

# **THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL HARVARD NATIONAL CONGRESS LEGISLATION BOOK**

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# *HARVARD NATIONAL CONGRESS*

## *LEGISLATION TEXT FOR*

### *HOUSE ONE & SENATE ONE*

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# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H1-01*

## A Bill to Repeal the No Child Left Behind Act

1. Be it enacted by the Student Congress here assembled that,
2. **Section 1.** The No Child Left Behind Act shall hereby be repealed
3. **Section 2.** All funding altered by the No Child Left Behind Act shall be redistributed
4.                   as it was before the No Child Left Behind Act took effect with
5.                   adjustment for inflation.
6. **Section 3.** Any funding from states to educational institutions altered by other
7.                   programs or through other decisions will not be effected by this bill
8. **Section 4.** The bill shall take effect for the 2007-2008 school year
9. **Section 5.** The Department of Education will be responsible for setting penalties and
10.                  enforcing the provisions of this bill
11. **Section 6.** Any and all laws that come into conflict with this legislation are declared
12.                  null and void

Respectfully Submitted,

Ari Kasper

Adlai E. Stevenson High School

Lincolnshire, IL

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H1-02*

## A Bill to Allow Justice

**Be it enacted by the Student Congress here assembled that:**

1. **Article I:** The United States shall sign the Rome Statute and fully comply with the
2. regulations of the International Criminal Court and the International Court of
3. Justice.
4. **Article II:**
5. **Section I:** All U.S. citizens shall fall under the jurisdiction of the ICC and ICJ
6. **Section II:** No military personnel, political officers, intelligence operatives, etc. will
7. be immune to ICC/ICJ investigations and/or trials.
8. **Section III:** If ICC/ICJ action is in conflict with United States Judicial Branch
9. activity, the ICC/ICJ will take immediate supreme precedence.
10. **Section IV:** The United States shall in no way interfere with the operation of either
11. court, or in any way obstruct the carrying out of their decision.
12. **Article III:** This bill shall go into effect immediately upon passage.
13. **Article IV:** Enforcement of this bill shall be the responsibility of the Department of Justice
14. with oversight by the Judiciary committees.
15. **Article V:** All laws and legislation in conflict with the bill shall be declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted to the Committee on Foreign Affairs,

Stephen Maynard  
Barrington High School

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H1-03*

A Resolution to for a Two-Tiered Healthcare System

1. WHEREAS It is axiomatic that all human life be treated equally, and
2. WHEREAS: Nearly 50 million United States citizens do not have health insurance, and is
3. the only industrialized country without healthcare provision for its constituency, and
4. WHEREAS: A two-tiered national healthcare system would facilitate in the maintenance
5. of productive citizens
6. THEREFORE: BE IT RESOLVED:
7. Section 1: That the provision of healthcare is immediately available to any citizen
8. Section 2: That private doctors and hospitals can concurrently exist with the public ones

Respectfully Submitted,

Nixxi Chen

The Bronx High School of Science

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H1-04*

A Resolution to repeal the Cuban Embargo Act

1. Whereas many citizens flee that nation everyday, and this bill could
2. potentially lead to peace talks with Mr. Castro and benefit his
3. people greatly and
4. Whereas many goods are already smuggled to the U.S. everyday, and a
5. lift on the embargo would be very beneficial to the economy, and
6. would slow down smuggling, and furthermore would allow us to ensure
7. the quality of good we would receive and
8. Whereas this could potentially be the end of the last cruel
9. dictatorship of communism, where as China now looks more towards
10. socialism or more likely now capitalism, where as Cuba is the last
11. inhumane communist regime left.
12. So therefore be it resolved that the U.S. will lift its embargo on
13. Cuban trade in order to benefit the economy, to raise revenue, and
14. to bring about peace with Cuba.

Respectfully submitted,

Zachary Wynkoop

Chaminade High School

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H1-05*

## **A Bill to Legalize Same-Sex Marriages**

- 1. Be it enacted by the student congress here assembled:**
- 2. Article I:** The United States shall legalize same sex marriages
- 3. Article II:** All rights afforded to heterosexual married couples shall be afforded to homosexual
- 4.** married couples.
- 5. Article III:** This bill shall take effect immediately.
- 6. Article IV:** Any state which does not comply with or enforce this shall be forced to forfeit all
- 7.** Federal funding
- 8. Article V:** All laws in conflict shall hereby be declared null and void

Respectfully Submitted,

Deidre Arndt

Clinton High School – Unaffiliated



# HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H1-06

## An Amendment to Complete the Trifecta

Resolved by the United States of America in the Student Congress assembled (two thirds of the delegates concurring therein), that the following article be proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the said Constitution when ratified in such a manner as described herein:

- 1   **Article**    *Section One:* The twenty first article of amendment to the Constitution of the  
2                   United States is hereby repealed.
- 3                   *Section Two:* The transportation or importation into any State, Territory, or  
4                   possession of the United States for delivery or use therein of intoxicating liquors,  
5                   in violation of the laws thereof, is hereby prohibited.
- 6                   *Section Three:* This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified  
7                   as an amendment to the Constitution by conventions in the several States, as  
8                   provided in the Constitution, within seven years from the date of the submission  
9                   hereof to the States by the Congress.

Respectfully submitted by,

Dan Stagl

Notre Dame High School

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H1-07*

## A Bill to Reduce the US Nuclear Arsenal

1. **Article 1** One third of the United States nuclear arsenal shall be dismantled by the
2. Year 2020. A taskforce under the Department of Energy and the Department of
3. Defense shall explore and act on reprocessing possibilities.
4. **Article 2** One third refers to the mathematical fraction as part of the whole.
5. United States nuclear arsenal is defined as the total amount of arms, missiles or
6. Otherwise, possessed by the United States of America, including both the nuclear
7. Arms deployed overseas and those on U.S. soil. The ratio of one third will be
8. Calculated strategically to reduce tonnage and number of bombs and arms evenly.
9. Dismantled is defined as the act of decommissioning and taking apart. All
10. Components of the dismantled arms will be reprocessed for civilian use.
11. **Article 3** This piece of legislation shall come into effect January 1<sup>st</sup> 2009.
12. **Article 4** This legislation shall be overseen jointly by the Departments of Defense
13. And Energy. The funding for this piece of legislation shall be equally acquired
14. From the Department of Energy and the Department of Defense budgets'. The
15. Taskforce shall be composed of specialists from both departments. Any and all
16. Funds needed or gained from the reprocessing of the components of the arms
17. Shall be redistributed into the budgets of the Defense and Energy Departments.
18. **Article 5** All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this piece of legislation shall
19. Hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Jazmin Davis  
St. Petersburg Senior High School

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S1-01*

## A Bill to Revise U.S. Drug Laws

1. Be it enacted by the Senate in Student Congress assembled that
2. Section 1. All laws against so called “Controlled Substances” or “Illegal Drugs” be repealed.
3. A. Given the apparent lack of effectiveness in drug control, and in spite of ample
4. funding and power given to the DEA by the United States government, it is not enough to cease
5. or effectively curtail the flow of illegal drugs into and within the United States.
6. B. “Illegal Drugs” is defined as such items including but not limited to Controlled Schedule
7. Drug.
8. Section 2. The agent of action for this bill would be a repurposed DEA, having turned from
9. prevention to distribution.
10. A. The agency would be required to monitor any drug sales and other transactions taken place
11. in the United States, this would require a large amount of funding which is addressed later.
12. Section 3. All funding for this program would at first come from the DEA's budget, then
13. from a 25% tax on all substances sold by the DEA.
14. Section 4. The purchase of the drugs would be limited both in amounts and frequency
15. according to the category of the drug. This restriction is not only to peoples with criminal
16. records, but to all persons buying drugs
17. A. The tracking of the transactions for the drugs would be kept in a national databank, which
18. would be funded by the tax.
19. Section 5. Anyone found in violation of the DEA's policies on redistribution of these substances
20. would be given the same sentence as is now given for possession of illegal substances
21. Section 6. This bill and the aforementioned tax will enter into effect January 1, 2008

Respectfully submitted by John Unverferth of Eastside Catholic High School

## *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S1-02*

*Highland Park  
High School*

### **A MEXICAN RESOLUTION**

Be it enacted by the student Congress here assembled that:

1. **Whereas:** Last year's Mexican Presidential election was certified by UN
2. election officials.
3. **Whereas:** Felipe Calderon is the democratically elected and officially
4. recognized President of Mexico.
5. **Whereas:** Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador's objection and subsequent
6. parallel government is causing disunity and unrest in Mexico.
7. **Whereas:** It is in the immediate and long term interests of the United
8. States that Mexico have a strong and stable government.
9. **Be it Hereby Resolved by this Congress:** The United States shall give
10. its full aide and diplomatic support to the Calderon administration and
11. shall formerly denounce the actions of Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador.

Respectfully Submitted to The Committee on Foreign Affairs:

Michael E. Maione  
Highland Park High School

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S1-03*

## **A Resolution to Encourage India to Improve its Nuclear Safety Regulations**

1.     **Whereas**     India's safety and health regulations when concerning its nuclear
2.                   endeavors are considerably lacking; and
3.     **Whereas**     Due to India's past nuclear related mishaps and more recent
4.                   attempts to increase its access to newer nuclear technology, a new
5.                   and more efficient set of safety regulations would benefit India's
6.                   people; and
7.     **Whereas**     A lack of any revisions on the current regulations would only lead
8.                   to further disasters and deaths along with the likely waste of
9.                   India's nuclear imports and supplies; and
10.    **Whereas**     The safety of innocent people should be a priority for the United
11.                   States, a self-proclaimed humanitarian state, no matter what those
12.                   people's origins may be;
13.    **Therefore, Be it Resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that**
14.                   it encourage India to revise and increase its Safety and Health
15.                   Regulations when concerning any and all its Nuclear programs,
16.                   plants, and testing sites.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sydney Rossman-Reich

Lake Highland Prep

## *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S1-04*

1. A Resolution to Increase funding for Embryonic Stem Cell Research
2. WHEREAS, Embryonic Stem Cells can aid in cure for several fatal diseases such as Alzheimer's and cancer, and
3. WHEREAS, Funding for current research on embryonic stem cells requires the cells to be removed from the embryo, and this does not provide an effective progression of research, and
4. WHEREAS, Funding for this bill will be implemented gradually through tax money
5. WHEREAS, The complete execution of this reform, upon passage of this bill, will take place by January of 2009.
6. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the student congress here assembled that funding for embryonic stem cell research be increased, and conducted with living cells in the embryo.

Respectfully submitted,

Sammy Iyer

Syosset High School

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S1-05*

## **A Resolution Acknowledging Australia's Right to Uranium Production**

1.       Whereas: Currently, US foreign policy opposes the development of uranium
2. refineries in countries not already refining; and
3.       Whereas: The Australian government has every intention of beginning to
4. refine their uranium for energy; and
5.       Whereas: This situation could cause tension between the US and Australia; and
7.       Whereas: Australia's decision to refine uranium will have no negative effects on
8. the US
9.       THEREFORE: be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that: The
10. US acknowledge Australia's right to uranium production.

Respectfully Submitted

Ginni Poe  
Trinity Preparatory School

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S1-06*

## A BILL TO IMPLEMENT A POLICY OF MICROLENDING IN AFRICA

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will allocate \$2 billion yearly to countries in Africa for  
3 microlending.

4 **SECTION 2.** Microlending is policy of making microloans to impoverished  
5 entrepreneurs.

6 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will be overseen by the Department of Health and Human  
7 Services (HHS).

8 A. Microlending will be based on a need by community basis.

9 B. Evaluations of the microlending policy will be made yearly to ensure  
10 fair money allocations based on need.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented on Jan. 1, 2008

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

*Respectfully submitted by  
Carl Blumenfeld  
University School*



# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S1-07*

## A Bill to Allow Voting Representation for the District of Columbia

- 1  
2 Section I: The U.S. House of Representatives will increase to 437 voting members.  
3  
4 Section II: The additional two voting members shall given to the District of Columbia  
5 and Utah. The member for the District of Columbia will be elected at  
6 large. The Utah Legislature shall reapportion its congressional districts  
7 within 180 days of the enactment of this legislation.  
8  
9 Section III: The District of Columbia and Utah will hold a special congressional  
10 Election for the two new members of Congress within one year of the  
11 enactment of this legislation.  
12  
13 Section IV: All laws in conflict with this Act are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joel Taubman  
W.T. Woodson High School

# *HARVARD NATIONAL CONGRESS*

## *LEGISLATION TEXT FOR*

### *HOUSE TWO & SENATE TWO*

Students in **House Two** will begin by debating all legislation with the label H2-xx. Once all of those items have been debated, the chamber can consider legislation with the label S2-xx.

Students in **Senate Two** will begin by debating all legislation with the label S2-xx. Once all of those items have been debated, the chamber can consider bills with the label H2-xx.

## *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H2-01*



### **A Resolution to P.A.C. a Punch**

Be it resolved by this student congress here assembled that:

1.     Whereas:     The 2006 election season has seen an alarming increase in the use of
2.                   negative political campaign adds; and
3.     Whereas:     Negative political campaigns undermine the integrity of government
4.                   offices and cause voters to lose faith in their government; and
5.     Whereas:     All donations made to Political Action Committees (PACs) are currently
6.                   listed under Section 527 of the United States Tax Code as tax exempt; and
7.     Whereas:     PACs are responsible for the majority of negative campaign adds because
8.                   they have no limits to their funding or on how much they can spend.
9.     Therefore:   The United States Tax Code, Section 527, shall no longer include
10.                  donations to Political Action Committees; thereby, removing their
11.                  status as “tax exempt” organizations.

Respectfully Submitted to the Committee on Public Welfare,

Bradley H. Dlatt  
Adlai E. Stevenson High School

## *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H2-02*

### *A Resolution to Reform the Telecommunications Act of 1996*

1. *Whereas* certain portions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996
2. undermine a free market in both theory and practice, and
3. *Whereas* the Telecommunications Act has led to an inferior
4. product for consumers, and
5. *Whereas* many provisions of the Act allow for an alarming shift
6. towards mass corporate ownership of formerly independent
7. media outlets whose existence is vital in a functioning
8. democracy, therefore
9. *Be it resolved* that the Congress here assembled reexamine and
10. reform the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Respectfully Submitted,

Reece Trevor  
The Berkeley Carroll School

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H2-03*

## **A Bill to Fund a Nuclear Missile Defense System**

### **1. Section 1: Funding for Missile Defense Agency (MDA) Research**

2. A Missile Defense Estate Tax (MDET) of 5% will be imposed on all taxpayers
3. whose assets are greater than 1 and 1/2 million dollars for all assets above 1 and 1/2
4. million dollars.
5. The revenue gained by the MDET
6. will be allocated to the Missile Defense Agency (MDA)
7. to complete research on the creation of a reliable anti-nuclear missile defense system.

### **8. Section 2: Funding For the Creation of the Missile Defense System**

9. A Second Missile Defense Estate Tax (MDET 2) of 10% will be imposed on all
10. taxpayers whose assets are greater than 2 million dollars for all assets above 2 million
11. dollars.
12. The revenue gained by the MDET 2
13. will be allocated to the MDA for the creation of a reliable
14. Anti-Nuclear Missile Defense System (ANMDS).

### **15. Section 3: Enforcement**

16. The enforcement of all funding sections of this bill will be carried out by the IRS.

### **17. Section 4: Sunset Provisions and Allocation of Additional Revenue**

19. Following the completion of research, the MDET will sunset,
20. and all revenues from the MDET not used will be repaid proportionately to the estates
21. of the original taxpayers.
22. Following this sunset of the MDET, the MDET 2 will go into effect.
23. Following the successful creation of the ANMDS, the MDET 2 will sunset and all
24. revenues not used will be repaid proportionately to the estates of the original taxpayers.

### **25. Section 5: Nullification**

26. All laws or sections of law in conflict with bill will be declared null and void

27. Respectfully Submitted,

28. Cyrus Kornfeld, Iona Preparatory School.

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H2-04*

## A Resolution to Find an Objective Method to Define Enemy Combatants

1   **WHEREAS**, the status and classification of “enemy combatants” has been questioned  
2                   domestically and internationally by numerous human rights groups; and  
3   **WHEREAS**, the current U.S. policy regarding enemy combatants allows the President  
4                   to subjectively choose who is an enemy combatant and who isn’t; and  
5   **WHEREAS**, this exponentially increases executive powers and is a step backwards for  
6                   civil liberties in the United States of America; now, therefore,  
7   **BE IT RESOLVED**, by Student Congress here assembled that a bipartisan committee,  
8                   whose members will be approved by the Senate, be created to form an  
9                   objective method and criteria to define an “enemy combatant”; and  
10   **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the criterion to be formed by the bipartisan  
11                   committee be finished no later than July 2008 and decided upon by the  
12                   Senate by Dec. 2008.

*Respectfully submitted by*

*Michelle Sohn  
Pinecrest High*

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H2-05*

## **A Bill to Enact Net Neutrality**

- 1 Be it enacted by the Student Congress here assembled that
- 2 Section 1. Companies that provide internet service will not discriminate between websites
- 3 they are affiliated with and websites affiliated with competing companies in terms of
- 4 bandwidth and accessibility.
- 5 Section 2. Companies that provide internet service will not actively censor legal content.
- 6 Section 3. Companies that run search engines will not actively censor legal content.
- 7 Section 4. Companies that provide internet service will not discriminate between higher-
- 8 paying clients and lower-paying clients.
- 9 Section 5. Persons or corporations found to be in violation of the freedom and equality of
- 10 the internet shall be fined a minimum \$10,000 for each individual violation.
- 11 Section 6. Enforcement will be provided by the Federal Communications Commission.
- 12 Section 7. All laws and previous rulings conflicting with this legislation will be null and
- 13 void.
- 14 Section 8. This bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Tsai

Plano Senior HS

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H2-06*

## A Bill to Improve Sino-American Relations

1. **Article I:** The United States shall terminate all arms sales to Taiwan in revitalizing our
2. commitment to the Shanghai Communiqué of 1972 with the People's Republic of China.
3. **Article II:** The Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 is hereby repealed in concordance
4. with Article I of this bill.
  - a. The United States must withdraw all forms of direct diplomatic contact with  
Taiwanese leaders and treat them as a political faction rather than a government.
  - b. Any further contact deemed necessary by this Congress or the enforcers of this  
bill shall be regulated through the embassy of the People's Republic of China.
5. **Article III:** This bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.
6. **Article IV:** The Department of State and the Department of Defense shall be jointly
7. responsible for the execution of this bill.
8. **Article V:** All laws or portions of laws in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null
9. and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

William C. Woody

Saint Joseph's Preparatory School



# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H2-07*

## **A Resolution to Increase Funding to the SuperMax Penitentiary in Florence, Colorado**

1.               Whereas: The guard force at SuperMax is well below the number
2.   employed when the prison opened twelve years ago, which makes it unable to
3.   monitor criminal activity; and:
4.               Whereas: This continuing drop in workforce is directly linked to a poor
5.   system of funding; and:
6.               Whereas: SuperMax houses many convicted terrorists, that if they
7.   were to escape, could pose a great threat to the safety and well-being of many
8.   Americans; and:
9.               Whereas: Terrorists could even be plotting attacks from inside the prison
10.   due to the shortage of staff,
11.               THEREFORE: be it resolved by this student congress here assembled that
12.   the United States increase its funding to the SuperMax prison to put its workforce
13.   back over the minimum manpower level and supply them with the tools necessary
14.   to ensure the safety of our constituents.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joey Martin

Trinity Preparatory School

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S2-01*

## **A Resolution Regarding Political Campaigns**

1. **Whereas**, the wealthier candidates in elections are at a greater advantage when it
2. comes to gaining support and publicity, and
3. **Whereas**, smaller party candidates do not have the funding to compete with those
4. of the major parties, namely the Republicans and Democrats, and
5. **Whereas**, the citizens of the United States should be well informed on all of the
6. candidates running in an election when they cast their ballots, and
7. **Whereas**, regulation of campaign expenditures would serve to create a more even
8. playing field for all citizens wishing to affect change in their community, state, or
9. nation, therefore
10. **Be it resolved** by the Student Congress here assembled that a maximum
11. allowance be placed on the amount of money that can be spent on political
12. campaigns by each candidate. This means that no candidate can spend more than
13. X amount of money during their campaign. The allowance will be determined in
14. consideration of the type of campaign.

Respectfully Submitted

Cristofer Koch  
Central Valley High School

## *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S2-02*

### **Stop the Genocide in Darfur, Sudan**

1. Whereas: Since 2003, Sudan has been ravaged by civil war
2. Whereas: 500,000 people have been killed and 3 million people
3. have been displaced from their homes in Darfur; And
4. Whereas: The African Union cannot fun the troops placed there to
5. keep the peace and is going to pull out in a few months;
6. and
7. Whereas: The fighting is picking up again and putting the hundreds
8. of thousand of refugees in danger.
9. Therefore, be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that:
10. The US push for a mandate from the UN to send UN
11. peacekeepers numbering between 12,000 and 20,000 in
12. order to relieve the African Union and stop the genocide.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Murphy  
Georgetown Preparatory School

## *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S2-03*

### A Resolution to Increase the Prevalence of Civilian Nuclear Power in the United States

- 1   Whereas:   Mainly due to regulatory hassles, there have been no nuclear power plants  
2                   built in the United States since 1978, and
- 3   Whereas:   Safety concerns associated with nuclear power are unfounded and  
4                   frequently exaggerated by cultural stereotypes, and
- 5   Whereas:   Nuclear power has in fact proven itself to be far less hazardous than other  
6                   methods used to generate electricity, and
- 7   Whereas:   Nuclear power produces electricity without any greenhouse emissions  
8                   and can do so on a much larger scale than any alternative energy source,  
9                   including solar or wind power.
- 10 Therefore: Be it resolved by this student congress here assembled that the  
11                   construction of additional nuclear power facilities be heavily encouraged  
12                   by the federal government.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patrick Sturm  
Gonzaga College High School  
Washington, D.C.

*HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S2-04*

# A Resolution to Reform the Iraqi Justice System

1     **WHEREAS**, The current corrections/ justice system in Iraq does not effectively or  
2             fairly administer justice; and

3     **WHEREAS,** The human rights of most detainees as enumerated in the United Nations  
4             Declaration of Human Rights are being violated; and

5     **WHEREAS**, Certain suspects are being held indefinitely with no formal charges  
6             brought against them; and

7     **WHEREAS**, Certain suspects do not even get to meet with their defense attorneys until  
8             minutes before their trial; and

9     **WHEREAS,** The limited technology used in the courts is antiquated; and

10     **WHEREAS,** There is a lack of adequate training for lawyers and judges in place and a  
11                 lack of security to protect them from the great potential danger they face;  
12                 now, therefore, be it

13     **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled direct funding towards  
14                     additional security measures, training schools for lawyers/judges, and  
15                     improved technology in Iraqi courts that reflect the standards and  
16                     principles applied to the American judicial system.

*Respectfully submitted by  
Nicholas Iacono  
Msgr. Farrell High School*

## *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S2-05*

### A Resolution to Establish Punishments for Businesses Hiring Illegal Immigrants

- 1 **Whereas**, there are a large amount of illegal workers working below  
2 minimum wage in our country,
- 3 **Whereas**, these workers are breaking American labor law and harming  
4 the economy by taking jobs from American citizens,
- 5 **Whereas**, the companies that employ these workers do not report them  
6 because having underpaid workers increases their profit,
- 7 **Whereas**, imposing large fines upon companies for this behavior is  
8 harmful to the small businesses,
- 9 **Whereas**, large corporations are not actually affected by these fines at all  
10 because the profit gained by having so many illegal workers compensates  
11 for the fine,
- 12 **Be it resolved by this congress here assembled** that businesses are  
13 required by law to check their employees' documentation.
- 14 **Be it further resolved** that businesses convicted of knowingly violating  
15 this law shall be fined by an amount no less than the cumulative wages of  
16 every undocumented worker found for the entire length of the workers'  
17 employment at the company, had they been paid the legal minimum  
18 wage.
- 19 **Be it further resolved** that for each consecutive violation by a  
20 business, the fine will exponentially increase, and after a specified  
21 number of violations business owners may be charged criminally.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ben Berk  
Pinecrest High School

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S2-06*

## **A Resolution to Promote Brazilian Investment**

1. Whereas, Brazil's economy has taken a recent downturn, and
2. Whereas, Brazil is often bracketed with China, India, and Russia as one of the world's
3. emerging economies, and
4. Whereas, American influence in many South American nations is currently
5. waning, allowing for anti-American sentiment to form, and
6. Whereas, Brazil's position as the voice of South America has been over shadowed
7. by Hugo Chavez's recent presidency, and
8. Whereas, when American investment in Brazil's economy increases, so will
9. American influence, and
10. Whereas, American investment in Brazil could be profitable on multiple levels,
11. therefore,
12. BE IT RESOLVED by the student congress here assembled that in order to
13. support capitalism and free trade in South America, the United States
14. government shall guarantee loans to U.S. companies that invest in Brazilian
15. public works projects with a quid pro quo agreement with Brazil to import the
16. necessary raw materials from the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha Shaw  
Southlake Carroll Sr. High

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S2-07*

## **The Drug War Reform Act of 2007**

- 1   **Section 1:** Federal spending on fighting drugs shall be limited to 2 billion dollars  
2                   a year.
- 3   **Section 2:** All U.S. troops located in foreign nations for the purpose of drug  
4                   prevention are to be recalled.
- 5   **Section 3:** This bill will take effect three months upon its passage.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Serfass

Harry S Truman High School



# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S2-08*

## **A Bill to Protect America Through Righteous Implications by Overturning Terrorism with Tax**

1. Be it enacted by this Student Congress here assembled that:
2. Section 1: The United States government shall institute 10% inclusive tax on all
3. gasoline. Any and all additional funds gained from this tax will be
4. evenly distributed between alternative energy research and the War on
5. Terror.
6. Section 2: The gasoline affected by this legislation is any sale or distribution of
7. gasoline or diesel used towards powering cars and/or any other type of
8. vehicle such as motorcycles, trucks, lawnmowers, and heavy
9. equipment. The War on Terror is the U.S. global fight against terrorism.
10. Section 3: This bill shall take effect immediately after passage through the
11. Congress.
12. Section 4: The Internal Revenue Service shall oversee the provisions of this
13. legislation.
14. Section 5: All previous laws or portions of laws in conflict shall hereby be
15. declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth Colonel  
Winter Springs High School

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# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H3-01*

## **A Resolution Declaring a Two-China Foreign Policy**

1. *Whereas:* The United States does not have a policy regarding Taiwan consistent
2. with its other international policies; and
3. *Whereas:* As a major global power, the United States ought to support democracy
4. where it exists in the world; and
5. *Whereas:* The Republic of China is a democratically-governed nation, yet is not
6. recognized as a sovereign state by the government of the United States.
7. *Therefore,* be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that the United
8. States adopt a two-China foreign policy recognizing the Republic of China
9. as a separate state from the People's Republic of China.

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11.

Respectfully submitted,

12.

Yoel Roth

13.

Atlantic High School

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H3-02*

## **A Resolution Calling for an End to the War in Iraq**

1.       Whereas, the Department of Defense has reported the deaths of (3,014) American
2.   service men and women since the start of the Iraq war, and
3.       Whereas, the current cost of the Iraq war effort is roughly (\$356 billion), and
5.       Whereas, the original claim by the Bush administration that the reconstruction of
6.   Iraq would pay for itself through oil resources has proven unlikely due to growing
7.   violence, sabotage, and economic instability in the region, and
8.       Whereas, Saddam Hussein is no longer, and likely never was, a threat to America
9.   or the world with biological or other weapons of mass destruction, and
10.      Whereas, no evidence has been produced that Iraq has now or ever did have
11.   massive stockpiles of chemical and biological weapons, and
12.      Whereas, no evidence has been produced to support a relationship between
13.   Saddam Hussein and al-Quaeda either economically, politically, or militarily, and
14.      Whereas, on November 7, 2006 the American voters clearly expressed their
15.   opposition to the war in Iraq, therefore
16.      BE IT RESOLVED by this student congress assembled that the US government
17.   take immediate steps to facilitate a swift and complete withdrawal of all military
18.   troops from Iraq.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin Eaton  
Duncanville High School

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H3-03*

## **A Resolution to Increase the Minimum Wage**

1. Whereas, the current federal minimum wage is only \$5.15 an hour, and
2. Whereas, that roughly translates into \$10,000 a year in a forty hour work week, and
3. Whereas, the minimum living wage is nearly double that, and as such many adults are forced to
4. work two or more jobs to live any type of reasonable life, therefore
5. BE IT RESOLVED by this Student Congress that an amendment to the Constitution of the
6. United States be made, in which a minimum livable wage is given to the workers of America.
7. Not only would this wage be livable but every other year it will undergo a revaluation that
8. would cause for a price of living adjustment to be made in the wage. This wage would be
9. defined as the minimum to live a life of sufficient amenities, adequate food, shelter and hygiene
10. etc. This would be no more than the current minimum livable wage plus 20%. The rate at which
11. the wage increases would be directly proportional to the increase due to inflation.

Submitted by Breanne Moulton of Eastside Catholic High School.

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H3-04*

## **A Bill to Fund Anti-Satellite Weapon Development**

1 Be it enacted by the Student Congress here assembled that

2 Section 1. All \$405.5 million in funding currently allotted for Ballistic Missile  
3 Defense System Interceptors in the proposed Department of Defense Budget for Fiscal  
4 Year 2007 shall be reassigned to research and development of non-kinetic anti-satellite  
5 weapons.

6 Section 2. The research and development of non-kinetic anti-satellite weapons shall  
7 be funded at FY 2007 levels of \$405.5 million or higher for Fiscal Years 2008, 2009,  
8 2010, 2011, and 2012.

9 Section 3. This legislation shall take effect on March 1, 2007.

10 Section 4. All laws in conflict with this legislation shall be declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenzie Bok

Milton Academy

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H3-05*

Bill Number \_\_\_\_

Bill introduced by: Karthik Soora

Referred to the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

Time Approved by Committee \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_

## **A BILL RECOMMENDING TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES THAT THE COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR TEST BAN TREATY BE RATIFIED.**

Whereas, The United States has conducted over 1,030 nuclear weapons tests and therefore has no need to conduct further tests. Stockpile stewardship will maintain the integrity of the weapons. Ratification of the treaty will also lock in the vast superiority of the United States's nuclear arsenal; and

Whereas, The treaty is designed to prevent nuclear weapons tests from all signatories and to stop the proliferation of nuclear weapons beyond the current eight recognized nation states. This will stop rogue states and environmental damage from further nuclear testing; and

Whereas, The treaty must be ratified by 44 of the Annex Two countries to go into effect, and the United States's ratification will compel India, China, Egypt, Turkey, Israel, and other nation states to ratify the treaty as well; and

Whereas, The treaty will be enforced to ensure compliance via 316 hydroacoustic, radionuclide, infrasound, and seismic monitoring stations. Also, if the United States ever needs to conduct nuclear testing for security reasons, then the treaty permits withdrawal.

SECTION I. BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE UNITED STATES  
2.Congress that the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban  
3.Treaty be ratified.

SECTION II. FUNDING FOR THIS ACT IS NOT NECESSARY AS THE  
2.International monitoring stations are built through the mandate of the  
3.United Nations.

SECTION III. THIS ACT WILL BE ENFORCED AND ADMINISTERED BY THE  
2.United States State Department working alongside the Comprehensive  
3. Test Ban Treaty Organization

SECTION IV. THIS ACT WILL BE ENACTED IMMEDIATELY.

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H3-06*

## A Bill Disallowing Privileged Communication

- 1        Be it enacted by the Student Congress assembled here today,  
2    that
- 3        Section 1: Privileged communication will no longer be an acceptable reason  
4    for withholding testimony in court cases involving heinous crimes.
- 5        Section 2: Any person refusing to give his testimony will be charged  
6    with obstruction of justice.
- 7        Section 3: Heinous crimes are defined as offenses that are grossly wicked  
8    such as murder, rape, and child molestation.
- 9        Section 4: This law will be enforced by all local, state, and federal law  
10   enforcement agencies.
- 11       Section 5: Any law, or portion of a law, that conflicts with this legislation  
12   shall be declared null and void.
- 13       Section 6: This bill will go into effect January 1, 2008.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shahrukh Gaziani

Plano Senior HS



# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H3-07*

## A Bill to Prevent Unnecessary Animal Testing

1 BE IT ENACTED by the Student Congress here assembled that:

2 Section 1: Testing cosmetic products on animals is now declared illegal.

3 Section 2: Cosmetic products are defined to be any items that are not directly health or  
4 food related.

5 Section 3: Any company that PRESENTLY tests cosmetic products on animals MUST  
6 find a placement for their test animals.

7 Section 4: ALL cosmetic test subjects from now on will be consenting human adults who  
8 will receive monetary compensation for their time.

9 Section 5: This bill will be overseen by the FDA.

10 Section 6: This bill will take effect January 1, 2008.

11 Section 7: All legislation in conflict with this legislation will hereby be declared null and  
12 void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristin Snell

Southern Lehigh High School

***HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S3-01***  
**A Bill to Encourage Adoption of Older Children in the  
United States**

1   **Be It Enacted by the Student Congress assembled that:**

2   **Section I:** Legally adopted children in the United States who were wards of the state  
3                   wherein they reside for a period of no less than two years may be reported  
4                   as ten dependent exemptions on the adoptive parents' federal income tax  
5                   returns.

6       **(A):** The state in which the adoption took place shall yearly issue a certificate of  
7                   adoption to be filed with the adoptive parents' tax return as evidence of the  
8                   claim to ten exemptions. Such certificates shall be issued through the year in  
9                   which the adopted child is twenty-one years old.

10      **(B):** States shall only issue tax exemption certificates for children who were wards  
11                   of that state for no less than two years.

12   **Section II:** Wards of the state are minors meeting the following conditions

13      **(A):** Minors with no living parents or minors whose parents' custody has been  
14                   terminated by a court, and

15      **(B):** Minors whose upkeep, housing, and custody have been totally vested in  
16                   the state and its appropriate agencies.

17   **Section III:** This requirement shall be fulfilled by each state's Department of Children  
18                   and Family Services or its equivalent.

19   **Section IV:** This law shall take effect January 1, 2010 and shall be in force for tax return  
20                   for the year 2009.

21   **Section V:** All other laws at local, state, and federal levels which are in conflict with this  
22                   act are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherry Zhang  
Barrington High School

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S3-02*

## A Resolution Concerning Nuclear Energy

- 1       Whereas:       Over the next 20 years there is expected to be a 40%  
2                       increase in electrical needs; and  
3       Whereas:       The safety of nuclear plants is undermined by misrepresented  
4                       versions of past precedent; and  
5       Whereas:       The majority of Americans are in favor of using  
6                       nuclear energy; and  
7       Whereas:       The leftovers from the production of nuclear energy can be  
8                       safely recycled and reused.  
9       Therefore:     Be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that:  
10                      Nuclear energy be implemented as a main source of energy  
11                      for the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Jeong

Broad Run High School

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S3-03*

## A Bill to Increase Ties with Iran

- 1   **Section I:**   The following shall be defined as such:  
2                   - "Iran" shall be defined as Islamic Republic of Iran,  
3                   - "sanctions" shall be defined as any and all economy devices  
4                   implemented by one country so as to harm another country  
5                   though economic means.
- 6   **Section II:**   The United States shall remove all sanctions in place against Iran.
- 7   **Section III:**   The United States shall no longer veto Iran's attempts to join the  
8                   World Trade Organization.
- 9   **Section IV:**   At Iran's behest, the United States shall establish an embassy on  
10                  Iranian soil.
- 11   **Section V:**   The United States shall attempt diplomatic solutions to problems  
12                  with Iran.
- 13   **Section VI:**   All legislation in conflict with this bill shall be repealed.
- 14   **Section VII:**   The effects of this legislation shall take place immediately.

Respectfully Submitted,  
John LaPlante  
Holy Ghost Prep

## *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S3-04*

# A Bill to Ban Smoking in Households Or Places That Include Minors

1. **Section 1.** Persons may not smoke in any household containing an individual under  
2. the age of 18.
3. **Section 2.** States choosing not to comply with this legislation will lose their  
4. education funding.
5. **Section 3.** State agencies will be in charge of enforcing this legislation.
6. **Section 4.** This bill shall come in effect on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007.
7. **Section 5.** Funding for this legislation shall come from the fiscal year 2007 budget.
8. **Section 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,  
Craig Richards  
Nova High School

## *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S3-05*

### **A Resolution Concerning American Involvement in Darfur**

1. **Whereas**, the Darfur region of Sudan has recently become the stage of a
2. genocide, and
3. **Whereas**, the conflict has started to cause problems in other countries,
4. such as Chad, and
5. **Whereas**, America has a duty as a world power to resolve such
6. international conflicts, and
7. **Whereas**, America would have the full support of international bodies,
8. such as the United Nations, therefore
9. **Be it resolved by the student congress here assembled** that the United
10. States of America will help stop the genocide in Darfur through
11. peacekeeping operations, and
12. **Be it further resolved** that the United States of America will not be
13. obligated to help in the reconstruction of the Sudanese government.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Drucker

Randolph High School

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S3-06*

## A Resolution to Reinstate the Draft in the United States

1. Whereas: The United States is needing to deploy National Guard Troops to areas
2. such as Iraq and Afghanistan, and
3. Whereas: The nation's defense is not as strong as it would be normally, and
4. Whereas: The security of the American people would improve by increasing the
5. number of military personnel in the United States armed forces.
6. Therefore, be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled, that a military
7. draft be activated by the United States armed forces for all citizens age 18-30.
8. Be it further resolved, that in addition to the military's normal exclusions, the
9. following individuals be exempt from this draft:
  10. a. Employees of municipal, state and federal governments
  11. b. Employees of public utility companies
  12. c. Persons who recently performed military service and have been
  13. discharged.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathlyn Cadwell

Southern Lehigh High School

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S3-07*

## **A Resolution to Suspend Ties with Pakistan**

1. Whereas: Pakistan funds terrorist institutions like the Al-Qaeda.
2. Whereas: Terrorism has been prevalent in Pakistan since the 1980's since the
3.                Bangladesh Liberation War.
4. Whereas: Pakistan has allegedly attacked India and killed many innocent
5.                people.
6. Whereas: The US stands for anti-terrorism and justice to victim countries.
7. Therefore, be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that the
8.                United States suspend its diplomatic relationship with Pakistan
9.                until it agrees to adopt transparency relating to terrorist activities
10.              within the country.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sahiba Chopra

Walt Whitman High School



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# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H4-01*

## A BILL

### To Repeal the Bush Tax Cuts

1. Be it enacted by the Student Congress assembled here that:
2. SECTION 1. This act may be cited as the “Bush Tax Cut Repeal Act of 2006.”
3. SECTION 2.
4. A. The Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 is hereby repealed.
5. B. The Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003 is hereby repealed.
6. C. The Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act of 2005 is hereby repealed.
7. SECTION 3.
8. A. This bill shall go into effect on January 1, 2007.
9. B. All laws or portions of laws in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and
10. void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Cobos

American Heritage

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H4-02*

## **A Bill to Reform The Treatment of Military Prisoners**

- 1 **Article I:** The Military Commissions Act of 2006 (Senate Bill 3930) is hereby  
2 repealed. The United States Armed Forces and the Central Intelligence Agency will  
3 change their policy regarding military prisoners as necessary in order to ensure the  
4 prisoners' basic human and legal rights. Intelligence-gathering practices including,  
5 but not limited to, the use of extraordinary rendition, excessive physical and/or  
6 psychological abuse, and denial of habeas corpus will be discontinued.
- 7 **Article II:** The Military Commissions Act of 2006 is a law allowing the military to  
8 detain and try "unlawful enemy combatants" before secret military tribunals using  
9 any justification. In doing so, it allows the violation of the Geneva Convention in  
10 treatment of prisoners. Both aliens and United States citizens may be held under the  
11 law indefinitely, secretly, and without conclusive evidence, among other provisions.
- 12 **Article III:** Upon passage, this piece of legislation will come into effect immediately.
- 13 **Article IV:** The Department of Justice in conjunction with the Department of  
14 Defense and the Central Intelligence Agency will oversee the implementation and  
15 continuation of this piece of legislation.
- 16 **Article V:** All other laws in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be declared  
17 null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Senator Simon Wiener

Charlottesville High School

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H4-03*

**A Bill to Protect Personal Phone Records From Unauthorized Disclosure**  
BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** All landline and wireless phone carriers must require that customers use a password in order to obtain their calling records from a representative of the carrier by phone.

**SECTION 2.** Obtaining a calling record is not defined to include discussion of an account with a customer service representative of the phone service provider.

**SECTION 3.** One can obtain phone records without using a password by requesting that their service provider send the information to their billing address.

**SECTION 4.** Those wishing to obtain their calling information online must use a password.

**SECTION 5.** Phone carriers must notify customers by email if their passwords are changed via the internet to ensure that they were not illegally altered online by a pretexter.

a. A “pretexter” is to be defined as one who poses as another to try to trick a phone company into turning over that person’s calling information such as call times, numbers called, and duration of the calls.

**SECTION 6.** This bill will be enforced and overseen by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

**SECTION 7.** This bill will take affect immediately upon passage.

**SECTION 8.** All other laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted  
Jared Hill  
Nova High School

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H4-04*

## **The American Health Bill of 2007**

1. Be it enacted By this Student Congress here assembled that:
2. **ARTICLE I: The Trans-Fat Tax**
3. **Section 1:** Foods containing trans-monounsaturated fats, commonly known as trans-fats, shall have an
4. Excise tax of \$.20/gram levied against them.
5. **Section 2:** This excise tax shall be paid by the manufacturers of the foods.
6. **Section 3:** If the manufacturer is a foreign company, the tax shall be applied as an import tariff.
7. **Section 4:** All exporters of food containing trans-fat shall be refunded their tax at the border as per
8. The Constitutional prohibition on taxing exports
9. **ARTICLE II: HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS**
10. **Section 1:** All workers may set aside up to \$2,000, plus \$1,000 per dependent each year in pre-tax
11. Money for contributions to a Health Savings Account.
12. **Section 2:** The deduction shall be made as an adjustment to Gross Income.
13. **Section 3:** The money in these Health Savings Accounts can be used to pay for health insurance
14. Premiums, co-pays, hospital stays, non-elective surgery and prescription medication.
15. **Section 4:** An unused balance at the end of the year shall be carried over to the following year.
16. **Section 5:** This bill shall not be considered as an abolishment of any existing Health Savings
17. Accounts currently offered to workers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrew Patton

Pennsbury High School

# A Resolution to Sanction Venezuelan Oil

*Respectfully submitted by*  
*Colin Winkelmann, Rufus King International*  
*Baccalaureate High School*

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H4-06*

## **A Bill to Repeal the Sarbanes-Oxley Act**

- 1      Article I:            The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 will be repealed.
- 2      Article II:           Repealed is to mean removed from law.
- 3      Article III:           This bill will be implemented upon passage.
- 4      Article IV:           The Securities and Exchange Commission will oversee the
5.                            the measures by ceasing to enforce Sarbanes-Oxley's
6.                            policies and ending compliance requirements Sarbanes-
7.                            Oxley has created.
8.      Article V:           All laws in conflict with this law shall be declared null and
9.                            void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Drew Vollmer

Walt Whitman High School

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H4-07*

## **A Resolution To Invade Iran**

1. Whereas: The United States has an obligation to stand for international
2. democracy and justice; and
3. Whereas: Iran has continually shown it's opposition to democracy, and
4. Whereas: Iran poses a threat to the free world; and
5. Whereas: Iran has developed nuclear capabilities with the intent to make
6. nuclear weapons; and
7. Whereas: Iran is willing to use these nuclear weapons on Israel;
8. **THEREFORE:** Be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that:
9. The United States Congress shall authorize the President of the
10. United States to use military action against Iran.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Colonel  
Winter Springs High School



# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S4-01*

## **A Bill to Eliminate the Electoral College**

1. Be it enacted by this Student Congress here assembled that:
2. Section I: The Electoral College will be permanently removed from United States
3. Government Policy.
4. Section II: Let the Electoral College be defined as the group of Presidential Electors
5. who are chosen every four (4) years to cast the electoral vote and thereby elect the
6. President and Vice President of the United States.
7. Section III: Starting with the 2008 Election, and continuing for every presidential
8. election thereafter, the Electoral College will cease to exist, and therefore will not have
9. an impact on any subsequent elections.
10. Section IV: The Federal Election Commission will enforce this change, and, as a
11. precaution to avoiding chaos in the 2008 election, Congress will form a temporary
12. bipartisan committee to oversee the Federal Election Commission until it is agreed
13. unanimously by said committee that all changes have been adequately made by the
14. Federal Election Commission. Let it be known that Congress will have the right to
15. immediately reinstate this committee if a majority in both houses of Congress feels
16. that the Electoral College has not been completely disregarded in a future election.
17. Section V: All laws and/or portions of laws in conflict with the provisions of this
18. legislation shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael DeRosa  
American Heritage School-Plantation

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S4-02*

## A Bill Reducing Nuclear Stockpiles

1. Article I: The US military will reduce its nuclear armaments by 20% annually for
2. each of the next ten years.
3. Article II: The nuclear armaments dismantled each year will be taken equally
4. from the various types of nuclear weapons in the current military arsenal, unless
5. the Secretary of Defense provides specific orders regarding dismantling for a
6. specific year. If the Secretary makes such a proposal, it must be ratified by a
7. majority in the Senate to take effect. Nuclear armaments are any nuclear device
8. intended for military purposes, excluding power sources. Examples of Nuclear
9. armaments can include, but are not limited to, nuclear bombs, missiles, and other
10. tactical nuclear weapons.
11. Article III: This bill will take effect January 1 of the year following ratification.
12. Article IV: This bill will be overseen by the Departments of Energy, Interior, and
13. Defense, and jointly and funded by the three Departments.
14. Article V: All other laws in conflict with this new policy will be declared null and
15. void, specifically the current Department of Energy plan for nuclear disarmament.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Brendan Ford

Charlottesville High School

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S4-03*

## A Bill for Iraq Withdraw

- 1   **Section I:**   The following shall be defined as such:  
2                   - "Occupation of Iraq" shall be defined as the United States of  
3                   America's occupation of the nation of Iraq, beginning with the  
4                   invasion on March 20, 2003,  
5                   - "US military" shall be defined as all members of the United  
6                   States Armed Forces.
- 7   **Section II:**   The foremost priority of all US military personnel in Iraq shall  
8                   immediately become increased training of the New Iraqi Army, to  
9                   the extent that the New Iraqi Army shall be prepared to maintain  
10                  stability after the Occupation of Iraq.
- 11   **Section III:** All US military groups will begin removal of troops from the nation  
12                  of Iraq, at a rate of ten (10) percent per month, for eight (8)  
13                  months, beginning when this legislation takes effect.
- 14   **Section IV:** The remaining twenty (20) percent of the US military shall be  
15                  used as peacekeeping troops within Iraq for a period of two (2)  
16                  years.
- 17   **Section V:**   The effects of this legislation shall take place June 1, 2007.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dominic Pody

Holy Ghost Prep

## *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S4-04*

### **A Resolution to Establish an Independent Kurdistan**

1. **Whereas**, the Kurdish people are a proud and independent culture
2.               with a rich history, and
3. **Whereas**, Iraq is disintegrating into ethnic strife and civil war, and
4. **Whereas**, the Kurdish Regional Government of northern Iraq has
5.               established a de facto self-governing state, and
6. **Whereas**, the Kurdish region is the most peaceful and prosperous
7.               region of Iraq, therefore
8. **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Student Congress assembled here, that
9.               the establishment of an independent Kurdish nation in
10.              northern Iraq become official US policy and the US shall
11.              use all necessary pressure to encourage Iraq to do the same
12. **Be IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that should the current Iraqi
13.              government choose to make the establishment of a
14.              Kurdish nation its official policy, the US military will assist
15.              the Kurdish people in this endeavor and shall establish a
16.              panel to determine the validity of territorial claims.

Scott Chambers, Providence

## *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S4-05*

### **A Bill to Open New Lines of Embryonic Stem Cells Using Arrested Embryos**

1. Whereas; the President is opposed to using live embryos for research purposes, and
2. Whereas; the use of embryo's may provide scientists with new treatments for currently incurable diseases, and
3. Whereas; the United States is drastically behind in the field of embryonic stem cell research and development, and
4. Whereas; the use of arrested embryos allows us to bypass the current ethical issues the President has raised while still providing new cures and research benefits for Americans.
5. Therefore, be it resolved by this Congress here assembled that; the United States government open new lines of embryonic stem cells using arrested embryos.
6. Be it further resolved that; the government increase federal funding for new research by \$500 million in the Fiscal Year 2008 budget.

Respectfully Submitted,

Haley Nehms

Sacred Heart High School

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S4-06*

## **A Resolution to Ban the Teaching of Intelligent Design in Public Schools**

1. Whereas: The theory of Intelligent Design has been the source of much controversy
2. Whereas: There is no scientific evidence to prove the validity of Intelligent Design
3. Whereas: Charles Darwin's theory of evolution is scientifically accepted
4. Whereas: The constitutionality of the theory of Intelligent Design is questionable on
5. numerous counts
6. Whereas: Intelligent Design has religious underpinnings
7. Therefore, be it resolved that: The teaching of the theory of Intelligent Design be
8. banned in all science classes in all public high schools.
9. Be it further resolved that: The teaching of the theory of Intelligent Design as a
10. religious theory be permitted in theology classes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sen. Andrew Leff

Scarsdale High School

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S4-07*

## A Bill to Restrict the Production of Methamphetamines

Section 1: Any person who produces or distributes five grams or more of methamphetamine shall be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence, without the possibility of probation or parole, of 10 to 30 years imprisonment for a first offense, 20 years to life for a second offense and a life sentence for a third offense.

Section 2: Any person who produces methamphetamines in an environment where a child under the age of 18 resides shall be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence, without the possibility of probation or parole, of 20 to 40 years imprisonment for a first offense, and forty years to life for a second offense.

Section 3: The Attorney General is authorized to provide 10 million in grants to provide training to state and local prosecutors and law enforcement agents for the investigation and prosecution of methamphetamine offenses.

Section 4: This bill will go into effect immediately after passing

Authored by: Rebecca Matte  
Syosset High School

## *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S4-08*

A Resolution to Recommend the Withdrawal of the United States from the UN

- 1 **Whereas:** The United Nations costs this nation large amounts of money
- 2 **Whereas:** Our contributions to the United Nations do not benefit us any more
- 3                   than the contributions of the smallest contributors
- 4 **Whereas:** The United Nations has become an extremely corrupted
- 5                   organization.
- 6 **Whereas:** There are causes where said money would be better spent
- 7 **Therefore Be It Resolved:** The United States of America shall cease to
- 8                   participate in the United Nations

Respectfully submitted-  
Alexander Orleans  
The Hun School of Princeton



# *HARVARD NATIONAL CONGRESS*

## *LEGISLATION TEXT FOR*

### *HOUSE FIVE & SENATE FIVE*

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# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H5-01*

## **A Resolution to Amend Laws regarding Visitation Rights to the United States**

1.     Whereas: The United States requires citizens of certain former Soviet Republics
2.                     to obtain a visa to travel to and visit the United States for a
3.                     period of three months or less.
4.     Whereas: This policy sought to minimize the influence from
5.                     certain Soviet Republics after World War II.
6.     Whereas: The political changes in Europe eliminate the need for
7.                     for this protective restriction.
8.     Whereas: Some of the former Soviet Republics are now allies of the United
9.                     States in the Iraqi military action.
10.    Whereas: The requirement for a visa for citizens of these nations for travel to
11.                    and visits in the United States for periods of three months or less
12.                    is an impediment to the recognition of said nations as allies.
13.    BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:
14.                    That the United States requirements for the issuance of a visa for travel to
15.                    and in the United States for a period of three months or less
16.                    by citizens of former Soviet Republics are hereby repealed.

Respectfully submitted,

Academy of the Holy Names

Veronica Glab

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H5-02*

## A Resolution Calling For UN Security Council Reform

1. Whereas: The P5 established in 1945, out of the WWII victory powers, is outdated and
2. fails to address modern circumstances; and
3. Whereas: Nations like Brazil, India, Japan, and Germany are all excluded from the P5
4. despite being major economic, political, and military powers; and
5. Whereas: Many current P5 nations are no longer world powers; and
6. Whereas: The one veto power allows unilateral obstruction of important actions; and
7. Whereas: An additional 5 permanent members (a P10) and an additional veto power
8. could correct these problems; and
9. Whereas: These changes can only be achieved from within the P5 itself,
10. Therefore: be it resolved by the Student Congress here assembled that UN Security
11. Council reform should be instituted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Glicksman

American Heritage--Boca

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H5-03*

## **A RESOLUTION TO ADVANCE HYDROGEN FUEL TECHNOLOGY**

1. **Whereas**, hydrogen fuel improves air quality, reduces green house emissions,
2. and the fact that oil is destroying the worlds environment and aquatic
3. populations, hydrogen has great potential to help the world's current problem
4. of global warming and polar ice caps melting, and
5. **Whereas**, studies show the world's oil will be entirely depleted by the year
6. 2050, and
7. **Whereas**, advancing hydrogen fuel technology will help in decreasing the
8. United States reliance on foreign sources of oil, and will improve the U.S.
9. economy, and
10. **Whereas**, cost effective hydrogen cars are expected to be ready before the year
- 2010, and
11. **Whereas**, Bush's Freedom CAR initiative and the total 1.7 billion dollars
12. over a five year period is nowhere near enough money needed for the research
13. to make hydrogen economy realistic, therefore,
14. **BE IT RESOLVED** by the student congress assembled that the U. S. provide
- additional funding above and beyond the 1.7 billion already available to be used
- to further advance hydrogen fuel technology.

Respectfully submitted,

Zachary Flynn

Cheyenne East

***HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H5-04***  
**A Resolution Concerning the Disarmament of Nuclear Weapons**

1. Whereas, several foreign nations are currently pursuing nuclear weapon
2. policies that are dangerously out of step with the security needs of the entire
3. world, and
4. Whereas, the desire for a free hand to develop and test new weapons has
5. led many nations to abandon the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, IAEA
6. regulations, as well as other multilateral arm control policies, and
7. Whereas, U.S. nuclear weapons policies are undermining the U.S. goal of
8. constraining the global spread on nuclear weapons, therefore
9. **BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS THAT:**
10. The United States work coherently with the United Nations in creating a
11. multilateral proposal eliminating all nuclear weapons, internationally by
12. December 31, 2020.
13. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:**
14. The United States incrementally disarm and disassemble its nuclear munitions
15. supply in conjunction with the rate of other nations' nuclear weapons supplies.
16. **BE IT YET FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:**
17. The United States will fully and finally dismantle its nuclear munitions supply
18. upon reasonable proof that all nuclear weapons stockpiles have been globally
19. destroyed.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Neel Mehta

Mauldin High School

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H5-05*

## A Resolution Concerning Reform of the Federal Tort Claims Act

1           Whereas: The Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA) permits private parties to file suit against  
2   the United States for several torts committed by persons affiliated with the United States  
3   Government, and

4           Whereas: 28 U.S.C. § 1346(b) only holds the United States Government liable in  
5   “circumstances where the United States, if a private person, would be liable to the claimant in  
6   accordance with the law of the place where the act or omission occurred,” and

7           Whereas, 28 U.S.C. § 2680(h) holds the United States Government liable in cases where  
8   law enforcement officers, defined as “officer[s] of the United States who [are] empowered by  
9   law to execute searches, to seize evidence, or to make arrests for violations of Federal law,” are  
10   responsible for “assault, battery, false imprisonment, false arrest, abuse of process, or malicious  
11   prosecution,” and

12           Whereas, holding the United States Government monetarily liable for the actions of law  
13   enforcement officers creates a higher standard upon the United States Government in comparison  
14   to a private citizen, which is a violation of the intent of 28 U.S.C. § 1346(b), therefore

15   BE IT RESOLVED by the Student Congress here assembled that 28 U.S.C. § 2680(h) be revised  
16   such that the United States government is not monetarily liable for assault, battery, false  
17   imprisonment, false arrest, abuse of process, or malicious prosecution of law enforcement  
18   officers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Mogavero

Mercyhurst Preparatory School

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H5-06*

## A Bill to Pay as You Go

Be it enacted by the Student Congress here assembled that:

1. Article I: All federal legislation requiring federal funds and all federal tax
2. reductions must include provisions detailing specifically how
4. they will be funded in order to be passed into law.
5. Article II: Every new federal spending program and every increase in
6. spending on current programs must be funded by either a reduction
7. in spending on alternative programs, an increase in taxes, or a
8. budget surplus. All federal tax reductions must demonstrate that
9. they will not cause a budget deficit based on the current year's
10. revenue, due to a budget surplus, or must designate what
11. alternative taxes must be raised, or spending reduced to avoid a
12. budget deficit.
13. Article III: This bill will take effect January 1, 2008.
14. Article IV: This bill shall be enforced by the Congressional Budget Office and
15. the Department of the Treasury.
16. Article V: All laws in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted by

Joe Mahoney  
Notre Dame High School

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H5-07*

## A Bill to Discourage Misleading Law Enforcement Officers by Making Obstruction of Justice a Felony

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Persons for whom it has been proven have obstructed the administration of  
3 justice in the course of investigation by providing false information or  
4 withholding evidence from a law enforcement officer or prosecutor, or by  
5 harming or intimidating a witness or juror, shall be held to the same  
6 standard of felony as a person who has committed perjury.

7 **SECTION 2.** Perjury is defined as deliberately providing false or misleading statements  
8 while under oath, differing from obstruction of justice, which is more  
9 concerned with the forensic investigation phase of law. While an oath  
10 may not be taken, the standard *Miranda Rights* still allow a person being  
11 interviewed to have legal representation and due process, accordingly.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall assist in analyzing the effect of this  
13 legislation in the penal system, and by providing a statistical survey of the  
14 number of cases that are solved due to aversion of obstruction of  
15 investigations.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect upon passage, requiring the Department of  
17 Justice to notify law enforcement agencies at all levels to coordinate  
18 implementation for verbally informing persons from whom law  
19 enforcement officers take statements or evidence of the potential felony of  
20 obstructing justice.

21 **SECTION 5.** Any laws in conflict with this bill shall be null and void.

*Respectfully submitted by  
Claire Schuerman, Rufus King International  
Baccalaureate High School*



# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H5-08*

## Regarding Universal Health Insurance

- 1       Whereas:       The current US health insurance system deprives nearly  
2                       one fifth of the non-elderly population of coverage and  
3                       provides a substantial financial burden to both the  
4                       American public and to the government.
- 5       Whereas:       Every other developed nation in the world has implemented  
6                       a universal system that has not only benefited the people,  
7                       but also the economy.
- 8       Whereas:       Statistics and polls show that a universal health care system  
9                       is what the American public wants.
- 10      Therefore:     Be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled  
11                       that: the US government institute a national healthcare system  
12                       under which all citizens would receive some form of coverage. Be  
13                       it further resolved that privately owned insurance companies be  
14                       permitted to compete with the government-sponsored system.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chelsea Kelly  
Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S5-01*

## **A Bill to Legalize Euthanasia in All 50 States**

1. Be it enacted by this Student Congress here assembled that:
2. Section I: Euthanasia shall become legal in all 50 states, and furthermore, all states will
3. recognize Euthanasia as a legal practice.
4. Section II: Let Euthanasia be defined as the practice of painlessly terminating the life
5. of a human being because said person is diagnosed with a terminal illness which will
6. result in a physically painful death.
7. Section III: Legislation establishing regulations on Euthanasia will take place before
8. the December 1, 2007. This legislation will be brought into effect January 4, 2008. At
9. such time, all certified health facilities will be allowed to provide Euthanasia through a
10. credited doctor specifically certified to perform the specific medical procedure at
11. hand.
12. Section IV: The Health Resources and Services Administration will see to it that all
13. hospitals follow within Euthanasia guidelines. Let it here be restated that Euthanasia
14. will only be allowed to be administered if the patient suffers from a terminal illness in
15. which a doctor has indisputable evidence that the patient will indeed die a physically
16. painful death.
17. Section V: All laws and/or portions of laws in conflict with the provisions of this
18. legislation shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Gozlan

American Heritage School-Plantation

## *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S5-02*

A Resolution to Consider the Use of Fusion Energy

1 Whereas fusion energy offers the potential of safe, clean power which is unlimited in  
2 amount, is free of long-lived, high-level radioactive waste, and can have environmental  
3 advantages over other technologies;  
4 Whereas past efforts to explore the energy potential of nuclear fusion have concentrated  
5 on magnetic and inertial confinement fusion, which of necessity entails large  
6 expenditures and complex physical plants;  
7 Whereas existing lines of fusion research have made steady progress toward the goal of  
8 commercial applications of fusion technology;  
9 Whereas budgetary constraints have forced the Department of Energy to cut back on  
10 fusion energy research programs; and  
11 Whereas uncertainty about the nature of the recent 'cold fusion' experiments and their  
12 potential for practical application may cause unfortunate delays and uncertainty in the  
13 commitment of resources to the more traditional research avenues;  
14 *Resolved by this Senate*, That Congress strongly recommends that the Department of  
15 Energy take immediate action to determine the validity and potential to the Nation of  
16 new ways to obtain fusion energy .

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Fitzgerald

Chaminade High School

## *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S5-03*

### **A Resolution to Protect the Entertainment Industry**

1. Whereas: Peer to Peer networking programs have been increasing in usage and
2. Whereas: There has been only a half-hearted effort at curbing the illegal downloading of
3.                   music, movies, and computer software and
4. Whereas: Illegal downloads are likely to gravely harm the entertainment industry
5.                   in the future
6. Whereas: It is our duty as Congress to protect the rights of all our citizens and it would be
7.                   immoral to allow citizens to be robbed of their rightfully earned profits
8. Therefore be it Resolved: That this Congress provide a sum of fifty million dollars to
9.                   private organizations in the process of tracking down those who illegally
10.                  download media off of Peer to Peer networking sites.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrew Billings

Iona Preparatory School

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S5-04*

## A Resolution Repealing Megan's Law

1       Whereas, Megan's Law (U.S. Public Law 104-145), as signed by President William  
2 Clinton on May 17, 1996, exceeds the Constitutional authority of the federal government, and

3       Whereas, Megan's Law is therefore a violation of states' 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment rights, and

4       Whereas, each state has the right through the 10<sup>th</sup> amendment to choose how to deal with  
5 sexual offenders in their state, and

6       Whereas, state governments have other means to deal with these sex offenders upon their  
7 release, therefore

8 BE IT RESOLVED by the Student Congress here assembled that U.S. Public Law 104-145 be  
9 repealed,

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all states be allowed to implement Megan's Law programs  
11 into their states at the discretion of state governments.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ethan Johns

Mercyhurst Preparatory School

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S5-05*

## **A Resolution to Allow Congress to Grant the Power of Line Item Veto**

1. Whereas, the power of line item veto proved to be effective when it was used by
2. President Clinton, and
3. Whereas, the power of line item veto would deter wasteful and erroneous
4. spending in budget appropriations, and
5. Whereas, President Bush has asked for the power, showing his enthusiasm to
6. use it to help the American people and the American economy, and
7. Whereas, since the 1974 Budget Appropriations Act, the executive branch has a
8. weakened power of the purse when compared to executive's before said Act, and
9. Whereas, if congress wants to override the veto of the president it simply
10. requires a 2/3 majority to pass the bill without the vetoed parts, guaranteeing
11. a check on the veto's power, therefore
12. BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
13. States of America in Congress assembled that the following article is proposed
14. as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid
15. to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the
16. legislatures of three-fourths of the several states, within seven years after the
17. date of its submission by the Congress:
18. Article—
19. `SECTION 1. Congress shall have the power to enact a line-item veto.'

Respectfully Submitted,  
Richard Jordan  
Southlake Carroll Senior High

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S5-06*

## **A Resolution to Redefine the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978**

1. *Whereas:* The original parameters of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act have been
2. modified by the United States of America Patriot Act of 2001, and
3. *Whereas:* Prior to the modification the court created by the Foreign Intelligence
4. Surveillance Act could issue a warrant only if foreign intelligence was the primary
5. purpose of an investigation, and
6. *Whereas:* The Executive Branch now only needs to show “a significant purpose” to the
7. Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act court to receive a court approved warrant for
8. surveillance, and
9. *Whereas:* This change has resulted in too much power being given to the Executive Branch
10. of Federal government with respect to surveillance, and
11. *Whereas:* With this increased power the number of rights violating warrants have been
12. augmented, and
13. *Whereas:* The Executive Branch has also misinterpreted this change and have begun to
14. wiretap without a court order further violating the rights of the citizens, and
15. *Therefore be it Resolved:* The Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 is redefined to
16. its original parameters with the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act court issuing a warrant
17. only if foreign intelligence is the primary purpose of an investigation, and
18. *Be it Further Resolved:* That the Executive Branch is strictly forbidden from conducting
19. surveillance on an individual or a group of individuals without a court order.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ed Phillips  
Saint Joseph’s Preparatory School

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S5-07*

## A Bill to Establish a Right of Confidentiality for Reporter's Sources

1. Article 1: A Right of Confidentiality shall be established between members of the
2. Press and their sources of information. This right shall protect the member of
3. The press, the companies they work for and represent, and the source of
4. Information from prosecution under the law. An office will be created in the
5. Attorney General's Office to certify and register news organizations under this
6. Law to validate their dedication to providing accurate information.
7. Article 2: A Right of Confidentiality is defined as legal immunity from
8. Prosecution of the person or persons who give information to a member of the
9. Press, the member of the press who received the information, and the company
10. That employs them. Members of the Press shall be defined as a member of a news
11. Organization whose primary duty is to find and relay information to the public.
12. The media company must be registered with the Attorney General's Office to
13. Receive protection under this law, and pay \$5000 for the license. The source of
14. Information is defined as the person or persons who relay information to the press
15. About organizations such as but not limited to businesses or government offices.
16. Any information that can be used to identify the source, such as but not limited to
17. Name, address, position, social security number, records (such as taxes and phone
18. Records), images, or voice recordings may not be used as evidence in a court of
19. Law. The office for registering media corporations shall do background checks
20. And any other measure deemed necessary by the office to declare the credibility
21. Of the news organization.
22. Article 3: This bill will come into effect January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Any lawsuits filed
23. Before this date shall continue as originally scheduled until their termination,
24. Including any appeals, without the effects of the new law
25. Article 4: Any suit filed by a corporation or government official against a
26. Member of the press against the provisions of this legislation shall be
27. Dismissed. Further attempts will be seen as suspicious and shall be referred to the
28. Justice Department for investigation. If certification is refused, the Senate
29. Administrative Oversight Committee shall review the findings of the Office, and
30. Make their own investigations if necessary. Funds collected shall be put toward
31. Reducing national debt. After the costs of the office are met.
32. Article 5 All laws in conflict with this piece of legislation shall be declared null
33. And void.

Respectfully Submitted,  
David Trigaux, St. Petersburg Senior High School



*HARVARD NATIONAL CONGRESS*

*LEGISLATION TEXT FOR*

*HOUSE SIX & SENATE SIX*

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## *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H6-01*

### A Resolution to Participate in the International Criminal Court

1. *Whereas* genocide and crimes against humanity are too extraordinary to be tried in any other existing court and,
2. *Whereas* the International Criminal Court is absolutely necessary to prevent future crimes of such magnitude and,
3. *Whereas* the active membership of the United States of America is vital for the success of the court and,
4. *Whereas* the United States must stand up for human rights everywhere, therefore
5. *Be it Resolved* that the United States honor our signature of the Rome Statute and become an active party to the International Criminal Court.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Graham  
The Berkeley Carroll School

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H6-02*

## A Resolution to Establish the State of New Columbia

- 1       Whereas:       Residents of the District of Columbia are currently the only  
2                       Americans forced to pay taxes without having meaningful  
3                       congressional representation; and  
4       Whereas:       The city needs total control over its budget and laws if it is to  
5                       improve its conditions; and  
6       Whereas:       The city ratified the state constitution of “New Columbia” in 1982  
7                       and has submitted it to Congress several times since then; and  
8       Whereas:       Congress has always rejected this state from its rightful place as an  
9                       equal member of the United States.  
10      Therefore:     Be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that:  
11                       The Constitution of “New Columbia” be ratified and the state  
12                       admitted as the 51<sup>st</sup> State before the next congressional election.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Connolly  
Gonzaga College High School  
Washington, D.C.

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H6-03*

## A Resolution to Help Women Escape from Polygamy

1 Whereas many underage girls are forced to marry older men (whom they do not wish to marry)  
2 in spiritual, illegal marriages, performed by Fundamentalist Later Day Saints (FLDS) church  
3 leaders; and

4 Whereas members of the church have been known to protect each other by lying about the  
5 nature of these relationships; and

6 Whereas these men are having their said spiritual wives commit crimes for them; and

7 Whereas many of these women are not old enough to legally consent to sex; and

8 Whereas many citizens have been charged with kidnapping and other crimes for helping said  
9 “spiritual wives” escape from polygamy;

10 **Therefore be it resolved** by the Student Congress here assembled that people who help  
11 “spiritual wives” escape from Polygamy should not be charged with kidnapping for helping  
12 the girl(s) cross state lines, as long as the helper allows local and federal law officials to  
13 meet with the girl in person, at a discreet location, as soon as reasonably possible.

14 **Be it further resolved** that an FBI hotline should be set up (and advertised within suspected  
15 polygamist communities) for citizens to call to report such illegal marriages and situations, or  
16 to alert authorities that a girl is being assisted (or needs assistance) in her escape.

17 **Be it further resolved** that the confidence of law enforcement officials should lie with the  
18 escapee(s), and not with FLDS members or the escapee’s family. When the girl claims to be  
19 part of a polygamous or otherwise illegal marriage, her word should be trusted, her escape  
20 should be assisted, her location should be kept secret, and her well-being should be protected.

Respectfully Submitted by Brittani Dorsey, Mountain View High School (AZ)

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H6-04*

## **A Resolution to End Sanctions against Cuba**

1. **Whereas:** Unilateral sanctions placed on Cuba have not been successful in ending
2. ending the Communist regime of Fidel Castro, and
3. **Whereas:** The removal of sanctions will promote democracy; and
4. **Whereas:** Free trade with Cuba will help American business,
5. **Therefore Be It Resolved By This Student Congress here assembled that:**
6. Unilateral sanction placed on Cuba by the United States of America be repealed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tara Riggs

Pennsbury High School

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H6-05*

## **A BILL MANDATING MENTAL HEALTH COVERAGE**

1     **Be it enacted** by the Student Congress assembled that:

2             **Section 1.** All health insurance providers offering medical/surgical  
3     healthcare benefits shall give equivalent levels of coverage for mental illnesses.

4             **Section 2.** Mental illnesses eligible for health insurance coverage are  
5     those contained within the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders  
6     except substance abuse and substance dependence.

7             **Section 3.** Healthcare insurers shall not place any type of limitation on  
8     mental health benefits that is not in effect for medical/surgical benefits.

9             **Section 4.** Healthcare insurers shall not charge higher deductibles or  
10    copayments for mental health benefits than medical/surgical benefits.

11            **Section 5.** Businesses and organizations with fewer than 25 employees are  
12    exempt from this bill.

13            **Section 6.** Business and organizations who shall experience a greater than 5  
14    percent increase in healthcare premium from implementation of this bill may  
15    apply for exemption.

16            Section 7. All laws or portions of laws in conflict with this legislation are  
17    hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cissy Huang  
Shrewsbury High School

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H6-06*

## A Bill Encouraging Bio-diesel

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. Section 1: The United States Government provide tax incentives to both
2. companies and individuals who promote the implementation of bio-diesel
3. Section 2: Tax incentives shall be determined by the regulatory agencies and will
4. be given to manufactures, distributors, automakers, and individuals who purchase
5. bio-diesel cars
6. Section 3: The Department of Energy as well as the Department of Transportation
7. will be responsible for the implementation of this legislation
8. Section 4: This bill shall be enacted as of the beginning of the physical year 2008
9. Section 5: All laws or portions of laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby
10. declared null and void

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jared Sonnenklar  
Western High School

## *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H6-07*

### A Resolution to Send United Nations Peacekeepers to the Sudan

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- 1
- 2   Whereas:     The U.S. House of Representatives has recognized that genocide is taking
- 3                   place in the Darfur region of the Sudan; and
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- 5   Whereas:     The African Union troops currently stationed in Darfur have not created
- 6                   a peaceful resolution to the ongoing conflict, and
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- 8   Whereas:     United Nations peacekeeping forces have a proven track record of creating
- 9                   and preserving peace; and
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- 11   Whereas:     A solution to the genocide in Darfur deserves the attention and resources
- 12                  of the entire international community;
- 13
- 14   Therefore:    Be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that the United
- 15                  States calls upon the United Nations to send peacekeeping troops into the
- 16                  Darfur region of the Sudan.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ramona Martinez  
W.T. Woodson High School



# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S6-01*

## A Bill to Make Travel Time Fly By

Be it enacted by the Student Congress assembled here that:

1. Article I: The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) must minimize the
2. wait time for passengers at airport security checkpoints to no longer than
3. a total of 30 minutes. If this benchmark cannot be achieved, TSA must at
4. least fully staff all the security checkpoints for maximum efficiency.
5. TSA branches that do not comply will submit comprehensive reports
6. regarding their sub par efficiency, along with detailed plans to improve
7. their efficiency in the future.
8. Article II: "Wait time" shall be defined as the average amount of time a passenger
9. spends in line at a security checkpoint. "Security checkpoint" shall be
10. defined as the entire process of confirming identity, scanning luggage,
11. and any other activity required to ensure airplane safety. "Fully staff"
12. shall be defined as employing the least number of TSA officials
13. necessary to provide the fastest service possible. In no way can security
14. measures be compromised for the sake of lessening wait time.
15. Article III: This bill shall take effect within two months of passage.
16. Article IV: This bill shall be enforced by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.
17. Article V: All laws in conflict with this bill shall hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted to the  
Committee of Public Welfare,

Tom Nally  
Loyola Academy

***HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S6-02***  
**Resolution Concerning Net Neutrality**

- 1     ***Whereas,***     The Internet has developed as an open communications forum that  
2                       fosters civic involvement and the expression of free ideas; and
- 3     ***Whereas,***     Non-regulation would result in the ability of companies to restrict  
4                       other servers from being able to access high-speed servers unless  
5                       they are big-dollar contributors to the company; and
- 6     ***Whereas,***     The Canadian ISP Telus attempted such censorship and our current  
7                       regulations are unable to prevent such harmful action; and
- 8     ***Whereas,***     Such regulations would ensure that companies are unable to block  
9                       servers if customers elect not to purchase other services including  
10                      but not limited to, telephone, cable, wireless, or VOIP; and
- 11    ***Whereas,***     Such legislation would foster telecommunications competition;
- 12    ***BE IT RESOLVED*** by the Congress here assembled that a joint committee be  
13                      established to study the effects of government-regulated net  
14                      neutrality consisting of members from the House Committee of  
15                      Energy and Commerce, the Senate Commerce, Trade, Science, and  
16                      Transportation Committee, and members of the FCC, appropriated  
17                      by the annual budget of the FCC.
- 18    ***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,*** that congress not pass legislation concerning  
19                      net neutrality until the committee's findings have been reported.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lucas Scholl  
Myers Park High School

## *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S6-03*

A Resolution to Allocate a More Substantial Amount to the Research of Alternative Fuel

1. **Whereas**, the United States is currently in an oil crisis and has resorted to
2. attempting to pass legislation to employ off-shore drilling on its four main coasts,
3. and
4. **Whereas**, the global mindset is moving towards alternative fuel for the
5. environmental concerns as well as to combat rising oil prices, and
6. **Whereas**, alternative fuel sources have been proven to provide a safe and
7. renewable fuel source for a fraction of the price of oil, coal, and natural gas, and
8. **Whereas**, for the United States to become more self-sufficient we require a
9. renewable alternative fuel source that will not fail under strain of terrorism, and
10. **Whereas**, the threat of losing oil in the world is becoming an increasing motive
11. for war, and
12. **Whereas**, the ability to have a renewable resource within our country has
13. become a primary concern due to the threat of rising gas prices and depleted oil
14. reserves,
15. **THEREFORE**, be it resolved by this student congress here assembled that a
16. more substantial amount shall be allocated to help provide a better, more
17. accessible, and cheaper fuel than is currently available to the United States.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cale Hansen

Niceville High School

## *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S6-04*

Bill Number \_\_\_\_\_

Bill introduced by: Jacob Kauffman

Representing: Parkview Arts/Science Magnet High School

Assigned to Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Time Approved by Committee \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_

### **A BILL RECOMMENDING TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS THAT THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT BE AMENDED TO ADJUST THE FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE YEARLY FOR INFLATION.**

**Whereas,** The federal minimum wage is not raised to meet with inflation on a timely basis; and

**Whereas,** The minimum wage has lost 17% of its buying power between the 1997 and 2006 minimum wage raises; and

**Whereas,** Empirical evidence shows that if the minimum wage rose and fell with inflation that the number of people on welfare would decrease and the number of people living in poverty would decrease; and

**Whereas,** Over 15 million Americans are effected by the minimum wage and spillover as their income; and

**Whereas,** Over 80% of people who are on the minimum wage are adults and not high school students; and

**Whereas,** Raises in the minimum wage impact the economy and employment in positive ways.

SECTION I. BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE 2007 HARVARD  
2. National Congress that the Fair Labor Standards Act be adjusted  
3. annually, to increase or decrease in proportion to inflation by  
4. using the Consumer Price Index of the previous year.”.

SECTION II. THIS ACT WILL GO INTO EFFECT JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 and will be  
2. administered by the Department of Labor

SECTION III. THIS RESOLUTION WILL BE ENFORCED BY THE DEPARTMENT  
2. of Labor. Current penalties for violating the Fair Labor Standards Act  
3. will be extended to cover this newly added sction.

SECTION IV. Any necessary funding will come from existing Federal revenues in the  
2. Department of Labor.

Action of Originating House:

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Passed\_\_\_\_\_ Failed\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S6-05*

## Reforming the UN Security Council

- 1   Whereas:       The UN Security Council does not adequately represent the  
2                   political and economic powers of the current world and;  
3   Whereas:       The present threat of terrorism is a global issue that can only be  
4                   undertaken by a diverse and universally aware panel and;  
5   Whereas:       Reforming the Security Council would promote the interests of the  
6                   US, as well as increase national and global respect for the  
7                   decisions made by the council.  
8   Therefore:     Be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that:  
9                   The United States government propose the restructuring of the  
10                  UN Security Council to add four permanent seats (Japan,  
11                  Germany, India, and Brazil) and three temporary seats, which  
12                  would rotate every two years.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindsay Kelly  
Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S6-06*

## A BILL TO REPEAL THE REAL ID ACT OF 2005

1. Section 1: States will not be able to meet the requirements of the May 11, 2008
- 2.
3. deadline to require stringent identification policies.
- 4.
5. Section 2: The Real ID Act is in violation of the IV amendment to the Constitution,
- 6
7. protecting of the citizens of the right to privacy. It is unreasonable for the United
- 8.
9. States government to unlawfully search peoples' files and personal records.
- 10.
11. Section 3: The Real ID Act will cost the United States approximately \$11 billion in
- 12.
11. the next 5 years and a large economic burden will be placed the states.
- 13.
14. Section 4: The rights delegated in the Real ID Act belong to the states, not the federal
- 15.
16. government and are in violation of the X Amendment to the Constitution.
- 17.
18. Section 5: The Real ID Act of 2005 will be repealed immediately upon passage of
- 19.
20. this legislation.
- 21.
22. Section 6: All laws or portions of law in violation this legislation are hereby declared
- 23.
24. null and void.

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Max Blumenfeld

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S6-07*

## A Resolution to Expand Economic Ties with Venezuela

1. WHEREAS, the current process of shunning the economic practices within
2.                   Venezuela has only produced more anti-American sentiment; and
3. WHEREAS, the people of Venezuela have the intentions of a strong and
4.                   prosperous economy; and
5. WHEREAS, the passage of this resolution will eliminate the ability for Hugo
6.                   Chavez to rally against poor U.S. intentions; now, therefore, be it
7. RESOLVED, That the Harvard National Congress here assembled liberalize trade
8.                   agreements with Venezuela.

Respectfully submitted by,  
A.J. Kasen  
Western High School

*HARVARD NATIONAL CONGRESS*

*LEGISLATION TEXT FOR*

*HOUSE SEVEN & SENATE SEVEN*

Students in **House Seven** will begin by debating all legislation with the label H7-xx. Once all of those items have been debated, the chamber can consider legislation with the label S7-xx.

Students in **Senate Seven** will begin by debating all legislation with the label S7-xx. Once all of those items have been debated, the chamber can consider bills with the label H7-xx.



# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H7-01*

## A Resolution to Toughen Congressional Lobbying Standards

1. Whereas: Recent reports have revealed wrong doings by lobbyists on Capital Hill
2. ranging from bribery of a Congressman to multi-million dollar payments
3. from special interest groups, and;
4. Whereas: Congress is in need of strengthening the laws that control lobbying so that
5. the American People are convinced that the actions of members of the
6. House and Senate are not for sale, and;
7. Whereas: If significant reform is not adopted, most Americans will view the
8. legislative process as corrupt.
9. Therefore: be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that, the laws
10. related to bribery of members of the House and Senate will be
11. strengthened and that severe limits on the amount of money spent on
12. lobbying will be adopted

Respectfully Submitted,

James Calderwood  
Georgetown Preparatory School

## **A BILL TO ABOLISH ABSTINANCE-ONLY EDUCATION**

Be it enacted by the student Congress here assembled that:

1. **Article I:** The United States Government will no longer fund abstinence-only education.
2. **Article II:** Instead, the US Government will require a comprehensive sexual education
3. curriculum for all public secondary schools that provides accurate information about the
4. health benefits and side effects of all contraceptives and methods, including abstinence, as a means to prevent pregnancy and STDs.
5. **Article III:** This new sexual education curriculum will be mandatory for all
6. students who wish to graduate from public high schools.
7. **Article IV:** All funding previously directed to the abstinence-only education program will be
8. reallocated toward the new sexual education program.
9. **Article V:** All public secondary schools that do not comply will lose their federal funding.
10. **Article VI:** This bill will go into effect August 1st, 2007.
11. **Article VII:** The enforcement of this bill shall be the responsibility of The Department of
12. Education.
13. **Article VIII:** All laws that are in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted to the Committee on Public Welfare.

Molly D. Dillon

Highland Park High School

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H7-03*

## **A Resolution to Establish Diplomatic Relations with Hostile Powers**

1. Whereas        There are a number of countries that have expressed or practiced hostility
2.                   toward citizens of other countries; and
3. Whereas        There are a number of countries who have shown hostility toward their
4.                   own citizens; and
5. Whereas        Their activities are not consistent with U.S. ideology; and
6. Whereas        The U.S. has already suspended or discontinued relations with several
7.                   of these nations;
8. Therefore       Be it resolved by this student congress here assembled that:
9.                   The United States Congress shall advise the President and the Department
10.                  of State to open diplomatic relations with hostile nations.

Respectfully submitted to the  
The Committee on Foreign Affairs,

Dan Gordon  
Loyola Academy

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H7-04*

NATIONAL FORENSICS LEAGUE  
A Bill  
To Create a National DNA Data Bank.

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS THAT
2. SECTION ONE: All citizens of the United States of America shall submit a sample of their DNA to the Justice Department in order to create a national DNA data bank.
3. SECTION TWO: Enforcement shall be through the departments of various states.
4. SECTION THREE: Any citizen not in compliance with Section Two shall be taken into custody, where a sample of their DNA will be taken.
5. SECTION FOUR: This bill shall go into effect one year after passage.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roshni Patel  
Martin County High School

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H7-05*

## A Bill to Ratify the Kyoto Protocol

1   **SECTION 1.** The United States Congress will ratify the Kyoto Protocol to the United

2                   Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

3   **SECTION 2.** The Environmental Protection Agency will be responsible for overseeing

4                   the implementation of this legislation.

5   **SECTION 3.** This bill will go into effect August 1, 2008.

6   **SECTION 4.** All other laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be

7                   declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alex Smyk  
Ridge High School

## *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H7-06*

### **A Resolution Preventing the Use of the Western Shoshone's Yucca Mountain as a Nuclear Waste Facility**

1. *Whereas*, Yucca Mountain is a part of the Western Shoshone Nation, and
2. *Whereas*, it is slated to be used as a dumping ground for nuclear waste in 2017, and
3. *Whereas*, this dumping has obvious and extreme repercussions for the area of and
4. surrounding the mountain, and
5. *Whereas*, the United States government is marginalizing the Western Shoshone by not
6. allowing the Nation to exercise its autonomy over its land; therefore
7. *BE IT RESOLVED* by this Student Congress here assembled that: Yucca Mountain not be
8. used as a nuclear waste facility.
9. *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* that: Western Shoshone autonomy over the region be recognized.

Respectfully Submitted for Congressional Debate,

Agnes Nam

Shrewsbury High School

## *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # H7-07*

### A Bill to Formally Declare War on Iran in Defense of Israel

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS ASSEMBLED HERE THAT:
2. **Section 1:** Military action will be taken against Iran. These attacks will be out of
3. defense for current threats recently made against Israel
4. **Section 2:** Military action will be defined as defensive attacks aimed at the
5. government facilities farthest away from civilian homes and shops. The aim of
6. these attacks will be to cripple and ultimately end the current Iranian government,
7. in order to ensure safety for Israel.
8. **Section 3:** The U.S. military, in conjunction with the Commander in Chief of the
9. Armed Forces (also known as the President) will be in charge of implementation
10. of this bill.
11. **Section 4:** This bill will be implemented immediately, before Iran is able to finish
12. its nuclear programs.
13. **Section 5:** All other bills/resolutions/treaties in conflict with this piece of
14. legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted*  
*Senator Jeff Horowitz*  
*Suncoast Debate*

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S7-01*

## **A Bill to Repeal the Embargo against Cuba**

1 Article I: The embargo against trade between Cuba and the United  
2 States shall be repealed.

3 Article II: “Trade” shall mean the exchange of goods, services,  
4 money, ideas, and travel.

5 Article III: This bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

6 Article IV: The Department of Commerce shall be responsible for  
7 eliminating any barriers to trade and providing the  
8 necessary mechanisms to encourage trade.

9 Article V: All laws in conflict with this bill will be declared null and  
10 void upon passage of this bill.

Respectfully Submitted,

Academy of the Holy Names

Erin McKeon



# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S7-02*

## **A Resolution to Impose Sanctions on Belarus**

1. Whereas, the government of Belarus has been called the last
2. dictatorship in Europe, and
3. Whereas, the Belarusian KGB regularly harasses and detains political
4. opponents, and
5. Whereas, President Lukashenko was re-elected in an election widely
6. regarded as having been fraudulent,
7. Be it Resolved, that the United States cease trade with Belarus and
8. encourage other nations to do the same.
9. Be it Further Resolved, that the United States withdraw any financial
10. aid that it currently gives to Belarus.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Warren

Christian Brothers Academy

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S7-03*

## **A Resolution to Encourage United States Embassies to Medically Screen Visa**

### **Applicants**

- 1     **Whereas**     an Avian Influenza pandemic is an eminent threat to the American  
2                   public; and
- 3     **Whereas**     cases of Avian Influenza have already been found and are rapidly  
4                   spreading across Southeastern Europe, South Asia, Africa, and  
5                   East Asia; and
- 6     **Whereas**     in humans, the H5N1 virus has shown a fatality rate of 56%; and
- 7     **Whereas**     during the latest influenza pandemic (1957) at least 500,000  
8                   Americans were killed within a six month period; and
- 9     **Whereas**     over 80,000 legal immigrants are entering the US in a year from  
10                  nations on high alert for the H5N1 virus;
- 11    **Therefore, Be it Resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that**  
12                   Congress recommend that United States Embassies perform  
13.                  medical screenings on all visa applicants.

Respectfully Submitted

Anand Deshpande

Lake Highland Preparatory School

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S7-04*

## **A Resolution to Protect the Homeless**

1           Whereas, there is a large inventory of available governmental housing at active  
2           and inactive military bases, and

3           Whereas, various state and local governmental agencies own unused buildings  
4           that may be converted to acceptable temporary housing, and

5           Whereas, the homeless population has steadily risen in recent years, and

6           Whereas, recent midterm election results showed American public support for  
7           aiding the homeless, and

8           Whereas, the homeless may be a threat to themselves or our security, and

9           Whereas, we have a moral obligation to help our homeless citizens, therefore

10          BE IT RESOLVED by this Student Congress here assembled that  
11          additional shelters be made available from all governmental sources, to accommodate  
12          the homeless.

13          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Congressional sub-committee be formed  
14          immediately to address the causes, effects, and solutions to homelessness.

Respectfully submitted,

Clark Xue

Mark Keppel High School, California

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S7-05*

## A Resolution to Authorize Military Force Against Iran

- 1   **WHEREAS,** Iran is enriching advanced amounts of uranium; and  
2   **WHEREAS,** Iran has not responded to multiple UN sanctions calling on them to halt  
3               said enrichment; and  
4   **WHEREAS,** Iran is a very belligerent nation, especially through its role in the  
5               insurgency in Iraq and its funding of terrorists groups such as Hezbollah;  
6               and  
7   **WHEREAS,** Nuclear weapons in the hands of such a country would be disastrous for  
8               the Middle East and the world as a whole; now, therefore, be it  
9   **RESOLVED,** That if Iran does not cease all uranium enrichment within 60 days  
10              hereafter this legislation is adopted, that we as a Congress authorize the  
11              Commander in Chief to do whatever means necessary to forcefully end  
12              uranium enrichment in Iran.

*Respectfully submitted by  
Matthew Carpiello  
Msgr. Farrell High School*

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S7-06*

## **A Bill to Make Democracy a Two Way Street**

1 Be it enacted by the Harvard National Student Congress here assembled that,  
2 Section 1. A constitutional amendment will be made asserting that if a high official's  
3 approval rate remains under a certain level for a certain period of time, a reelection for  
4 office will be held during the official's term.  
5 Section 2. "High officials" shall be defined as any congressperson, state governor,  
6 member of the presidential cabinet, the vice-president, and the president.  
7 Section 3. The unsatisfactory level of approval for the official shall be set at anything  
8 below 35% for a period of one eighth of their term.  
9 Section 4. The approval rate will be determined by independent organizations who can  
10 present their findings to a congressional committee which will publicly convene to  
11 determine if the results are accurate.  
12 Section 5. If proven so, an immediate reelection will take place.  
13 Section 6. The reelection will, however, only occur if there is still at least one eighth of  
14 the official's term remaining.  
15 Section 7. This amendment will be instituted immediately upon passage and affect  
16 all politicians who were given office during the 2006 midterm elections and onwards.  
17 Section 8. Funding and enforcement for the reelection and any other necessary work will  
18 be done through normal means.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ian Panchevre

Tom C. Clark High School

# *HARVARD CONGRESS 2007 # S7-07*

## A Bill to Cap Troop Levels in Iraq and Redeploy to Afghanistan

1 Be it enacted by the Student Congress here assembled,

2 Section 1. The Federal Government shall cap troop levels of all military  
3 branches in Iraq pertaining to Operation Iraqi Freedom at 132,000,

4 Section 2. 2,000 additional troops shall be deployed to Afghanistan,

5 Section 3. The deadline for implementation of this mandate shall be  
6 September 30, 2007.

7 Section 4. Funding shall come from the Federal budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenton Ngo

West Springfield High School