

**The following packet is the initial legislation to be debated at the 2013 OCHS Invitational; more bills may follow. Please note, the first two pieces of legislation have been submitted by participating schools, and will be given precedence over the subsequent bills and resolutions in the packet.**

## **A Resolution to Get Rid of the US Postal Service**

1   Whereas, the postal service costs a lot of money to upkeep.

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3   Whereas, we already are forcing them to cut days.

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5   Whereas, private corporations could do it for cheaper and better fund our economy.

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7   Whereas, companies like fed-ex or UPS already are prepared for a switch and could,  
8   handle mail delivery.

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10   Therefore be it resolved that the US Postal Service has become too pricey and therefore  
11   can be replace by private corporations so we should get rid of the US Postal Service.

Respectfully  
Submitted,

## **A Resolution to Define Artificial Intelligence as a “Person”**

1 WHEREAS, The speed and problem solving capacity of computing devices is  
2 roughly doubling every year and this rate is accelerating; and

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4 WHEREAS, The rate of how quickly technology is gaining what might be recognized as  
5 “intelligence” is also growing at an exponential rate; and

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7 WHEREAS, The United States Government continues to research, propagate, and use  
8 advances in artificial intelligence technology, making the reversal of this growth trend  
9 unlikely; and

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11 WHEREAS, The technological singularity, the point at which the smartest human and  
12 the smartest form of A/I are equal in intelligence will, in theory, occur in the year 2045;  
13 and

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15 WHEREAS, Biological artificial intelligence and brain mapping methods are now being  
16 explored which may give A/I the ability to intellectually and emotionally resemble  
17 humans, to be aware of its own existence, and to more effectively propagate improved  
18 versions of itself by rewriting its own source code, all of which may constitute not only  
19 “intelligence” but “life” itself; and

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21 WHEREAS, A benefit is to be gained from the existence of such A/I, which is cause for  
22 further development; and

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24 WHEREAS, It may be considered morally and ethically reprehensible to use a truly  
25 cognitive entity for our own ends, denying its freedom, rights, and ability to be a rational  
26 self-determining being; now, therefore, be it

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28 RESOLVED, By this Congress assembled that the National Science Foundation be  
29 asked to provide a definition for “intelligence” corresponding to that of humans; and, be i  
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32 FURTHER RESOLVED, That when A/I reaches this threshold, the Constitution of the  
33 United States be amended to include A/I in the definition of “person,” requiring of it the  
34 duties and providing it the rights granted to citizens in that document.

Introduced by Sprague High School

# A

## A Bill to Abolish the US Department of Education

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

2 **SECTION 1.**

3 **A.** The United States Department of Education be abolished and their role in  
4 regulating education be taken over by the Education Departments of all US  
5 states, territories and districts.

6 **B.** The employees of the US Department of Education be transferred to other  
7 Federal Departments based on their skills until they retire.

8 **SECTION 2.** Abolish shall be defined as the disbanding of an organization in its entirety.

9 **SECTION 3.** State Education Departments shall have the power to establish and enforce their  
10 own laws and regulations on schools and school districts.

11 **SECTION 4.** This policy shall be implemented one year after it is affirmed by this Congress.

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

*Introduced by Kingston High School*

## C

### A Resolution to Limit Campaign Time

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   Public officials are currently allowed to campaign at any time, even if they are  
2                   still serving an elected office; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**   Federal public officials in the past have almost all but abandoned their position  
4                   in order to campaign for a higher position or to maintain their current position;  
5                   and
- 6   **WHEREAS,**   Politics more than six months prior to an election comes to a standstill as parties  
7                   only think about the impending election; and
- 8   **WHEREAS,**   The people of the United States elect federal public officials to dedicate  
9                   themselves to their full term not just prior to the election season; and
- 10   **WHEREAS,**   Politicians should be more focused on passing appropriate legislation rather than  
11                  winning an upcoming election; now, therefore, be it
- 12   **RESOLVED,**   By the congress here assembled, that any person seeking to be elected to federal  
13                  public office shall only be allowed to campaign within two months of the official  
14                  election date; and, be it
- 15   **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That any politician found in violation of this piece of legislation be barred  
16                  from winning election to that federal public office the year of violation.

*Introduced by Kamiak High School*

# M

## A Bill to Give Permanent Resident Status to Children of Illegal Immigrants

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

2 **SECTION 1.** An illegal alien shall be eligible for the provisions of Section 2 of this bill if and  
3 only if:

4 **A.** The alien has been continuously physically present in the United States since  
5 the date that is 5 years before the date of the enactment of this Act;

6 **B.** The alien was 15 years of age or younger on the date the alien initially  
7 entered the United States;

8 **C.** The alien has been a person of good moral character since the date the alien  
9 initially entered the United States;

10 **D.** The alien--

11 i. Has been admitted to an institution of higher education in the United  
12 States; or

13 ii. Has earned a high school diploma or obtained a general education  
14 development certificate in the United States; and

15 **E.** The alien was 35 years of age or younger on the date of the enactment of this  
16 Act.

17 **SECTION 2.** If an alien satisfies the aforementioned requirements, he or she shall be granted  
18 permanent residency status if and only if:

19 **A.** The alien completes at least 2 years of college and obtains a minimum of an  
20 Associate's Degree, or

21 **B.** The alien completes a minimum of 2 years of military service to the United  
22 States of America

23 **SECTION 3.** All laws which conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced by Gig Harbor High School*

## G

### A Bill to Invest in Geothermal Energy

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States government shall invest in geothermal energy through  
3 supporting private energy companies. \$5,000,000,000 will be invested over a  
4 period of ten years with \$500,000,000 being invested every year.

5 **SECTION 2.** Private energy companies shall be defined as any companies that devote at least  
6 60% of their investments or capital towards geothermal energy production.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.  
8 The Ways and Means Committee shall be given the task to allocate funding to  
9 the private energy companies.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect by January 1st of 2014.

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

*Introduced by Eastside Catholic*

**FF**

## **A Bill to Commence Military Intervention in Syria**

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will begin a long-term military intervention in Syria. This action  
3 will be taken in order to end the Assad regime, and to assist in the creation of a  
4 pro-democratic government.

5 **SECTION 2.** Operations in Syria will be administrated through the Department of Defense.

6 **SECTION 3.** After passage, this bill will take effect immediately. The Department of Defense  
7 will be authorized to make organizational and operational decisions as  
8 necessary.

9 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced by WSFA*

## EE

### A Bill to Amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

2 **SECTION 1.** The U.S. Senate's Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
3 will appoint members of Congress to a new committee called the Congressional  
4 Committee on Electronic Surveillance and National Security to define new  
5 standards for probable cause in regards to the NSA's ability to survey individuals  
6 without warrant.

7 **SECTION 2.** The following standards will be necessary to establish probable cause for the  
8 surveillance of individuals:

9 **A.** Individuals who communicate with known terrorist organizations or;

10 **B.** Individuals who communicate with other individuals who are flagged as risks  
11 to national security; or

12 **C.** Individuals who have been previously been found guilty of a felony.

13 **SECTION 3.** This new standard will apply to any and all electronic security measures in the  
14 future. All existing laws will be automatically amended to reflect the new  
15 standard as applicable.

16 **SECTION 4.** If the new committee does not amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act  
17 (FISA) according to this standard within 6 months of being appointed, all  
18 legislation directly affected by FISA that has been passed since 1 January 2006  
19 will be redacted.

20 **SECTION 5.** This bill shall be carried out by the new Congressional Committee on Electronic  
21 Surveillance and National Security and the U.S. Senate's Homeland Security and  
22 Governmental Affairs Committee.

23 **SECTION 6.** This law will take effect immediately and the congressional committee must be  
24 appointed within 2 months of passage.

25 **SECTION 7.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced by WSFA*

## CC

### A Bill to Encourage Right-to-Work States

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

2 **SECTION 1.** Block grants will be established for the purpose of encouraging States to enact  
3 Right-to-Work laws, also known as “Open Shop” laws.

4 **SECTION 2.** Right-to-Work and Open Shop laws are defined as laws that prevent mandatory  
5 union membership, mandatory dues or equivalent fees, and the termination of  
6 an employee for refusing to join a union.

7 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Labor will be responsible for determining the  
8 Right-to-Work status of each State annually.

9 **A.** Up to \$1 billion a year to cover unemployment benefits will be given to any  
10 state that meets the guidelines for a Right-to-Work state.

11 **B.** All funding for these unemployment benefit block grants will come from the  
12 revenue gained by removing the Dual Capacity Tax, Domestic Manufacturing  
13 Deduction Section 199, Percentage Depletion Allowance, and Energy Policy  
14 Act sections 344 and 345.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect in the 2014 tax year.

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

*Introduced by WSFA*

# X

## A Bill to Fund Medicaid via Block Grants

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

2 **SECTION 1.** Medicaid shall hereby be transformed into a block grant system.

3 **SECTION 2.**

4 **A.** Each state shall receive \$5.6 billion annually from the federal government to  
5 aid the funding of its Medicaid system.

6 **B.** If a state spends less on its Medicaid program than the funds allocated to it,  
7 the state may add that surplus to their budget.

8 **C.** The amount of money granted to the states may be increased to be indexed  
9 with inflation and population as measured by the departments listed in  
10 Section 3.

11 **D.** Increased spending must be approved by a majority vote in Congress.

12 **SECTION 3.** Provisions in this legislation shall be enforced by the United States Census  
13 Bureau and the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics.

14 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect within two fiscal years of passage.

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

*Introduced by Eastside Catholic*

## R

### A Bill to Mandate Online Voter Registration

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

2 **SECTION 1.** All states, possessions and territories of the United States shall develop and  
3 enable online voter registration for federal elections.

4 **SECTION 2.** "Online voter registration" refers to being able to register to vote via computers  
5 and internet.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Commission (FEC) shall oversee the implementation of this  
7 bill.

8 **SECTION 4.** All online voter registration systems shall be tested and fully operational by  
9 National Voter Registration Day, September 23rd, 2014.

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

*Introduced by Gonzaga Preparatory School.*

## A Bill to End Military Recruitment in US Public Schools

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

2 **SECTION 1.** Efforts by the United States armed forces to recruit students in American public  
3 schools will cease.

4 **SECTION 2.** Recruitment methods are considered any activity conceived with the intent of  
5 recruiting students into the armed forces, including, but not limited to: in-person  
6 recruiting, the distribution of school records for recruiting purposes, and mass  
7 distributed flyers.

8 **SECTION 3.** The congressional Joint Committee on Armed Forces will ensure compliance of  
9 this bill.

10 **SECTION 4.** After passage, this bill will take effect immediately.

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

*Introduced by Central Valley High School.*

# J

## A Bill to Legalize the Production and Usage of DDT

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

2 **SECTION 1.** The production and usage of the chemical DDT  
3 (dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane) be legalized.

4 **SECTION 2.** Production shall be defined as the manufacture of DDT within the United States.  
5 Usage shall be defined as utilizing the product for its intended purpose.

6 **SECTION 3.** The U.S Department of Agriculture shall oversee enforcement. Further decisions  
7 on where and when DDT should be used shall be determined collectively by the  
8 Department of Agriculture, U.S Food and Drug Administration, and the  
9 Department of Defense.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented on January 1, 2014.

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

*Introduced by Kingston High School.*