

TCFL State Qualifying Congress Bills & Resolutions for March 4, 2017

A Resolution to Establish an Embassy in Iran

State Topic Area 1: International Issues

WHEREAS the United States and the Islamic Republic of Iran have not had official foreign relations since 1980; and

WHEREAS the lack of cooperation with Iran has contributed to military complications in the Middle East; and

WHEREAS Iran would be a useful ally in combating terrorist groups in the Middle East; and

WHEREAS joint embassies would allow better and more meaningful U.S.-Iran relations; and

WHEREAS an American embassy in Tehran would play a large part in protecting U.S. citizens and U.S. non-government organizations in Iran; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED make the recommendation to the U.S. Department of State to enter negotiations to establish an embassy in Tehran and to invite Iran to establish an embassy in Washington, DC.

Resolution to Abolish the U.S. Department of Education

State Topic Area 2: Education Issues

Submitted by Eleanor Nishioka, Hart HS

WHEREAS education has historically been the responsibility of state and local governments, and

WHEREAS over 90 percent of education funding is from non-Federal funding; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT the United States Congress abolish the United States Department of Education.

A Bill to Increase the Use of Nuclear Power in the United States

State Topic Area 3: Energy Policy: Nuclear Plants

Suggested by El Camino Real Charter High School

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States Federal Government shall subsidize the construction of nuclear power plants to reduce our dependency on fossil fuels by entering into public-private partnerships with nuclear power investors.

SECTION 2. Nuclear energy is defined as energy released by reactions within atomic nuclei, as in nuclear fission or fusion.

SECTION 3. The Department of Energy shall oversee the construction and maintenance of each new nuclear power plant.

A. Each year nuclear power plants will be built across the nation to culminate in construction of at least 10 new nuclear power plants by 2025.

B. \$15 billion annually shall be allocated to the construction of these nuclear power plants.

C. \$250 million shall be allocated annually for each nuclear power plant to ensure that the power plants are maintained properly.

SECTION 4. This law will go into effect on January 1, 2018.

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

A Resolution to Ban School Monitoring of Social Media

State Topic Area 4: Individual Rights: Social Media Privacy

WHEREAS social media is a critical tool for expression and communication; and

WHEREAS many schools are employing methods to monitor the social media activity of their students; and

WHEREAS students do not yield all rights to the educational institution they attend; now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT the United States Federal Government ban all schools from monitoring the social media accounts of students and under no circumstance may schools require or request usernames or passwords.

A Bill to Create an Opt-Out Organ Donation System

State Topic Area 5: Health and Public Safety

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States will replace the current opt-in organ donor system with an opt-out system.

SECTION 2. Opt-in donors are defined as those who explicitly consent to donation, whereas opt-out protocols treat everyone as a willing donor unless they exempt themselves.

SECTION 3. The United States Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the implementation of this bill.

SECTION 4. This bill will be implemented six months after passage.

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

A Resolution Requiring Police to Earn a Four-Year Degree

State Topic Area 6: Military and Police

Introduced by El Camino Real Charter High School

WHEREAS police culture is in need of reform, and

WHEREAS just 1% of all law enforcement agencies require a four-year degree, and

WHEREAS officers with experience in psychology, sociology, criminology and other academic disciplines are more adept at resolving disputes; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED shall recommend to all state police agencies to require officers to earn a four-year college degree.