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CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE
INFORMATION & LEGISLATION PACKET
September 4, 2010

Dear Coaches and Legislators,

I am excited to have another opportunity to serve as your Wake Forest Earlybird Director of Congress. I will be assisted this year by the 2007 NFL National Championship Presiding Officer of the House Herschel Patel, who will serve as Clerk of Congress. I am also pleased to be assisted by the 2008 NFL National Championship Presiding Officer of the House Zach Cobb and the 5th place finisher at the 2006 CFL Grand Nationals, Lee Storrow. This packet contains all of the information you will need to prepare for competition.

On Friday and Saturday, Student Congress will be held at North Forsyth HS with the other IE events. I will be available there in the MEDIA CENTER to answer any questions or concerns. The Super Congress on Sunday will be held at Wake Forest University. The tab room at that site will be in the BENSON CENTER.

I wish you the best of luck with your preparations and safe travel to Winston-Salem.

Yours very truly,

Keith Pittman
Wake Forest Congress Director
Asheville High School
Asheville, NC
TENTATIVE SCHEDULE & CHAMBER LOCATIONS

Friday, September 10\textsuperscript{TH} (North Forsyth HS)

\textit{Congress activities begin at 4:00 pm}
4:00 - 4:30 Congress Convenes for Administrative Business & Rules Symposium (Auditorium)
4:30 - 5:00 Contestants Caucus Legislative Agendas in Chambers
5:00 - 6:00 Dinner Recess
6:00 - 6:15 Preliminary Business: Elect Session One Presiding Officers
6:15 - 8:45 Session One, Segment A
8:45 pm Evening Recess

Saturday, September 11\textsuperscript{TH} (North Forsyth HS)

\textit{Congress Activities Begin at 8:15 am}
8:15 - 10:45 Session One, Segment B
10:45 - 11:00 Orders of the Day: Elect Session Two Presiding Officers
11:00 - 12:00 Lunch Recess
12:00 - 2:30 Session Two, Segment A
2:30 - 3:15 Afternoon Recess
3:15 - 5:45 Session Two, Segment B
5:45 - 6:00 Orders of the Day: Adjournment of Preliminary Chambers
7:00 or ASAP Posting of Super Congress Qualifiers

Sunday, September 12\textsuperscript{TH} (Wake Forest Benson Center; room # TBD)

\textit{Congress Activities Begin at 9:00 am}
9:00 - 9:30 Super Congress Preliminary Business
9:30 - 12:00 Super Congress Floor Debate (2 segments; 1 hour, 15 minutes each)
12:00 - 12:30 Orders of the Day: Voting & Adjournment of Super Congress
2:00 pm Awards Assembly

Friday & Saturday Facilities @ North Forsyth HS

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PRELIMINARY COMPETITION FORMAT

This year’s Wake Forest Congress features three (3) chambers. Chamber assignments were made randomly, with the exception that schools and states were separated and distributed among the chambers as evenly as possible. Chambers were randomly designated as either a Senate or a House of Representatives. Please see the Congress Procedures page for decorum rules related to this designation.

There are two sessions of debate in the Preliminary Competition. Each session consists of 5 hours of floor debate evenly divided into 2 segments. There is one elected Presiding Officer per segment, thus allowing a total of four legislators from each chamber the honor of presiding. One complete session is a legislative day, and priority for speaking resets at the end of each legislative day. Thus, all legislators will have zero speeches at the start of each session.

The method for election of Presiding Officers will be explained during the Rules Symposium in each chamber. Any member of the chamber may run for Presiding Officer, but no legislator may serve in that office for more than one segment. Elections are conducted by secret ballot, with a majority vote required to elect a candidate. The Presiding Officer receives credit for the first two speeches given in the segment during which he/she oversees the chamber.

One Scorer and one Parliamentarian evaluate each chamber. The Parliamentarian stays in a chamber for the duration of the preliminary sessions, while the Scorers rotate after each segment. The Scorer evaluates every speech that is given in a segment, rating it on a scale of 1 to 6 (1 is low; 6 is high). The Parliamentarian keeps notes on the overall performance of each legislator, but will not write formal ballots for each speech. The Parliamentarian will also write an evaluation for each Presiding Officer, awarding him/her up to 12 NFL points for service in one segment.

At the end of each segment, the Scorer ranks the top 8 legislators. The Parliamentarian does the same thing at the end of the session. The criterion for ranking is Best Legislator, and the Presiding Officers eligible for selection. The tab room converts the rankings of the officials to the Credit System as follows:

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Those legislators who are not ranked by a given official receive zero credits from that official.

At the end of each session, the legislator from each chamber with the highest number of credits for that session advances to the Super Congress. Additionally, the three legislators from each chamber with the highest combined credits from both sessions also advance to the Super Congress. Any ties for advancement are broken on the basis of judges’ preference. Therefore, a total of fifteen legislators (5 per chamber) will advance to the Super Congress on Sunday morning.
2010 WAKE FOREST STUDENT CONGRESS
OFFICIAL PROCEDURAL RULES

The following rules promote procedural unity among the chambers.
They cannot be altered or ignored by a chamber through the use of a motion to suspend the rules.

1. DECORUM: Each chamber is designated as either a SENATE or a HOUSE. A member of a Senate is always referred to as Senator, while a member of a House of Representatives is always referred to as Representative. The Presiding Officer of a Senate is addressed as Mister/Madame President, while the Presiding Officer of a House of Representatives is addressed as Mister/Madame Speaker. The Presiding Officer is responsible for enforcing proper decorum.

2. LEGISLATIVE DAY: Each session constitutes a single legislative day. Speaking order resets at the end of each session.

3. RECOGNITION OF SPEAKERS: The INDIVIDUAL RECENCY system is the required method for recognizing speakers at this tournament.

4. QUESTIONING: A MANDATORY two minute questioning period follows all AUTHORSHIP, SPONSORSHIP, and SPONSORSHIP ON AMENDMENT speeches as well as the FIRST NEGATIVE speech. A MANDATORY one minute questioning period (per NFL rules) follows all other speeches. The Presiding Officer recognizes legislators who wish to ask a question of a speaker; the speaker MAY NOT perform this function himself. Suspensions of the rules to ABOLISH all questioning periods are not permitted. Speakers have a right to refuse to yield to questions, except in the cases of AUTHORSHIP and SPONSORSHIP speeches. The PO has an obligation to rule that “two-part,” misleading, or irrelevant questions are OUT-OF-ORDER.

5. AGENDA ORDER: Each chamber sets its own agenda order using the legislation on its calendar. The final agenda order must receive approval by a simple majority vote of the chamber. The agenda order for Super Congress will be determined by random draw, but a suspension of the rules to amend the docket is permitted.

6. LEGISLATION WITHOUT AN AUTHOR: If the author of a bill or resolution is not present in the chamber, withdraws from the tournament, or relinquishes authorship rights, then a SPONSORSHIP speech is in order.

7. VOTING: The PO determines the method of voting on each question that comes before the chamber. Notes on voting:
   - Final votes on legislation, amendments, and motions to appeal the chair require a recorded vote.
   - Voice voting is acceptable for all other votes, but a recorded vote must be taken if any legislator makes such a request.
   - A roll call vote is permitted if such a request is agreed to by 1/5 of the chamber.

   All simple majority votes are based upon the number of legislators PRESENT and VOTING in the chamber; therefore, the PO does not need to call for or count abstentions. For all votes requiring a fraction of the chamber to agree to a motion or question (2/3, 1/3, 1/5, etc.), the chair determines whether the chamber agrees with the motion/question using the number of legislators PRESENT in the chamber. Because of this system, the PO must track the number of legislators in the chamber at all times.

8. AMENDMENTS: Legislators submit amendments to the PO in writing. A motion to amend is necessary to consider the written amendment; such a motion is in order anytime after the AUTHORSHIP SPEECH. Once the motion is made, the PO decides if the amendment is germane. The PO may consult with the Parliamentarian to make this decision. If the amendment is found to be NOT germane, the chair rules it OUT OF ORDER and the amendment process stops. If the chair rules the amendment germane, he/she should read the contents of the amendment to the chamber. A 1/3 second of the members PRESENT in the chamber is required to debate the amendment. If the chamber votes a second, debate on the amendment commences immediately. Legislators may make a motion to table or call the previous question on the amendment at any time. The first speech on the amendment is a SPONSORSHIP speech. The chair determines speaker recognition for the SPONSORSHIP speech on the basis of recency; the author of the amendment is NOT guaranteed the sponsorship speech. The sponsor accepts responsibility for the mechanics of the amendment and yields to two minutes of questioning. All amendment speeches receive a score and count towards recency. A majority vote is necessary for the chamber to adopt the amendment.

9. OVERTIME SPEECHES: Any regular floor speech that extends more than ten (10) seconds beyond the maximum speaking time of three minutes shall be penalized one (1) full point by the Scorer(s) evaluating the session. The Presiding Officer is required to keep accurate time of each speech and report it to the Scorer(s) when the speaker has finished. The Parliamentarian/Scorer(s) shall severely penalize the Presiding Officer for inaccurate timing and/or reporting.
**SUPER SESSION FORMAT & LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR**

A total of fifteen (15) legislators qualify to compete in the Super Session using the advancement procedure outlined earlier in this packet. The Super Congress consists of a single session of floor debate totaling 2 ½ hours. The session divides into two segments of 1 ¼ hours each. This format allows for two Presiding Officers. The method for electing Presiding Officers is the same as in the Preliminary Competition, except that each Presiding Officer will be scored on a scale of 1 – 6 and service as Presiding Officer will count as one speech for purposes of speaker recognition.

A panel of three to five judges from the Congress, Speech, and Debate pools is selected to adjudicate the Super Session. Each judge serves as a Scorer who evaluates all speeches and awards scores of 1 – 6 (1 is low; 6 is high). The points awarded by all of the Scorers for a given speech are averaged together (decimals will be rounded up) to determine NFL points for that speech. All Scorers will also evaluate the Presiding Officers. One Scorer will also fulfill the general oversight responsibilities normally given to the Parliamentarian.

At the end of the session, each Scorer secretly and independently ranks the top 8 legislators. The criterion for ranking is Best Legislator, with the Presiding Officers eligible for selection. The tab room converts the rankings of the officials to the Credit System as follows:

- 1st place = 8 credits
- 2nd place = 7 credits
- 3rd place = 6 credits
- 4th place = 5 credits
- 5th place = 4 credits
- 6th place = 3 credits
- 7th place = 2 credits
- 8th place = 1 credit

Those legislators who are not ranked by a given official receive zero credits from that official.

**Per new NFL Nationals rules, there will be no student preference ballot this year.**

**Judges alone will determine the top six congressional debaters.** The legislator with the highest number of credits in finals only (prelims do not count) will be ranked 1st, the legislator with the second highest number of credits will be ranked 2nd, etc. Ties are broken on the combination of parliamentarian and judges’ preference as first priority. If there is still a tie, the Parliamentarian’s preference alone will break the tie. The legislator who wins the preferential ballot election conducted by the tab room staff will be declared **THE 2010 WAKE FOREST EARLYBIRD STUDENT CONGRESS CHAMPION!!!!!**

**SUPER SESSION LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR**

Legislation for the Super Session is released on Saturday evening at the end of the Preliminary Competition and will be created from the following areas:

1. Travel
2. The Environment
3. Military Affairs
4. Border Security
5. LGBTQ Issues

All contestants are strongly encouraged to become familiar with these topics and bring relevant evidence to the tournament. Status briefings and updates may be presented by tab staff throughout the preliminary segments. Finals legislation will be given to Super Congress qualifiers when finalists are posted Saturday evening.
Information About Chamber Assignments:

1) Find your name on one of the following 3 pages.
2) Note the name of your chamber and whether it will be a Senate or House for purposes of decorum.
3) Write down your school code and commit it to memory. All contestants from the same school have the same number. You will use this number in place of your school name when you are ready to speak. **Please do not identify your school by name to the judges at ANY time. This is VERY important.**
4) Note the chamber to which you have been assigned. Chamber room numbers will be given to you at the 4:00 symposium at North Forsyth.

Legislative Calendar:

1) The agenda was created by placing each bill in the same chamber as its author. Thus, all of the bills in each chamber will have an author from that same chamber. **Only one authorship speech is allowed per student. Rights to a second piece of legislation from the same author or school will fall to the speaker with best precedence. This will not necessarily be the author.**
2) Time has been allotted before Session I to hold an informal caucus in each chamber. The purpose of the caucus is to create an order for debate of the legislation on the agenda. All contestants will participate in the caucus.
3) In the unlikely event that a chamber debates all legislation assigned to it, the chamber will move to an alternate agenda as follows:
   --Wake Chamber alternate agenda is Forest Chamber agenda
   --Forest Chamber alternate agenda is Deacon Chamber agenda
   --Deacon Chamber alternate agenda is Wake Chamber agenda

Alternate legislation may be debated only after the pieces listed for that chamber have been debated and voted on. You cannot table legislation to get to the alternate agenda. The order of the alternate agenda will be set through the informal caucus method explained above.
### WAKE CHAMBER (HOUSE)

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FOREST CHAMBER (SENATE)

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DEACON CHAMBER (HOUSE)

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STUDENT CONGRESS LEGISLATION PACKET

USING THIS PACKET

While a significant number of bills and resolutions were not formatted in accordance with NFL and/or NCFL guidelines, all legislation that fit on a single page was accepted since this is the first tournament of the year for most contestants. A specific Primary Calendar has been created for each chamber by assigning each piece of legislation into the same chamber as its author. Each item also has been assigned a three-digit identification number for administrative purposes. See the previous 3 pages to find your specific chamber assignment and primary legislative calendar.

Each chamber will conduct an informal caucus before the start of Session One to create an agenda order from its own primary legislative calendar. A majority vote will be necessary to approve the agenda order. Each piece of legislation will be entitled to an AUTHORSHIP speech, which may be given by the legislator who was designated as the author. If that person is not in the chamber or does not wish to give that speech, OR this is a second piece of legislation introduced by the author, a SPONSORSHIP speech will open debate. Sponsorship speakers shall be determined on the basis of recency, and sponsors shall be responsible for both the INTENT and the MECHANICS of the legislation.

Some authors may notice that their legislation as presented in this packet looks different than the format in which it was submitted. Because each author used different page margins, spacing techniques, and line numbering strategies, some formatting was lost during merger of the legislation. Rest assured that the substantive content of all legislation is unchanged.

It is NOT necessary for authors to bring copies of their legislation. However, each legislator must bring his or her own legislation packet. The tournament staff will not have extra copies of the packet available for use by legislators.
BE IT ENACTED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. To amend the Affordable Healthcare for American Act of 2009 to include a National Exchange.

A. There is established within the Department of Health and Human Services under the jurisdiction of the Assistant Secretary for Health the National Health Insurance Exchange.

B. There is created a Commissioner of the National Health Insurance Exchange.

C. The Commissioner shall make available to all persons legally residing in the United States and eligible to purchase health insurance the ability to purchase health insurance on the Exchange.

D. The Commissioner shall make available to all eligible Health Insurance providers the ability to compete on the exchange.

E. The Assistant Secretary for Health shall, by regulation, prevent unfair business practices among health insurers, including discrimination against individuals with pre-existing conditions.

SECTION 2. To establish a Public National Healthcare Option

A. The President shall create the National Public Health Insurance Service under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Assistant Secretary for Health.

B. The National Public Health Insurance Service shall make available such services as are provided under Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services to eligible participants in the National Healthcare Exchange.

C. The National Public Health Insurance Service shall establish a fee for the provision of such services such that no federal revenue is required to fund the National Health Insurance Service after 2011 but that is as small as is otherwise possible.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wilson Parker, Asheville High School
2010 WAKE FOREST EARLYBIRD CONGRESS
Bill 102
A Bill to Reform U.S. Monetary Aid to Developing Countries
1. **Be It Enacted** by the Student Congress assembled here that:

2. **Section I:** The current practice of giving direct monetary aid to the governments of developing countries by the U.S. Federal Government shall henceforth cease. Disaster relief spending to developing countries shall not be affected.

3. **Section II:** A developing country shall be determined by standards used by the International Monetary Fund and the United Nations.

4. **Section III:** The U.S. Government shall now offer a system of matching funds raised by private organizations and non-profit organizations. When a private organization or non-profit organization raises funds intended for humanitarian or developmental aid in developing countries the organization must file a request to receive matching funds from the U.S. Government.

5. **Section IV:** The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) shall oversee all requests for matching government funds. Once an organizations’ finances and intended purpose for fund use is verified, USAID shall award matching funds, up to but not exceeding, $10 million in matching funds per organization per fiscal year.

6. **Section V:** The following fiscal year after matching government funds are awarded to a qualified organization a follow up report must be filed with USAID. If misuse of any government matching funds is found the organization may be fined up to, but not exceeding, double the amount in question of misuse.

7. **Section VI:** Upon passage this piece of legislation shall take effect two fiscal years after its approval. The U.S. Agency for International Development shall oversee all components of this legislation upon its passage. All other laws that are in conflict with this legislation shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Josh Campbell, Northwest Guilford High School
A Resolution to Repeal Subsidies
On Corn Based Ethanol and lower tariffs on Sugarcane based Ethanol.

Whereas: The current use of corn based Ethanol is inefficient and has more negative effects upon the world, and

Whereas: Corn based Ethanol is 25% less efficient than gasoline, which is an increase of approximately 70 cents (for E85), taking into account the decreased efficiency, and

Whereas: Ethanol is worse for the environment than standard oil, nearly doubling greenhouse gases emitted, and

Whereas: increased ethanol production, increases world hunger, and

Whereas: Cellulosic and Sugarcane based Ethanol are both more efficient and have less of an environmental impact than corn-based ethanol and therefore are more economically and environmentally viable, and

Whereas: Sugarcane based Ethanol is more environmentally safe, and efficient than corn based Ethanol.

Whereas: The United States Current Ethanol policy is counterproductive for lower prices at the pump and a cleaner world.

Therefore Be It Resolved By This Student Congress Here Assembled That: All subsidies on Corn-based Ethanol Produced in the United States be Removed.

Be It Further Resolved That: All Tariffs on Foreign Sugarcane-Based Ethanol Products be removed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joseph Gordon Hylton, IV
Charlottesville High School
A Resolution to reduce poverty levels in the U.S.

1. **Whereas**, there is much poverty in the U.S.; and,
2. **Whereas**, poverty levels mirror tax rate levels; and,
4. **Whereas**, the more job losses there are the more people will slip into poverty; now,
7. **Therefore, be it resolved** by the Student Congress here assembled that,
8. taxes be lowered for those under the poverty line, and more
8. money be placed in job stimulus.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Daniels
Charlottesville High School
A Bill to End Funding the War Effort in Afghanistan

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States will end funding the war effort in Afghanistan.

SECTION 2. The “war effort” shall be defined as: all fundings, troops, supplies, weaponry and any other means to combat the Taliban, Afghan insurgent groups and any other enemies of The United States in Afghanistan. All humanitarian or reconstructive aid including, but not restricted to, the building of schools, hospital and infrastructure is excluded from the “war effort”.

SECTION 3. A. The Department of Defense and the General Accounting Office will enforce this bill.

B. The two departments and all committees of Congress involved have discretionary authority to punish those who violate any provisions of this piece of legislation.

SECTION 4. This law will take effect immediately.

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

Introduced by Senator Peter Pham (Independent Pham)
2010 Wake Forest Earlybird Congress

Bill 106

A Bill to Prohibit Handguns in the United States

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section I: That the private ownership of handguns shall be prohibited in the United States of America.

Section II: Definition of Terms are as follows: Private Ownership - belonging to, concerning, or reserved for the use of a particular person. Handgun - a firearm held and fired with one hand. Prohibited – to forbid by authority.

Section III: Phase I- The IRS will oversee the enforcement of this bill by establishing designated drop off points in local communities with appraisers who will inspect the handgun and give a value, the owner will thus be awarded a tax reduction of said value. Phase II- Anyone who does not hand in there gun will thus be fined up to 10,000 dollars and or up to 24 months in prison.

Section IV: Phase I will go into effect immediately among the passage of this bill. Phase II will go into effect 6 months after the date of the passage of this bill.

Section V: All other laws that are in conflict of this new policy shall here by be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron Gawrych

Mauldin HS
BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section I: All municipalities and federal facilities in the United States shall begin the expansion of clean energy projects.

Section II: May Terms Be defined as followed.

Municipalities- All United States cities, towns, or other districts with populations or at least 100,000 United States citizens possessing corporate existence and its own local government.

Clean Energy- Any low or non-polluting and or renewable energy source such as Biomass, Fusion, Hydrogen, Hydropower, Natural Gas, Nuclear, Solar, and or Wind power plants.


A. Municipal governments shall appoint existing and or create there own agencies to work in collaboration with D.O.E.’s C.C.E.F to oversee the construction of all municipal power facilities.

B. C.C.E.F. shall directly oversee the construction of the power systems that will supply federal facilities.

C. The C.C.E.F. shall also oversee development of future clean energy sources if said sources meet the standards defined above than it will be at the decision of the C.C.E.F. if they shall be deemed acceptable for use in municipal and federal power supplies.

Section IV: All municipal governments that fail to comply with the following standards shall be fined $25,000 per 1,000 Kwh per year.

A. 15% of municipal power supplies shall be produce clean energy power plants by 2017 then 25% by 2023, 50% by 2030, 65% by 2036, 85% by 2041, and 100% by 2050.

B. All areas that meet the standard as defined in section II shall than receive a 40 years to meet the standard of this legislation

C. All federal facilities shall be powered only by clean energy power sources by 2020.

D. Funding for federal facilities in this legislation shall be appropriated in the fiscal year of 2013

Section V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are here by declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicky Bham, Mauldin HS
A Bill to Monitor Consumer Credit

Be it enacted by this Student Congress assembled that:

Section I: The Federal Department of Lending Constraints (FDLC) shall be established

A. The FDLC shall enforce this bill and absorb any current administrations or parts of administrations that regulate any parts of this bill.

B. The Board of Directors shall be appointed by the President and approved by Congress every four years.

C. The FDLC shall have access to and monitor the credit scores, and all relevant information to the enforcement of this bill, as defined by the approved credit repositories.

D. The IRS shall make available to the FDLC all necessary information to enforce this bill.

E. The FDLC shall make all of its databases available to lenders (defined as any corporation, business, bank, etc. that lends money to consumers as a part or form of business).

F. The funding for this bill shall be appropriated at the start of the fiscal year of 2011 and the enforcement of this bill shall begin on the 1st of June, 2011.

Section II: All lenders must report to at least one of the approved credit repositories or the FDLC (who shall then report to all of the repositories) with all relevant information regarding loans to consumers and credit scores at a minimum of every month.

A. The approved credit repositories shall be Equifax, TransUnion, Experian, and any other repository that petitions to be on the list and is approved by Congress

Section III: Restrictions on the amount of non-collateralized (NC) credit that each consumer may take each month shall be based on the following stipulations:

A. Those who are on welfare without a form of disposable income shall not be allowed consumer credit.

B. Those with credit scores of: 0 – 500 shall not be allowed consumer credit, 501 – 600 shall be allowed 50% of their NMI, 601 – 670 shall be allowed their NMI, 671 – 720 shall be allowed 150% of their NMI and 721 – 850 shall be allowed unlimited consumer credit.

C. A person’s initial credit score will be set at 600.

Section IV: Lenders shall not give a consumer any amount of credit that will allow them to exceed the amount allowed in Section III. Lenders shall be fined $50,000 per offense.

THIS LEGISLATION IS NOT AUTHORED AND CAN BE SPONSORED BY ANYONE WITH PRECEDENCE
A Resolution to increase regulations on offshore drilling

1 *Whereas,* offshore drilling has had many problems over the years; and,

2 *Whereas,* these problems are due to the lack of regulations; and,

3 *Whereas,* over the years much money has been lost as well as lives, as a

4 of these problems; now,

5 **Therefore, be it resolved** by the Student Congress here assembled that

6 regulations be increased on offshore drilling.

Introduced by
Ryan Bouabid
Charlottesville High School
BE ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED

THAT:

Section 1. Regulations for offshore oil-drilling rigs are too lax and can lead to dangerous situations for rig-workers.

Section 2. Oil companies such as British Petroleum (BP) reduce their spending by ignoring certain parts of regulations.

Section 3. All fines for negligence and failure to follow these regulations be raised 20% and the legally required payment of damages cap be raised from $75 million to $10 billion.

Section 4. The responsibility of enforcing these regulations fall to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation, and Enforcement.

Section 5. All laws in conflict of this bill are considered null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ryan Guffy
Morristown West
A Bill to Redeploy Americas Armed Forces

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1: The military of the United States is deployed in more than 150 countries around the world, with more than 369,000 of its 1,479,551 active-duty personnel serving outside the United States and its territories. Most of the countries are in no need of military assistance. This simply wastes Americas money and time. It is imperative that we redeploy these troops to places where they are most needed.

SECTION 2: All Military Branches are subject to redeploy under this legislation if deemed necessary.

SECTION 3: The United States Department of Defense will oversee the redeployment of unnecessary and inefficient Military Forces.

SECTION 4: This bill will take effect on January 1, 2011

SECTION 5: All other laws in conflict with this bill are hereby considered null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Morristown West High School
Jake West
A Bill to Lessen Student Loan Debt

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The student loans of all people whose student loans make up the majority or more of their debt are hereby forgiven.

SECTION 2. Student loans consist of all debt incurred as a result of attending a university or graduate school. A majority is described as 51% or more.

SECTION 3. A. The Department of Education shall oversee the enforcement of this bill.

B. They shall not require repayment of student loans.

SECTION 4. This law will take effect immediately after passage.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Greene

Walt Whitman High School
BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 Section 1. No monetary award in the case of lawsuits regarding medical malpractice may exceed $300,000.

2 Section 2. Lawyers representing the plaintiff may only receive a maximum of 10% of the awarded funds.

3 Section 3. A. Section 1 of this bill will take effect at the beginning of the 2011 fiscal year.

4 B. Section 2 of this bill will take effect immediately upon passage.

5 Section 4. The Department of Justice as well as the Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee the provisions of this bill.

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

Introduced by Morgan Baskin of American Heritage School at Plantation
A Resolution to Reduce the Chinese Tire Tariff

WHEREAS, The current tariff on Chinese tires is doing more harm than good for the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, The tariff is counterproductive as outsourcing has shifted from China to other countries; and

WHEREAS, Rather than reducing the unemployment rate in United States manufactures, the tariff continues to increase the unemployment rate as the prices of tires increase; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By this Congress that: we reduce the tire tariff by an increment of ten percent each year so that the year 2010 would have a 25% tire tariff rather than 35%, year 2011 would have a 20% tariff rather than 30%, and year 2012 would have a 15% tariff rather than 25%.

Introduced by Emily Chan of the American Heritage School at Plantation
A Resolution to reduce U.S. military occupation around the world

1 WHEREAS, there is currently a large overstretch in the US military.

2 WHEREAS, this overstretch has created inefficient troops. To meet the growing demand for troops, we have dramatically lowered recruitment and training requirements.

3 WHEREAS, there has been a decline in readiness and the troops breed anti-Americanism by creating the conflict that they are intending to eliminate.

Now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled urge President Obama to reduce U.S. military occupation around the world.

Respectfully submitted by Michael Arango of American Heritage School at Plantation
A Bill to Mandate Troop Movement to the Border Between Afghanistan and Pakistan

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. Ten billion dollars will be withheld from the Department Of Defense (DOD) unless 10,000 troops are moved to the border between Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Section 2. The DOD will be in charge of overseeing and enforcing this legislation.

Section 3. Funding will be withheld if troops are not moved by January 1st, 2011.

Section 4. All other laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted by Hannah Esquenazi of American Heritage at Plantation
A Resolution to End Pharmaceutical Advertising

1. **Whereas** the United States is one of the only countries in the world that allows direct to consumer pharmaceutical advertising

2. consumer pharmaceutical advertising

3. **Whereas** direct to consumer advertising does not provide accurate information about the possible dangers of certain pharmaceutical drugs

4. the negative impacts of direct to consumer advertising on consumers outside the medical field are widespread

5. **Therefore be it resolved** that this congress works to ban all advertisement of pharmaceutical drugs by January 1, 2011

   Respectfully Submitted,

   Alisha Jarwala

   Cary Academy
Be it enacted by the Student Congress here assembled:

Article I: The United States will support the legitimacy of the Somali Transitional Federal Government (TFG) via economic, diplomatic, and militaristic aid.

Article II: The following measures will be taken to ensure the success of the TFG:

A. $500,000,000 of economic aid will be appropriated to the State Department to be offered to the TFG,
B. The US Military will provide weapons and supplies when deemed necessary by the TFG and approved by the Department of Defense,
C. The US Navy will provide naval support to the TFG aimed at eliminating piracy originating in Somalia
D. The US will officially recognize the TFG as the rightful government of Somalia.
E. $100,000,000 will be allocated to the Department of Defense budget in the Fiscal Year immediately following TFG approval of this legislation to finance naval operations and to provide for military aid.
F. The State Department will form a commission to assess the success of these measures and to report back to Congress six months from enactment of this legislation to advise Congress of the situation in Somalia and what further measures, if any, should be taken to ensure the success of the TFG.

Article III: The provisions of this bill shall take effect immediately upon approval of these measures by the Somali Federal Transitional Government.

Article IV: The State Department and the Department of Defense shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

A. The State Department consult with the Somali TFG to ensure that economic aid is utilized as effectively as possible.
B. The Department of Defense will consult and cooperate with the Somali TFG, as well as advise the TFG in military affairs.

Article V: All laws in conflict with the provisions of this bill shall be declared null and void.
A Bill to Better Regulate Private Military Defense Contractors

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States State Department and Department of Defense shall follow the following regulations when making contracts with Private Military Defense Contractors.

SECTION 2. The following bidding procedures shall be enacted.
   A. No contract can be accepted if there is only one bidder for that contract
   B. No company can cumulatively hold contracts that amount to more than 10% of the military’s total expenditure on private contractors.
   C. The United States State Department and Department of Defense should choose the most cost effective contractors that meet the criteria stated in subsections A and B.

SECTION 3. The following monitoring procedures shall be enacted.
   A. The Department of Defense and the State Department will only pay for the cost of the military contractors’ equipment that is made disabled or dysfunctional during military action.
   B. Central Command shall have ultimate command authority over Private Military Defense Contractors.
   C. If the contractors kills or harms civilians afore mentioned Departments shall fine the contractors. The present laws concerning civilian killings will still be in effect.
   D. If the contract is made and does not meet the procedures above, afore mentioned departments shall break the contract.

SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect within 5 years upon the passage of this bill. Current contracts will be renegotiated with the new regulations in a way that abides with this legislation.

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

Introduced by Jason Son of East Chapel Hill High School
2010 Wake Forest Earlybird Congress  
Bill 120

A Bill Concerning Nuclear Negotiations

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBELED THAT:

2. **Section 1.** The United States shall create a new department with the sole purpose of serving as a third party in nuclear negotiations around the world.

3. This agency will be dubbed the Disarmament Negotiations Committee, DNC, and shall attempt to forge dialogues between nations holding or attempting to garner weapons of mass destruction.

4. **Section 2.** The DNC’s role as a third party advisor in negotiations will be defined as an advisory service and forum to attempt to bring nations together for de-proliferation talks. It shall consist of a coalition of US dignitaries who work directly with US embassies across the globe.

5. The committee’s efforts will not be limited to negotiations involving the US nuclear arsenal.

6. **Section 3.** The Disarmament Negotiations Committee, its members, and its funds shall fall under the jurisdiction of the Department of State.

7. **Section 4.** This legislation will go into effect one year after passage.

8. **Section 5.** All laws or portions of laws in conflict with the provisions of this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduce by,

Senator Erik Bakke  
West Springfield High School
A Resolution to Support a Two State Solution

WHEREAS, The ongoing unrest in the regions of Israel and Palestine have been detrimental to both the people and their governments. Therefore be it,

RESOLVED, That the United States should support an agreement between Israel and Palestine that would create two sovereign states, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the agreement specify minority right protection and cessation of violence.

Respectfully Submitted by, Catherine Bizub (North Mecklenburg High School)
A Bill to Protect the Sanctity of Areas of National Historic Significance

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Since areas of national and historic significance are created to recognize faithfulness, dedication, and/or a cause, the sanctity of these areas shall be protected.

SECTION 2. With the passage of this bill no commercial nor religious building shall be constructed within a one mile radius of an area of national and historic significance.

SECTION 3. The Department of the Interior will implement and oversee the implementation of this bill.

SECTION 4. This law will take effect immediately upon the signature of the President, excepting those already constructed and those in present construction status.

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

Introduced by Chris Holt
Hillcrest High School
Simpsonville, South Carolina
A Bill to Provide Quality and Proper Health Care, Jobs and Housing to Our Veterans

Be it enacted by the student congress herein assembled that:

SECTION 1. Veterans shall be provided the following:

A. Healthcare: The mental and physical means of all veterans shall be provided at VA facilities in a manner at least equivalent to the best medical standards at the best medical facilities in the US.

B. Jobs: All employers who employ fifty or more employees must demonstrate written record that any job opening is first offered to a US veteran.

C. Housing: All government sponsored housing (section 8) must first be offered to a US veteran.

SECTION 2. Clear and convincing evidence shall be maintained.

SECTION 3. The veterans administration shall oversee enforcement of the bill.

SECTION 4. The bill shall take effect immediately upon signing by the president.

SECTION 5. All other laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be declared null and void.

Introduced by Tibitha Ferrell
Hillcrest High School
Simpsonville South Carolina
A Bill to Reform the Prison System

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The present prison system will be partially reformed.

SECTION 2. Prisoners serving four or more years will be required to obtain a four-year college degree before being paroled, with the exception of capital criminals.

SECTION 3. A. The Federal Penal System will be responsible for enforcing this legislation.

B. Funding will be provided for by the money that pays for the remainder of their sentence that exceeds four years.

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.

THIS BILL IS NOT AUTHORED BY ANYONE IN THE ASSIGNED CHAMBER AND MAY BE SPONSORED BY ANYONE WITH PRECEDENCE
BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Coal ash contains high levels of certain heavy metals such as arsenic and thallium which are both hazardous to human health therefore coal ash will be regulated.

SECTION 2. Coal-fired power plants will no longer use local ponds to store coal ash.

SECTION 3. A. The environmental protection agency shall oversee the implementation of this piece of legislation.

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 Hillcrest High School
Alexandra Mariona

THIS LEGISLATION DOES NOT HAVE AN AUTHOR IN CHAMBER. SPONSORSHIP MAY BE CLAIMED BY ANYONE WITH PRECEDENCE.
A Resolution to End the Use of Unmanned Aircraft Drones

WHEREAS, unmanned aircraft drones on the Afghanistan Pakistan border kill more civilians then terrorists; and

WHEREAS, the use of these drones turns the local population against the United States; and

WHEREAS, a strategy of counterinsurgency will make the local population want to help the United States rather than fight against it; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that congress will stop funding the use of unmanned aircraft drones on the Afghanistan Pakistan border, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that money formerly allocated to drone strikes will instead be used to fund counterinsurgency efforts.

Introduced by
Ethan Grant
Durham Academy
A Bill to Strengthen Ties with Brazil

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall invest $30 billion in Brazilian infrastructure.

SECTION 2. “Brazilian infrastructure” shall be defined as hospitals, roads, bridges, power supplies, etc.

SECTION 3. The Department of Treasury and the State Department shall locate the necessary funds and oversee the supply of such funds to the necessary institutions.

SECTION 4. The U.S. shall invest $3 billion annually from the fiscal years of 2010-2020 until the full $30 billion has been invested.

SECTION 5. All laws or portions of laws in conflict with this legislation are null and void.

David Farrow
Charlotte Latin School
A Bill to Prevent Illegal Immigrants from Attaining Free Education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED

THAT:

SECTION 1. Illegal immigrant children shall be prevented from attaining Schooling in the United States public school system. Every year, students will be required to present the school they plan to attend with birth certificates, social security information, and other necessary identification, as designated by the state board of education

SECTION 2. Illegal immigrant children will be defined as people residing in the United States without legal status, under the age of eighteen.

SECTION 3. The United States Department of Education will be responsible for enforcing this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation will come into effect at the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year, and will apply only to newly enrolled students.

SECTION 5. All other laws that are in conflict shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted by
Sathya Williams
Parkland Magnet High School
A Bill to Ban the Advertisement of Prescription Drugs

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The advertisement of prescription drugs on television is now banned.

SECTION 2. Prescription drugs are as defined by the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act of 1937.

SECTION 2. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

A. The FCC can criminally prosecute any network that advertises prescription drugs.

SECTION 2. This law will take into effect immediately after passage of this legislation.

SECTION 3. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted by Kathir Sundarraj
The Harker School.
2010 Wake Forest Earlybird Congress

Resolution 130

A Resolution to Increase Aid to Pakistan

1. **Whereas** the UN reports that the 2010 floods are the worst natural disaster Pakistan has faced since its creation in 1947

2.  

3. **Whereas** the Pakistani government’s response has been disorganized and chaotic

4. **Whereas** the weakened state of Pakistan makes it susceptible to Islamic militant groups, which pose a grave threat to the United States, especially due to US reliance on Pakistan to successfully operate in Afghanistan

9. **Therefore be it resolved** that the United States increases direct aid to Pakistan by $100 million while encouraging an increase in individual donations.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alisha Jarwala

Cary Academy

**THIS RESOLUTION DOES NOT HAVE AN AUTHOR IN CHAMBER AND MAY BE SPONSORED BY ANYONE WITH PRECEDENCE**
2010 Wake Forest Earlybird Congress
Resolution 131

A Resolution To Further A Two-State Solution
in the Israeli Palestinian Conflict

1. **Whereas:** Several American administrations have expressed their support for a
two-state solution to the conflict in Israel; and,

2. **Whereas:** A two-state solution would consist of the creation of a viable
Palestinian State, to coexist peacefully with the State of Israel; and,

3. **Whereas:** Peace talks are being held in Washington, D.C.; and,

4. **Whereas:** These peace talks are severely hindered by the continued expansion of
Israeli settlements in the West Bank.

5. **Therefore, be it resolved by the Student Congress here assembled that:** The
United States will withhold aid and support from Israel until all settlement
expansion on the West Bank is halted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessie Press-Williams

Charlottesville High School