September 9, 2007

Dear Coaches and Legislators,

For those of you who do not know me, I am Keith Pittman of Asheville High School in North Carolina and I will be taking over the directorship of the Earlybird Congress from Jason Wysong, who has done a remarkable job in the past of running one of the country's best national congresses here at Wake Forest. Jason is a good friend and I have assisted him either as Parliamentarian or as a tab assistant for the last several years. I promise to maintain the great standards that Mr. Wysong has set in place. He and I have been in close contact and will continue to be as we make this transition. As of this writing, no major changes are anticipated in the excellent way this congress has operated in the past.

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, North Carolina
TENTATIVE SCHEDULE & CHAMBER LOCATIONS

Friday, September 14\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 15\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 16\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

\textit{Friday & Saturday Facilities @ North Forsyth HS}

Tab Room: Media Center
Wake Chamber: Room 115
Forest Chamber: Room 116
Gold Chamber: Room 117

\textit{Sunday Facilities @ Wake Forest University}

Tab Room: Benson Center
Super Congress: Building & Room TBA; this information will be posted in the lobby of the Benson Center after 8:00 am on Sunday morning.
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 one complete session, 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 6 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:

1\textsuperscript{st} place = 6 credits  
2\textsuperscript{nd} place = 5 credits  
3\textsuperscript{rd} place = 4 credits  
4\textsuperscript{th} place = 3 credits  
5\textsuperscript{th} place = 2 credits  
6\textsuperscript{th} place = 1 credit

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 four 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 eighteen legislators (6 per chamber) will advance to the Super Congress on Sunday morning.
2007 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. 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 him/herself. 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 eighteen (18) 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:

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The six legislators with the highest number of credits in the Super Session (credits earned in the Preliminary Competition do not count) are placed into nomination for Best Legislator. Ties are broken on judges’ preference. Each Super Congress legislator then ranks the six nominees on a preferential ballot. Each ballot cast by a legislator is worth one vote. The cumulative preference of the judges is expressed through a weighted preferential ballot worth 3 votes (eg: the legislator with the highest number of credits will be ranked 1st, the legislator with the second highest number of credits will be ranked 2nd, etc.). The legislator who wins the preferential ballot election conducted by the tab room staff will be declared THE 2007 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. Health insurance reform
2. Lending practices
3. Latin America
4. African health issues
5. Domestic transportation issues

All contestants are strongly encouraged to become familiar with these topics and bring relevant evidence to the tournament.
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.
4) Note the room number of the chamber to which you have been assigned. Any changes to room numbers will be posted 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 will fall to the speaker with the best precedence, not 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 Gold Chamber agenda
   --Gold Chamber alternate agenda is Wake Chamber agenda
Additionally, legislation pieces #116 and #130 are not currently assigned to a chamber and may be used as alternate legislation by any chamber only after the first 11 pieces listed for that chamber have been debated.

The order of the alternate agenda will be set through the informal caucus method explained above.
PLEASE REPORT TO THE AUDITORIUM AT NORTH FORSYTH AT 4:00 PM FOR A VERY IMPORTANT JOINT SESSION AND RULES SYMPOSIUM

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FOREST CHAMBER (HOUSE)

ROOM 116

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GOLD CHAMBER (HOUSE)

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WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY

NATIONAL EARLYBIRD TOURNAMENT

SEPTEMBER 14 – 16, 2007

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 the 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.
A Bill to Address the STD Epidemic

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2. SECTION 1. All inmates shall be screened for sexually-transmitted diseases upon their
   release from jails, prisons, and juvenile detention centers.

3. SECTION 2. Existing syphilis and HIV screening programs shall be expanded, with
   the addition of screening programs for chlamydia and gonorrhea.

4. SECTION 3. This legislation shall only apply to persons incarcerated for a period of
   six months or more.

5. SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2010.

6. SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation shall be declared null and
   void upon passage.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hanna Bustillo
Pinecrest High School
A Resolution for Tricare Reform

1. Whereas: The quality of care provided by the Armed Services health care systems has been slipping for the past decade; and

2. Whereas: Low reimbursement rates for non-military treatment facilities have resulted in many non-military facilities not accepting Tricare; and

3. Whereas: 35 Percent of military treatment facilities have been shut down while the number of Tricare users has risen 9%.

4. Therefore Be it Resolved: That the Armed Forces system of Medical Insurance (Tricare) be reformed

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Shuster

Pinecrest High School
A Bill to Create a State Agency to Oversee the Transition to Devolve To the States Full Responsibility for Highway Construction and Financing

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Highway Construction will now be under the jurisdiction of the states.

SECTION 2. The Federal Highway Administration will oversee the transition from federal to state control.

SECTION 3. This bill will be enacted in fiscal year 2008

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

Respectfully submitted by
Elizabeth Henriques
Our Lady of Lourdes Academy
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 2008-2009 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
Alexandra Henriques
Our Lady of Lourdes Academy
A Resolution to Allocate More Money to the Research and Development of Alternative Fuels

1. Whereas, Americans use of non-renewable fuel resources such as petroleum and crude oil has become far too prevalent and
2. Whereas, It has also been proven that these non-renewable fuel sources damage our own environment and
3. Whereas, The availability of these non-renewable fuel sources has diminished, and is expected to be fully depleted within half a century and
4. Whereas, These non-renewable fuels are a threat to our national security and
5. Whereas, According to the Alternative Fuels Report of 1992 there are currently 7 possible fuel sources such as Nuclear, solar, and wind energy that could replace the ones currently used and
6. Whereas, These alternative fuels are proven to help stimulate the economy and
7. Whereas, They also will help America become more energy independent and help our national security.

Therefore let it be resolved by this student congress here assembled: America should allocate more money to fund research and development of alternative fuels

Respectfully submitted:

Tyler Corbin
Niceville High School
A Bill to Establish an Asian NATO

1. Be it enacted by the Student Congress assembled here that

2. SECTION 1: The United States will oversee and support the formation of an institute similar to NATO for the countries in Asia.

3. Any laws in conflict with this piece of legislation will become null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cary Academy
A Bill to Establish Universal Healthcare as the Official Healthcare of the United States

1. **WHERAS:** the current healthcare system of the United States is not effective due to the
   rate of health insurance premiums rising 4 times faster than the nations income over the
   past 6 years, and

2. **WHEREAS:** currently there are over 45 million Americans without health insurance,
   which is detrimental to both the American population and America’s image, and

3. **WHEREAS:** Universal Healthcare would provide relief for the 45 million Americans
   who currently lack health insurance, by doing away with private healthcare
   institutions and allowing eligibility to every American citizen.

9. **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Student Congress assembled here that

10. Universal Healthcare shall be the official healthcare system of the United States.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cary Academy
A Resolution to Establish National Primary Care Health Insurance

WHEREAS, the lack of primary care in the United States has contributed to the growing costs of healthcare; and

WHEREAS, the increase in costs as a result of a lack of primary care has substantially contributed to the staggering number of Americans who do not have health insurance; and

WHEREAS, an increase in the amount of primary care for American citizens will be beneficial to the health of the nation as a whole; and

WHEREAS, it is both within the power and moral obligation of this government to provide for the health and welfare of its citizens. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Student Congress here assembled that the United States government create a universal health insurance program to subsidize only primary healthcare costs for all citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

Nate Blevins
Gilmour Academy
A Bill Defining the Jurisdiction of the Federal Judiciary Concerning Admiralty

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The jurisdiction of the Federal Judiciary concerning Admiralty and Maritime law will be defined

SECTION 2. The definition for the jurisdiction of the Federal Judiciary concerning Admiralty will read as follows:

(A) “Inland Waterways Under Jurisdiction” shall be defined as all navigable waterways within the territorial limits of the United States (excluding provinces and protectorates); and

(B) “Costal Waters Under Jurisdiction” shall be defined as all expanses of ocean that fall in United States territory before the international waters begin

SECTION 3. Should the United States acquire new territories and those new territories subsequently obtain statehood, jurisdiction of the Federal Judiciary would extend to the newly acquired territories

SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect immediately upon passage, beginning with the formation of the committee specified in Section 5

SECTION 5. The congress shall make a committee comprised of qualified former maritime lawyers and judges to execute the provisions of this bill

SECTION 6. All laws or portions of laws conflicting with the provisions of this legislation shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles Doyle
Lake Highland Preparatory School
A Bill To Repeal The Military Commissions Act of 2006

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

2. Article 1: Senate Bill 393, otherwise known as “The Military Commissions Act of
   2006” is hereby repealed.

4. Article 2: This legislation shall go into effect immediately upon its passage.

5. Article 3: The Department of Homeland Security will be responsible for overseeing
   the provisions of this bill.

7. Article 4: Any individual or group of individuals in violation of this legislation
   by continuing to carry out the provisions of the Military Commissions Act
   will be subject to federal prosecution.

10. Article 5: All laws or portions of laws in conflict with this bill are hereby declared
    null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauren Rutledge
Lake Highland Preparatory School
A Bill to Legalize Marijuana

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

2. Section 1: The federal government will remove marijuana from Controlled Substance Act. The federal government shall not regulate the possession, exchange or sale of marijuana except in the following instances:

3. a. The federal government shall retain the right to tax the sale of marijuana.

4. b. The federal government shall retain the right to prevent the sale of marijuana to anyone under the age of 18.

5. c. The federal government, specifically the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, shall treat marijuana in the same manner as any tobacco products.

6. Section 2: The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, in compliance with the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

7. Section 3: The bill shall take effect, if passed into law, on October 1st, 2008.

8. Section 4: All costs incurred by this bill will be covered by the taxes raised from the sale of marijuana.

9. Section 5: All laws or portions of laws in conflict with the provisions of this bill shall be hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Poyun Tung
Myers Park High School
A BILL TO BAN THE USE OF TRANS FATS IN FOOD

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

2. **Section 1.** The use of trans fats in the manufacturing of foods as well as the preparation of food in restaurants is hereby banned. All companies and restaurants affected shall be reimbursed in full for all fees associated with discontinuing the use of trans fats for the first year this piece of legislation is in effect.

3. **Section 2.** Trans fats shall be defined as any liquid oil which is made into a solid fat by the addition of hydrogen.

4. **Section 3.** For each product or dish sold that is found to be containing trans fats, the establishment or company serving said trans fats shall be fined 5% of the revenue made that fiscal year for the aforementioned product.

5. **Section 4.** This piece of legislation will be enforced by both the Food and Drug Administration as well as the respective state health departments in each of the 50 states.

6. **Section 5.** Funding for the enforcement of this piece of legislation shall be provided first by the fines collected by this piece of legislation, then by the Food and Drug Administration.

7. **Section 6.** All pieces of legislation in conflict with this piece of legislation are hereby null and void.

8. **Section 7.** This piece of legislation will take effect on January 1, 2009.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rafe Kettler

Myers Park High School
A Resolution to Recomit the United States to the Construction of the New Safe Confinement at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant

1. Whereas, the current Containment Structure 1 (commonly referred to as “The Sarcophagus”) at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant has been in disrepair for over fifteen years and, since it is all that is keeping deadly amounts of nuclear radiation from being released into the atmosphere, and the United States pledged to assist in the effort to build a new and safer confinement in 1999 but never followed through with said intentions and have not given support to the project past initial commitment fees of $4,000,000 and,

7. Whereas, the problem with under funding and mismanagement is based primarily on lack of international attention in the region, mainly because there is no unifying figure or nation leading the campaign to stabilize the health of the region and prevent nuclear disaster, and

10. Whereas, the United States’s initial pledge in 1999 came with a contractual agreement for another $1.8 million to be given to the project every year until its completion, and as these withheld funds are still charged to the United States annually, $12.6 million of the national debt is composed of outstanding bills owed to what is now the government of Ukraine and,

15. Whereas, the implementation is one of great proportions and the work is far too great for the nations of Ukraine and Belarus to handle on their own, and as Russia has stated that it will give no more than 1.3 million Rubles to the rebuilding effort, which, if not undertaken, will eventually cause the deaths and contamination of upwards of 6 million people,

19. Therefore, be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled, that the United States recommits itself to the help rectify the Chernobyl situation through means both monetary and diplomatic.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Perretta
Christopher Columbus High School
A Resolution to lift the Cuban Embargo

1. Whereas, the Truman doctrine is an outdated policy that no longer has

2. any practical application, and

3. Whereas, the United States needs to make efforts to improve its

4. standing in the international community, and

5. Whereas, Latin America is an unstable area where the United States

6. needs to foster alliances, and

7. Whereas, increasing economic relations is a tool that can be used to

8. democratize a country, and

9. Whereas, current history has shown us that the current policy that we

10. have in place is ineffective.

11. Therefore, be it resolved, that the United States shall repeal the

12. embargo placed upon the nation of Cuba in efforts to normalize

13. relations with that country.

Respectfully Submitted,
Zach Cobb
Asheville High School
A Bill Diverting Russian Foreign Aid to the Funding of the Turkey-Greece-Italy (TGI) Pipeline

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

2. **SECTION 1.** $750 million will be taken from Russian foreign aid to be reallocated to assist funding the TGI Pipeline.

3. **SECTION 2:** This funding will be controlled by USAID until given to Turkey, Greece, and Italy for sole purpose of funding the pipeline.

4. **SECTION 3:** The remaining foreign aid to Russia will be reallocated under the discretion of USAID.

5. **SECTION 4:** This bill will become in effect immediately upon passage.

6. **SECTION 5:** All other laws in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted by*

*Shaina Sklar*

*Unionville High School*
Regarding Urgent Care Payments

1. Whereas, urgent care, also known as emergency care, is
2. an imperative aspect of our national health care
3. system and
4. Whereas, urgent care is currently an unfunded mandate,
5. as hospitals are required to provide urgent care to
6. all patients by state and federal laws but are
7. generally not given any funding or reimbursement to
8. actually pay for these services by the Federal
9. Government and
10. Whereas, at the very least providing emergency health
11. care to impoverished citizens is our duty of a just
12. society therefore
13. Be it resolved by the student congress assembled that
14. the Federal Government shall provide funding following
15. Medicare and Medicaid payment guidelines for all
16. urgent / emergency care for those who can demonstrate
17. that they are under the federal poverty level as far
18. as income for their household, regardless of their
19. age.

Respectfully Submitted

Head Royce School
Regarding the Maximum Retirement Age

1. Whereas, the current minimum retirement age (MRA) for
2. Social Security is 62 years of age, and the normal
3. retirement age (NRA) is 65-67 years of age depending
4. upon the date of birth, and the required age of
5. retirement with maximum Social Security benefits is 70
6. year of age and
7. Whereas, health and medical care have improved
8. considerably in the past several decades and
9. Whereas, people today are living significantly longer
10. than they have in even the recent past and
11. Whereas, a higher Social Security retirement ages
12. would result in a system of Social Security based
13. on fair benefits for senior citizens and financially
14. reasonable taxes for taxpayers
15. Be it resolved by the Student Congress assembled that
16. starting January 1, 2013, the MRA for Social Security
17. be increased from 62 to 63 years of age, the MRA be
18. increased from 65-67 to 66-68 year of age, and that
19. the required age for maximum Social Security benefits
20. be increased from 70 to 71.

Respectfully Submitted,

Courtney Peters
Head Royce School
A Bill to Provide for Our Veterans, their Health, and their Families

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense will provide full and comprehensive health insurance and life insurance for all United States Military combat veterans.

SECTION 2. Full and comprehensive health insurance shall include the following for each and every surviving U.S. combat veteran, so long as he or she is not a convicted felon: individualized intervention, rehabilitative treatment and services, community reintegration plans, assisted living services, and age-appropriate nursing home care. Life insurance shall be granted to each eligible veteran as per the above definition who seeks such insurance against the death of such veteran occurring while such insurance is in force. The amount of life insurance granted to an eligible veteran shall be $50,000 or such lesser amount as the veteran shall elect.

SECTION 3. The Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense shall be responsible for the implementation of this bill. Non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities shall be used for implementation of rehabilitation and community reintegration plans.

SECTION 4. This bill shall be effective as law immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully submitted by
Stephanie J. Benedict
The Harker School
San Jose, California
A Resolution to Increase Ties with Venezuela

1. Whereas: Hugo Chavez, President of Venezuela, has considerable influence in Latin America and,

2. Whereas: The United States must have the support of Chavez in order to have influence in the region and

3. Whereas: Venezuela is an important trading partner to the United States

4. Be it Resolved: This Congress will take steps to increase diplomatic relations with Venezuela.

Respectfully Submitted

Emily Graham
The Berkeley Carroll School
A Constitutional Amendment to Extend Full Voting Rights to the District of Columbia

Section 1. For purposes of representation in Congress, Presidential and Vice Presidential elections, and Article V of the Constitution, the District of Columbia as the seat of government of the United States shall be treated as though it were a State.

Section 2. The people of the District in conjunction with Congress shall exercise the rights and powers given by this amendment.

Section 3. The twenty-third amendment to the Constitution is hereby repealed.

Section 4. This article shall be inoperative unless it is ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the state legislatures.

Respectfully Submitted,

Simon Wiener

Charlottesville High School
A Resolution to Increase Resources for Gifted Education

Whereas: Public school gifted education programs lack sufficient resources to properly serve our bright children of today; and,

Whereas: This lack of funding leaves students unable to fulfill their full potential; and,

Whereas: This underutilization of such bountiful and promising resources is a severe detriment to the United States’ global competitiveness.

Therefore, be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that: a committee shall be formed to investigate gifted education needs, and to make recommendations for increased funding for programs concerning gifted and talented students.

Respectfully submitted,

John Imbrie-Moore
Charlottesville High School
A Resolution to Increase Solar Power Capacity

Whereas: Current oil reserves worldwide are severely limited and furthermore projected to be depleted in as little as a decade, and;

Whereas: Lack of oil availability would cause energy prices to rise substantially, resulting in numerous economic and social repercussions, and;

Whereas: the effect of this problem could be mitigated if a large facility for harvesting and processing solar energy were constructed in a region of the United States with large amounts of unoccupied land, such as the Southwest, and;

Whereas: such a facility would take an important step toward solving energy dependency issues by providing a large fraction of required power for years to come.

Be it resolved by the Student Council here assembled that: a bipartisan committee be formed to establish a methodology and policy for building a facility such as the one discussed above, and;

Be it further resolved that: the committee present an exact plan and cost estimate to Congress within a reasonable period of time after its formation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter K. Nakamoto

Charlottesville High School
A Bill to Enact an Oil Trade Embargo Against Venezuela

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A trade embargo is hereby enacted against Venezuela, preventing any corporation in the United States from importing oil or products derived from oil.

SECTION 2. An embargo is an economic sanction preventing trade between two nations.

SECTION 3. The Department of State will be responsible for the oversight and enforcement of this bill.

SECTION 4. This bill will be implemented 30 days following passage and will remain in effect indefinitely.

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

Respectfully submitted by,
Senator Amit Rao
East Chapel Hill High School
A Bill to Assume Presumed Consent for Organ Donations

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A presumed consent policy for organ donations shall be implemented in the United States.

SECTION 2. Under the presumed consent policy, all United States citizens shall be considered to be potential organ donors upon death, unless they make a personal request to be excluded.

SECTION 3. The Department of Health and Human Services shall be responsible for the oversight and enforcement of this bill.

A. Informational pamphlets concerning the presumed consent policy shall be available at all medical institutions and shall also be mailed to all United States households upon passage of this bill.

SECTION 4. This bill will be implemented 30 days following passage and will remain in effect indefinitely.

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

Respectfully submitted by
Peter Sheng
East Chapel Hill High School
A Bill to Create a Committee to Eliminate Extraneous Congressional Earmarks

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall establish a committee to eliminate all extraneous and unnecessary Congressional earmarks resulting in wasteful and inefficient spending.

SECTION 2. An earmark shall be defined as designated funds for specific programs, projects, or activity purposes within the United States government.

SECTION 3. A new bipartisan and bicameral board shall be introduced under the direction of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees. This committee shall be named the Congressional Earmark Prevention Commission. The commission’s duties are

1. To determine what earmarks are extraneous, and/or what earmarks do not properly correlate to legislation.

2. To determine if an earmark is beneficial to all American citizens.

3. To remove and redistribute federal Congressional funds from extraneous and unnecessary earmarks to other essential resources.


SECTION 5. All laws and/or portions of laws in conflict with this bill shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

David Lindgren

American Heritage School (Plantation)
A Bill to Repeal the No Child Left Behind Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The No Child Left Behind Act shall hereby be repealed.

SECTION 2. All money currently allocated to said act shall be given to a newly formed committee named the Education Review Board. The sole purpose of this committee is to find a replacement education plan for the No Child Left Behind Act.

SECTION 3. The Department of Education shall be responsible for implementing the Education Review Board’s policies.

SECTION 4. The Education Review Board shall be formed immediately. The board shall report back to the United States Congress at the end of the 2007/2008 school year. The Department of Education will then implement those findings before the 2008/2009 school year.

SECTION 5. Any laws and/or portions of laws in conflict with this bill shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Gozlan

American Heritage School (Plantation)
A Resolution Urging The United Nations To Significantly Increase Its Peacekeeping Efforts In The Darfur Region

1. Whereas, the acts being committed in Sudan have reached a point of

2. genocide.

3. Whereas, More than 200,000 people have died and 2.5 million have been uprooted

4. since ethnic African rebels took up arms against the Arab-dominated


6. Whereas, The United Nations should do more to help the Sudanese

7. people, specifically the individuals in the Darfur region.

8. Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Student Congress assembled here today

9. the United States to urge the United Nations to significantly increase its

10. peacekeeping efforts in the Darfur region.

11. Be It Further Resolved, if the United Nations complies with this

12. legislation, the United Stated shall help the United Nations in its

13. efforts, by sending financial aid and/or United States troops. The

14. specifications of the financial aid and/or United States troops shall be

15. determined by the United States Government in collaboration with the


Respectfully Submitted,
Maddy Bortes
American Heritage-Plantation
Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2007

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Public Health Service Act will be amended to provide for human embryonic stem cell research.

SECTION 2. Human embryonic stem cells shall be eligible for use in research conducted if the cells meet one of the following:

1. The stem cells were derived from human embryos that have been donated from in vitro fertilization clinics, were created for the purposes of fertility treatment, and were in excess of the clinical need.

2. The stem cells were derived from human embryos that have been taken from abortions at women’s clinics, and would have otherwise been discarded.

SECTION 3. The Department of Health and Human Services will be responsible for enforcing this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

SECTION 5. All laws and/or portions of laws in conflict with this bill shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael DeRosa
American Heritage School (Plantation)
A Resolution Concerning Iraq Troop Withdrawal

1. Whereas, much of the Muslim world resents the presence of American troops, and
2. Whereas, economists predict the cost of this war could reach two trillion dollars
3. if action isn’t taken, and
4. Whereas, withdrawal will force Iraqi lawmakers to reconcile differences in order
5. to run their new democracy, and
6. Whereas, an overwhelming majority of Americans believe that fighting between
7. Sunni and Shiite Muslims in Iraq will lead to civil war, and
8. Whereas, withdrawal would save the lives of many American troops and allow
9. them to return home, and
10. Whereas, the presence of Al-Qaeda is growing in Afghanistan and Pakistan,
11. therefore:
12. BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS THAT:
13. The U.S. vastly reduces its military presence through a phase troop withdrawal in
14. Iraq and moves into a role of providing logistical support and conducting
15. counterterrorism operations in the region.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anthony Coppella
Mauldin High School
A Resolution Concerning Pensions

1. Whereas: Corporations make promises to employees in order to recruit the best
talent, and these promises include a pension or paid retirement; and

2. Whereas: When a corporation experiences financial hardship, it often responds by
first cutting pensions, and

3. Whereas: Corporations that cut pension programs force taxpayers to pay the
pensions through the Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation, and

4. Whereas: Not honoring pensions breaks contractual agreements between the
employer and employees, and

5. Whereas: Alternative Pension Programs such as cash-balance accounts or a
401(k) are insufficient alternatives, therefore:

11. BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS:

12. That any enterprise or corporation offering pension benefits to employees shall
be responsible for necessary and proper funding of pension funds.

Respectfully submitted by,

Dennis Kerwin
Mauldin High School
A Resolution Concerning A Change to a Direct Vote

1. Whereas: The electoral college is not showing fairness to all states and giving
2. some states more votes then others, and
3. Whereas: The electoral college has resulted in poor voter turnout and is not
4. allowing for true democracy, and
5. Whereas: The electoral college has had more negative effects than positive
6. ones, therefore:
7. BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS:
8. That the President and Vice President of the United States be elected by a
9. direct vote of the people.
10. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS:
11. That the Electoral College shall be abolished and no longer used in the
12. United States.

Respectfully submitted by,

Eeshwar Chandrasekar
Mauldin High School
A Resolution Concerning an Alternate Energy Source

1. Whereas, the price of crude oil is going up and need to find a new energy source is
2. becoming extremely urgent.
3. Whereas, the discovery of oil in the Middle East will not last forever. In addition to
4. that, the burning of crude oil is getting into Earth’s atmosphere and raising the
5. number of hurricanes due to global warming.
6. Whereas, alternate sources such as solar energy does not provide enough energy to
7. power up a car to its full extent; a car that runs on solar energy would be useless at
8. night or on a cloudy day.
9. Whereas, liquid hydrogen is the closest thing we have to be used as an alternate fuel
10. for cars and companies such as BMW has already created cars that can run on
11. hydrogen fuel in Germany.
12. Whereas, the expense of having hydrogen fuel is costly and making new cars that.
13. can operate on hydrogen fuel would be sufficiently cheaper.
14. Therefore, be it resolved by this student Congress that USA’s motor companies
15. should concentrate on the research of hydrogen fuel.

Respectfully submitted,

Jomel Jacinto

Southside High School
A Bill for a Peaceful Slumber

1. Article I: Upon passage of this bill, no public school shall offer compulsory attendance before 9:00 a.m.

2. Article 2: At the start of the school year, the US Department of Education shall determine if schools are commencing at the designated time and denying up to 1/5 of any national grants or loans awarded to the school.

3. Article 3: The Department of Education shall oversee the implementation of the bill.

4. Article 4: The bill shall take effect at the start of the 2010 academic year.

5. Article 5: All laws in conflict with this bill shall hereby be declared null and void.

Humbly Submitted to the Committee on Public Welfare,

Zach Collins

Zach Collins
New Trier Township High School
A Bill to Bring Smiles to the Faces of our Moo’ers

1. Article I: Cows shall not be: painfully branded, housed in cages, or administered hormones unless prescribed by a veterinarian.

2. Article 2: Cows harmed in any one of the above ways shall be seized by the federal government and released into a protected meadow.

3. Article 3: The Department of Agriculture shall oversee the enforcement of the bill.

4. Article 4: The bill shall take effect in January of 2012

5. Article 5: All laws in conflict with this bill shall hereby be declared null and void.

Humbly Submitted to the Committee on Public Welfare,

Joey Glickman
New Trier Township High School
A Bill to Abolish the Department of Education

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

2 SECTION 1. The Department of Education is hereby abolished.

3 SECTION 2. All funding currently allocated to the Department of Education shall be

4 redistributed to the states in the form of block grants.

5 SECTION 3. All programs currently under the domain of the Department of

6 Education shall be discontinued.

7 SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect at the beginning of fiscal year 2009.

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

Respectfully submitted by

Senator Alex Henderson

Charlotte Latin School