era nuclear weapons in exchange for Russia's promise to allow for Ukraine to forge
7 international alliances and gain full political and territorial independence; and
8 WHEREAS, Russia continues to threaten and provision a force for a full invasion of Ukraine and
9 poses a substantial national security threat to the United States and its allies in the event
10 they invade; now, therefore, be it
11 RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled shall greatly encourage the joining of Ukraine to the
12 North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

Respectfully submitted,
Joselyn Diaz-Boileau, Apopka High School

102. A Bill to Introduce a 4 Day School Week to Improve School-Life Balance

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

- 1 SECTION 1 Schools will revert to a 4 day school week. This will allow students to Achieve higher
2 scores on tests, reduce stress reactions in the classroom, and maintain a healthier sleep
3 schedule.
- 4 SECTION 2 The 4 day school week will be Monday-Thursday Teachers will still work 5 day work
5 weeks. Any other terms that need to be defined will be discussed in congress.
- 6 SECTION 3 The U.S department of education will oversee the enforcement of this legislation.
- 7 SECTION 4 This legislation will take effect on August 12, 2024 all laws in conflict with this legislation
8 are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Asher Guillory, Crestview High School

103. A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Change the National Bird to a Turkey

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

6 ARTICLE-

7 SECTION 1 We change the National Bird to a Turkey.

8 SECTION 2 The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Respectfully submitted,
Hunter Rohdert, Fort Walton Beach High School

104. A Bill to Require a Tree to be Planted Every Time a Tree is Removed in Order to Improve the Environment

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED

- 1 SECTION 1 This bill's purpose is to improve the environment by making it necessary for a new tree
2 to be planted every time one is cut down or removed. This will insure a new generation
3 of trees which will help with and help prevent a variety of environmental issues including
4 but not limited to global warming, the decline of ecosystems, and flooding.
- 5 A. This bill applies to trees removed on public and private land
6 B. The person(s) who issues or initiates the removal of said tree(s) is responsible for
7 ensuring that the new tree(s) will be planted.
- 8 SECTION 2 As defined by givingcompass.org environmental issues are "harmful effects to Earth and
9 its natural systems due to the actions of humans."
- 10 SECTION 3 The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service and The Environmental Protection
11 Agency (EPA) will be in charge of enforcing this bill.
- 12 A. The new tree(s) must be planted within a week of the original tree(s) being
13 removed.
- 14 B. For each new tree(s) not planted within a week of the original tree(s) being
15 removed a fine of 250 United States dollars per tree will be given to the person(s)
16 who issued or initiated the removal of said tree(s).
- 17 C. If a tree removal or construction company is found guilty of failing to abide by this
18 bill 5 or more times the company will face the possible shut down of their
19 company.
- 20 SECTION 4 This legislation will take effect on September 1, 2024. All laws in conflict with this
21 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Ayla Ternasky, Lake Brantley High School

105. A Constitutional Amendment to Decrease the Age Prerequisite for Presidential and Congressional Officeholding

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED

- 1 SECTION 1 The prerequisite age to run for president of the United States, which was previously 35,
2 will be amended to 18. The prerequisite age to run for Senator of the United States,
3 which was previously 30, will be amended to 18. The prerequisite age to run for
4 Representative of the United States, which was previously 21, will be amended to 18.
- 5 SECTION 2 This legislation does not impact state legislatures, which maintain their independence to
6 determine the prerequisite age to run for state offices. This legislation does not impact
7 any other officials, officers, or elected positions of the United States government other
8 than those mentioned explicitly in Section 1. All other prerequisites for holding these
9 offices, including but not limited to residency and citizenship of the United States, are
10 maintained with force of law.
- 11 SECTION 3 Implementation and enforcement of this legislation will be overseen by the Federal
12 Election Commission. The Federal Election Commission may work in cooperation with
13 other relevant departments, agencies, and state entities for relevant implementation
14 and enforcement of this legislation.
- 15 SECTION 4 This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with this legislation
16 are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Gavin Miles, QI Roberts Jr. Sr. High School

106. A Resolution to Amend the Constitution by amending Article One, Section 10, Clause Three; allowing States to create their own standing militaries without the approval of Congress.

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

ARTICLE—

7 SECTION 1 All States that are part of the United States of America shall have the right to create
8 standing militaries for self-defense from invasion and to defend this Constitution and
9 their own.

10 SECTION 2 No State shall deploy troops to any part of the world unless, Federal troops have already
11 been deployed to the location, and the Congress and President give approval.

12 SECTION 3 Congress shall make no law restricting the rights of the States to create standing
13 militaries.

14 SECTION 4 All laws that are in conflict with this shall become null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Ethan Parks, South Sumter High School

107. A Bill to implement the Federal College Housing Assistance Act {FCHAA}.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 SECTION 1 The current problem is that college housing is often inaccessible to students around or
2 below the poverty line and there are not very many programs that genuinely assist
3 student housing as such programs like FASFA helps with student's tuition. Students who
4 are housing insecure are less likely to complete their degree and are at a higher risk for
5 other basic needs insecurities.
- 6 SECTION 2 This bill would heavily assist students with housing both resource wise and finance wise.
7 Furthermore, this bill would force the hand of colleges who over book and, whether
8 purposeful or not, screw over students. The FCHAA will significantly help students who
9 are at/under the poverty line afford housing by giving them the opportunity to stay in
10 funded housing provided by the school. The school is required to cover 60% of the cost
11 with students having the opportunity for further scholarships and grants specifically
12 created to cover this area. The colleges will also be required to provide a previously
13 assigned amount of land and lots dedicated to student housing. The numbers required
14 will vary based on the states poverty line and economic factors that are specific to each
15 state.
- 16 SECTION 3 The Department of Housing and Urban Development will oversee enforcement and any
17 and all arrangement of such bill. They will oversee the FCHAA using a subsection
18 dedicated to the housing of students. This will be enacted and forced upon all public
19 colleges in the US with private colleges having the options to opt in.
- 20 SECTION 4 This legislation will take effect on august 01, 2025. And will affect the fall 2025 semester.

Respectfully submitted,
Logan Freeman, Wildwood High School

108. A Bill to Fix Our Nation’s Opioid Addiction Crisis

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 SECTION 1 The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) shall enact
2 and enforce the following:

- 3 A. an awareness committee for educating and raising awareness about opioids and
4 heroin abuse in high schools, colleges, and prisons.
5 B. Increasing recovery centers in troubled neighborhoods and cities.

6 SECTION 2 Terms

- 7 A. “troubled neighborhoods and cities” shall be defined as places with high non-
8 violent crime rates for crimes such as possession.
9 B. “educating” shall be defined as information on the side effects, long term
10 conditions, ways to identify if a loved one is suffering from addiction, and ways to
11 get assistance for those in need of it.

12 SECTION 3 A tax on all alcohol and tobacco products shall be implemented to pay for the provisions
13 in this bill.

14 SECTION 4 This legislation will take effect on May 1, 2024. All laws in conflict with this legislation are
15 hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Anniston Taylor, Weeki Wachee High School

TIER 2:
**201. A Bill to Ban the Use of Song Lyrics as Evidence in Court to
Protect the Music Artform**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

- 1 SECTION 1 This bill prohibits the use of song lyrics by the jury, plaintiff, or plaintiff's attorney as
2 evidence against a songwriter as the defendant, in an attempt to find him/her guilty.
- 3 SECTION 2 As it stands right now, Prosecutors could still use lyrics against a defendant if they
4 "intended a literal meaning". This still can be left open for interpretations to be
5 exaggerated
- 6 SECTION 3 If this bill passes, It would be enforced by the Department of Justice
- 7 SECTION 4 This legislation will take effect on August 31, 2024. All laws in conflict with this legislation
8 are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Anthony Richerson, Crestview High School

202. A Resolution to Call for a Ceasefire and Arbitration in Myanmar

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

- 1 WHEREAS, The Myanmar civil war has been a prolonged conflict, enduring since 1948, and
2 responsible for the deaths of at least 45,000 people, the displacement of hundreds of
3 thousands of people, and the arrest of at least 25,000 people,
4 WHEREAS, The Myanmar civil war has had a strong negative impact on the economic and monetary
5 circumstances of residents of Myanmar and other nations,
6 WHEREAS, Various factions in the Myanmar civil war have had multitudinous human rights abuses
7 and war crimes accounted to them,
8 RESOLVED, That this Congress calls for an immediate and unconditional ceasefire of all relevant
9 factions to the Myanmar civil,
10 RESOLVED, That this Congress calls for arbitration by the United Nations to determine a lasting,
11 equitable solution to the Myanmar civil war that all relevant factions in the conflict will
12 be subjected to.

Respectfully submitted,
QI Roberts Jr. Sr. High School

203. A Bill to help immigrant students gain the right to receive financial aid.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

1 SECTION 1 The current problem is that immigrant students often face significant barriers in
2 accessing financial aid for higher education due to their immigration status. This
3 legislation aims to remove the systemic barriers that prevent immigrant students from
4 accessing the financial resources they need to attend college or university. By providing
5 financial aid to immigrant students, we aim to empower them to pursue their academic
6 and career goals, contribute to society, and build a brighter future for themselves and
7 their communities.

8 SECTION 2 Immigrant students traveling to United States territory shall be permitted to obtain
9 financial aid in the educational institution. More than 408,000 undocumented students
10 are enrolled in U.S. colleges and universities, comprising 1.9% of all college students. All
11 immigrant students in DACA will have access to all available scholarships or other forms
12 of payment for financial aid. DACA's official definition is DACA an administrative relief
13 that protects eligible immigrants who came to the United States when they were
14 children from deportation. The definition of immigrant is a person living in a country
15 other than that of his or her birth. Financial aid is defined as Student financial aid in the
16 United States is funding that is available exclusively to students attending a post-
17 secondary educational institution in the United States.

18 SECTION 3 U.S Department of Education will oversee enforcement along with the specific
19 enforcement mechanism.

20 SECTION 4 This legislation will take effect on September 01, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Mia Castigliero and Alexanderia Barro, Wildwood High School

204. A Bill to Establish Stringent Nationwide Qualification Requirements for Medical Facilitators in Federal Correctional Facilities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

- 1 SECTION 1 This is a motion to improve medical facilities in correctional facilities. There would be
2 more strict qualification requirements implemented. This bill would be put in place to
3 ensure that prisoners will get the right medical treatment they need when they are
4 injured. While they do get treatment it may not be the right treatment that ensures they
5 will not have long-term complications.
- 6 SECTION 2 Correctional Facilities- Prisons, Federal Jails, Juvenile departments Medical Facilitators-
7 People who are caring for the prisoners who are injured
8 Nationwide- Any federal correctional facility
- 9 SECTION 3 U.S. Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General Audit Division
10 Federal Prison system
11 National Institution of Justice
12 The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Medicaid and Medicare programs
- 13 SECTION 4 This bill will start being implemented in fall of 2025 and will be in full affect in summer of
14 2026. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Ayanna Hall, Wildwood High School

205. Haiti Civil War Prevention Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

- 1 SECTION 1 The President is authorized to utilize diplomatic, financial, and logistical resources to
2 prevent civil war and gang takeovers in Haiti:
- 3 A. Providing support by strengthen Haiti's democratic institutions and governance
4 structures to combat gang influence and violence.
- 5 B. Assisting in the meditation of disputes and conflicts among various stakeholders
6 within Haiti, including governmental entities and community leaders, to prevent gang
7 takeovers and related violence.
- 8 C. Offering humanitarian aid support to vulnerable populations affected by socio-
9 economic challenges and gang activities in Haiti.
- 10 D. Consistent with the War Powers Resolution, the Congress declares that this is
11 intended to constitute specific statutory authorization within the meaning of the War
12 Powers Resolution.
- 13 SECTION 2 Within 180 days of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall convene
14 representatives from Haiti and international partners to speak about the root causes of
15 instability and gang-related violence, and to foster cooperation in gang prevention
16 efforts.
- 17 SECTION 3 No later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the U.S. President shall
18 arrange a meeting with the President of Haiti. Additionally, it is the sense of Congress
19 that it would be beneficial for the President of Haiti to address a Joint Meeting of
20 Congress.
- 21 SECTION 4 This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.
- 22 SECTION 5 All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null or void.

Respectfully submitted, *Antonio Jackson and Jaden Toler, Wildwood High School*

206. A Bill to End the Penny

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

- 1 SECTION 1 The penny will no longer be produced by the United States minting presses and
2 withdrawn from circulation due to negative seigniorage.
- 3 SECTION 2 “Penny” refers to the standard one-cent coin. “Negative Seigniorage” means the cost of
4 producing a currency is lower than its value, resulting in a loss.
- 5 A. In all transactions, businesses will have the option to round up or round
6 down to the nearest five cents.
- 7 B. The penny will maintain its monetary value for a period of at least ten
8 years.
- 9 C. During this period, citizens can trade in their pennies for equivalent coinage or
10 currency with the Federal Reserve.
- 11 SECTION 3 The Department of the Treasury shall be responsible for the implementation of this bill.
- 12 A. The U.S. Mint will oversee printing presses and recycling centers to take in
13 material used in defunct pennies.
- 14 B. The Treasury will monitor and decide whether to extend the monetary value of
15 the penny past ten years.
- 16 SECTION 4 This legislation will take effect immediately with the reduction of penny manufacturing.
17 All production shall cease no later than 2026, and re-evaluation will take place no later
18 than fiscal year 2036.

Respectfully submitted,
Eslly Villeda, Wildwood High School

207. A Resolution to expand the Child Performer Protection Act across all U.S states.

- 1 WHEREAS, Currently, the Child Performer Protection Act is only regulated in California.
- 2 WHEREAS, Founded by the Bizparentz Foundation, The Child Performer Protection Act does two
3 things:
- 4 A. Makes it a crime for anyone with a previous sex offense to work with children in
5 the industry.
- 6 B. Requires all those who work as service providers to children in the entertainment
7 industry to obtain a permit from the Department of Labor. This includes all
8 managers, publicists, photographers, acting coaches, and more. To get a permit,
9 the service provider will need a LiveScan (FBI level) fingerprint clearance. This
10 print will be put into a database of workers that the parents have access to for
11 the purpose of researching the people who work with their children, and;
- 12 WHEREAS, Sex offenders, who continue to work in the entertainment business with children in
13 other U.S states, are overlooked because this act is only implemented in California, and;
- 14 WHEREAS, The sex offender's ability to work with children once again can turn into a repetitive cycle
15 of abuse, imprisonment, freedom from imprisonment, and then another round of abuse.
16 Now, therefore, be it
- 17 RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled the laws in the Child Performer Protection Act shall be
18 enforced in all U.S states.
- 19 FURTHER That with the enforcement of the laws, no other entertainment businesses shall be left
20 RESOLVED, uninformed of this act and its laws.

Respectfully submitted,
Dalia Duran-Perez, Wildwood High School

208. A Bill to Ban Removing Eligible Candidates from Ballots

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

- 1 SECTION 1 While it is not explicitly delineated in the Constitution, it is the spirit of the Constitution
2 that the American citizenry have the right to elect whoever they so choose. This
3 legislation would explicitly, and with force of law, prohibit several states from removing
4 eligible candidates from ballots.
- 5 SECTION 2 The states are, under no conditions, allowed to remove any candidates from ballots so
6 long as they have met the conditions explicitly outlined in the Constitution. These
7 conditions include status as a natural-born citizen, residency requirements, and age
8 requirements. This impacts presidential elections, Congressional elections, and the
9 election of state legislators.
- 10 SECTION 3 Implementation and enforcement of this legislation will be overseen by the Federal
11 Election Commission. The Federal Election Commission may work in cooperation with
12 other relevant departments, agencies, and state entities for relevant implementation
13 and enforcement of this legislation. If the Federal Election Commission determines a
14 violation of this legislation by a preponderance of the evidence, they are privileged to
15 enforce a special election revote.
- 16 SECTION 4 This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with this legislation
17 are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Gavin Miles, QI Roberts Senior High School

209. A Bill to Recognize the Independence of and Establish Relations with the Western Sahara

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

- 1 SECTION 1 This bill will officially recognize the independence and self-determination of the Western
2 Sahara as an independent nation from Morocco and establish appropriate relations with
3 the Western Sahara. The Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic is recognized as the
4 legitimate and sovereign government of the Western Sahara.
- 5 SECTION 2 The United States, with due permission, will establish an embassy in Western Sahara.
6 The United States will respect and recognize representation of the Western Sahara in
7 international organizations, including the United Nations.
- 8 SECTION 3 The United States will act as an arbitrator to the Moroccan-Western Saharan dispute,
9 with due permission from the Western Sahara. A peaceful resolution will be prioritized in
10 accordance with United Nations resolutions and international law. Official negotiations
11 will be commenced no later than January 1, 2025.
- 12 SECTION 4 The United States Department of State, in cooperation with relevant departments and
13 agencies, is tasked with the implementation and enforcement of this legislation.
14 This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage. All laws in conflict with this
15 SECTION 5 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Gavin Miles, QI Roberts Senior High School

210. A Bill to Withdraw from the Antarctic Treaty and Assert Antarctic Claims

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

- 1 SECTION 1 This legislation will officially withdraw the United States from the Antarctic Treaty and
2 outline the establishment of a territorial claim of the United States in Antarctica.
- 3 SECTION 2 Effective immediately upon passage of this legislation, the United States of America
4 completely, officially, and unconditionally withdraws from the Antarctic Treaty.
- 5 SECTION 3 Effective immediately upon passage of this legislation, the United States of America
6 claims as part of its sovereign territory the unclaimed Antarctic land between 15 8 °W
7 and 103 °24 'W. Effective immediately upon passage of this legislation, the United States'
8 citizenry and government may use this land for economic, trade, military, scientific, or
9 any other purpose permissible under American law.
- 10 SECTION 4 The United States Department of Interior and the United States Department of State will
11 be charged with implementation and enforcement of this legislation, in cooperation with
12 other relevant agencies and departments.
- 13 SECTION 5 This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage. All laws in conflict with this
14 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Gavin Miles, QI Roberts Senior High School

211. A Bill to Admit Puerto Rico to the Union as a State

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

1 SECTION 1 The territory of Puerto Rico has met all the prerequisites for statehood. This bill will begin
2 the process of Puerto Rico's ascension to statehood and allow it to be admitted to the
3 Union as a state with all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities thereof on January 1,
4 2030.

5 SECTION 2 Prior to official admission to the Union, the government of Puerto Rico must submit an
6 official state constitution in accordance with the United States Constitution. It must be
7 submitted promptly prior to January 1, 2030.

8 SECTION 3 For the period from the passage of this legislation until January 1, 2030, the president of
9 the United States will be tasked with taking necessary actions to transition the territory of
10 Puerto Rico into a state through executive legislation.

11 If an official state constitution is submitted by Puerto Rico and accepted by Congress
12 before January 1, 2030, Puerto Rico will be officially admitted to the Union as a state with

13 SECTION 4 all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities thereof on January 1, 2030. If a state
14 constitution is not submitted and accepted by January 1, 2030, Puerto Rico will be officially
15 admitted to the Union as a state with all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities thereof
16 whenever a state constitution is submitted and accepted thereafter.

17 The United States Department of Interior and the United States Department of State will
18 SECTION 5 be charged with implementation and enforcement of this legislation, in cooperation with
19 other relevant agencies and departments.

20 This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage. All laws in conflict with this

21 SECTION 6 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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Respectfully submitted,
Gavin Miles, QI Roberts Senior High School

212. A Bill to Re-Appropriate for and Complete the Cross-Florida Barge Canal Project

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

1 SECTION 1 This bill will rescind the environmental protection status bestowed upon the Marjorie
2 Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway, restart the Cross-Florida Barge Canal Project, and
3 appropriate funds for the completion of the project to reinvigorate the local economy,
4 create jobs. affirm national defense, save travel time, and reaffirm Florida as a local
5 shipping and transportation hub.

6 SECTION 2 From the federal infrastructure budget, \$50,000,000 USD will be allocated annually to
7 the Army Corps of Engineers and other relevant agencies and contractors for the
8 construction of the Cross-Florida Barge Canal Project. Funding will be reduced to
9 \$3,500,000 USD annually for maintenance and upkeep of the project once it is complete.

10 SECTION 3 The Environmental Protection Agency will work in cooperation with the Army
11 Corps of Engineers to ensure minimal environmental damage.

12 SECTION 4 Congress will be tasked with appropriating funds from the infrastructure budget in
13 agreement with this legislation. The United States Department of Interior, along with
14 other relevant agencies, will be tasked with enforcement of this legislation. The Army
15 Corps of Engineers will be tasked with the construction of the project.

16 SECTION 5 This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage. All laws in conflict with this
17 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Gavin Miles, QI Roberts Senior High School