

PHSSL Super Session

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A Bill to Promote News Literacy

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The Center for News Literacy (CNL) be established to educate minors on
2 news-source credibility and ultimately stem the proliferation of
3 disinformation on the Internet.

4 **SECTION 2.** *News-source credibility* shall be defined as the factuality of information
5 broadcasted by news networks on television, radio, or the Internet. *Minor*
6 shall be defined as any United States citizen or legal permanent resident
7 under the age of 18. *Disinformation* shall be defined as false information
8 deliberately or covertly spread to influence public opinion.

9 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Education shall oversee the enforcement
10 of this bill.

11 A. 500 million dollars will be diverted annually from the US Department of
12 Education's budget to provide compensation for CNL staff and
13 educators tasked with developing curriculum related to news literacy.

14 B. CNL staff will work with school administrators and educators to
15 develop a model curriculum for news-source credibility and the
16 dangers of disinformation. Schools will then choose to adopt the model
17 curriculum or develop their own; schools that refuse to implement a
18 related curriculum will not receive federal funding for the program.

19 C. CNL staffmembers will be appointed based on experience and
20 qualifications (regardless of political affiliation). Any member suspected
21 of influencing the opinions of minors for benefit will be removed.

22 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on March 1, 2021 and followed by a
23 6-month window for the hiring of staff, research, and development of the
24 program.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Anna Chamberlin of Boiling Springs High School

**A BILL TO FURTHER STIMULATE THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA'S FILM
INDUSTRY**

1 WHEREAS, the current conditions of the Pennsylvania Film Production Tax Credit result in some
2 film productions being turned away;

3 WHEREAS, the hosting of film productions provides direct economic benefits;

4 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth has a diverse set of locations and film studios that are attractive to
5 film production companies;

6 BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Article Act 84 of 2016 (Article XVII-D) is amended to
7 increase the cap on the Film Production Tax Credit to \$100 million and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Article Act 84 of 2016 (Article XVII-D) is amended to
9 require a production base 51% of its post and primary production in Pennsylvania in order to be
10 eligible for the Film Production Tax Credit.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Patrick Alexander

Fox Chapel Area High School

A Bill to Repeal the Minimum Wage

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The current federal minimum wage is \$7.25/hour.

SECTION 2. There shall be no federally mandated minimum wage. States will still be able to set their own minimum wage.

SECTION 3. This bill shall be enforced by the Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division.

SECTION 4. This bill will immediately take effect.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Michael Dukissis, LaSalle College High School

**A RESOLUTION TO LOWER LEGAL DRINKING AND PURCHASING AGE OF
ALCOHOL TO 19**

1 Whereas: Many teenagers in Pennsylvania are common consumers of alcohol and some
2 could even be considered alcoholics;
3 Whereas: From statewide surveys, we see that the average student under 21 that had
4 consumed alcohol within the last 30 days was 62.8 in 2017;
5 Whereas: At the current legal age, many problems arise from the lack of experience of
6 healthy drinking;
7 Therefore, be it resolved by this NCFL Student Congress here assembled that: the age
8 permitted to consume, and purchase alcohol be lowered to 19.
9 This legislation will take effect on July 31st, 2021. All laws in contrast of this
10 legislation are now declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Meadville Area Senior High School

A BILL TO REQUIRE DEPICTIONS OF AMERICAN PRESIDENTS ON PAPER CURRENCY

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

2 Article I: The Bureau of Engraving and Printing will be required to utilize only
3 images of former United States Presidents on Federal Reserve Notes.

4 There will be a minimum of twenty-four years from the end of a
5 president's final term in office before their image may appear on a Federal
6 Reserve Note. Any Federal Reserve Notes that conflict with this law upon
7 its passage will remain legal currency, but will be removed from
8 circulation by banking institutions.

9 Article II: A. Utilization is defined as the printing of images on paper currency by the
10 Bureau of Engraving and Printing;

11 B. Former United States Presidents include any previous holder of the title
12 "President of the United States;"

13 C. The waiting period of twenty-four years begins at noon, on the
14 twentieth day of January, or any day Congress holds the swearing-in of the
15 subsequent president;

16 D. Banking institutions refer to any financial institution that handles legal
17 U.S. currency within the United States of America and its territories.

18 Article III: This will go into effect immediately upon passage of the bill into law.

19 Article IV: The Department of the Treasury will oversee the implementation of the
20 law by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

21 Article V: All other laws in conflict with this new policy shall hereby declared null
22 and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Mercyhurst Preparatory School

The Federal Election Reform Act

Section I: This law shall require the following:

- A. All federal elections shall require voter identification in order for an individual to cast a ballot.
- B. Mail-in voting shall be prohibited in all federal elections.
- C. Early voting shall be prohibited in all federal elections.
- D. All voter lists shall be required to be updated no later than 7 days prior to a federal election.

Section II: The following are clarifications of Section I

- A. Part A requires the voter to have a document that positively identifies them as a U. S. citizen and positively proves their identity.
- B. Part B does not apply to absentee voters submitting ballots where the voter positively identifies themselves as described in this section regarding Part A.
- C. Part C means voters must vote on their designated election days excepting absentee voters as described in Section II, Part B.
- D. Part D includes eliminating the names of voters who are deceased, who no longer reside in the municipality in which they are listed, or who are non-U. S. citizens.

Section III: This legislation shall be enforced by the Department of Justice with all initial violations resulting in a fine of \$100,000 plus \$1 for every illegal vote above 100,000 for each municipality in violation of said law and all subsequent violations resulting in a fine of \$250,000 plus \$1 for every illegal vote above 250,000 for said municipality. Additionally, failure to disclose or accurately report any violation will result in an additional \$1,000,000 fine.

Section IV: This law shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Section V: All laws in conflict shall be rendered null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Notre Dame HS

A Bill to Expand the Treaty on the Nonproliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) to Increase International Security

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall recommend that all nations sign the
2 UN Treaty on the Nonproliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT).
- 3 A. Nations that agree to sign the NPT will be exempt from any and all
4 tariffs imposed by the US indefinitely unless for some other reason that
5 is not related to the NPT agreement.
- 6 B. Any nation that the US has not currently imposed tariffs upon will
7 receive \$1 billion each year for 5 years after signing the treaty.
- 8 C. This bill shall be proposed to the United Nations Security Council.
- 9 D. Any nation that defaults from signing the treaty will have all tariffs that
10 were originally in place reinstated. Any nation that collects the 5 billion
11 dollars will receive tariffs to account for the recovery of those 5 billion
12 dollars.
- 13 **SECTION 2.** The Treaty on the Nonproliferation of Nuclear Weapons
14 (NPT) shall be defined as an international agreement to prohibit new
15 nations from introducing nuclear warheads in their arsenals and works for
16 the slow disarmament of all nuclear warheads.
- 17 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Defense shall work in coordination
18 with the United Nations Security Council to oversee the implementation of
19 this legislation in the U.S. and abroad. Any and all funding necessary for
20 the implementation of this legislation in the United States shall be
21 redirected from the U.S. Department of Defense
- 22 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect on January 1, 2023 to allow for
23 ample time for a nation to make a decision on the topic
- 24 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared
25 null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Southern Lehigh High School