

BILL AND RESOLUTIONS

TO BE DEBATED

AT

CONGRESS 4

1 A RESOLUTION TO PRODUCE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY NECESSITIES

1 Whereas: The right to food, shelter, and transportation are basic to everyday life; and
2 Whereas: too many people in the United States of America do not have adequate food,
3 shelter, and basic means of transportation; and
4 Whereas: more than 50 percent of Americans are overweight, due to poor and unhealthy food
5 choices; causing rising health care costs, and
6 Whereas: there are thousands of unemployed factory workers and many idled factories;
7 Therefore, be it resolved by the student congress here assembled that the U.S. government
8 will establish a plan to provide adequate and healthy food, adequate green housing, and
9 adequate mass transportation or environmentally-friendly personal vehicles to every family in
10 America.
11 Be it further resolved that the government will put the unemployed back to work by hiring
12 workers to produce build environmentally-friendly homes, new mass transit vehicles,
13 environmentally-friendly personal vehicles, and safe, healthy food.

Respectively submitted:
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2 A Bill to Lower the Business Tax of the United States of America

1. WHEREAS: The United States business tax is at such a high level, that it
2. deters future entrepreneurs from starting a business in America, and
3. WHEREAS: The second highest rates of business taxation in the world are from
4. the United States, and
5. WHEREAS: Among the seven individual types of business taxes are high
6. employment taxes that greatly limit a large company to make a profit when every
7. employee's social security and Medicare is taxed, and
8. WHEREAS: This drives businesses to foreign countries, which in turn limits the
9. growth of the United States economy, and
10. THEREFORE, be it resolved by the PHSSL State Student Congress here
11. assembled that: the United States lower the business tax from 35% to 25% to
12. stimulate the United States economy and encourage growth.

Respectfully Submitted,
North Allegheny

**# 3 A BILL TO IMPLEMENT A SEVERANCE TAX ON NATURAL GAS
EXTRACTED FROM THE MARCELLUS SHALE FORMATION**

1 BE IT ENACTED by the Student Congress here assembled:

2 Section 1: A severance tax will be imposed upon each and every natural gas producer
3 who uses water resources from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to
4 extract natural gas from the Marcellus Shale Formation.

5 Section 2: The tax shall not be less than nor exceed one dollar (\$1.00) per one
6 thousand (1,000) cubic feet of natural gas.

7 Section 3: Said tax will be paid into a dedicated fund for the preservation, cleaning
8 and improvement of the streams, rivers, and waterways of the
9 Commonwealth.

10 Section 4: This tax program and its benefits will be under the oversight of the
11 Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

12 Section 5: This bill shall have the effect of law within 18 months of passage.

Respectfully submitted,
Madeline Balzarini
Bethel Park High School

4 A Resolution to Establish a Mandatory Drivers Education Class

1. **Whereas:** 1 out of 8 sixteen-year old drivers has had a reportable crash before
2. reaching the age of 17.
3. **Whereas:** 43% of the crashes have been classified as a “run off the road” accident and
4. 18% of crashes of involved left hand turns and stop signs.
5. **Whereas:** Proper education on driving can help bring down the statistics and prevent
6. careless errors on the road.
7. **Whereas:** Teenagers account for a majority of car accidents in Pennsylvania.
8. **Whereas:** Not all teenagers currently adhere to the current requirement mandating
9. teenagers under the age of 18 must complete 50 hours of supervised behind the
10. wheel training before receiving a license.
11. **Whereas:** Drivers Education classes provide helpful education on the valuable
12. concepts of hand over hand turning and the four second rule that improve driving
13. technique.
14. **Whereas:** Many insurance companies will reduce rates for teenage drivers who have
15. completed a Drivers Education course.
16. Therefore, Be it resolved by the Student Congress here assembled that the federal
17. government institute a law that all teenage drivers must complete a mandatory
18. Drivers Education class, which involves 30 hours of in the classroom instruction,
19. and 6 hours of on the road lessons with a certified instructor before receiving
20. his/her license.

Respectfully Submitted by,
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5 A Resolution to Lower the Corporate Tax Rate

1. WHEREAS: The current corporate tax top rate in the United States is at thirty-five
2. percent and is one of the highest rates in the world.
3. WHEREAS: United States unemployment is still at a high rate, and the United States
4. economy needs to be improved.
5. WHEREAS: Countries such as Ireland have proven the reduction of corporate tax
6. rates has promising results.
7. WHEREAS: Lowering the corporate tax rate would lower unemployment rates,
8. improve the standard of living, and more money would circulate in the United States
9. economy.
10. WHEREAS: A lower corporate tax rate would actually increase corporate tax
11. revenue.
12. WHEREAS: Lower corporate tax rates would benefit America's competitiveness
13. with other countries.
14. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: by this Student Congress assembled here today
15. that the United States corporate tax rate be gradually lowered to twenty percent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Claire Lamperski

North Catholic High School

6 A Resolution to Institute Merit Pay in the United States Public School System

- 1 Whereas: the United States is being passed up by developed nations in education and to compete
2 in modern society our education system must be revamped; and.
- 3 Whereas: the United States was ranked 35th out of 57 countries in mathematics and 29th out of
4 57 countries in science according to the Programme for International Student
5 Assessment by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; and
- 6 Whereas: the United States was ranked 19th out of 21 countries in reading and mathematics
7 according to the Heritage Foundation; and
- 8 Whereas: spending per pupil has doubled in the past three decades, while student - achievement
9 measures such as high - school graduation rates are roughly flat; and.
- 10 Whereas: merit pay has been instituted in many instances such as Little Rock, Arkansas and
11 Denver, Colorado
- 12 Whereas where merit pay was instituted student grade percentiles have raised to upwards of 9
13 percent;
- 14 Therefore be it resolved be the congress assembled here that merit pay be instituted in all United
15 States public schools to stop the decline of the American education system and encourage
16 improvement in the education of our future generations

Respectfully submitted

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