



**Illinois High School Association**

2016 State  
Congressional  
Debate  
Legislation

(preliminary sessions)

**A Bill to Empower Female Veterans and Deploy Entrepreneurship**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The Women Vetpreneurship Fund (WVF) shall be hereby established to provide
3. microloans to female military veterans.
4. **SECTION 2. A.** The Small Business Administration defines microloans as loans up to
5. \$50,000 for working capital, inventory or supplies, furniture or fixtures,
6. And machinery or equipment.
7. **B.** The WVF shall provide direct lending to eligible applicants to start or
8. Grow business. The WVF shall also provide resources to pair participants
9. with successful small businesswomen for mentorship.
10. **C.** \$200,000,000 shall be allocated to the WVF on an annual basis. These
11. funds shall be reallocated from the discretionary defense budget.
12. **SECTION 3. A.** The Department of Veterans Affairs shall define and enforce eligibility
13. requirements for potential applicants.
14. **B.** The Small Business Administration shall oversee issuance of microloans
15. to eligible participants in accordance with appropriate application processes. The
16. Small Business Administration shall also oversee the pairing of participants with
17. mentors.
18. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented immediately upon passage.
19. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Economics,*

Brandon Nye

Barrington High School

**Resolution to Sail Across the Atlantic to Strengthen the Economy**

1. **WHEREAS**, The United States and the European Union serve as the world's bastions of
2. democracy and capitalism; and
3. **WHEREAS**, A free trade agreement would increase trade and investment on both sides of the
4. Atlantic; and
5. **WHEREAS**, The European Union and the United States have begun negotiations of the
6. Transatlantic Free Trade Agreement (TAFTA)/Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership
7. (TTIP) but these negotiations have stalled; and
8. **WHEREAS**, Transparency in the negotiations will lead to a more democratic and fair
9. agreement; now, therefore, be it
10. **RESOLVED**, That the United States Congress here assembled shall recommit to negotiating the
11. TAFTA/TTIP treaty and designate, on January 4<sup>th</sup> 2017, a bi-partisan committee of 7 members to
12. lead the United States' TAFTA/TTIP negotiations; and, be it
13. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the bi-partisan committee shall publish updates as to the
14. progress of negotiations once every two months; and, be it
15. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, That if the TAFTA/TTIP treaty is not ratified by both the United
16. States and the European Union by January 1<sup>st</sup> 2019, the United States shall call for a summit
17. consisting of the President of the United States, the President of the European Parliament, and
18. the leader of every state in the European Union to negotiate the TAFTA/TTIP treaty.

*Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Economics,*

Kevin Angell

Naperville Central High School

**A Bill to Pay Their Fair Share**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1.     **SECTION 1.** A proposal to amend article 9 of the Illinois State constitution will be added to
2.                     the next qualifying election. The amendment will change the income tax system
3.                     to a graduated system modeling the state of Ohio, including all exemptions,
4.                     regulations , deductions, classifications, and allowances of that system.
5.     **SECTION 2.** Income tax will be defined as a tax on the net gain in all assets in a fiscal year.
6.                     This includes, but is not limited to, wages, investment gains, and employee
7.                     benefits.
8.     **SECTION 3.** The Illinois revenue service in conjunction with the Illinois secretary of State will
9.                     oversee the implementation of the amendment process and enforcement of the
10.                    newly adopted taxation code.
11.    **SECTION 4.** This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in
12.                    accordance with section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act and
13.                    applies in the fiscal year immediately following its adoption.
14.    **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Economics,*

Mark Pollard

Rolling Meadows High School

### **A Bill to Reward Those for an Ounce of Prevention**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The government will provide a \$300 federal income tax credit for any United
3. States citizen 18 and over who participates in a comprehensive tax physical. All
4. specific health information collected will be provided to the patient. General data
5. will be compiled to create a comprehensive annual health report.
6. **SECTION 2.** A comprehensive tax physical will be defined as an annual health checkup taking
7. place between the beginning of a new calendar year and April 15<sup>th</sup>, administered
8. by a licensed medical doctor or nurse practitioner in which diagnostic physical,
9. blood, and urine testing are collected and health information is compiled to
10. inform the patient of his/her health, which results in a tax credit for the patient.
11. **SECTION 3.** The enforcement of this bill will be overseen by the Department of Health and
12. Human Services and the Internal Revenue Service.
13. **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.
14. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Economics,*

Madeline Bessemer

Harry D. Jacobs High School

## A Bill to Provide National Health Care

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Health care insurance companies shall be eradicated. The United States
3.                   government will assume full responsibility for providing the same services.
4. **SECTION 2.** A payroll tax shall be defined as a tax an employer withholds and/or pays on
5.                   behalf of his or her employees based on the wage or salary of the employee.
6.                   Health care insurance shall be defined as an insurance coverage that pays for
7.                   medical and surgical expenses that are incurred by the insured.
8. **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Health and Human Services and the Internal
9.                   Revenue Service shall oversee the enforcement of the bill.
10.                  **A.** The United States Department of Health shall define and enforce the
11.                  guidelines for the national health insurance, including but not limited to entry,
12.                  administration, and co-payments.
13.                  **B.** The Internal Revenue System shall implement a 10% increase in the payroll
14.                  tax to cover the expenses of each individual's monthly contribution to insurance.
15. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect of January 1, 2017.
16. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Economics,*

Layan Safi

Elk Grove High School

### **A Bill to Evade the Evaders**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1. A.** The corporate income tax in the United States shall hereby be abolished.
3. **B.** The corporate income tax shall be replaced by a mandatory stock issuance
4. to the federal government at a percentage of stock equivalent to the
5. percentage of the corporate income tax that a company would have paid.
6. **SECTION 2.** The shares issued to the federal government will be non-voting shares and will
7. be nontransferable except in the cases of mergers or buyouts.
8. **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service shall be responsible for enforcing this bill.
9. **SECTION 4.** This legislation takes effect at the beginning of the 2017 fiscal year.
10. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Economics,*

Karolina Skarzynska

Schaumburg High School

### **A Bill to End the Conflict**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The United States shall not give any assistance, loan guarantee, or debt relief to
3. both the Palestine Authority (PA) and The State of Israel.
4. **SECTION 2. A.** These conditions shall only be lifted from the PA if they formally recognize
5. Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state, renounce terrorism, terminate funding of
6. any anti-Israel incitement, and publicly pledge to not engage in war with Israel.
7. **B.** These conditions shall only be lifted from The State of Israel if they publicly
8. pledge to not engage in war with Palestine, honor previous diplomatic
9. agreements, and cease all tax withholdings from Palestine.
10. **SECTION 3.** This bill shall be enforced by the Department of State.
11. **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect immediately upon passage.
12. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Foreign Affairs,*

TJ Kilcullen

Grayslake North High School



### **A Resolution to Protect Against Pathogens**

1. **WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization has declared the Zika virus a global health
2. emergency that poses a threat to the United States and countries around the world; and
3. **WHEREAS**, those infected with Zika during pregnancy are able to transmit the virus to their
4. fetuses which may lead to microcephaly, a congenital condition that is associated with
5. incomplete brain development; and
6. **WHEREAS**, Babies born with microcephaly have a limited life expectancy and poor brain
7. function; and
8. **WHEREAS**, there is no existing vaccine for the Zika virus to prevent its further spread; now
9. therefore, be it
10. **RESOLVED**, that the United States Congress here assembled make the following
11. recommendation for an international travel ban on countries most affected by the Zika virus in
12. South America and the Caribbean until the Center for Disease Control and World Health
13. Organization assess there to be no health threat; and, be it
14. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the United States urge the International Olympic Committee
15. discuss alternative locations for the 2016 Summer Olympic Games to avoid further spread of the
16. pathogen.

*Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Foreign Affairs,*

Anusha Thotakura

William Fremd High School

### **A Bill to Hack Chinese Cyber Attacks**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** In an attempt to thwart Chinese cyber attacks on US business and corporations,
3.                   all US businesses will be free to engage in defensive counter-hacking programs.
4. **SECTION 2.** Counter-hacking options may only be used as a defense against economic
5.                   espionage in the form of cyber attacks originating from China. Corporate
6.                   espionage is defined as the theft of trade secrets or intellectual property to gain a
7.                   business advantage.
8. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security will oversee implementation of legislation.
9.                   All acts of counter-hacking must be approved by the Department of Homeland
10.                  Security to verify China's involvement.
11. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect on August 1, 2016.
12. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Foreign Affairs,*

Paul Evers

Prospect High School

### **A Bill to Rock it in Rockets**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The Department of Defense will no longer purchase nor utilize rocket engines
3.                   designed or manufactured in and by the Russian Federation. Engines that have
4.                   already been purchased are exempt from this requirement.
5. **SECTION 2.** Rocket engines will be defined by the Department of Defense.
6. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense shall enforce this bill.
7. **SECTION 4.** This bill takes effect upon passage.
8. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Foreign Affairs,*

Yugan Sakthi

Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy

### A Resolution to Urge the UK to Leave the EU

1. **WHEREAS**, Prime Minister David Cameron has promised a popular referendum on the United
2. Kingdom (UK)'s membership in the European Union (EU); and
3. **WHEREAS**, The economy of UK would experience a jobs boom as it is freed from the EU
4. regulation and red tape; and
5. **WHEREAS**, The UK would regain control over its borders with a subsequent increase of job
6. opportunities for British citizens; and
7. **WHEREAS**, The UK would save billions in membership fees to the EU as well as the hidden
8. costs to British taxpayers when British goods are exported to the EU, caused by waste, fraud, and
9. red tape; now, therefore, be it
10. **RESOLVED**, That the United States urges the people of the United Kingdom to vote to leave
11. the European Union; and, be it
12. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the United States urges the United Kingdom emulate
13. Switzerland, which is not a member of the EU, on matters of trade and negotiate trade
14. agreements on a sector-by-sector basis.

*Respectfully submitted to the Committee on Foreign Affairs,*

Mady Cohodes  
John Hersey High School

### **A Bill to Study Imperialism**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall appropriate \$8 million to create the
3.                   Commission to Study the Effects of Imperialism.
4. **SECTION 2.** The Commission will examine the lingering effects of American exploitation and
5.                   imperialism around the world, recommend appropriate ways for the federal
6.                   government to educate others, and suggest appropriate remedies.
7. **SECTION 3.** The Department of State shall oversee this legislation.
8. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.
9. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Foreign Affairs,*

Allison Grimsted

Evanston Township High School

### **A Bill to Speak for the Animals and the Environment**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Factory farms shall now comply with set humane care standards for their animals
3.                   and shall now be rated for their environmental responsibility. Any farm seen
4.                   violating the standards or falling below a set rating will be fined \$100 for each
5.                   animal in the farm.
6. **SECTION 2.** Factory farms shall be defined as a farm on which large numbers of livestock
7.                   are raised indoors in conditions intended to maximize production at
8.                   minimal cost. Animals include, but are not limited to cows, pigs,
9.                   chickens, and turkeys.
10. **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Agriculture shall set the humane care standards
11.                   and shall be responsible for implementing the regulations and the Environmental
12.                   Protection Agency shall create the rating scale, the set rating, and shall be
13.                   responsible for inspecting the farms.
14. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect January 1, 2017.
15. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Public Welfare,*

Krupa Patel

Lyons Township High School

### **A Bill to Create Law Enforcement Transparency**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** All active duty police officers shall be required to wear body cameras
3.                   while on duty.
4. **SECTION 2.** An active duty police officer shall be defined as a warranted law employee
5.                   of a police force. A body camera shall be defined as any government
6.                   sanctioned device worn on the chest area of an active duty police officer
7.                   that records video and audio of the officer's interactions and encounters
8.                   with civilians.
9. **SECTION 3.** Municipalities containing said police forces shall be required to allocate
10.                  money to fund this mandate. Non-compliance shall lead to a reduction of
11.                  federal funding for all civic programs.
12. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall require complete compliance by municipalities by
13.                  January 1, 2017.
14. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Public Welfare,*

Ayoub Razick  
Amos Alonzo Stagg High School

**A Bill to Watch What We Eat**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** **A.** Genetically modified organism (GMO) labeling shall be required on all
  3. foodstuffs sold in the United States.
  4. **B.** All companies who do not comply with this requirement shall have a
    5. 5% tax levied on revenues of all unlabeled items.
    6. **C.** All revenue generated under this legislation shall be allocated to the
      7. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) with the purpose of
        8. subsidizing healthy foods for SNAP users.
  9. **SECTION 2.** **A.** “GMO labeling” shall be defined as indicating which ingredients in
    10. the foodstuff are genetically modified. The GMO label must be clearly
      11. visible within the ingredient list of the foodstuff.
      12. **B.** “Healthy foods” shall be defined as foods containing a high nutritional
        13. value, as determined by the Department of Agriculture. These foods
          14. include, but are not limited to, fruits, vegetables, and lean meats.
  15. **SECTION 3.** The Food and Drug Administration, Internal Revenue Service, and
    16. Department of Agriculture shall enforce the legislation.
      17. **A.** The FDA shall be responsible for ensuring the proper labeling of foodstuffs
        18. containing GMOs.
        19. **B.** The IRS shall be responsible for levying taxes on noncompliant companies.
        20. **C.** The USDA shall be responsible for determining the proper use of all funds
          21. granted to the SNAP program under this legislation.
  22. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect April 18, 2017.
  23. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted to the Committee on Public Welfare,*

MJ Hurley

Wheeling High School



## **The High-skilled Immigrants Act of 2016**

1. Be it enacted by the United States Congress here assembled that:
2. Section 1: The Immigration and National Act shall be amended to eliminate the per
3.                   country limitation for employment based immigrants.
4. Section 2: The Immigration Nationality Act shall be further amended to:
5.                   A. Ensure that all visa pay is in accordance with to the prevailing wage for
6.                   the occupation
7.                   B. The per country numerical limitation for family based immigrants to
8.                   I. 60 percent for first-family preference
9.                   II. 15 percent for second-family preference
10. Section 3: The Department of State and the Bureau of Immigration Services will
11.                   oversee the implementation of this legislation
12. Section 4: This act shall go into effect with the fiscal year of 2017/.
13. Section 5: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted to the Committee on Public Welfare,*

Tom Biegler

Fenwick High School

### **A Bill to Provide Clean Water**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall allocate \$1 billion to replace
3. corroded water pipelines containing high levels of lead as deemed by the Environmental
4. Protection Agency. Compliance testing for drinking water supplies will also be changed to a
5. quarterly testing system in order for those supplies to be compliant with the Safe Water
6. Drinking Act.
7. **SECTION 2.** Water pipelines shall be replaced if the water lead levels hit 15 parts per billion
8. (ppb).
9. **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shall oversee the implementation
10. of this bill.
11. **SECTION 4.** This bill would be implicated at the beginning of the new fiscal year.
12. **SECTION 5.** All other laws that are in conflict with this bill shall hereby be declared null and
13. void.

*Respectfully submitted to the committee on Public Welfare,*

Alison O'Hara

Glenbrook South High School

### A Bill to Help our Students

1. Be it enacted by the United States Congress Here Assembled:
2. **Section 1.** All Public Education Schools serving students in grades Kindergarten
3. through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade shall not have a start time for regular classes
4. before 9:00AM.
5. **Section 2.** This legislation excludes private education centers and post-secondary
6. education facilities. This legislation does not restrict schools from
7. allowing students to attend extra Classes voluntarily before the designated time.
8. **Section 3.** The United States Department of Education shall have oversight over
9. the implementation of this legislation, and the United States Department
10. of Labor shall assist with the contractual changes occurring as a result of
11. this shift in the school day.
12. **Section 4.** This legislation shall be implemented between June and August of 2016, and
13. be prepared for implementation for the 2016-2017 School year.
14. **Section 5.** All Laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted to the Committee on Public Welfare,*

Ghania Chaudhry

Carl Sandburg High School