

Convent of the Sacred Heart

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*** FINAL BILL PACKET ***

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Please watch the GRAND TOURNAMENT Bill Deadline – Jan 30.

The Grand Tournament Packet will be finalized on Wed, Feb 1.

One BILL Submission only – SuperSession Bills will be Sponsorship only selected by blind draw from Bills Submitted for the season.

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A Bill to Implement Tax Reform

1. **BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**
2. **SECTION 1.** All exemptions excluding those for local and state taxes shall be
3. removed from the Tax Code of the United States.
4. **SECTION 2.** Income tax rates for individuals will be as follows:
5. **A.** 3% for taxable income below 20,000
6. **B.** 15% for taxable income between 20,001 to 75,000
7. **C.** 22% for taxable income between 75,001 to 250,000
8. **E.** 28% for taxable income above 250,001 with a 1% millionaire's
9. tax.
10. **F.** AMT will be abolished.
11. **G.** For families the dollar threshold will be doubled for all the
12. families' income under 150,000.
13. **H.** All dollar amounts will be indexed by Inflation.
14. **SECTION 3.** The Capital Gains rate shall increase 5% for all amounts.
15. **SECTION 4.** The Corporate Tax Rate shall be 10% for profit below 85,000 and
16. 25% for profit above 85,001.
17. **SECTION 5.** This law will take effect on January 1st, 2013 for all taxes that year.
18. **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
19. and void.

Introduced by Iona Preparatory School

A Bill to Alter US Strategy in Afghanistan

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Government shall no longer recognize the legitimacy of
3 the current Government of Afghanistan under the leadership of Hamid
4 Karzai, and will support the writing of a new Afghan Constitution, and the
5 formation of a new government, by a constitutional convention consisting
6 of representatives from all thirty-four Afghan Provinces

7 **SECTION 2.** The United States shall offer a six month ceasefire to the Afghani Taliban
8 on the sole condition that they agree to peace talks to be held in Bern,
9 Switzerland and moderated by officials from the United Nations

10 **SECTION 3. A.** In these talks, the United States will demand, amongst other things,
11 that the Taliban demilitarize, and allow NATO forces to continue hunting
12 agents of Al Qaeda within Afghanistan unobstructed. The United States
13 shall make no demand that conflicts with the cultural or religious beliefs
14 of the Afghan people, including Pashtuns and Afghani Hindis.

15 **B.** If the Taliban and United States come to an agreement, the US
16 government will officially recognize the Taliban as a legitimate Afghan
17 political party, not a terrorist group

18 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect at midnight on January 1st, 2012.

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

Introduced by.

Pleasantville High School (NY)

A BILL TO REGULATE GOVERNMENT OUTSOURCING TO PRIVATE CONTRACTORS

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Justice shall be forbidden to outsource courtroom security or
3 prison management to private contractors.

4 **SECTION 2.** Unless a federal state of emergency is declared, all federal contracts shall be
5 awarded through an open-bidding system

6 **SECTION 3.** All federal contracts must come directly under the supervision of their employing
7 federal government agency; a private entity shall not be hired to oversee federal contracts.

8 **SECTION 4.** Federal contractors must first seek the approval of their supervising agencies before
9 hiring sub-contractors.

10 **SECTION 5.** Federal contractors must provide data to their supervising agencies that indicate
11 their own expenses and cost estimates as well as those of any hired sub-contractors.

12 **SECTION 6.** All unclassified and declassified federal contract spending data shall be made public
13 on <http://www.USASpending.gov>

14 **SECTION 7.** The above provisions will take effect in the 2013 Fiscal Year.

15 **SECTION 8.** All laws in noncompliance shall be declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Regis High School

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Amendment to Ban Capital Punishment

1 **Article 1.** The Constitution of the United States is hereby amended as follows:

2 Capital punishment is hereby banned in all states in the Union as well as in
3 all territories, military bases, and ships controlled by the United States of
4 America.

5 **Article 2.** All death sentences are hereby commuted to life in prison without
6 parole.

Respectfully Submitted,

Xavier High School

A Bill to Levy Effective Sanctions on Syrian Petroleum

1 **WHEREAS**, government crackdown on Syrian protesters and civilians has become
2 extraordinarily violent,

3 **WHEREAS**, the sanctions levied by the United States and her allies have done little to
4 deter Assad's forces, as the United States is not a major trading partner with Syria,

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

6 **Section 1:** Directs the President to impose sanctions on a person who knowingly makes
7 investments in, sales of, or purchases of Syrian petroleum products and resources, or
8 provides goods, services, technology, information, or support to the Syrian government
9 that could support Syria's production of petroleum products.

10 **Section 2:** Defines sanctions to include prohibitions on bank assistance and transactions,
11 loans, financial services, financial institutions, foreign exchange, property transactions,
12 and export and import restrictions from United States' institutions.

13 **Section 3:** Sanctions may be removed if the President certifies to Congress that the
14 person in question has taken specific and effective actions to terminate involvement in
15 sanctionable activities.

16 **Section 4:** Terminates the requirement to impose sanctions after the President certifies to
17 Congress that the government of Syria is democratically elected and representative of the
18 people of Syria, and Syria has ceased support for international terrorist groups.

19 **Section 5:** This law will take effect immediately after passage.

20 **Section 6:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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24 Respectfully Submitted,
25 *Pelham Memorial High School*

A Resolution for a Puerto Rican Plebiscite

- 1 **WHEREAS**, The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico has been a US territory for many years;
- 2 **WHEREAS**, The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico has had little voice in federal matters;
- 3 **WHEREAS**, The almost four million American citizens of The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
- 4 have a right to decide their political status;
- 5 **LET IT BE RESOLVED**, That every four years The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico will hold
- 6 a Plebiscite in which the Population of Puerto Rico shall vote between; Statehood, Status quo,
- 7 and Independence until Puerto Rico is no longer a territory.
- 8 **LET IT HERE BE RESOLVED**, That the Congress of the United States of America shall
- 9 grant Puerto Rico the status determined by the plebiscite.

Respectably Submitted,

Christina Paolicelli

Convent of the Sacred Heart CT

A Resolution to Abolish the Debt Ceiling

1. **WHEREAS**, The Debt Ceiling causes periods of uncertainty for the United States
2. government and economy,
3. **WHEREAS**, Raising the Debt Ceiling wastes time and increases partisan divide,
4. **WHEREAS**, the Debt Ceiling is redundant, therefore,
5. **LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the Debt Ceiling shall be abolished and Congress shall be
6. able to borrow money unrestrained, and
7. **LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all laws in conflict with this piece of
8. legislation are declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fordham Preparatory School

A Resolution to Refocus the War on Drugs

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the War On Drugs in Mexico has pushed the drug trade farther south; and
2 **WHEREAS**, the drug problem throughout Latin America is escalating; and
3 **WHEREAS**, this is causing political and economic turmoil throughout the region; now,
4 therefore, be it
5 **RESOLVED**, by the Congress here assembled that funds shall be reallocated from the
6 Merida Initiative to the Central American Regional Security Initiative.

Introduced by Taylor Rose, Loyola School NYC

SUPER SESSION

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE UNIVERSAL EDUCATION VOUCHERS

1 **WHEREAS**, Access to a quality education in low-income urban areas remains scarce; and

2 **WHEREAS**, The quality of K-12 education greatly affects college admission and job
3 opportunities; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Universal education vouchers can make a greater number and variety of schools
5 (public and private) available to students; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Schools that face choice-based incentives must compete against each other by
7 hiring better teachers and improving resources available to students; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Integration within schools, both in terms of race and socio-economic background,
9 would be revitalized and, in turn, foster a greater understanding among the groups; now,
10 therefore

11 **BE IT RESOLVED**, The United States should provide federal monetary assistance to major urban
12 areas with the directive to implement an educational voucher program that would be accepted
13 in public and private schools alike by September 1, 2013.

14 **FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, All laws in noncompliance should be declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Regis High School

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A Constitutional Amendment to Guarantee Voting Rights for Convicted Felons

1 **Section 1.** The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by
2 the United States or by any State on account of a past criminal record, excepting that such
3 persons shall be deemed ineligible to vote during their period of incarceration.

4 **Section 2.** Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Xavier High School

The Palestinian Sovereignty Act

1. **WHEREAS**, Palestine has a proper and just claim to sovereignty and statehood,
2. **WHEREAS**, the United State's support of a two-state solution is vital to solving the
3. Israel-Palestinian conflict,
4. **LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the United States shall recognize Palestine as a full and
5. legal state within 30 days of such recognition by the United Nations and United Nations
6. General Assembly, and
7. **LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all laws in conflict with this piece of
8. legislation or that prevent the recognition of Palestinian statehood are declared null and
9. void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fordham Preparatory School

A Bill to Foster American Innovation

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A National Innovation Bank shall be created to provide loans to companies that have a high potential for job creation.

SECTION 2. High potential for job creation shall be defined as the potential to create more than 150 jobs within five years of start-up.

SECTION 3. A. This bill shall be overseen by the Department of Labor.

B. Any business found to be fabricating job creation shall be charged with a \$20,000 punitive fee.

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 Loyola School