

1 A Resolution to Abolish the Standardized Aptitude Test in America;

1 Whereas: The Standardized Aptitude Test does not measure the full capability of each
2 student since it tests only math and English; and

3 Whereas: The New York Times has reported instances when errors were made in correcting
4 the SATs and more than 8,000 students were prevented from graduating high school; and

5 Whereas: Schools are more apt to teach to the test which prevents students from receiving
6 full education in all subject areas;and

7 Whereas

8 Whereas: The SAT only measures student's ability to tak a standardized test, not how
9 intelligent he or she is;

10 Therefore be it resolved by the Congress assembled here that the SATs should hereby be
11 abolished.

Respectfully submitted
Akshaya Arjunan
North Allegheny High School

2 A Bill to Set an Income Cap on CEOs

- 1 **Section 1:** The income of all CEOs and board directors of companies that are
2 in the highest tax bracket for corporations will have a maximum
3 income.
- 4 **Section 2:** The provisions of this bill shall be overseen by the Internal
5 Revenue Service
- 6 **Section 3:** The IRS will begin setting a maximum income for CEOs at the
7 beginning of the next fiscal year after the passage of this
8 legislation.
- 9 **Section 4:** All laws or portions of laws in conflict with this legislation shall
10 hereby be declared null and void

Respectfully submitted
Andrew Bell
Mercyhurst Prep

3 A Resolution to Increase Competition within the U.S. Oil Industry

1 Whereas: companies like Exxon Mobil monopolize the U.S. Oil Industry by using tactics
2 such as lobbying and bribery in oil permitting regulations and environmental legislation such
3 as The Clean Air Act of 1990; and

4 Whereas: due to the oil permitting regulations, it can take up to fifteen (15) years to obtain
5 an oil refinery/drilling permit, a significant barrier to entry; and

6 Whereas: these tactics hinder the establishment of new oil companies and virtually eliminate
7 competition, as no new oil refineries have been constructed since 1976; and

8 Whereas: this lack of competition can lead to price gouging, which holds the American
9 consumer hostage;

10 Therefore be it resolved: that our government support legislation to expedite the oil
11 refinery/drilling permitting process to encourage competition with the U.S. oil industry,
12 reduce our dependence n foreign oil, and prevent future price gouging.

Respectfully submitted,
Hampton High Scho9ol

4 A Resolution to Create a BCS Playoff System

- 1 Whereas: We have many NCAA football teams every year that are undefeated; and
- 2 Whereas: Every other NCAA sport has a playoff system that works and every football
- 3 level other than D-1 has playoffs; and
- 4 Whereas: The Bowl System lets teams with several losses play in big games; and
- 5 Whereas: The Bowl games have become all about and fairness to the team; and
- 6 Whereas: A playoff system would show the best of the best; and
- 7 Whereas: A playoff system would make it shorter for the players so they can get home
- 8 and rest; and
- 8 Whereas: We could copy the system for March Madness but lessen the number of teams
- 9 and rounds;
- 10 Therefore, be it resolved by this student congress here assembled that the NCAA make
- 11 a playoff system for Division 1 football that would demand that each conference send
- 12 its two top teams to the playoffs.
- 13 Be it further resolved that teams like Notre Dame, Navy, and Army must join a conference
- 14 if they want to play in the playoffs.

Respectfully submitted
Pine Richland High School

5 A Resolution to Increase Research on Pandemics

1 Whereas: each year in the United States, seasonal influenza kills more than 36,000 people and
2 hospitalized 200,000; and
3 Whereas: the H1N1 flu (better known as swine flu) outbreak clearly showed how unprepared
4 the United States is for a true pandemic; and
5 Whereas: the vaccine for the H1N1 flu will be available in mid-October, after the start of the
6 flu season; and
7 Whereas: current mutations in the H1N1 strain could result in different symptoms and could
8 prove immune to the vaccine that is currently developed for the previous strain; and
9 Whereas: the use of antibacterial soaps and hand sanitizers are increasing the pace of
10 mutation for bacterial strains, which are becoming more resistant to current treatments; and
11 Whereas: research can lead to better understanding of changes in virus or bacterial strains;
12 and
13 Whereas: with better understanding, the United States will be better prepared to face
14 possible pandemics;
15 Therefore: be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that the United States
16 government give more support and funding to organizations such as the National Institute of
17 Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) in order to research and prevent possible pandemics
18 in the future

Respectfully submitted,
Annie Yan
North Allegheny High School

6 A Resolution to Eliminate the Penny

1 WHEREAS: The cost to the United States mint is 1.7 cents to manufacture the penny
2 which is greater than its value of one cent; and

3 WHEREAS: The United States Mint will have manufactured 8.7 million pennies in
4 2009; and

5 WHEREAS: The manufacturing costs were equivalent to 14.79 million dollars, almost
6 twice the market value of the pennies;

7 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED;
8 that the minting of the penny be discontinued over the next five years.

Respectfully submitted,
Manasa Ravi
Bethel Park High School

7 A Resolution Concerning Cell Phone Use While Driving

- 1 **Whereas:** 21% of fatal car crashes involving teens are caused by cell phone usage; and
- 2 **Whereas:** 30% of teenaged drivers have admitted to texting while driving; and
- 3 **Whereas:** texting is a reckless action that can cause personal injury to one's self, other
- 4 passengers and other drivers; and
- 5 **Whereas:** 19 % of all motorists have admitted to texting while driving though they know
- 6 they are endangering themselves and others; and
- 7 **Whereas:** teenage drivers are responsible for the majority of vehicular crashes; and
- 8 **Whereas:** more teens confess to texting while driving than any other age group
- 9 Be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that the federal government
- 10 pass legislation banning sending text messages while driving.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Mueller
Oakland Catholic High School

8 A Resolution Concerning Infantry Armor (Bullet-Resistant Vests)

1 **Whereas:** our American soldiers are suffering unneeded casualties in various fronts
2 across the world; and

3 **Whereas:** our personal armor is not proving effective enough against high caliber
4 bullets; and

5 **Whereas:** there are other personal protection systems, such as the “Dragon Skin”, that
6 have proven more effective against these weapons and various explosives;

7 **Therefore,** I submit a resolution to phase out our previous Interceptor type vest for
8 more modern and effective vest to be enacted within two years of the bill’s passing.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Varney
Baldwin High School

9 A Resolution to Increase Funding for the Education of Women

- 1 **Whereas:** the human population is exponentially increasing; and
- 2 **Whereas:** population growth is responsible for the depletion of resources, the
- 3 the pollution of the planet, famine, disease, and international conflict; and
- 4 **Whereas:** while global population growth is greatest in third-world countries,
- 5 the effects of rapid population growth with all either directly or indirectly affect the
- 6 the United States; and
- 7 **Whereas:** educating females is a proven and humane way to decrease birthrates and
- 8 improve the quality of life; therefore
- 9 **Be It Resolved that:** additional funding be given for the education of women in
- 10 third-world countries.

Respectfully submitted,
Karns City High School

#10 A Resolution to Stop the Increase in the National Debt

1 **WHEREAS**, the Executive and Legislative branches of the Federal government have been
2 fiscally irresponsible by increasingly practicing deficit spending over the past 8 to 10 years;
3 and

4 **WHEREAS**, the national debt has surpassed the 10 trillion dollar mark with the
5 past five years; and

6 **WHEREAS**: the United States government must pay yearly interest on this debt; and

7 **WHEREAS**: it is the United States citizen who is must pay for the principal and
8 interest on this debt; therefore

9 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

10 the Federal Government must pass a balanced budget within the next two years.

11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** this practice continue until the National Debt
12 is paid in full.

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** that the Congress be held accountable for all
14 future spending and that such spending must be within a carefully constructed budget
15 that will provide penalties to the members of Congress if they should enact programs
16 that will result in debt.

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher Smith
Bethel Park High School

11 A Bill to Reform Health Care in the United States of America

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

2 Section 1: The purchase of basic health insurance be mandated for all U.S. citizens
3 and residents.

4 Section 2: Ample subsidies be provided to those unable to afford health insurance.

5 Section 3: A government administered non-profit insurance plan be implemented
6 as an option for all U.S. citizens.

7 Section 4: All medically necessary treatment for college and university students
8 be paid for in full by the federal government of the United States
9 under the Medicare program.

10 Section 5: All laws in conflict with this bill will hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Mielecki
St. Joseph High School

12 A Resolution to Prohibit the Distribution of Dangerous Information

1 WHEREAS: the distribution of information relating to development and/or construct
2 of explosives and/or weapons of mass destruction has led to numerous terrorist
3 operations in the Middle East; and

4 WHEREAS: this distribution of information has gained hold in the United States
5 leading to such incidents as the Oklahoma City Bombing; and

6 WHEREAS: this distribution of information has the potential to affect thousands
7 of Americans; and

8 WHEREAS: this distribution has taken hold of and exploited the Internet for
9 destructive purposes;

10 THEREFORE, Be It Resolved that all websites found guilty of hosting any information
11 on the making, trading, and/or implementation of chemical, biological, or incendiary
12 devices of mass destruction, as defined as capable of harming more than 10 people
13 at a time, be banned by American Internet providers, and their editors fined no less than
14 \$5,000.

Respectfully submitted,
Adam Majewski
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