Arizona NFL Qualifier Congressional Debate 2011

Docket of Legislation

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A Resolution to Get Rid of Smallpox

1. Whereas, smallpox has killed more humans than any other disease, and
2. Whereas, smallpox hasn’t been in nature since the 1970s, and
3. Whereas, a reemergence of this virus would cause another large amount of death, and
4. Whereas, this threat is only enhanced by trends of globalized travel, and
5. BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLE THAT
6. the United States Federal Government should destroy all remaining samples of
7. the smallpox virus, and
8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the US pressure any remaining international
9. actor in possession of the smallpox virus to do the same.

Respectfully Submitted by Brophy/Xavier College Prep
A Resolution to Promote Ethical Integrity in Medicine

Whereas, several states have passed the legalization of marijuana for medical use; and

Whereas, the current presidents administration has signed that it will no longer go after states that have legalized the use of medical marijuana; and

Whereas, marijuana is a recreational drug that is abused and used by many citizens of the United States; and

Whereas, There is no solid evidence that smoking marijuana creates any greater benefits than approved medications (including oral THC); and

Whereas, patients getting this aforementioned marijuana sell, or give, this marijuana to others;

Be it resolved by the student congress here assembled that it shall once more be illegal to dispense medical marijuana, and that doctors will no more be able to write a prescription for medical marijuana.

Submitted by Cactus High School
A Resolution to Decrease Obesity

Whereas, obesity is defined as a person having thirty or more points on the body mass index scale; and

Whereas, obesity is becoming an increasing problem in the United States; and

Whereas, obesity causes a wide range of detrimental effects on one's health; and

Whereas, it is congress' moral and civil obligation to enact laws to protect its constituents,

Be It Resolved, by the student congress here assembled that a reasonable regressive tax shall be placed upon persons determined to be obese and,

Be It Further Resolved, if persons under the age of eighteen that are determined to be obese then their wards shall be taxed at double the rate of the aforementioned tax.

Respectfully submitted by Cactus High School
A Resolution to Increase Funding to UNDEF

WHEREAS, the crisis in the Middle East has highlighted demands for democratization; and

WHEREAS, transitional democracies are at high risk for backslide towards authoritarian rule via corruption and abuses of power; and

WHEREAS, international support for democratic governments can set norms and apply pressure on newly elected leaders; and

WHEREAS, the United States must back up its claims of democracy promotion with concrete action; and

WHEREAS, grants from the UN Democracy Fund have reduced corruption and led to reforms for women’s rights abroad; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for increased funding to the UN Democracy Fund.

Introduced by Chandler High School
A Bill to Protect Privacy

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

2 SECTION 1. The Federal Trade Commission shall prescribe regulations regarding the
collection and use of information by advertisers obtained by tracking the
Internet activity of individuals.

3 SECTION 2. “Internet activity” includes information about online activity (the web
sites visited, date and time of access, location and means of access) and
personal information about the user (name, postal address, e-mail
address, and telephone number).

4 SECTION 3. The Federal Trade Commission will oversee enforcement of this bill.

5 A. Entities must disclose how they use personal information of users and
to whom such information is given.

6 B. Entities are prohibited from collecting and using information from
users who have opted out of such collection and use. Enforcement
shall be modeled after the Do-Not-Call Implementation Act of 2003.

7 SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect January 1, 2012.

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

9 Introduced by Chandler High School
A Bill to DREAM

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The US will give illegal immigrants another route to be permanent US residents while not only helping themselves but also this country.

SECTION 2. During the first six years, qualifying illegal immigrants would be granted "conditional" status and would be required to (a) graduate from a two-year community college, (b) complete at least two years towards a four-year degree or (c) serve two years in the U.S. military. After these six years, those who meet at least one of these three conditions would be eligible to apply for legal permanent resident status. During the conditional period, they would not be eligible for federal higher education grants but could still apply for student loans and work study.

SECTION 3. Terms of eligibility to be a beneficiary of this Bill:

A. Proof of arrival in the US before the age of 16.
B. Proof of residence in the US for at least five consecutive years since their date of arrival and compliance with Selective Service.
C. Be between the ages of 12 and 30 at the time of bill enactment.
D. Graduated from an American high school, obtained a GED, or have been admitted to an institution of higher education.
E. Be of good moral character.

SECTION 4. This bill is to be implemented immediately upon passage.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void including and specifically section 505 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act (IIRIRA) of 1996.

Introduced by Chandler Prep
A Resolution to Ban Capital Punishment in the United States

WHEREAS, The United States does not benefit economically through the usage of capital punishment; and

WHEREAS, It cannot be proven that Capital Punishment helps to deter crimes; and

WHEREAS, Capital Punishment targets those that are at an economic disadvantage; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that the United States should ban the usage of capital punishment.

Submitted by Desert Vista High School
A Resolution to Stop Crop Fumigation in Colombia

WHEREAS, The United States has spent millions of dollars fumigating agricultural land in Colombia with the intention of curbing the drug trade; and

WHEREAS, Crop fumigation has not been responsible for any decrease in the quantity of narcotics produced in Colombia; and

WHEREAS, Crop fumigation releases harmful chemicals that contribute to the destruction of Colombia’s environment and whose contents are poorly regulated by the United States; and

WHEREAS, Crop fumigation is independently responsible for toxic runoff that contaminates critical water resources throughout Colombia and the rest of South America; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled recommend the termination of all contracts that propagate crop fumigation in Colombia; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled recommend the appropriation of funding for alternatives to narcotics in Colombia

Introduced by Desert Vista High School
A Resolution to Let Anyone Run for Office

1. WHEREAS, partisanship is the number one problem in American politics; and

2. WHEREAS, bipartisan legislatures don’t pass bills successfully, and partisan legislatures pass bills that are unsatisfactory; and

3. WHEREAS, party politics are the cause of the hatred of the system; and

4. WHEREAS, independent and non-sponsored candidates rarely win an election, and never win the presidency; and

5. WHEREAS, removing these biases will open the gates for Americans who wish to directly contribute to our democracy; and

6. WHEREAS, the will of our constituents is paramount to the good of the American populous; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that all party affiliations will be repealed; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this house supports all independent and non-sponsored citizens who wish to run for office, and pledges to assist them as much as possible in running for office.

Introduced by Dobson High School
A Resolution to Bring Democracy to Egypt

WHEREAS, the 2011 Egyptian protests have been getting worse every day; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 300 people have died at the hands of this conflict so far; and

WHEREAS, the United States has yet to make a comprehensive and complete stance on the Egypt conflict; and

WHEREAS, the US is known for promoting democracy, and Egypt is the prime example of a nation in need of democracy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that the United States will not support Hosni Mubarak if he does not make steps toward free speech and fair democracy; and

be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the United States will prioritize the interests of Human Rights above that of more domestic interests.

Introduced by Dobson High School
A Bill to Reduce Congressional Salary

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Congressional salary is reduced by 50% for all House and Senate members.

SECTION 2. Congressional salary base line pay is currently $174,000 per year.

SECTION 3. A. This bill would be enacted by the federal government.

B. It would take place by a 50% decrease in funding by the federal government to congressional members.

SECTION 4. This law will take effect within six months of passage.

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

Introduced by Flagstaff High School.
**A Bill to Reform Education**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** Public education in the United States shall become socialized, adapting the Finnish model of public education. Public education will be administered from K-8th grade. Upon the completion of 8th grade, the PISA test will be administered and must be passed for a student to advance to “high school” preparing them for college. Failure to pass the PISA test will result in vocational education to prepare one for their career.

**SECTION 2.** The United States’ Department of Education will enforce this legislation and will pass on individual responsibility to each specific state to implement it a local level.

**SECTION 3.**

A. Grade advancement is not based on standardized test results, but now in the jurisdiction of the individual’s teacher and principal.

B. No Child Left Behind (NCLB) and Race to the Top shall be abolished as will yearly state required standardized tests as they are a part of NCLB

C. All funding shall be given from the Department of Education directly to states with all states/districts receiving appropriate funding.

**SECTION 4.** This law will take effect on July 31, 2014

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

*Introduced by, Mesquite High School*
A Resolution to Stop the Free Drugs

1. Whereas, the state is unfortunately funding drug use with welfare money currently, funds that could otherwise be delegated to those who need support for legitimate legal purposes; and,
4. Whereas, mandatory drug testing would deter the use of drugs; and,
5. Whereas, mandating drug testing would save valuable money, reducing both the national deficit and the amount of money annually spent on welfare;
7. therefore be it
8. Resolved by the Student Congress here assembled that:
9. Drug testing of welfare recipients is mandated.

Respectfully submitted by Mountain View High School
A Resolution to Open Cuba

1. Whereas, the Republic of Cuba has begun to show signs of democracy and willingness to

2. cooperate with the United States; and

3. Whereas, the economic structure of the country is increasingly free-enterprise based; and

4. Whereas, increasing trade and tourism to the country would improve the economic situation

5. for both the United States and Cuba; and

6. Whereas, a focus on human rights would be impractical in a country with a poor economy;

7. and

8. Whereas, other democratic nations such as Spain and Canada, are robust trade partners with

9. Cuba; and

10. Whereas, Cuba no longer provides a security threat to the United States; therefore,

11. RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled, that the United States opens trade and

12. tourism to the Republic of Cuba.

Respectfully submitted by Mountain View High School
A Bill for our Value Menu

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The national standard for actual ground beef or beef by-products in taco meat shall heretofore be set at a minimum of 5%.

SECTION 2. Minimum shall be defined as the least amount allowed. Beef by-products include bone meal, blood, or other “left over” products of beef processing.

SECTION 3. The minimum requirement for beef in taco meat shall be lowered per the following:

A. This bill is directed at the Federal Department of Agriculture under the U.S Food and Drug Administration requirements and regulations.

B. The current requirement shall be lowered to dictate that taco meat sold in vendors included for regulation under the FDA shall be made of a minimum of 5% beef or beef by-products.

SECTION 4. The new requirement shall be in effect at the signing of this bill by the President of the United States.

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

Proudly Introduced by Red Mountain High School
A BILL REGARDING BOTTLED WATER

WHEREAS, Bottled water, from PepsiCo alone, consumes 17 million barrels of oil each year; and

WHEREAS, due to purification processes, 3 gallons of water is used to produce one gallon of bottled water, 4 gallons are used to produce 1 gallon of distilled water; and

WHEREAS, Bottling water produces more than 2.5 million tons of Carbon Dioxide; and

WHEREAS, Most bottled water comes from the same source as tap water; and

WHEREAS, For the average consumer, bottled water cost more than tap water; and

WHEREAS, Bottled water contains traces of sodium, which increase chances for heart related illness, does not contain fluoride, a substance required to maintain proper tooth health; and

WHEREAS, Tap water contains fluoride, which help improve your teeth, and comes, in whole, from underground sources; and

WHEREAS, Single-serving bottled water costs up to 4,000 times as much as tap; and

WHEREAS, Americans alone drink 3.4 billion gallons of water yearly, as opposed to drinking from the tap, Americans could save tens of billions of dollars a year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BAN ALL PRODUCTION OF BOTTLED WATER.

Introduced by River Valley High School
A Resolution to Save Sudan

1. WHEREAS the African nation of Sudan recently decided to split into two separate states; and

2. WHEREAS such a separation will result in instability in South Sudan until a new government can fully take power; and

3. WHEREAS an educated populace is necessary to achieve a fair and democratic society; and

4. WHEREAS the Sudanese educational system is currently ineffective and underfunded; and

5. WHEREAS the United States has a reputation as a world hegemony; and

6. WHEREAS this hegemony role comes with a responsibility to help those in nations unable to support themselves; therefore

9. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED that the United States provides aid to the Sudanese government for the purpose of increasing educational opportunities for their citizens.

Respectfully Submitted by Shadow Mountain High School
A Bill to Reduce Pay for Members of Congress

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. For legislative year 2011, members of Congress will be paid $174,000.

SECTION 2. Given the current state of the US economy, this country’s leaders should lead by example and implement a 10% across the board cut in pay for all members of the House of Representatives and Senate.

SECTION 3. This law shall take effect with the first pay period of the 2012 US Fiscal Year (October 1, 2011), and is permanent thus setting the base salary starting FY 2012 at $156,600. All subsequent salary actions will be based of this amount.

SECTION 4. The Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increase for Fiscal Year 2012 is set to 0%.

Introduced by Tempe Preparatory Academy.
A Resolution to Reform Gun Laws

Whereas; presently the United States possesses some of the highest gun-related violent crime rates in the world; and,

Whereas; firearms lethal capabilities are exploited for malicious purposes such as murder, attempted murder, etc, on a daily basis by mentally ill individuals who suffer from psychotic disorders, and,

Whereas; many of these crimes are preventable instances of illegality caused by a failure of the mental health system to identify these individuals and provide them with appropriate treatment; and,

Whereas; the right to bear arms remains a fundamental right given to the American people; and,

Whereas; it is assumed that these weapons are not being purchased with mal intent;

Be It Resolved That; a mandatory psychiatric evaluation testing for psychotic disorders is administered to all persons in the United States attempting to purchase any form of fire arm in order to prevent violent crimes from occurring at the hands of mentally ill individuals.

Respectfully submitted by Veritas Preparatory Academy