

# TCFL Congressional Docket for December 8, 2018

## SESSION ONE

### **A Resolution To Reform the Electoral College**

*Submitted by C. Ryan, Arroyo Grande High School*

WHEREAS voting rates in U.S national elections is lower than the rest of the developed world, and

WHEREAS low voter turnout in the U.S. can be attributed to a sense of disillusionment, indifference, or a sense of futility, and

WHEREAS the Electoral College distributes campaign attention throughout the United States, and

WHEREAS in a representative democracy, voting is viewed as a privilege and not a responsibility, and

WHEREAS the Electoral College was created to empower rich landowners and to disenfranchise others, and

WHEREAS the Electoral College does not allow a candidate to be elected by one state or region independently from the rest of the United States, and

WHEREAS Maine and Nevada currently have a proportional system of electing the president by assigning electors to individual congressional districts, and

WHEREAS the Electoral College has not been in alignment with the popular vote several times, most recently in the 2000 and 2016 Presidential Elections; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Student Congress here assembled that: the Electoral College be reformed by awarding two electoral votes to the popular vote winner in each State, one electoral vote to the winning candidate in each Congressional District and three electoral votes to the District of Columbia.

### **A Bill to Establish a Federal Biometric Database**

*Submitted by E. Nishioka, Hart HS*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

Section 1: A Federal Biometric Database be established as a means of receiving public healthcare and assistance programs.

Section 2: A Biometric Database will be defined as a collection of fingerprints and facial contours of all American citizens and residents.

Section 3: This data will be collected by the Department of Homeland Security then routed through the Department of Health and Human Services for those seeking healthcare or federal assistance in the form of federal benefits, welfare, etc.

Section 4: This legislation will go into effect January 2020.

Section 5: All other laws in conflict with this legislation will be null and void.

## SESSION TWO

### **A Resolution to Require Proof of Vaccination**

*Submitted by C. Wilken, Canyon HS*

WHEREAS there has been a spike in cases for mumps, measles, polio, and other such communicable diseases, and

WHEREAS these spikes can lead to the spread of diseases from state to state, and

WHEREAS these spikes have the potential to turn into epidemics, and

WHEREAS parents are obtaining and presenting documents exempting their children from current school requirements for vaccinations based on religious and ideological grounds; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Congress will mandate childhood vaccinations for all individuals regardless of religious, cultural, or ideological beliefs (verifiable medical waivers will still be recognized); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the USFG will require all individuals regardless of citizenship status to show proof of vaccinations when registering for pre-K, primary, secondary, and post-secondary schools.

### **A Resolution to Regulate Vaping**

*Submitted by J. Robinson, Granada Hills Charter*

WHEREAS adolescents are increasingly using vape pens and vape delivery systems to inhale nicotine and marijuana, and

WHEREAS vaping may make the transition to cigarette smoking easier in adolescence, leading to a new generation of addicts, and

WHEREAS vaping can become a gateway leading to the use of narcotics, and

WHEREAS the current punishment for underage use is merely a misdemeanor and is therefore a weak deterrent; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Student Congress here assembled that the punishment for selling or distributing vape products to minors shall be no less than the punishment adjudicated for selling Schedule 1 drugs as defined by the Controlled Substances Act (CSA).

## SESSION THREE

### **A Resolution to Ban Legacy College Admissions**

*Submitted by O. Barasch, Sherman Oaks CES*

WHEREAS legacy students generally grow up with every educational advantage including households that emphasize education, access to the best schools, tutoring, SAT preparation courses, and even private college admissions consultants, and

WHEREAS legacy admissions reward teens who often squander these advantages, and

WHEREAS recent movements in the United States to dismantle minority preferences in college admissions policies have ignored the impact of legacy admissions on diversity, and

WHEREAS a recent study of college admissions data indicates that approximately 15 percent of freshmen enrolled in America's most selective universities are white teens who failed to meet their institution's minimum admission standards, and

WHEREAS universities with the greatest number of legacy admissions are also the universities with the least racial and economic diversity, and

WHEREAS middle class students have been steadily squeezed out of the most selective universities by legacy admission policies, and

WHEREAS legacy admissions may violate the Constitution's "nobility" ban which prohibits conveying rights through heredity, and

WHEREAS the Caltech example proves that alumni will continue to contribute to their alma maters without the incentive of legacy admissions; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Student Congress assembled that legacy admissions be prohibited at all colleges and universities in the United States.

### **A Bill to Reform the American Bail System**

*Submitted by Diego Muscarolas, North Hollywood HS*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The use of cash bail in the federal court system shall be banned.

SECTION 2. Cash bail is defined as the use of monetary payment as a condition for pre-trial release in criminal cases.

SECTION 3. States that continue to use cash bail in state courts will be ineligible for Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grants from the USFG.

SECTION 4. The Department of Justice shall be responsible to implement this legislation.

SECTION 5. This bill will take effect January 1, 2020.

SECTION 6. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.