#### Bruin Novice Congress Docket Round 1, Item #1

#### A Bill to Mandate that All Candidates for Public Office Release Their Income Tax Returns from the Previous Five Years

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 2 SECTION 1. In recent times, the American public has become increasingly aware of the
- 3 multitude of potential problems associated with elected officials paying lower
- 4 federal and/or state income taxes than the average citizen does annually. All
- 5 candidates running for public office must release their income tax returns from
- 6 the previous five years.
- 7 SECTION 2. Any state or federal elected public official will automatically be required to
- 8 publicly release their federal and state income tax returns for the previous five
- 9 years. Any local, county, or equivalent elected public official must release their
- 10 tax returns upon the request of any constituent.
- 11 SECTION 3. Enforcement of this bill will be overseen by the Internal Revenue System
- 12 through the Department of The Treasury.
- 13 SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2022.
- 14 SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

#### Bruin Novice Congress Docket Round 1, Item #2

# A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Lower the Legal Voting Age

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 2 RESOLVED, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following
- 3 article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United
- 4 States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the
- 5 Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the
- 6 several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the
- 7 Congress:
- 8 ARTICLE -
- 9 SECTION 1: This bill shall lower the age required to vote in any federal election to sixteen
- 10 years of age. Furthermore, no vote shall be denied or abridged by
- 11 the United States or by State on account of age. This bill shall take effect
- 12 on the first of July in the year of its passing.
- 13 SECTION 2: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
- 14 legislation.

### Bruin Novice Congress Docket Round 2, Item #1

#### A Resolution to Provide Universal Access to Pre-Kindergarten Education to Ensure the Academic Success of Students

1 WHEREAS, Pre-Kindergarten education has been proven to cause increases in

- 2 children's literacy and understanding of mathematics; and
- 3 WHEREAS, According to the American Public Health Association, upwards of 60% of

4 4-year-olds in the U.S. don't have access to Pre-Kindergarten; and

5 WHEREAS, Providing Pre-K to all students can afford each student the equal

6 opportunity to succeed academically and socially; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled make the following

8 recommendation to provide Universal Access to Pre-K Education.

#### Bruin Novice Congress Docket Round 2, Item #2

## A Resolution to Abolish Plea Bargaining to Increase Fairness in the Judicial System

1 WHEREAS, Approximately 97 percent of federal and 95 percent of state court cases

2 are resolved through plea deals rather than the accused exercising their

3 right to a jury trial; and

4 WHEREAS, American prosecutors are equipped with a vast array of tools they can

5 use to intimidate the accused, including charge-stacking, pretrial

6 detention with unaffordable bail, threats to investigate and indict friends

7 or family members, and the so-called trial penalty; and

8 WHEREAS, Coercive plea bargaining helps cover up an untold amount of

9 prosecutorial misconduct; and

10 WHEREAS, Blacks and Latinos were significantly more likely to be offered plea deals

11 that included time behind bars for misdemeanor drug offenses

12 WHEREAS, Black defendants were 19 percent more likely than whites to be offered

13 plea deals that included jail or prison time; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation that

15 plea bargaining no longer be allowed in the United States.

#### Bruin Novice Congress Docket Round 3, Item #1

#### A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to End Supreme Court Nominations During a Presidential Election Year

1 RESOLVED, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following

2 article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the

3 United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as

4 part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states

5 within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

6 ARTICLE --

7 SECTION 1:

8 A President ought not to be able to appoint a Supreme Court Justice during an election year.

9 The people of the United States of America ought to have a say in the nomination of

10 Supreme Court Justices. No nomination of a justice to the Supreme Court of the

11 United States shall occur during a Presidential Election year.

12 SECTION 2: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate

13 legislation.

#### Bruin Novice Congress Docket Round 3, Item #2

#### A Resolution to Intervene in Myanmar

1 WHEREAS, For three years, Myanmar's minority Rohingya have been fleeing the country to

2 surrounding countries; and

- 3 WHEREAS, The humanitarian crisis has kept the area in a constant state of instability; and
- 4 WHEREAS, The Myanmar government is directly responsibility for the crisis; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Children that have been displaced are vulnerable and run the risk of being
- 6 exploited, or trafficked; now, therefore, be it
- 7 RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled recommend that the United States

8 intervene militarily in the Myanmar Rohingya humanitarian crisis.