

Wisconsin Forensic Coaches' Association 2017 Student Congress Docket



Priority Legislation

Bradley Tech– B. to End Privatization of Prisons
James Madison Memorial – B. to Guarantee Felons the Right to Vote
Marquette University HS – R. to Support Palestine
Madison West – B. to Save the Bees
Ronald Reagan – B. to Legalize Euthanasia
Sheboygan South – R. to Recognize Palestine
Waupaca – R. to Terminate Filibustering

Reserve Legislation

James Madison Memorial – B. to Require Executive Divestiture
Marquette University HS – B: American Prosperity Act
Madison West – R. to Condemn Chinese Control of the Tibetan Plateau
Ronald Reagan – B. to Provide Limited Access to Abortion
Ronald Reagan – B. to Establish Legal Prostitution
Sheboygan South – B. to Encourage Teaching of Second Languages
Waupaca – R. to Increase Funding for Addiction Recovery
Waupaca – R. to Introduce Compulsory Voting

Finals Legislation*

Bradley Tech – R to Give Reparations to African-Americans
Marquette University HS – R. to Support Peshmerga
Sheboygan South – B. to Outlaw Payday Loans

* Authorship speeches are not guaranteed in the Final Round

A Bill to end the Privatization of Prisons

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Because As of 2013 8.4% of United States prisoners are held in for-profit institutions. The Corrections Corporation of America has seen a 500% increase in the last 20 years, we the congress vote to ban the privatization of Prisons.

SECTION 2. For- Profit Prison is by definition a prison who purpose is to make a profit.

SECTION 3. The government agency that will oversee this ban will be the Department of Justice.

SECTION 4. Implementation will happen immediately upon passage by the Congress.

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

14
15

Humbly submitted by Bradley Tech HS.

1 **Bill to Guarantee Felons the Right to Vote**

2 **Section 1:** No person, for the reason of committing any crime, may be denied the right to vote in any
3 election.

4 **Section 2:** For the purpose of voting, census and redistricting, any incarcerated person may choose to
5 claim either the location of their incarceration or the address of a relative, by blood,
6 adoption, or marriage, as their residence for voting.

7 **Section 3:** All states must make adequate provisions for incarcerated persons to register and cast their
8 vote, by the next congressional primary election, excluding special elections.

9 **Section 4:** As felony bars to voting historically disenfranchise minorities at a higher rate than whites,
10 all states which, as of January 1, 2017, have felony disqualification percentages for
11 minorities greater than felony disqualification percentages for whites, shall for a period of
12 12 years, be subject to the pre-clearance requirements of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act
13 of 1965.

14 **Section 5:** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

15 Respectfully Submitted:
16 James Madison Memorial HS

A Resolution to Support Palestine

WHEREAS The United States Federal Government shall remove the Palestinian Authority from “terrorist status.”

WHEREAS The United States Federal Government shall cease any funding of the State of Israel or any entity associated with the State of Israel.

WHEREAS The United States Federal Government shall provide diplomatic support for the state of Palestine.

WHEREAS The United States Federal Government shall provide military protection for Palestine in all instances against any foe of the State of Palestine.

WHEREAS The United States Federal Government shall protect the sovereignty of the State of Palestine.

RESOLVED The United States Federal Government shall protect and build an alliance with the State of Palestine.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Marquette University High School*

A Bill to Save the Bees

BEE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. The US Department of Agriculture will provide tax credits and, as a pilot program, up to \$30,000,000 per year in grants for the purpose of protecting bees.

Section 2. The Department of Agriculture will designate bee friendly crops and native plants.

Section 3. Eligibility

A. Any company or private individual may plant up to seventy acres of bee friendly crops and receive a tax credit equal to 100% of the property tax paid for those acres.

B. Any company or private individual may plant or maintain up to ten acres of bee-friendly, native plants, and receive a grant of five dollars per acre for such acres in the first planting year. In the following planting years, the grant will be increased by a dollar per acre, up to a maximum of 25 dollars per acre.

Section 4. Funds shall start in January of 2018.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Madison West

A Bill to Legalize Euthanasia

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS THAT:

- I. Section 1: The United States federal government shall legalize the act of euthanasia of terminally ill patients through the voluntary consumption of lethal medication as prescribed by a physician.
- II. Section 2: DEFINITIONS
 - A. Euthanasia shall be defined as the practice of intentionally ending life to relieve pain or suffering.
 - B. Terminally ill patients shall be defined as patients suffering from an incurable and untreatable disease which will lead to the death of the patient.
 - C. The act will only be considered legal if these criterias are met:
 - C.1. The patient has made at least two verbal requests, separated by at least 7 days, as well as a formal written request signed by the patient in the presence of the prescribing physician and at least two witnesses.
 - C.2. The patient has received a psychological examination and been determined to be mentally stable and capable of making unimpaired health care decisions.
 - C.3. It is agreed upon by the prescribing physician and at least two consulting physicians that the prognosis is death, that there is no chance of recovery for the patient, and that there are no remaining options for treatment of the patient.
- III. Section 3: This legislation shall be overseen by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.
- IV. Section 4: This legislation shall go into effect upon passage.
- V. Section 5: All laws in conflict with this passage are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ronald Reagan High School

A Resolution to Recommend for the Formal Recognition of the State of Palestine

WHEREAS, The Israeli-Palestinian conflict is in dire need of resolution; and

WHEREAS, Western countries had an integral role in the creation of this conflict and the United State has a responsibility to work towards a two-party solution; and

WHEREAS, In order to work towards a two-party solution, formal recognition of the State of Palestine is a necessary step; and

WHEREAS, The United State's abstention of the UN's resolution on Israeli settlements has paved the way for formal recognition of Palestine; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled recommend that the President of the United States of America formally recognize the State of Palestine.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by South High School

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15

A Resolution to Terminate the Practice of Filibustering

Whereas: the practice of filibustering has proven ineffective in accomplishing the goals of our Legislation, and

Whereas: Filibustering has not proven efficient in convincing others to a viewpoint and is shown to only delay the inevitable conclusion of a vote, and

Whereas: Filibustering promotes a negative image and trust of the elected representatives of our society and does not foster true communication between the political parties.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Student Congress here assembled that we terminate the detrimental practice of filibustering in legislation by enforcing an extension of the censoring rule already in place in Congress. Any filibuster extending past two hours in time will result in a temporary or permanent censor for said representative, the determination of which should be left up to the highest authority in either branch of Congress.

Respectfully submitted,

Waupaca High School

1 **Bill to Require Executive Divestiture**

2
3 Section 1: On or before the date of taking office, the President and Vice-President of the United States,
4 and Cabinet Level Appointees, their spouses, and their dependent children, must arrange for
5 any assets in an amount greater than \$1,000,000, including wholly or partly owned non-
6 public corporations to be managed in a blind trust compliant with standards established by
7 the Office of Governmental Ethics.

8
9 Section 2: Willful non-compliance shall be a “high crime” and a felony punished by one year in prison,
10 and up to \$1,000,000 in fines.

11
12 Section 3: A special prosecutor shall be appointed to investigate and, if necessary, prosecute a violation
13 of this Act upon agreement between the majority or minority leader of the House and the
14 majority or minority leader in the Senate.

15
16 Section 4: An individual ascending to any of the above offices without election, shall have three
17 months from their date of appointment to divest of assets in accordance with Section 1.

18
19 Section 5: This legislation shall take effect on November 1, 2020.

20
21 Section 6: All laws in conflict with this legislation are declared null and void.

22
23 Respectfully Submitted
24 James Madison Memorial HS

THE AMERICAN PROSPERITY ACT

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A: The United States of America will nationalize the entirety of the Oil Industry.

B: “Oil Industry” refers to oil companies based in the U.S that make \$20 billion per year consecutively over 5 years, as well as assets located within the territory of the U.S of non U.S companies which make \$20 billion a year consecutively over 5 years.

SECTION 2. The Department of Energy and Department of Labor will carry out this action.

SECTION 3. Corporations that fall under the aforementioned financial limit but still breach environmental laws will have the appropriate asset nationalized.

SECTION 4. All laws that conflict with this bill shall be declared null and void.

SECTION 5. Nationalization refers to the seizure of a specific asset by the United States Federal Government. All the laws that apply to assets of the Federal Government shall apply to these new assets.

SECTION 6. All personnel employed by the individual company who are working on that asset shall become employees of the federal government.

SECTION 7. The Department of Commerce shall gain possession of the nationalized Assets.

SECTION 8. There is, hereby, imposed a penalty on the owner of any property which:

A: Causes damage to any property of the United States Government or any State, municipal or local Government;

B: Causes damage to the property or welfare of any person or persons;

C: Causes damage to the natural ecosystem of the land outside of the holding of that particular company;

D: Influences the outcome of any election within or outside of the US, or interferes in the pursuit of justice in any legal case;

E: Pursues policy with other nations that conflicts or interferes with the interests and policy of the United States.

SECTION 9. A: The value of the total assets nationalized in each particular case shall not exceed the monetary value of the damage induced by the company’s malignant or neglectful actions.

B: Assets located in and around the area affected will be prioritized for nationalization.

SECTION 10. The United States shall seize the appropriate portions of stock of the company if the seizure of regional assets does not fully compensate the affected area in the case of a disaster.

SECTION 11. “Seize” shall be defined as the transfer of the rights to property or rights of an asset from the particular company to the federal government of the United States.

SECTION 12. The funds obtained from assets nationalized shall be directed towards the general finance of the Federal Government of the United States.

SECTION 13. The nationalized oil assets (Henceforth named “American Oil”) shall compete with other private corporations. However, “American Oil” shall never have any part sold at any stock market, nor shall “American Oil” attempt to drive specific companies into bankruptcy.

SECTION 14. If any company holds properties in the service of subsidiaries, or does not hold the properties or assets which are used to generate revenue directly, then those specific properties will be exempt from nationalization, and instead the appropriate amount of stock shall be seized from the direct organization or person who is responsible for the penalty.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marquette University High School

A Resolution to condemn Chinese control to Provide autonomy for the Tibetan Plateau

WHEREAS, the Chinese government has occupied the Tibetan Autonomous Region (TAR), Qinghai, Gansu, Sichuan, and Yunnan, and

WHEREAS, China has engaged in a Cultural Revolution to suppress the Tibetan culture, through forceful appointment of a Panchen Lama and the destruction of Buddhist temples, and

WHEREAS, the Tibetan people are so aggrieved that there have been 144 self-immolations in protest to this occupation, and

WHEREAS, the Chinese government goes after the families of those who commit suicide in protests and has the ability to impose life imprisonment or torture to so-called “splittists”, and

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled formally recognises activist organisations such as the Tibetan Government in Exile and Free Tibet, and deems them eligible to receive funds from the Dept of State; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the US Congress urges the President to condemn and, if appropriate, take action in the form of sanctions and human rights inspections to address China’s use of human rights abuses in the Tibetan Plateau.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Madison West HS.

A Bill to Provide Limited Access to Abortion

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS THAT:

I. Section 1: The United States federal government should ban any form of abortion after eight weeks following consensual conception.

A. Consensual as in any form of non consensual sex.

B. This bill does not pertain to cases of incest or health crises resulting in early deaths of the child

II. Section 2: DEFINITIONS

A. Abortion shall be defined as the deliberate termination of a human pregnancy.

B. Consent shall be defined as a non forceful, unimpaired agreement of both sexual parties.

C. Ban shall be defined as refraining from funding of any programs supporting abortion, while criminalizing any providers or partakers of abortion beyond eight weeks.

1C. Partakers will be fined \$10,000 per child aborted

2C. Providers will be fined \$25,000 per abortion performed.

3C. Repeat offenders will face six months of jail time per abortion after five found cases of illegal abortion.

D. This law will not affect these individuals looking to receive an abortion:

1. Any non consensual individuals, as in one of the persons being raped.

2. Any cases of incest among the two sexual parties. Incest being limited to any blood relation between the two parties.

3. Any cases of the birth giver being below the poverty line. The poverty line shall be defined as \$11,770 for one persons and \$4,160 for each additional person, annually.

4. Any cases of certainty of the child dying within five months of birth.

III. Section 3: This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Health and Human Services.

IV. Section 4: This legislation will go into effect after three years of passage.

V. Section 5: All laws in conflict with this passage are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ronald Reagan High School

A Bill to Establish Legal Prostitution

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS THAT:

- I. **Section 1.** Legalized and Institutionalized prostitution shall be legal in the United States of America.
 - A. Prostitutes will be endowed the working benefits of 401k and Health Insurance (ACA).
 - B. Prostitutes will be eligible to earn additional working benefits.
 - C. The minimum age to qualify for prostitution will be 21 years.
 - D. All brothels are hereby legalized if under governmental supervision.
 - E. Prostitutes and brothels will be obligated to use protection seen fit by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Biweekly medical checks are mandated.
 - F. A 25% sales tax will be placed upon the sale of sex.
- II. **Section 2.** Prostitution will be defined as the engagement of sexual activity between two consenting adult parties, one of which parties receiving payment.
 - A. A brothel will be defined as an establishment where prostitutes work.
 - B. Both parties will be mandated to sign a waiver of liability.
 - C. Parties infected with an STI are not permitted to engage with a prostitute.
 - D. Prostitutes with STI are not permitted to engage with the Parties.
- III. **Section 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- IV. **Section 4.** This legislation shall go in effect upon passage.
- V. **Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this passage are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ronald Reagan High School

A Bill to Encourage the Teaching of Second Languages

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED

SECTION 1. States that implement a secondary language program starting with elementary school students in their public schools shall receive an educational grant.

SECTION 2. Secondary language programs shall be defined as any program that aims to teach students to be fluently bilingual by the time of graduation. These programs will start at first grade.

SECTION 3. Each state that implements a secondary language program shall be given an educational grant to the amount of \$100,000.

SECTION 4. The United States Department of Education will be responsible for distributing the grants.

SECTION 5. This bill will be enacted for the school year starting in the fall of 2018.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by South High School

A Resolution to Increase Funding for Addiction Recovery Programs Nationwide

Whereas: 23.5 million Americans suffer from alcohol and drug addictions with a relapse rate 2. ranging from 40-60%, and

Whereas: Addiction is a medically validated disease and deserves corresponding treatment, and

Whereas: The War on Drugs has proven incredibly ineffective in treating addiction nationwide, leaving the U.S. #1 in terms of illicit drug usage, and

Whereas: In the Fiscal Year 2016, addiction recovery programs received only \$13 million of a \$30 million budget related to fighting addiction in America.

Whereas: Funding addiction recovery programs including therapeutic, rehabilitative facilities available nationwide is the most effective way to combat the addiction crisis plaguing America nationwide.

Therefore, be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that: we battle the addiction crisis through addiction recovery programs and facilities instead of antiquated techniques through significantly increasing federal funding.

Respectfully submitted,

Waupaca High School

1 **A Resolution to Introduce Compulsory Voting in the United States**

2 Whereas: Voter participation in the United States of America has increasingly dipped in the past 20
3 years, proving to be one of the lowest voter turnout in any developed nation, and

4 Whereas: Protecting the integrity of American politics as well as promoting diverse voting in the
5 United States to represent its equally diverse population is enabled by mandatory voting, in
6 that all voices are accounted for, and

7 Whereas: Compulsory voting offers the potential to eliminate the polarization in politics, and

8 Whereas: Compulsory voting drives constituent representation away from the extremes, forcing
9 politicians to become more responsive and representative of younger, poorer, less educated
10 Americans who currently don't vote, and

11 Whereas: Other initiatives to increase voting done on state-by-state initiatives such as strict voter ID
12 laws have proven ineffective in increasing voter turnout.

13 Therefore, be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that: in order to better represent the
14 American public as well as truly ensure that the best fit candidate in any and all offices are
15 elected by the true will of the people, we enforce compulsory voting in the United States.

16 **Respectfully Submitted,**

17 **Waupaca High School**

1 **A Resolution to give Reparations to African Americans**

2

3**WHEREAS,** The horror of slavery for Blacks did not end when slavery ended. Instead,
4 Blacks continued to be economically and socially brutalized after it
5 officially ended; and

6**WHEREAS,** And the United States federal government was a beneficial of this horror,
7 collecting high taxes from those who gained from the force labor of
8 Blacks; and

9**WHEREAS,** we have a world where government efforts have turned Blacks into
10 criminals, locking them away, unjustly killing and dealing a devastating
11 economic blow to Blacks); and

12**WHEREAS,** This criminalization of Blacks has destroyed them economically; now,
13 therefore, be it

14**RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled give reparations to African Americans

15*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bradley Tech*

A Resolution to Support Peshmerga

WHEREAS: The United States Federal Government shall provide funding for the Peshmerga organization not to exceed \$4 billion per year.

WHEREAS: The United States Federal Government shall diplomatically promote the creation of a Kurdish State in areas considered by overwhelming consensus the cultural homeland of the Kurdish People.

WHEREAS: The United States Federal Government shall protect the sovereignty of the New Kurdish State. (Henceforth named “Kurdistan”)

RESOLVED: The United States Federal Government shall provide funding for Peshmerga and promote the creation of “Kurdistan”.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marquette University High School

A Bill to Outlaw Payday Loans

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED

SECTION 1. This bill shall outlaw all payday loans of any kind.

SECTION 2. Payday loan is defined as a small, short-term unsecured loan given to consumers with previous payroll and employment records.

SECTION 3. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau will be in charge of enforcing regulations on payday lenders across the country.

SECTION 4. This bill shall be implemented thirty (30) days after its passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by South High School