

### **A Resolution to Resolve the Tigray Conflict**

1       Whereas:       Ethiopia is currently engaged in a civil conflict in the Tigray region due  
2                       to power struggles between opposing political factions; and  
3       Whereas:       This ongoing conflict has destabilized the country and has caused  
4                       famine and the death of thousands; and  
5       Whereas:       Ethiopian citizens are precipitously fleeing the Tigray region inflicting a  
6                       massive economic toll on the war-torn nation; and  
7       Whereas:       The flood of refugees from Ethiopia is straining the region; now,  
8                       therefore, be it  
9       Therefore,       that the Congress here assembled remove the sanctions placed on  
10                      Ethiopia.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by American Heritage Schools, Palm Beach Campus*

## **The Employee Free Choice Act**

1      Be it enacted by this Student Congress here assembled that:

2      Section I:      The National Labor Relations Act will be amended to establish an  
3                              efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor  
4                              organizations, to provide for mandatory injunctions for unfair labor  
5                              practices during organizing efforts, and for other purposes.

6                              A. This will allow for any labor union that collects the signatures from a  
7                              majority of the workers at any given enterprise to be recognized without  
8                              the need for a separate vote.

9                              B. Employers and unions must enter collective bargaining agreements  
10                              within 120 days of Union recognition.

11     Section II:      A. A Labor Union will be defined as, an organized association of workers,  
12                              often in a trade or profession, formed to protect and further their rights  
13                              and interests.

14                              B. Collective Bargaining Agreement will be defined as, a written contract  
15                              negotiated through collective bargaining for the employees of a firm by  
16                              one or more trade unions.

17     Section III:      The National Labor Relations Board in conjunction with the U.S.  
18                              Department of labor shall oversee the enforcement of the bill.

19     Section IV:      This legislation will go into effect on January 1, 2023.

20     Section V:      All other laws in conflict with this new policy shall be null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cardinal Newman High School*

## **A Bill to Aid Afghanistan**

1      BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2      Section 1.      The United States shall send \$500 million in humanitarian aid to help the  
3                              people of Afghanistan.

4      Section 2.      Humanitarian aid shall be defined as food, medicine, water, and any  
5                              supplies deemed necessary to alleviate the crisis.

6      Section 3.      USAID will be responsible for the distribution and oversight of these  
7                              funds.

8      Section 4.      This bill will go into effect July 1, 2022.

9      Section 5.      All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dreyfoos School of the Arts*

## **A Bill to Implement a Universal Basic Income**

1      BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2      Section 1.      A cash payment of \$750 shall be made to every American citizen of at  
3                              least 18 years of age every 6 months.

4      Section 2.      The funds for the Universal Basic Income program will come from a  
5                              Value-Added Tax of 5%.

6      Section 3.      Every five years the amount of money given out will be revised to remain  
7                              proportional to economic inflation.

8      Section 4.      The United States Department of Health & Human Services will oversee  
9                              the implementation of this bill.

10     Section 5.      All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by FAU High School*

**A Bill to Require all Male United States Citizens to Enter the Armed Forces Upon  
Graduation for a Minimum of 2 Years**

1      Be it enacted by this Student Congress here assembled that:

2      Section I:      US Citizens will be required upon graduation to serve in the armed forces  
4                      for a minimum of 2 years. US Citizens who fail to comply will receive a  
5                      mandatory minimum five year prison sentence.

6      Section II:      US Citizen will be defined as anyone aged 18-19 that is physically able  
7                      bodied enough to serve. Armed Forces is defined as either the United  
8                      States Army, Marine Corps, Navy, or Air Force

9      Section III:      The United States Department of Defense will be responsible for the  
10                      enforcement of this bill.

11     Section IV:      This bill will become effective June 1st, 2022.

12     Section V:      All other laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be  
13                      declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by John I Leonard High School*

## **A Bill To Reform Troubled Teen Facilities**

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

2 Section I: The United States shall establish a federal requirement for reporting  
3 on and maintaining the safety and legality of troubled teen facilities.

4 Section 2: A) Troubled teen facilities shall be defined as any 24-hour congregate  
5 care facility that does not take consent into account when  
6 committing minors.

7 B) The federal requirement for reporting shall be defined as the  
8 Administration for Children and Families providing an annual  
9 report on levels of abuse, neglect, recidivism, spending,  
10 and legality of troubled teen facilities.

11 Section 3: A) The Administration for Children and Families will oversee this  
12 reform as well as report and maintain their safety and legality.

13 B) 300 million dollars will be allocated from this governmental  
14 agency to create a task force responsible for reform.

15 Section 4: This legislation shall be implemented on January 12, 2023.

16 Section 5: All other laws in conflict with this policy shall be null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Martin County High School*

## **The Lithium and Cobalt Importation Tariff Act (LCIT Act)**

1 Be it enacted by this Student Congress here assembled that:

2 Section I: Imports of Lithium and Cobalt shall have a tariff place upon these good at  
3 the rate of 10% of the goods' market value. The money shall be allocated  
4 towards road construction and highway maintenance.

5 Section II: A. Lithium and Cobalt shall be defined as key elements used in the  
6 production and construction of electric vehicles and their batteries

7 B. Market Value shall be defined as the value of importation costs

8 C. Construction and highway maintenance shall be defined as  
9 additional support towards the sustenance and longevity of public  
10 vehicular based infrastructure.

11 Section III: A. The Department of Transportation shall be in charge of (a)  
12 monitoring the number of gas-based vehicles versus electric-based  
13 vehicles and (b) effectively allocating resources toward crumbling roads  
14 and highways.

15 B. U.S. Customs and Border Protection shall oversee the  
16 implementation of tariffs.

17 Section IV: This legislation shall be implemented once the amount of electric vehicles  
18 supersedes the amount of gas-based vehicle being produced in the U.S.A.

19 Article V: All other laws in conflict with this new policy shall be null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Park Vista Community High School*

## **A Bill to Fund SAMHSA to Improve Mental Health Services**

1      Be it enacted by this Student Congress here assembled that:

2      Section I:      The United States will allocate an additional 200 million dollars to the  
3                              budget of The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration  
4                              (SAMHSA) to enhance our nation's quality of mental health services  
5                              and research. Allocated money will be dispersed to further research  
6                              on alike topics and enhance accessibility to provide sources relating  
7                              to mental health.

8      Section II:      A) Mental Health services include treatment programs and helplines  
9                              including both substance abuse matters and mental health crises.

10     Section III:      This bill will be enacted January 1st, 2023.

11     Section IV:      The United States Department of Health and Human Services will  
12                              oversee the implementation of this bill.

13     Section V:      All other laws in conflict with this new policy shall be null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Spanish River High School*



## **A Bill to Eliminate Farm Subsidies**

1      BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2      Section 1:      Farm subsidies shall be decreased in increments over the next five years  
3                              until they are completely eliminated.

4      Section 2:      a) Farm subsidies are defined as a government incentive paid to  
5                              agricultural organizations, influencing the cost and supply of commodities  
6                              including but not limited to: wheat, grain, cotton, milk, rice, peanuts,  
7                              sugar, tobacco, and meat.

8                              b) Increments are defined as 20% current levels each year.

9      Section 3:      The US Department of Agriculture will be responsible for the  
10                              implementation and enforcement of this legislation.

11     Section 4:      This bill shall be implemented at the beginning of fiscal year 2022.

12     Section 5:      All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Suncoast High School*

## **A Bill to Eliminate Barriers to Facilitate Adoption of Children by Same-Gender Couples**

1      *Be it enacted by the Student Congress here assembled that:*

2      Section 1      All state entities that receive Federal assistance and are involved with  
3                           adoption or foster care placements shall permit joint adoption by same-  
4                           gender couples and give them equal priority in adoption cases. Any public  
5                           child welfare agency receiving federal financial assistance will be  
6                           prohibited from discriminating against any potential foster or adoptive  
7                           family on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status.

8      Section 2      “Joint-adoption” refers to equal legal representation of both parents as the  
9                           guardian of the adopted child. “Equal priority” defines the prohibition of  
10                          heterosexual couples being given preferential treatment

11     Section 3      The Office of the Administration for Children and Families, a division of  
12                          the Department of Health and Human Services, will be responsible for  
13                          overseeing the implementation of this legislation. If a state fails to comply,  
14                          the Secretary of Health and Human Services may withhold payment to the  
15                          state, to the extent the Secretary deems the withholding necessary to  
16                          induce the state into compliance with this section.

17     Section 4      This law will go into action on January 1, 2023

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Wellington High School*

## **A Bill to Protect Against Censorship**

1. Be it enacted by this FFL Congressional Debate here assembled that:
2. Section I: The United States of America will allow freedom of uncensored content
3. among media and technology platforms.
4. Section II: Censorship refers to any public or private attempt to suppress or
5. prohibit any parts of books, films, news, etc. that are considered obscene
6. or politically unacceptable. An individual or organization may freely
7. post content that may carry ideas that are seen as taboo, controversial
8. and/or disheartening concepts without penalty if using it for informational,
9. educational, and/or expository purposes. Likewise, when posting content
10. they must not exploit or discriminate against anyone's existence and
11. rights, as well as, not promoting incitement and defamation of one's
12. character. Media is defined as communication outlets or tools used to store
13. and deliver information or data to an audience.
14. Section III: The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will carry out, regulate,
15. implement, and interpret these rules however; they see fit to make sure
16. there is no endangerment of any kind.
17. Section IV: This law is set to take effect Saturday, January 1, 2023.
18. Article V: All other laws in conflict with this new policy shall be null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by West Boca Raton Community High School*