

# **SENATE BILLS**

# A Resolution to Sanction Saudi Arabia to protect the Yemeni People

1           **WHEREAS,** Saudi Arabia launched a military intervention in 2015 in  
2           order to influence the outcome of the Yemeni Civil War; and  
3           **WHEREAS,** the intervention initially consisted of a bombing campaign  
4           on Houthi Rebels and later saw a naval blockade and the deployment of  
5           ground forces into Yemen; and  
6           **WHEREAS,** Since then, the UN has stated that 10,000 civilians have  
7           been killed and 40,000 have been wounded, with an additional 7 million  
8           children facing famine;  
9           **WHEREAS,** The United States has always been a supporter of human  
10          rights around the globe, regardless of which side they are aligned to; now,  
11          therefore, be it  
12          **RESOLVED,** That the PHSSL State Student Congress here assembled  
13          make the push for placing military and economic sanctions on Saudi  
14          Arabia; and, be it  
15          **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the PHSSL State Student Congress here  
16          assembled make the push for dissolving these sanctions once Saudi Arabia  
            ends intervention in Yemen, and the Yemeni people recover from their war  
            induced famine.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*McDowell High School*

*District 1*

**A RESOLUTION TO MANDATE ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
TO PROVIDE UNISEX BATHROOMS**

1 **WHEREAS**, Transgender school students are constantly judged by others for using their chosen  
2 bathroom and are ordered to use the bathroom of a gender in which they don't classify; and  
3 **WHEREAS**, This judgement is occurring in schools all across the United States and must be  
4 stopped as currently one in every 137 teenagers identifies as a transgender; and  
5 **WHEREAS**, These transgender students continuously feel unwelcomed and unsupported by  
6 their peers, lowering their self-esteem and feeling of being free to make an individual choice; and  
7 **WHEREAS**, These teenagers who identify as transgender need to feel included in their school  
8 regardless of their chosen gender and the use unisex bathrooms in schools is a step in the right  
9 direction to help eliminate the judgement towards these teenagers;  
10 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled make the  
11 following recommendation to mandate that all public schools provide unisex bathrooms.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Deer Lakes High School*

*District 2*

## A Bill to Fund Biodiversity

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States will fund 1 million dollars from the budget of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to the Fish and Wildlife services to inform and research to protect main pollinators.

SECTION 2. Main pollinators are insects known to help greatly with pollination such as Bee, wasps, butterflies, and other pollinators. These insects greatly increase the number of plants, which leads to an increase of all other animals, thus increasing the biodiversity of the environment of the US.

SECTION 3. The Fish and Wildlife services will oversee this bill. This agency will provide education to people willing to help and will fund research to save declining populations.

SECTION 4. This will take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully Submitted: Bethel Park High School

District 3

## HOME IS WHERE OUR HISTORY IS

1. Whereas: The purpose of the governmental standards for education is to create a well-rounded
2. education for its students, and
3. Whereas: The United States prides itself on its rich historical heritage, and
4. Whereas: Local historical buildings and locations keep losing significance and financial support
5. due to population shifts as well as expensive maintenance costs, and
6. Whereas: American school children should know the significance of history in their own communities, and
7. Whereas: The PA state standard - 8.2.9.A - specifically states, "Contrast the role groups and
8. individuals from Pennsylvania who played a role in the **social, political, cultural, and economic**
9. development of the U.S.
10. Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED by the Pennsylvania High School Speech League Student
11. Congress assembled that Pennsylvania educational standards include a mandated study and visit
12. (actual or virtual) to a local historical site each school year.

Respectfully submitted,

Trinity High School

District #4

A Resolution in the  
Pennsylvania High School Speech League  
By Mechanicsburg Area Senior High School

1           Whereas, a 2016 U.S Senate committee found pharmaceutical  
2 companies raising the prices on already established life-saving drugs;  
3 and

4           Whereas, many citizens need these drugs to live comfortably;  
5 and

6           Whereas, many elderly citizens on a fixed income or people  
7 who have tight budgets cannot pay for these lifesaving drugs; and

8           Whereas, these up-markings have been found to be for almost  
9 exclusively for profit; now, therefore,

9   BE IT RESOLVED by the PHSSL State Student Congress here  
10 assembled that: drug companies cannot up-mark the price of a drug  
11 more than 10 percent of the manufacturing price.

District 6

**A BILL TO FORCE INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS TO COMPETE**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Internet service providers operating within the US are required to undergo  
3 local loop unbundling.

4 **SECTION 2.** Local loop unbundling will be defined as leasing the last mile of  
5 infrastructure to other internet service providers.

6 Internet service provider will be defined as an organization that provides  
7 services accessing and using the Internet.

8 **SECTION 3.** The FCC will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented immediately following passage.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Dallastown Area High School*

*District 7*

# A Bill to Impose Economic Sanctions on the Country of Mauritania to Promote the Freedom of All People

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will impose economic sanctions on the Islamic Republic  
3 of Mauritania.

4 **SECTION 2.** The economic sanctions will be defined as preventing United States  
5 companies from exporting to and importing from the Islamic Republic of  
6 Mauritania.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State and the Department of Commerce will enforce  
8 this legislation.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October, 2018.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by District #8.*



# A Bill to Make Euthanasia an Option

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **Section 1.** Euthanasia shall be made an option for all terminally ill patients who wish to die with  
3 dignity.

4 **Section 2.** Euthanasia, or "assisted suicide," is defined as the practice of intentionally ending a  
5 person's life to relieve pain and suffering.

6 **Section 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee the compliance of this  
7 legislation.

8 A. All states must submit a yearly report detailing the number of patients who  
9 choose to die with dignity. Reports must be submitted by January 25<sup>th</sup> of the  
10 following year.

11 B. Patients will only be eligible for euthanasia if he or she meets the following  
12 requisites:

13 a. Patient is at least 18 years of age.

14 b. Patient is of sound, conscious mind as deemed by a licensed physician  
15 or licensed psychologist

16 c. Patient has been diagnosed with a terminal illness that will cause death  
17 within twelve (12) months as deemed by at least two (2) licensed  
18 physicians.

19 C. Patients who meet all prerequisites must make two oral requests to their primary  
20 physician, separated by at least 30 days. A written request must also be  
21 submitted with the signature of at least two witnesses. Only at this time may the  
22 physician prescribe the lethal medications.

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24 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on October 20, 2018

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

26 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Nicholas Allis of Sayre High School. District 9*

**PHSSL Congress Bill**  
**Submitted by: District 10**  
Redistricting Congress and the Legislature

1. **Whereas:** Congressional districts are determined by an act of the General Assembly
2. with no input by the public in any way.
3. **Whereas:** This arrangement has resulted in partisan gerrymandering where one party
4. controls both branches of the General Assembly and the governorship as was the case
5. when the current congressional districts were created after the 2010 census.
6. **Whereas:** While, this plan complied with the U.S. Supreme Court's "one person, one
7. vote rule, it ignored traditional redistricting criteria, including preservation of local
8. government boundaries.
9. **Whereas:** One small municipality was divided into four congressional districts, essen-
10. tially depriving it of real representation, and when this plan was appealed to the US
11. Supreme Court, it allowed the districts to stand, over strong opposition by the minority
12. in the 5-4 decision.
13. **Whereas:** Legislative districts are drawn by a bipartisan commission that has been so
14. dysfunctional the last 2 times that the legislative commission was unable to agree on the
15. selection of a non-partisan chair and one had to be appointed by the PA Supreme Court.
16. **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by this PHSSL Student Congress here assembled:
17. **That** The Pennsylvania Constitution will be amended to require an independent
18. commission comprised of individuals not currently employed by local, state, or federal
19. government, to redistrict both legislative and congressional districts.
20. **That** the agreed to standards are (in rank order): adhere to all Constitutional and Voting
21. Rights Act requirements; promote competitiveness and partisan fairness, respect politi-
22. subdivisions and communities of interest; encourage geographical compactness and
23. respect for natural geographical features and barriers.

# The Immigration Reform Act of 2018

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The Budget of the U.S. Citizenship And Immigration Services (USCIS)  
2 will be increased by Six (6) Billion Dollars.

3 A. This funding will first be taken out of the U.S. Agency for  
4 International Development's budget and later redesignated in the first  
5 Fisical Year after passage.

6 **SECTION 2.** USCIS will use this funding to streamline the immigration process,  
7 modernize its utilities, and increase the amount of applications processed.

8 **SECTION 3.** USCIS will remake or simplify all of its applications.

9 **SECTION 4** USCIS will implement, in addition to its Diversity Visa Lottery, a merit  
10 based Green Card application.

11 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will be implemented on January 1, 2019.

12 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.  
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*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Patrick Adams of St. Joseph's Preparatory School, District 11*

**A BILL TO BAN THE USE OF SOLITARY CONFINEMENT**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The use of Solitary Confinement as a means of punishment for prisoners is  
3 hereby banned in all fifty states and the territories of the United States of  
4 America.

5 **SECTION 2.** Solitary Confinement shall be defined as the isolation of a prisoner in a  
6 separate cell for long periods of time as a punishment.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Bureau of Prisons shall oversee the implementation of this  
8 legislation and The Department of Justice has the authority to enforce this  
9 legislation.

10 A. This legislation shall extend to privately owned prisons.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect 6 months after passage to allow ample  
12 time for prisons, The Department of Justice, and the Federal Bureau of  
13 Prisons to make necessary changes and create new rules.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Pennsbury High School  
District 12*

**A BILL TO IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY TO AFFORDABLE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**

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

2 **SECTION 1.**

3 A. The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall, within 80 days of  
4 enactment of this bill, issue regulations allowing wholesalers, licensed U.S.  
5 Pharmacies, and individuals to import qualifying prescription drugs manufactured  
6 at FDA-inspected facilities from certified Canadian sellers. After two years, the  
7 Secretary shall have the authority to permit importation from certified foreign  
8 sellers in countries in the Organization for Economic Co-operation and  
9 Development (OECD) that meet specified statutory or regulatory standards that  
10 are comparable to U.S. standards.

11 B. The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall now have the appropriate  
12 authority to negotiate pharmaceutical prices on behalf of Medicare Part D.

13 **SECTION 2.**

14 A. Certified foreign sellers are defined as firms that (1) have been in  
15 existence for at least five years and has a purpose for existing other than for this  
16 program; (2) if selling to an individual, does so only after receiving a valid  
17 prescription; (3) can certify that the physical premises and data reporting  
18 procedures and licenses are in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations  
19 in Canada, and has implemented policies to monitor compliance; (4) conduct  
20 ongoing and comprehensive quality assurance programs, including blind testing;  
21 (5) agree that laboratories approved by the Secretary shall be used to test product  
22 samples; (6) receive a certification from the Secretary of Health and Human  
23 Services that they meet the above criteria, including any new regulations  
24 determined by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and renew their  
25 certification every two years.

26 B. Qualifying prescription drugs must have the same active ingredient(s), route  
27 of administration, strength as drugs approved in the U.S, and exclude controlled  
28 substances, anesthetic drugs inhaled during surgery, or compounded drugs.

29 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee  
30 implementation of this law.

31 A. Funds necessary to administer Section 1A shall come from an annual fee  
32 paid by certified foreign sellers set by the Secretary of Health and Human  
33 Services.

34 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

35 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby amended to comply  
36 with it.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Unionville High School  
District 15*