

SFCFL 1: West Broward

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Varsity & Novice

Congress Legislation

Agenda is set in chambers. Only legislation in this packet may be debated during the sessions. Additional or external legislation is not permissible.

A Bill Designating Puerto Rico as the 51st State of the United States

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Puerto Rico shall be granted the rights and privileges of statehood in the
3 United States upon passage of a passing Puerto Rican referendum
4 regarding statehood.

5 **SECTION 2. A.** A referendum shall be conducted at the leisure of the Puerto Rican
6 government. The vote is to solely be Puerto Rico becoming a state or
7 remaining in its current status.

8 **B.** A passing referendum is one deemed and certified to have at least 60%
9 of Puerto Rican registered voters that participate in said election to
10 approve of Puerto Rico becoming a U.S. State.

11 **SECTION 3.** The State Department will be responsible for the implementation of this
12 bill.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect immediately upon passage. The bill can be
14 applied no later than 2032.

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

A Bill to Enhance Broadband

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will ensure all citizens in rural areas have access to
3 broadband.

4 A. Broadband shall be distributed through wireline or any type of
5 distribution that can ensure a high-quality internet speed.

6 **SECTION 2.** Broadband shall be defined as a “high-capacity transmission technique
7 using a wide range of frequencies, which enables a large number of
8 messages to be communicated simultaneously”.

9 A. Rural areas will be understood to be a “geographic populated area that
10 is located outside towns and cities”.

11 B. Wireline is a telegraph or telephone wire that can reach internet speeds
12 of 25Mbps (Megabits per second) and upload speeds of at least
13 3Mbps.

14 C. High-quality internet speed will be being able to reach internet speeds
15 of 25Mbps (Megabits per second) and upload speeds of at least
16 3Mbps.

17 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy and the Federal Communications Commission
18 shall work together with internet providers in order to ensure the gap in
19 broadband access has cease to exist.

20 A. Internet providers private/public must provide high-quality internet
21 speeds to all consumers in order to charge them accordingly.

22 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Luchiano Perez from McArthur High school.

A Bill to Grant Lawful Permanent Resident Status to Childhood Arrivals

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** children brought to the United States by their parents via unauthorized
3 immigration be granted Resident Alien status upon normal approval
4 procedures.

5 **SECTION 2. A.** Children refer to those who were under the age of 18 upon their
6 arrival to the United States. These individuals must have entered the
7 United States no earlier than 1987.

8 **B.** All individuals subject to the above definition, known as “childhood
9 arrivals” are to be processed for their alien registration card, also known
10 as a “green card.”

11 **C.** Should the individual be eligible under current restrictions for a green
12 card, that individual will now be declared a “lawful permanent resident”
13 and all rights that are given to them. Should they be deemed ineligible,
14 they will be returned to their country of origin.

15 **D.** No financial penalty will be assessed to childhood arrivals for the
16 purpose of immigration processing or taxes.

17 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security, in conjunction with Immigration
18 and Naturalization Services, will be responsible for the implementation of
19 this bill.

20 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect immediately upon passage.

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

A Bill to Update Title IX Protections to Include Transgender Individuals

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** rights and protections included under Title IX shall apply to all
3 transgender individuals.

4 **SECTION 2. A.** Transgender individuals refer to those who do not identify as their
5 given gender at birth.

6 **B.** Title IX rights and protections shall extend to the individual's self-
7 identified gender.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will be responsible for the implementation
9 of this bill.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect immediately upon passage.

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

A Resolution to Encourage the Implementation of Universal Basic Income

1 **WHEREAS,** half of Americans are earning less than or close to minimum wage; and

2 **WHEREAS,** top one-tenth of one percent earns more than the bottom ninety
3 percent; and

4 **WHEREAS,** the economic inequality impedes on progress made in the United States;
5 and

6 **WHEREAS,** this Congress has a responsibility to ensure to all citizens in the United
7 States of America ; now, therefore, be it

8 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation
9 for this Congress to implement Universal Basic Income in these United
10 States of America.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Senator Michaelangelo Hamilton from McArthur High School

The Biofuel Development Act of 2017

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A 15% tax credit will be given to any company that researches and
3 develops biofuel technology.

4 **SECTION 2.** Biofuel will be defined as a source of fuel derived from palm oil, algae,
5 and soybeans.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy and Internal Revenue Service will oversee the
7 implementation of this bill.

8 A. The Department of Energy will collaborate with these companies to
9 conduct research and develop biofuel technology.

10 B. The Internal Revenue Service will process all requests for the tax
11 credit and determine if a company qualifies to receive the credit and
12 perform annual audits to make sure the companies are investing in
13 biofuel research and development.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately after passage.

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

*Introduced by Senator Vincent Shipe
Pompano Beach High School*

A Bill to Reform the Juvenile Justice System to Reduce Juvenile Recidivism

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All juveniles charged with a first-time crime of a misdemeanor shall
3 instead receive a civil citation in lieu of the misdemeanor charge.

4 **SECTION 2.** A juvenile shall be defined as a person who has not yet attained their
5 eighteenth birthday when the crime was committed.

6 A misdemeanor shall be defined as a crime that meets the
7 qualifications of a misdemeanor in the state it was committed.

8 A civil citation shall be defined as an alternative disciplinary program that
9 does not affect a juvenile's criminal record and requires the completion
10 of state-set conditions, including community service and participation in
11 state-run diversion program.

12 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Justice shall oversee the enforcement of the bill
13 along with the specific enforcement mechanism.

14 A. State-level Departments of Justice will be responsible for creating the
15 requirements of civil citations as well as the qualifications of
16 misdemeanors, subject to the approval of the U.S. Department of
17 Justice.

18 B. Any funds generated from the implementation of this bill, including
19 the reduction of jail, court, or legal costs to the state shall be returned
20 to the Justice Department budget to cover any costs incurred by this
21 policy.

22 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2018.

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

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25 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Carlee Goldberg.*

The C.U.R.E Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** The United States shall provide \$500 million dollars in humanitarian aid to Ukraine to help resolve the conflict with Russia. The U.S shall reimpose Diplomatic sanctions if Russia tries to intervene. a
- SECTION 2.** The C.U.R.E acronym stands for the Crimean, Ukraine, Russia, Equality Act. The actions that will activate the Diplomatic sanctions will include Disruption of Ukraine's cybersecurity and if Russia sends military hostility such as air/drone strikes. Humanitarian aid shall include Food Distribution Centers and basic medical services.
- SECTION 3.** The government agency that shall oversee the implementation of this legislation is The U.S Agency of International Development(USAID).
- SECTION 4.** **The contents of this legislation shall take effect no later than January 2018 .**
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Vincent Richards Nova High School .

The Safe Driving Act of 2025

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A. All automobiles must be equipped with functional Bluetooth components which smart devices can connect to to make them handsfree.

B. The United States shall only import automobiles which have this bluetooth technology.

SECTION 2. “Bluetooth” shall be defined as a wireless technology standard for exchanging data over short distances.

SECTION 3. The Department of Transportation and the Department of Commerce will oversee the enforcement of this bill.

A. The Department of Transportation shall oversee all domestic automobile manufacturers.

B. The Department of Commerce shall authorize only automobile imports which meet the bluetooth technology requirement.

SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Western High School.

A Bill to Provide Cybersecurity Lessons in High School to Educate Against Cyber Attacks

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. The United States Education System will offer preventative personal cybersecurity lessons in grades High School.

Section 2. Personal cybersecurity shall be defined as education detailing personal safety online and preventative online actions.

Section 3. The Department of Education in concert with the Department of Homeland Security

A. Funds necessary for the implementation of these courses will be diverted from the Department of Agriculture's ARRA fund.

SECTION 4. Legislation will go into effect in September of 2018.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Western High School.