

1 **Item 1: A Resolution to Establish a Minimum Amount of Vacation Time for**  
2 **Americans**

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4 WHEREAS, Americans work more hours than workers in most industrialized  
5 nations; and

6 WHEREAS, the United States is the only nation in the industrialized world where  
7 the annual number of hours worked is actually increasing; and

8 WHEREAS, a major cause is the fact that Americans have far fewer vacation  
9 days than workers in most developed countries; and

10 WHEREAS, the United States is the only advanced economy that does not  
11 guarantee its workers any paid vacation or holidays; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, by the Student Congress here assembled that the United States  
13 establish a federal mandate to specify a minimum amount of vacation time that  
14 employers must grant their workers.

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1       **Item 2: A Resolution to Abolish the Use of Paper and Hardback Currency**

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3           WHEREAS, Fewer and fewer people now use cash to buy goods, and

4           WHEREAS, More and more people are turning to debit, credit, or checks

5 to access their funds and,

6           WHEREAS, Millions of dollars are created in counterfeit money yearly,

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8           WHEREAS, The use of credit, debit, or checks will stop the creation of

9 counterfeit money and decrease crime; now, therefore, be it

10          BE IT RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled abolish

11 the creations of any paper and hardback currencies henceforth.

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17 Introduced by Central High School

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1           **Item 3: A Resolution to Improve and preserve America’s legacy**

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3   Whereas:     the notoriously predatory Bald Eagle is currently the emblem of  
4   America ; and

5   Whereas:     the American Turkey would be a more suited symbol in order to  
6   improve and preserve America’s ideology and its legacy; and

7   Whereas:     the great Benjamin Franklin described the eagle as “ by no means  
8   a proper Emblem for the brave and Honest America; and

9   Whereas:     the great Benjamin Franklin described the turkey as “ a much more  
10   respectable bird and withal a true native of America ... he is... besides a bird of  
11   courage”

12   Therefore:    be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that The  
13   United States of America abandon the eagle as its symbol and should adopt the  
14   Turkey as its emblem.

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1 **Item 4: A Bill to Require the United States Navy to Convert All Naval Escort**  
2 **Ships to Nuclear Power**

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

6 SECTION 1. All United States Naval Escort Ships shall be converted to nuclear  
7 power.

8 SECTION 2. A naval escort ship is defined as any vessel that is operated as a  
9 guide or companion ship for convoys of U.S. Naval ships (i.e. battle ships,  
10 cruisers, and other amphibious vessels).

11 SECTION 3. The United States Department of Defense, specifically the Naval  
12 Reactors, will oversee the conversion of existing escort ships to nuclear power  
13 and the implementation of nuclear power into newly built escort ships.

14 SECTION 4. All existing escort ships will be converted no later than December  
15 2025 and any escort ships built from the passage of this bill forward are required  
16 to be nuclear powered.

17 SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and  
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**Item 5: A Bill to Ban All Future Stimulus Plans**

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The USFG should no longer pass pieces of legislation specifically designated to “stimulate” the economy.

SECTION 2. Stimulus legislation is any piece of legislation which has the sole purpose of “boosting” the economy for a short period of time.

SECTION 3. Enforcement will occur through the USFG, Department of the Treasury, and the US Federal Reserve.

A. The Federal Reserve will serve as a check on the Federal government organizations

B. The US will begin engaging in more classical styles of economics versus our current hands on Keynesian economic practices.

SECTION 4. Implementation will occur immediately after passage.

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

1 **Item 6: A Bill to Abolish Mandatory Seat Belts**

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

5 SECTION 1. All State and National mandatory seat belt laws for adults 18 years  
6 of age and older be repealed.

7 SECTION 2. "Mandatory Seat Belt Laws" shall be defined as any state or federal  
8 law requiring drivers and/or passengers, who are 18 years of age and older, to  
9 wear a restraining device used to secure passengers in motorized vehicles,  
10 which could result in tickets, fines or other consequence for non-compliance.

11 SECTION 3. Any enforcement agencies, such as the National and States'  
12 Highway Traffic Safety Administrations, Police forces and Departments of Public  
13 Safety, would be banned from further enforcing mandatory seat belt laws for  
14 adult passengers and drivers.

15 A. Current primary laws, allowing enforcement agencies to pull drivers over  
16 specifically for seat belt violations, shall be repealed.

17 B. Current secondary laws, allowing enforcement agencies to issue a  
18 summons for non-seat belt use only if the motorist has been stopped for another  
19 violation, shall be repealed.

20 SECTION 4. National funding incentives and all State mandatory seat belt laws  
21 shall be repealed immediately.

22 SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and  
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1           **Item 7: A BILL TO INCREASE PENALTIES FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

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

5           Section 1:   The United States shall increase the punishment for those  
6 who participate in human trafficking, excluding those who are forced into such  
7 acts against their own free will.

8           Sub-section A: Those who are in the act of selling or promoting  
9 human trafficking will receive a maximum of life in prison.

10          Sub-section B: Those who are forced into the act against their will shall be  
11 put into a shelter for victims who have been abused and mistreated, until they are  
12 healed both mentally and physically.

13          Section 2:   For the purposes of this bill, the following terms are defined  
14 as follows:“Human trafficking” is the practice of people being lured, or removed  
15 from their home or country and then compelled to work in harsh conditions for  
16 little or no pay on terms which are Highly exploitive.“Shelter” is a controlled  
17 environment in which victims are taken after being rescued from an abusive  
18 situation, and are provided basic necessities such as food, water, clothing, and a  
19 temporary home.

20          Section 3:   The U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement will  
21 oversee the enforcement of the bill.

22                 Sub-section A: Establish shelters in the fourteen cities in the U.S.  
23                         with the highest human trafficking rate.

24                 Sub-section B: 10% increase in discretionary funding for the  
25                         Immigration and Customs Enforcement allotted for shelter  
26                         And physical necessities.

27          Section 4:   This bill shall take effect at the beginning of the year  
28 following ratification. Congress shall have the power to appropriate funds as  
29 necessary to carry out the mandates of this bill.

30          Section 5:   All laws in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and  
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1                                   **Item 8: A Bill to Fund Research for Algae Farming**

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

4 SECTION 1. The United States will fund research programs that research algae  
5 farming to create oil.

6 SECTION 2. 10 million dollars a year will be awarded to companies that build  
7 facilities to generate oil from algae.

8 SECTION 3. United States Environmental Protection Agency will oversee the  
9 enforcement of the bill.

10 SECTION 4. This bill will take effect on January 1, 2010, and this bill will be  
11 discontinued on January 1, 2030.

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

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1        **Item 9: A Bill to Revise the “Race to the Top Fund” Application Process**

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4        BE IT ENACTED BY THE TFA STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED

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6        SECTION 1. Eliminate section (F)(2) “Ensuring successful conditions for high-  
7        performing charter schools and other innovative schools (40 points)” of the  
8        “Race to the Top Fund” Application Process.

9        SECTION 2. “Race to the Top Fund” is part of State Fiscal Stabilization Fund -  
10       Section 14006 State Incentive Grants.

11       SECTION 3. The Department of Education will eliminate the above section and  
12       send out a revised application.

13       SECTION 4. The revised application will be sent out by April 1, 2010 and will  
14       include a revised timeline for awarding and disbursing funds.

15       SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and  
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1 **Item 10: A Resolution to End Addiction**

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4 WHEREAS, thousands of Americans are plagued with addictions to  
5 numerous drugs such as tobacco, alcohol, cocaine, and heroin; and

6 WHEREAS, these drug addictions lead to innumerable consequences  
7 such as financial troubles, familial struggles, and health problems that cannot be  
8 reversed; and

9 WHEREAS, psychotherapy for the treatment of these addictions can take  
10 years and is not considered a permanent treatment because of high regression  
11 rates; and

12 WHEREAS, the drug Ibogaine has been proven to assist individuals with  
13 battling their addictions by eliminating all or almost all of the symptoms  
14 associated with withdrawal, allowing them to quit without the horrifying side  
15 effects; and

16 WHEREAS, Ibogaine is a one-time, painless treatment that has seen  
17 permanent success rates of over 70% in many case studies; and

18 WHEREAS, the United States FDA still restricts the use of Ibogaine,  
19 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Texas Forensic Association  
20 Student Congress here assembled that the restrictions on the use of Ibogaine for  
21 addiction therapy be lifted and that Ibogaine become a preferred treatment for  
22 addicts, available to rehabilitation centers, clinics, and hospitals.

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1 **Item 11: A Resolution to legalize the distribution of contraceptives in public**  
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4 Whereas, about 13 percent of girls and 15 percent of boys report having sex  
5 before the age of 15, and

6       Whereas, an Associated Press-Ipsos poll finds that 67 percent of parents  
7 support giving contraception to students; of that 67 percent, 37 percent would  
8 limit the giving of contraceptives to those whose parents have consented and 30  
9 percent to all who ask, and

10       Whereas, polls also showed that 51% of people believe sex education and  
11 birth control are more effective ways to reduce teen pregnancies than  
12 emphasizing abstinence and morality, compared with 46% who prefer moral and  
13 abstinence messages, and

14       Whereas, about 64% of minorities and 47% of whites consider sex  
15 education and birth control the most effective method, and

16       Whereas, older methods of teaching abstinence have proved obsolete;  
17 therefore,

18       Be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that the  
19 distribution of contraceptives on school grounds ought to be legalized.

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1 **Item 12: A Resolution to Repeal the AETA**

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4 WHEREAS the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act (AETA) of 2006 uses  
5 extremely broad language, and

6 WHEREAS the framing of the act allows for the arbitrary criminalization of  
7 any form of social activism (including picketing, peaceful  
8 demonstrations, and general civil disobedience) against animal-  
9 using industries, and

10 WHEREAS the AETA allows for the previously named forms of social  
11 activism to be classified as terrorism, and punished as such, and

12 WHEREAS the Federal Bureau of Investigation has already admitted that the  
13 act uses harsher punishments than the crimes deserve to “act as a  
14 deterrent,” and

15 WHEREAS federal agents are being reallocated from other more important  
16 investigations to enforce this act,

17 BE IT RESOLVED that the congress here assembled repeals the Animal  
18 Enterprise Terrorism Act, and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all prisoners whose incarcerations cannot  
20 be upheld without this act be immediately released.

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1           **Item 13: A Resolution to Increase Funding for Stem Cell Research**

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4           WHEREAS, The majority of research facilities in the US are underfunded  
5 and have experienced major setbacks; and

6           WHEREAS, Countries such as China and South Korea have already  
7 surpassed the US's research capabilities and are now heading this market field;  
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9           WHEREAS, Thousands of people suffer from diseases and conditions  
10 that could be cured from this new research; and

11          WHEREAS, The research does not require the usage of real mammalian  
12 stem cells, but now uses the somatic skin cells; and

13          WHEREAS, President Obama has already lifted the ban on federal funding  
14 for embryonic stem cell research; and

15          WHEREAS, state budgets for funding are inadequate amounts to all research  
16 institutes; and

17          WHEREAS, Eight states --California, Connecticut, Illinois, Iowa, Maryland,  
18 Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York -- have already passed programs  
19 authorizing spending on embryonic stem cell research since 2001; therefore, be  
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21          RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled make the following  
22 recommendation and increase the funding for Stem Cell Research.

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1 **Item 14: A Bill to Expand Funding and Research for Nanotechnology in the**  
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5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

6 SECTION 1. Funding shall be increased and research expanded in the United  
7 States for the study of nanotechnology.

8 SECTION 2. Nanotechnology is defined as the engineering of functional systems  
9 at the molecular scale.

10 SECTION 3. The Environmental Protection Agency shall oversee all funding  
11 distribution and the focus of research expansion under two areas.

12 A. The possible short and long term effects of nanotechnology on humans  
13 and the environment.

14 B. The research and development of nanotechnology.

15 SECTION 4. Upon passage of this bill, the National Nanotechnology Initiative  
16 shall receive at 20% funding increase and the Environmental Protection Agency  
17 will meet and allocate funding and research assignments no later than May 2010.

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

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1           **Item 15: A Bill to Enact Universal Healthcare in the United States**

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3           BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED  
4 THAT:

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6 SECTION 1.           That the United States shall implement a federally-  
7 monitored, federally-funded, state-run Universal Healthcare System.

8 SECTION 2.           Upon passage this bill, any DHS (Department of Human  
9 Services) programs involving supplementary healthcare or supplementary  
10 insurance, with the exception for those involving children shall cease. All funds  
11 from said programs shall be redirected to funding the Universal Healthcare  
12 System, including a nation-wide 2% increase in state sales tax. Funding shall be  
13 distributed by the DHS to all states according to priority, which shall be based on  
14 a state's annual income, health records, and population. All states shall be  
15 required to submit a quarterly report to the DHS of all monetary distribution and  
16 progression of health services within the state involving the Universal Health  
17 System. Private insurance companies shall still be allowed to fully operate, by  
18 offering insurance to those who can afford it. Research and development of  
19 drugs shall remain the same.

20 SECTION 3.           The Universal Healthcare System shall be implemented  
21 through local state governments. While being monitored, and funded by the DHS,  
22 reimbursement of medical school tuition shall be included in state programs, in  
23 return for a contracted six years of medical services to a state-run hospital as a  
24 general practitioner, before being allowed to specialize.

25 SECTION 4.           This bill shall go into direct effect January 1, 2011.

26 SECTION 5.           All other laws that are in conflict with this policy including all  
27 conflicting DHS programs shall hereby be declared null and void upon date of  
28 implementation.

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1                   **Item 16: A Resolution to Increase the Smoking Age to 21**

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3 WHEREAS, Smoking kills millions of people annually; and

4 WHEREAS, adolescent smoking has become more apparent in today's society;

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6 WHEREAS, many teenagers have become addicted to the nicotine found in

7 cigarettes, causing for the mortality rate of smoking related deaths to rise; now,

8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, By this Student Congress here assembled that: The U.S ought to

10 increase the smoking age to 21.

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13 Introduced by Sophia George, Elkins High School, South Texas District

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