

**A Resolution to Establish a Cyber Security Protocol to
Retaliate Against Cyber Attacks**

1 **WHEREAS,** The United States is bombarded by numerous hacking and foreign
2 affiliates continually seeking to steal government and corporate secrets;
3 and

4 **WHEREAS,** These attacks directly affect the stability and efficiency of both
5 government agencies and organizations, causing potential calamities; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Cyber-attacks can provide economic advantages for the perpetrators,
7 impede national security, and gain access to energy facilities; now,

8 **WHEREAS,** The director of national intelligence, James Clapper, says that Cyber-
9 attacks are the No.1 threat to national security
10 therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation
12 for solution to implement a Cyber Security protocol; and, be it

13 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That retaliating against the perpetrator can be used as not only a
14 deterrence but also for the gathering of intelligence.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Battle Ground Academy.

A Bill to Ban Colleges from Increasing Tuition at a Rate Higher Than Inflation

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All colleges that benefit from federal funding are not allowed to increase
3 tuition at a rate higher than that of the current inflation rate.

4 A. If a college's tuition increase for the upcoming school year is not
5 equal to or less than the inflation rate, the college will be denied
6 federal funding that academic year.

7 B. If a college's tuition that has violated Section 1.A returns to standard
8 (hereby defined as in line with the inflation rate) for the next
9 academic year, federal funding will be restored.

10 **SECTION 2.** Federal funding is hereby defined as any monetary contributions made by
11 the government to private or public college institutions, including federal
12 student aid.

13 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of Education will be responsible for tracking college
14 tuition increase rates alongside the inflation rate of the country's
15 economy.

16 A. The inflation rate used as a standard for each year will be the one
17 released at the end of the third fiscal quarter of that year.

18 **SECTION 4.** Implementation of the program will begin August 2014, with the start of
19 the 2014 school year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by St. Cecilia Academy.

A Bill to Legalize Stem Cell Therapy in the U.S.

1 **SECTION 1.** At the moment stem cell research is illegal in the states of Arizona, Florida,
2 Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Montana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New
3 Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota,
4 Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia. Wyoming and

5 **SECTION 2.** The Stem Cell Therapy would include injecting health matching stem cells from a
6 donor to replace the damaged cells in a patient and

7 **SECTION 3.** Stem Cell Therapy would be legalized for the purpose to help treat Thirty-two
8 known conditions such as: Alzheimer, Parkinson, Leukemia, Anemia, Lymphomas, Bone
9 Marrow Cancer, Hunter's Syndrome and to create replacement organs; now therefore, be it

10 **SECTION 5.** By the Congress assembled here that Stem Cell Therapy be legalized in The
11 United States and this resolution will go into effect next calendar year, 2014.
12 All laws hereby in conflict with this resolution are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Ravenwood High School

A Bill to Protect the Freedoms of Individuals as Internet and Social Network Users

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Privacy protection shall be strengthened to prevent the capitalization of
3 Internet users' personal information.

4 **SECTION 2.** The terms in this bill are defined as:

5 **A.** Privacy protection – the prohibition of commercial or unauthorized use
6 of private information by Internet companies and social networking
7 sites.

8 **B.** Social network – a web-based service that allows individuals to
9 construct a public or semi-public profile, articulate a list of other users
10 with whom they share a connection, and view other lists of connections
11 made by others in the system.

12 **SECTION 3.** The enforcement of this law will be overseen by the Federal Communications
13 Commission and the Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Consumer
14 Protection.

15 **A.** It is the job of the Federal Communications Commission to strengthen the
16 defense of the nation's communications infrastructure.

17 **B.** The Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Consumer Protection
18 enhances consumer confidence by enforcing federal laws that protect
19 consumers.

20 **C.** A violation of this law will result in a substantial monetary fine.

21 **D.** The amount of the fine will be determined by the previous record of the
22 offender and the gravity of the violation.

23 **SECTION 4.** This law shall be implemented within one year of passage.

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

Introduced by White House High School

**A Bill to Restructure Government Grants to
Promote Cooperative Medical Research**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The process by which the government awards research grants in the
3 medical field will be restructured to encourage cooperation between
4 researchers rather than competition, so as to make better progress in
5 research and new developments.

6 **SECTION 2.** Cooperation between researchers is hereby defined as the sharing of
7 research gathered in a specific field without an emphasis on publishing
8 independently to allow for a shared knowledge database.

9 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will be responsible
10 for the restructuring of the distribution, and ensuring in the future that
11 distribution is completed in a fair manner.

12 A. Non-discretionary grants awarded by state and federal government
13 will not be affected.

14 B. Discretionary grants, rather than being applied for on a competitive
15 basis, will be assessed in terms of merit of the whole endeavor, and
16 practical success of research rather than theoretical.

17 C. Grants per area of medical research will be divided amongst
18 individuals or groups applying for grants, and a higher percentage can
19 only be obtained through collaboration of individuals or groups on
20 research initiatives.

21 **SECTION 4.** The bill will be implemented at the beginning of the next fiscal year,
22 October 1st, 2013.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by St. Cecilia Academy.

A Bill to Abolish the Use of Affirmative Action in Education

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The usage of affirmative action in admission and financial aid decisions at
3 any public educational establishment shall be hereby banned.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. Affirmative action is a policy or a program that seeks to redress past
5 discrimination through active measures to ensure equal opportunity, as
6 in education and employment.

7 B. This legislation excludes scholarship associations centered around
8 awards for heritage.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall oversee this legislation.

10 A. If a private college or university is found in violation, they will be fined
11 100,000 dollars which is to be raised by 10,000 for every infraction.

12 B. This will not affect private universities/colleges.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented August 31st, 2013.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dickson County High School

Bill to Replace Sales Tax with Progressive Income Tax

BE IT HEREBY ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **Section 1.** The United States shall end all value added taxes and
2. replace it with a progressive income tax.
3. **Section 2.** Progressive income tax is defined by a tax rate based on
4. income of each person.
5. **Section 3.** The Internal Revenue Service shall be responsible for the
6. implementation of this bill.
7. **Section 4.** This bill shall take effect after one month upon passage.
8. **Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null
9. and void.

Submitted by Morristown West

A Bill to Have Armed Security Guards in Public Schools.

1. Be it enacted by the student congress here assembled that armed security guards
2. should be placed in public schools.
3. Retired, and or, currently employed veterans of the Military or Police
4. Departments should be selected by a small committee, and placed in public
5. schools for the safety of students and faculty members.
6. These armed guards will only require training for school security circumstances,
7. as they have already been trained by professionals in combat skills, thus reducing
8. the amount of money required to carry out this Bill.
9. Any funding required for this process will be added to service taxes.
10. The federal education department will oversee the carrying out of this Bill.
11. This Bill will be implemented in all public schools, nationwide, by the end of
12. 2014, as the training required will be a month-long course, having multiple
13. sessions.

Submitted by Collierville HS

A Bill to Reform Congressional Pay Raises to Reflect Performance

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The method of congressional pay raises shall be reformed to require specific
3 benchmarks to be reached in order to reflect performance in office.

4 **SECTION 2.** The terms in this bill are defined as:

5 **A.** Congressional performance shall be determined by the increase or decrease in
6 gross domestic product (GDP), the increase or decrease in unemployment rate,
7 the collection of public opinion through a vote, and participation in
8 legislative processes.

9 **B.** GDP shall be defined as the market value of all final goods and services of a
10 country.

11 **C.** The unemployment rate shall be defined as the percentage of the labor force
12 that is currently unemployed but actively seeking employment.

13 **D.** Participation in legislative processes shall be defined as the ratio of votes to
14 passes on congressional legislation.

15 **SECTION 3.** The agency providing oversight shall be the Congress of the United States in
16 conjunction with the Department of the Treasury.

17 **A.** Violation of this law shall result in the dismissal of any advocated pay, including
18 any raises, brought forth during the time frame the aforementioned violation
19 occurred.

20 **B.** A pay raise shall be granted when 3 out of the following requirements are met:
21 the unemployment rate is lower than 6 percent when averaged yearly, the GDP
22 growth is greater than 3 percent within the fiscal year, a vote by citizens in favor
23 of the performance of Congress held on a biennial basis, and participation in at
24 least eighty percent of all congressional votes within a session.

25 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented at the start of the upcoming congressional term.

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

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A Bill to Reform Copyright Law

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. The use of data bought and owned by a person shall not be restricted

3 under the law.

4 **B.** No law shall restrict the manipulation, unlocking, reverse-engineering,

5 or otherwise tampering with devices outside of a contract.

6 **C.** With this bill's enactment, the new term of copyright shall be the

7 duration of the author's life plus 10 years under an heir to the copyright.

8 **D.** In cases under Subsection 1C where multiple contributors exist, one

9 contributor shall be named as the main author for the copyright duration to

10 be based off of. The other contributors may register as co-authors, but

11 their lifespans will not be the basis of the copyright term.

12 **E.** No person shall be prosecuted for private use of copyrighted

13 information that they lawfully have access to.

14 **F.** Section 1201 of the Digital Millennium Copyright act preventing the

15 breaking of digital "locks" shall be repealed.

16 **G.** It is declared that there shall be no exceptions to the entrance of public

17 domain of any type of media.

18 **H.** All non-confidential government-funded research shall be made

19 publicly and freely available 1 year after its date of publishing under the

20 public domain.

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22 **SECTION 2.** "Data" is defined for the use of this law as any information, whether

23 written, spoken, drawn, recorded, animated, or otherwise. "Contributor" is

24 defined as any person who is fully or partially credited with the creation of

25 an art or work. "Private Use" includes downloading, editing, copying, or
26 any other similar action so long as no copies or edits are distributed to
27 anyone outside the immediate family of the user.

28 **SECTION 3. A.** The Library of Congress shall be responsible for the enactment of these
29 reforms put forth.

30 **B.** The failure of the Library of Congress to enact the terms set forth here
31 shall result in the transference of these powers to another US government
32 agency to be determined at that time.

33 **C.** Any attempt by an individual or company to restrict the freedoms put
34 forth in this document without the expressed consent of the user shall
35 result in a fine of \$100,000 or 10 times the market value of the data,
36 whichever is greater, to be paid to the Treasury.

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

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

Introduced by Ravenwood High School

A Bill to Mandate the Usage of Electronic Textbooks in Public Schools

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Congress should enact a law mandating each state's
3 Department of Education to provide electronic textbooks as opposed to
4 printed textbooks in all public schools

5 **SECTION 2.** The electronic textbook is a paperless, updateable electronic device,
6 capable of storing large amounts of information in a compact and more
7 cost efficient manner.

8 **SECTION 3.** Each state's Department of Education will purchase or provide funding
9 for electronic textbooks to all public schools in the state.

10 A. The devices will be provided to students similarly to the current
11 lending system of printed textbooks.

12 B. Parents or guardians of the student will be able to purchase the
13 device from the school district at a wholesale price.

14 C. Only one device per student may be purchased from the school
15 district.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect in the 2015-2016 school year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Brentwood High School

A Bill to Award Advanced Placement Credit in Speech for Forensics Participation

1 **Article I:** The United States Department of Education will recognize participation in
2 Forensics as Advanced Placement credit for Speech in College.

3 **Article II:** A. Students participating in at least two (2) years of forensics competition will be
4 awarded Advanced Placement credit based upon tournament success.

5 B. The AP assessment score will be based upon NFL points and/or tournament
6 participation and finals placement. This will be determined by a sub-committee
7 within the Department of Education within one (1) year of passage of the bill.

8 **Article III:** The provisions of this bill shall take effect immediately upon passage and
9 implementation of the AP score assessment.

10 **Article IV:** The Department of Education of the United States and local educational systems
11 shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

12 **Article V:** All laws or portions of laws in conflict with this bill shall be null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Phipps
Science Hill High School

A Bill to Enforce the Healthy Sleep Initiative

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All public high schools in the United States will start school at a later
3 time.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Healthy Sleep Initiative is a resolution passed by the Washington
5 PTA that promotes more sleep time for students.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Healthy Sleep Initiative will be enforced by the following:

7 **A.** The National Sleep Foundation will be in control of all actions
8 promoted towards passing this legislation.

9 **B.** The organization would work to change the time schools start from 7
10 am to later than 8 am.

11 **C.** Once ratified, school districts across the nation would be in charge of
12 changing and choosing a suitable time to fit the requirements of the new
13 legislation. Individual high schools would then be responsible of
14 informing students, families, and enforcing the new bill.

15 **D.** To discourage any traffic, elementary and middle schools will start at
16 an earlier time than the high schools.

17 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect beginning the next school year (August 2013).

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

19 *Introduced by Collierville High School*

A Resolution to Require All Students Enrolled in a Public High School to Take a Life Preparatory Class in Order to Graduate

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Current high school classes do not provide students with the needed
2 knowledge of life after graduation; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Many students graduate not understanding the basic essentials of being an
4 adult such as, but not limited to, how to properly conduct a college search,
5 how to prepare a resume, how to take out a loan, and what to look for
6 when renting or buying a home; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Many students in today's society are not taught these important skills by
8 their parents or respective guardians; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** A life preparatory class would further students' knowledge of the world
10 they live in and how to survive in it; now, therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled make the following
12 recommendation to make a life preparatory class mandatory for all
13 students enrolled in a public high school within the United States of
14 America to graduate.

Introduced by Rossview High School

A Bill to Lower the Drinking Age to 18 for Active Military

1 **Article I:** The United States government will lower the drinking age from twenty-one (21)
2 to eighteen (18) for active military men and women.

3 **Article II:** A. The United States government will provide active military under 21 with
4 identification cards showing their military status until they reach the age of 21.

5 B. Servicemen and women who choose to participate in this freedom will
6 undergo a study of past and current habits (i.e. Addictive personalities, etc.).

7 C. This bill applies only to active servicemen and women and does not include
8 reserve unless they are called into active service.

9 D. This bill will be implemented nationwide.

10 **Article III:** Responsibility for the actions of each person who takes part in this freedom will
11 be put on the individual.

12 **Article IV:** Punishment for the abuse of this freedom will be as follows:

13 A. First offense: Punishment decided by immediate superior.

14 B. Second offense: Fine of \$2,500.

15 C. Third offense: Dishonorable discharge.

16 **Article V:** The provisions of this bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

17 **Article VI:** All laws or portions in conflict with this bill shall be null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Phipps
Science Hill High School

A Bill to Mandate Paid Maternal Leave

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All employers must provide paid maternity leave to all women
3 employees.

4 **SECTION 2.** Maternity leave being defined as a period between 15 and 24 weeks in
5 which a mother takes time off work to care for her newborn or adopted
6 child.

7 **SECTION 3.** This law will be enforced by the Department of Labor.

8 A. A woman should receive 75-100% of her regular salary while she is on
9 maternity leave.

10 B. If the woman receives minimum wage, she will receive her full salary
11 while on maternity leave.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill should be implemented for the next fiscal year.

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

Bill to Abolish the Production of the Penny From the U.S. Mint

1. Let it be enacted by this student congress that the
2. production of the penny is an economic waste to the United
3. States of America and to the United States Mint and that
4. we should abolish the production of the penny and round
5. up to numerical amounts of five and ten. This should be
6. enacted on January 1, 2014.

Submitted by Collierville High School

A Bill to Raise Taxes on Tobacco Products

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Taxes on Tobacco Products will be instated at 25% of the product's price
3 at the federal level.

4 **SECTION 2.** Tobacco products are any products made for consumption, made from
5 the tobacco plant, and all paraphernalia, including, but not limited to,
6 pipes, cigarettes, cigars, and chewing tobacco.

7 **A.** Lighters for such products will not be taxed further because of their
8 use for other purposes.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Revenue will enforce this taxation.

10 **A.** 50% of this revenue will be used for cancer research and regulated by
11 the Department of Revenue.

12 **B.** The other 50% will be placed toward the U.S. National Debt.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect June 1st, 2013.

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

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17 Introduced by Dickson County High School

A Resolution to Reform the System of Water Subsidies in the U.S.

1. **WHEREAS,** The leading cause of water waste is cheap or free water; and
2. **WHEREAS,** Current rate of water use (commercial, residential, and agricultural) is
3. rapidly depleting aquifers and other main sources of freshwater at a rate
4. faster than natural processes can renew them; and
5. **WHEREAS,** Reforming subsidies would increase the role of natural economic factors;
6. And
7. **WHEREAS,** This would increase efficiency, management, and innovation in the use of
8. water; now, therefore, be it
9. **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation
10. to eliminate water subsidies and privatize water usage in the U.S.

Introduced by Brentwood High School

Population Control Bill

1. Whereas, of the 2011 census, there are nearly 313 million people abiding in the United States of America.
2. Whereas this growing population, in addition to the declining economy, is causing jobs to be more scarce.
3. Whereas, the demand for volunteer soldiers to protect this country in the darkest of times and to spread freedom about the world is growing, more soldiers are needed.
4. The Selective Service Act, which has been in use since 1917, has been used in many wars to fulfill the needs of the United States military.
5. Whereas, when a woman births a child, the child is born as a United States citizen.
6. Resolved by the Student Congress, all children born now belong to the government for use as soldiers. They can be bought back for a fee that varies depending on the sex and physical condition of the child. if the parents cannot or do not wish to buy this child back, the child will be put into specialized training until the time when the child turns 18 years of age. The child shall then be drafted into the military and have his United States citizenship expunged.
7. The population of the United States of America will then decrease due to the citizenship of the child being expunged, and the number of soldiers in our military will greatly be increased.

8. With consent by the Department of Security and the Secretary of State and Secretary of Defense, with an overall judgment by the Commander in Chief of the United States of America, children born after the passing of this law will be possessed by the government of the United States, until the child is purchased by the parents or legal guardians of the child and all laws in conflict with this be declared null & void.

Respectfully submitted Connor Ginn Arlington High School