

CCHS December After School Congress Docket
December 5th, 2023
Round 1, Item 1

A Resolution to Abolish the Debt Ceiling

1 **WHEREAS**, The United States is the only developed nation that imposes an arbitrary
2 borrowing limit on itself; and

3 **WHEREAS**, The nature of the debt ceiling makes it possible for one faction in the
4 Congress to hold the rest of the government hostage; and

5 **WHEREAS**, The debt ceiling conflicts with federal spending bills, creating the potential 6
for recurring crises; now, therefore, be it

7 **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled calls for the federal debt
8 ceiling to be abolished; and be it

9 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, That any borrowing necessary to execute spending legislation
10 adopted by the Congress be deemed authorized upon passage of such legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Florida Gulf Coast Catholic Forensics League

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Round 1, Item 2**

A Resolution to Nationalize the Coal Industry

1 **WHEREAS**, Coal as a fuel source for electric power generation is utterly
2 unsustainable; and
3 **WHEREAS**, The coal mining industry is collapsing under competition from natural gas 4
and renewables; and
5 **WHEREAS**, The collapse of an entire industry generates significant social costs that
6 can and should be mitigated through careful planning; and
7 **WHEREAS**, The private sector has been unable to mitigate the costs to coal miners
8 and communities, instead choosing to take short-term profits and to leave a mess to
9 be cleaned up at taxpayer expense; and
10 **WHEREAS**, A government takeover of the industry would facilitate an orderly
11 shutdown of coal mining in the United States; now, therefore, be it
12 **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled calls for the federal
13 government to nationalize the coal mining industry for the purpose of shutting down
14 the industry's operations with all deliberate speed.

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Round 1, Item 3

**A Resolution to Propose a Constitutional Amendment
to Empower Congress to Pass Term Limits for the United States Congress**

1 **WHEREAS**, Members of the Congress of the United States serve for too long; and
2 **WHEREAS**, Members of Congress have become out of touch with constituents; and
3 **WHEREAS**, Members of Congress have become entrenched in their position; and
4 **WHEREAS**, Members of Congress have become increasingly elderly, the average age 5
being far above the median age of the American citizen; now, therefore, be it
6 **RESOLVED**, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article
7 is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be 8
valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the
9 legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within five years from the date of its 10
submission by the congress:
11 **ARTICLE --**
12 **SECTION 1:** The Congress shall have the sole authority to make legislation regarding 13
the creation or modification of term limits for Members of the Congress of the United 14 States.
15 **SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
16 legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Osceola Fundamental HS (Florida)

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Round 2, Item 1

A Bill to Levy a Tax on Extreme Wealth

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

2 **SECTION 1.** A tax of 5 percent shall be levied annually upon the aggregate
3 wealth, in excess of \$1 billion, of all United States persons.

4 **SECTION 2.** Definitions:

5 A. As used herein, “wealth” shall include all assets wherever held (including
6 beneficial interests in trusts, partnerships, and limited liability companies) less
7 any debts secured by said assets.

8 B. As used herein, “United States persons” shall include natural persons who
9 are citizens or residents of the United States and those who have renounced their
10 citizenship within the previous 20 years, but after the effective date of this bill.

11 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of the Treasury shall be responsible for enforcing 12
the provisions of this bill.

13 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on January 1, 2024.

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

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A Resolution to Make Medicaid a Federally Administered Program

1 **WHEREAS**, Medicaid is currently a program jointly funded and administered by
2 federal and state governments; and
3 **WHEREAS**, As a result, Medicaid eligibility and benefits vary widely from state to
4 state, creating gross inequalities in public health; and
5 **WHEREAS**, States' refusal to participate in the Medicaid expansion has led to harmful 6
outcomes, including thousands of premature deaths; and
7 **WHEREAS**, Federal administration of Medicaid would result in fairer outcomes, lower 8
costs, and better public health for the most vulnerable; now, therefore, be it
9 **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled calls for Medicaid to be
10 converted to a fully federally administered program.

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**A Resolution to Propose a Constitutional Amendment
to Require Demonstrated Knowledge to Qualify as a Congressional
Candidate**

1 **WHEREAS**, Members of Congress have demonstrated a shocking lack of knowledge 2
of history and civic issues even as they continue to hold office; and

3 **WHEREAS**, This lack of knowledge contributes to poor policy decisions and ineffective 4
lawmaking; and

5 **WHEREAS**, By implementing a test for Congressional candidates, voters will be aware 6
of candidates' civic, political, and international knowledge; now, therefore, be it

7 **RESOLVED**, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article

8 is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be 9
valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the

10 legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of 11
its submission by the Congress:

12 **ARTICLE --**

13 **SECTION 1:** No person shall be elected to the office of Representative or Senator

14 without having attained at least a 60% score on a test of international relations, public 15
policy, and United States history, law, and government, within the twelve months

16 preceding Election Day.

17 **SECTION 2:** This article shall take effect three years after ratification.

18 **SECTION 3:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
19 legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by H.B. Plant HS (Florida)