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# FCDI South #7

## April 30

*Legislation Packet*

# 101. Haiti Civil War Prevention Act

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

- 1 SECTION 1 The President is authorized to utilize diplomatic, financial, and logistical resources to  
2 prevent civil war and gang takeovers in Haiti:
- 3 A. Providing support by strengthen Haiti's democratic institutions and governance  
4 structures to combat gang influence and violence.
- 5 B. Assisting in the meditation of disputes and conflicts among various stakeholders  
6 within Haiti, including governmental entities and community leaders, to prevent gang  
7 takeovers and related violence.
- 8 C. Offering humanitarian aid support to vulnerable populations affected by socio-  
9 economic challenges and gang activities in Haiti.
- 10 D. Consistent with the War Powers Resolution, the Congress declares that this is  
11 intended to constitute specific statutory authorization within the meaning of the War  
12 Powers Resolution.
- 13 SECTION 2 Within 180 days of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall convene  
14 representatives from Haiti and international partners to speak about the root causes of  
15 instability and gang-related violence, and to foster cooperation in gang prevention  
16 efforts.
- 17 SECTION 3 No later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the U.S. President shall  
18 arrange a meeting with the President of Haiti. Additionally, it is the sense of Congress  
19 that it would be beneficial for the President of Haiti to address a Joint Meeting of  
20 Congress.
- 21 SECTION 4 This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.
- 22 SECTION 5 All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null or void.

Respectfully submitted, *Antonio Jackson and Jaden Toler, Wildwood High School*

## 102. A Bill to Withdraw from the Antarctic Treaty and Assert Antarctic Claims

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

- 1 SECTION 1 This legislation will officially withdraw the United States from the Antarctic Treaty and  
2 outline the establishment of a territorial claim of the United States in Antarctica.
- 3 SECTION 2 Effective immediately upon passage of this legislation, the United States of America  
4 completely, officially, and unconditionally withdraws from the Antarctic Treaty.
- 5 SECTION 3 Effective immediately upon passage of this legislation, the United States of America  
6 claims as part of its sovereign territory the unclaimed Antarctic land between 15 8 °W  
7 and 103 °24 'W. Effective immediately upon passage of this legislation, the United States'  
8 citizenry and government may use this land for economic, trade, military, scientific, or  
9 any other purpose permissible under American law.
- 10 SECTION 4 The United States Department of Interior and the United States Department of State will  
11 be charged with implementation and enforcement of this legislation, in cooperation with  
12 other relevant agencies and departments.
- 13 SECTION 5 This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage. All laws in conflict with this  
14 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Gavin Miles, QI Roberts Senior High School*

## 103. A Resolution to Encourage Ukraine to Join NATO

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1 WHEREAS, Russian belligerence has threatened the freedom and liberty of all Ukrainians; and  
2 WHEREAS, Russia has a recent and militaristic history of imperialistic aggression towards Ukraine  
3 through the illegal annexation of Crimea and allegations against Ukraine for posing as a  
4 "serious threat" to Russia; and  
5 WHEREAS, Ukraine, as a part of the 1994 Budapest Memorandum, pledged to return Russia's Cold  
6 War Era nuclear weapons in exchange for Russia's promise to allow for Ukraine to forge  
7 international alliances and gain full political and territorial independence; and  
8 WHEREAS, Russia continues to threaten and provision a force for a full invasion of Ukraine and  
9 poses a substantial national security threat to the United States and its allies in the event  
10 they invade; now, therefore, be it  
11 RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled shall greatly encourage the joining of Ukraine to the  
12 North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

Respectfully submitted,  
*Joselyn Diaz-Boileau, Apopka High School*

## **104. A Resolution to Amend the Constitution by amending Article One, Section 10, Clause Three; allowing States to create their own standing militaries without the approval of Congress.**

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1 RESOLVED, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is proposed as  
2 an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents  
3 and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-  
4 fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the  
5 Congress:

### ARTICLE—

7 SECTION 1 All States that are part of the United States of America shall have the right to create  
8 standing militaries for self-defense from invasion and to defend this Constitution and  
9 their own.

10 SECTION 2 No State shall deploy troops to any part of the world unless, Federal troops have already  
11 been deployed to the location, and the Congress and President give approval.

12 SECTION 3 Congress shall make no law restricting the rights of the States to create standing  
13 militaries.

14 SECTION 4 All laws that are in conflict with this shall become null and void.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Ethan Parks, South Sumter High School*

## **105. A Bill to help immigrant students gain the right to receive financial aid.**

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

1 SECTION 1 The current problem is that immigrant students often face significant barriers in  
2 accessing financial aid for higher education due to their immigration status. This  
3 legislation aims to remove the systemic barriers that prevent immigrant students from  
4 accessing the financial resources they need to attend college or university. By providing  
5 financial aid to immigrant students, we aim to empower them to pursue their academic  
6 and career goals, contribute to society, and build a brighter future for themselves and  
7 their communities.

8 SECTION 2 Immigrant students traveling to United States territory shall be permitted to obtain  
9 financial aid in the educational institution. More than 408,000 undocumented students  
10 are enrolled in U.S. colleges and universities, comprising 1.9% of all college students. All  
11 immigrant students in DACA will have access to all available scholarships or other forms  
12 of payment for financial aid. DACA's official definition is DACA an administrative relief  
13 that protects eligible immigrants who came to the United States when they were  
14 children from deportation. The definition of immigrant is a person living in a country  
15 other than that of his or her birth. Financial aid is defined as Student financial aid in the  
16 United States is funding that is available exclusively to students attending a post-  
17 secondary educational institution in the United States.

18 SECTION 3 U.S Department of Education will oversee enforcement along with the specific  
19 enforcement mechanism.

20 SECTION 4 This legislation will take effect on September 01, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Mia Castigliero and Alexanderia Barro, Wildwood High School*

## 106. A Bill to Admit Puerto Rico to the Union as a State

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

1 SECTION 1 The territory of Puerto Rico has met all the prerequisites for statehood. This bill will begin  
2 the process of Puerto Rico's ascension to statehood and allow it to be admitted to the  
3 Union as a state with all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities thereof on January 1,  
4 2030.

5 SECTION 2 Prior to official admission to the Union, the government of Puerto Rico must submit an  
6 official state constitution in accordance with the United States Constitution. It must be  
7 submitted promptly prior to January 1, 2030.

8 SECTION 3 For the period from the passage of this legislation until January 1, 2030, the president of  
9 the United States will be tasked with taking necessary actions to transition the territory of  
10 Puerto Rico into a state through executive legislation.

11 If an official state constitution is submitted by Puerto Rico and accepted by Congress  
12 before January 1, 2030, Puerto Rico will be officially admitted to the Union as a state with

13 SECTION 4 all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities thereof on January 1, 2030. If a state  
14 constitution is not submitted and accepted by January 1, 2030, Puerto Rico will be officially  
15 admitted to the Union as a state with all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities thereof  
16 whenever a state constitution is submitted and accepted thereafter.

17 The United States Department of Interior and the United States Department of State will  
18 SECTION 5 be charged with implementation and enforcement of this legislation, in cooperation with  
19 other relevant agencies and departments.

20 This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage. All laws in conflict with this

21 SECTION 6 legislation are hereby declared null and void.  
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Respectfully submitted,  
*Gavin Miles, QI Roberts Senior High School*

## 107. A Bill to Ban the Use of Song Lyrics as Evidence in Court to Protect the Music Artform

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

- 1 SECTION 1 This bill prohibits the use of song lyrics by the jury, plaintiff, or plaintiff's attorney as  
2 evidence against a songwriter as the defendant, in an attempt to find him/her guilty.
- 3 SECTION 2 As it stands right now, Prosecutors could still use lyrics against a defendant if they  
4 "intended a literal meaning". This still can be left open for interpretations to be  
5 exaggerated
- 6 SECTION 3 If this bill passes, It would be enforced by the Department of Justice
- 7 SECTION 4 This legislation will take effect on August 31, 2024. All laws in conflict with this legislation  
8 are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Anthony Richerson, Crestview High School*



# 108. A Bill to Require a Tree to be Planted Every Time a Tree is Removed in Order to Improve the Environment

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED

- 1 SECTION 1 This bill's purpose is to improve the environment by making it necessary for a new tree  
2 to be planted every time one is cut down or removed. This will insure a new generation  
3 of trees which will help with and help prevent a variety of environmental issues including  
4 but not limited to global warming, the decline of ecosystems, and flooding.
- 5 A. This bill applies to trees removed on public and private land  
6 B. The person(s) who issues or initiates the removal of said tree(s) is responsible for  
7 ensuring that the new tree(s) will be planted.
- 8 SECTION 2 As defined by givingcompass.org environmental issues are "harmful effects to Earth and  
9 its natural systems due to the actions of humans."
- 10 SECTION 3 The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service and The Environmental Protection  
11 Agency (EPA) will be in charge of enforcing this bill.
- 12 A. The new tree(s) must be planted within a week of the original tree(s) being  
13 removed.
- 14 B. For each new tree(s) not planted within a week of the original tree(s) being  
15 removed a fine of 250 United States dollars per tree will be given to the person(s)  
16 who issued or initiated the removal of said tree(s).
- 17 C. If a tree removal or construction company is found guilty of failing to abide by this  
18 bill 5 or more times the company will face the possible shut down of their  
19 company.
- 20 SECTION 4 This legislation will take effect on September 1, 2024. All laws in conflict with this  
21 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Ayla Ternasky, Lake Brantley High School*

## 109. A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Change the National Bird to a Turkey

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1 RESOLVED, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is proposed as  
2 an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents  
3 and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-  
4 fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the  
5 Congress:

6 ARTICLE-

7 SECTION 1 We change the National Bird to a Turkey.

8 SECTION 2 The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Hunter Rohdert, Fort Walton Beach High School*

## 110. A Bill to Introduce a 4 Day School Week to Improve School-Life Balance

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

- 1 SECTION 1 Schools will revert to a 4 day school week. This will allow students to Achieve higher  
2 scores on tests, reduce stress reactions in the classroom, and maintain a healthier sleep  
3 schedule.
- 4 SECTION 2 The 4 day school week will be Monday-Thursday Teachers will still work 5 day work  
5 weeks. Any other terms that need to be defined will be discussed in congress.
- 6 SECTION 3 The U.S department of education will oversee the enforcement of this legislation.
- 7 SECTION 4 This legislation will take effect on August 12, 2024 all laws in conflict with this legislation  
8 are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Asher Guillory, Crestview High School*