

## **A Bill to Implement Carbon Pricing**

1 Be it enacted by this Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League Student Congress here  
2 assembled that:

3 Article I: A carbon tax will be implemented in the United States on all for-profit  
4 companies that emit more than 30 metric tons of carbon dioxide a year,  
5 starting at \$10 per metric ton in the first year and rising by \$10  
6 in each following year until it reaches \$60 per metric ton. Additionally,  
7 all federal subsidies allocated to fossil fuel corporations shall cease  
8 upon passage.

9 Article II: Carbon tax will be defined as a tax on the emission of carbon dioxide  
10 by for-profit companies that conduct onshore and/or offshore activities.  
11 Subsidies for oil and natural gas companies will be defined as any  
12 financial aid given by Congress to these companies.

13 Article III The Department of Energy and the Internal Revenue Service will  
14 oversee the oversight & implementation of this legislation.

15 Article IV: This legislation will take effect at the beginning of 2025.

16 Article V: All laws and portions of laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby  
17 declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Dreyfoos School of the Arts

## **A Bill to End Climate Change**

1 Be it enacted by this Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League Student Congress here  
2 assembled that:

3 Article I: This bill will enact a 50\$-per-tonne carbon tax on any corporation that  
4 emits more than 20 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> per year. After 2035, there will no  
5 longer be a threshold of 20 metric tons, and any and all emissions will be  
6 taxed at the 50\$-per-tonne rate.

7 Article II: A carbon tax is defined as a tax on tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>. A corporation will be  
8 defined as a company or group of people authorized to act as a single  
9 entity and recognized as such in law.

10 Article III: This legislation will be implemented on May 1, 2024.

11 Article IV: The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and Environmental Protection Agency  
12 (EPA) will work in joint collaboration to carry out the implementation of  
13 this bill.

14 Article V: All other laws in conflict with this new policy shall be null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

American Heritage Palm Beach

## **A Bill to Require Electric Vehicles for all American Citizens**

1 *Be it enacted by this Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League Student*

2 *Congress here assembled that:*

3 Article I: All American citizens will be required to own an electric  
4 vehicle to reduce emissions that contribute to climate change  
5 and smog.

6 Article II: An electric vehicle is defined as a vehicle which uses one or  
7 more electric motors for propulsion. Emissions are defined as  
8 the production and discharge of something, especially gas.

9 Smog is defined as air pollution that reduces visibility.

10 Article III: This bill will go into effect during the first month of the fiscal  
11 year 2030.

12 Article IV: The U.S. Department of Transportation will oversee the  
13 implementation of this bill and will enforce all vehicle  
14 companies to stop the selling of regular-fuel vehicles.

15 Article V: All other laws in conflict with this new policy shall be null and  
16 void.

Respectfully submitted,

Cardinal Newman High School

### **A Resolution to Keep Kids Online Safely**

1       Whereas:       censorship, even for good reasons, violates First Amendment rights  
2                       guaranteed to all citizens; and

3       Whereas:       the current proposed legislation (KOSA) puts the power to determine what  
4                       is appropriate for children to access in the hands of the government,  
5                       violating the sanctity of the parent/child relationship by interfering with  
6                       parental rights; and

7       Whereas:       this restriction not only hinders children’s ability to engage in an  
8                       increasingly online world, but also creates an economic hardship by  
9                       inhibiting our developing up-and-coming workforce; and

10      Whereas:       it limits access to vital information for marginalized at-risk communities,  
11                      furthering the mental health crisis it claims to decrease; and

12      Whereas:       it exacerbates the risk of data breaches by increasing the exposure of  
13                      private information from parents and children through its proposed  
14                      identification system.

15      Therefore,     be it resolved by this Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League Student  
16                      Congress assembled here that: the proposed KOSA legislation ought to be  
17                      reexamined because it is too difficult and too dangerous to enforce.

Respectfully submitted,

Clark Advanced Learning Center

**A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO ABOLISH THE SENATE**

Whereas: The United States Senate fails to proportionally represent the people of the United States, favoring small states and special interests; and

Whereas: The United States Senate is structurally inclined to obstruct decisive legislative action because of institutions like the filibuster; and

Whereas: A unicameral legislature consisting of only the House of Representatives would be better equipped to create laws for the American people.

Therefore, be it resolved by two-thirds of this NCFL Student Congress here assembled, that the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

ARTICLE --

SECTION 1: All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of only a House of Representatives. All prior legislative powers granted herein or delegated to the Senate shall now be vested in the House of Representatives.

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

Respectfully submitted,

FAU High School

**A Bill to Mandate the Presence of Female Trees in Urban & Residential Areas**

1 Be it enacted by this Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League Student Congress here  
2 assembled that:

3 Article I: Federal funding will be provided to all US States to plant female trees in  
4 urban & residential areas

5 Article II: Female Tree shall be defined as, “a tree that produces edible fruits”

6 Article III: 1) The US Federal government shall deliver initial categorical grants to  
7 states valued at \$500 million dollars for initial costs, and then a categorical  
8 grant of \$50 million dollars per year for the next 10 years for maintenance.

9 The categorical grants will be overseen by the Environmental Protection  
10 Agency and delivered to each state’s Wildlife and or Agriculture Agency

11 2) All residential & urban zones within a state must reach a 50% female  
12 tree ratio by 2035. If this fails, the state must pay back their grants or risk  
13 sequestering of equivalent discretionary federal funds

14 Article IV: This legislation takes effect October 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 and end September 30<sup>th</sup> 2035

15 All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null & void

Respectfully submitted,

John I Leonard High School

## **A Bill to Tax Carbon Emissions to Fund Nuclear Power**

1     Be it enacted by this Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League Student Congress here  
2     assembled that:

3     Article I:     A carbon tax of \$50 per metric ton will be imposed on any company that  
4                     has not reached net zero carbon emissions. All revenue generated from  
5                     this tax will be allocated to the Office of Nuclear Energy for the purpose  
6                     of maintaining current nuclear power plants, building new nuclear power  
7                     plants and storage sites, and conducting research regarding nuclear energy.

8     Article II:    “Carbon tax” is defined as a tax levied upon carbon emissions. Nuclear  
9                     power or nuclear energy is defined as the energy released during nuclear  
10                    fission or fusion, especially when used to generate electricity.

11    Article III:   The Department of Energy shall oversee the allocation of funds to the  
12                    Office of Nuclear Energy. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS)  
13                    shall oversee the tax implementation of this legislation.

14    Article IV:    This bill shall take effect in fiscal year 2025.

15    Article V:     All laws in conflict with this Legislation shall be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Martin County High School

**A Bill to Implement a Forced Retirement System For All Federally Elected and Appointed  
Government Officials**

1 Be it enacted by this Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League Student Congress here  
2 assembled that:

3 Article I: All federally elected and/or appointed government officials will be forced  
4 to immediately retire upon turning 80 years old.

7 Article II: Federally elected and/or appointed government officials impacted by this  
8 bill will include:

9 A) any person holding an office in a governmental entity which is filled by  
10 the vote of the appropriate electorate.

11 B) any person appointed to fill a vacancy in such offices.

12 C) any person holding an office in a governmental entity who was  
13 appointed by a member of the executive branch of the federal, state, or  
14 local government.

15 Article III: This bill will go into effect on November 6th, 2024.

16 Article IV: The Department of Labor will oversee implementation and enforcement of  
17 this bill.

18 Article V: All other laws in conflict with this new policy shall be null and void.

Proudly and Respectfully Submitted,

Olympic Heights Community High School



## **Resolution to Repeal the 17th Amendment to Return the Senate to its Original Purpose**

1       Whereas:       The institution of the Senate has drifted from its original goal of being a  
2                               necessary fence against fickleness and passion; and

3       Whereas:       this problem can easily be seen in the laws we have passed and will  
4                               pass on the public fervor and outcry when a crisis comes we try to  
5                               solve it with shortsighted disastrous long-term legislation; and

6       Whereas:       the most apparent case of short-sightedness is the very next amendment  
7                               the 18th where they banned alcohol giving massive power to organized  
8                               crime; and

9       Therefore,     be it resolved by this Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League Student  
10                              Congress assembled here that: make the following recommendation for  
11                              the Repeal of the 17th Amendment to Protect American Freedom.

Respectfully submitted,

Palm Beach Central High School

## **A Bill to Ban the Use of Mail-in Ballots in General Elections**

1 Be it enacted by this Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League Student Congress here  
2 assembled that:

3 Article I: Mail-in Ballots shall hereby be banned in all forthcoming General  
4 elections following the effective date of this bill. This legislation seeks to  
5 secure the integrity of all United elections States General elections and  
6 maximize efficiency.

7 Article II: Mail-in Ballots as defined by Dictionary.com, “The term mail-in ballot is  
8 used more broadly to refer to ballots sent through the mail, including in  
9 all-mail voting states and some forms of absentee voting.”  
10 General Elections as defined by Dictionary.com is, “a regularly scheduled  
11 local, state, or national election in which voters elect officeholders.

12 Article III: This bill will become effective January 2026.

13 Article IV: The Federal Election Committee (FEC) shall oversee the implementation  
14 of this legislation to allow it to work at its full capacity.

15 Article V: All other laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be  
16 declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Park Vista Community High School

## **A Bill to End the Recognition of Columbus Day as a Federal Holiday**

1 Be it enacted by this Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League Student Congress here  
2 assembled that:

3 Article I: Columbus Day should no longer be recognized as a national  
4 holiday.

5 Article II: We do not present any ambiguous terms.

6 Article III: Holidays celebrated in the US are run by the federal government who  
7 determines if schools and jobs close that day. Congress has the  
8 authority to create holidays.

9 Article IV: The implementation of this bill will take place October 9th,  
10 2023 which would be the next Columbus Day.

11 Article V: The bill that approved the celebration of Columbus Day shall  
12 hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Spanish River Community High School

**A Bill to Grant Statehood to All United States Territories**

1 Be it enacted by this Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League Student Congress here  
2 assembled that:

3 Article I: All permanently inhabited territories of the United States shall be granted  
4 statehood and provided the proper rights, citizenship, and representation  
5 that are provided in the Constitution.

6 Article II: This bill shall be enacted immediately upon passage; territories shall be  
7 admitted into the union by 2025.

8 Article III: Permanently inhabited territories include Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin  
9 Islands, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa.

10 Article IV: Congress shall oversee the implementation of this bill. US Citizenship and  
11 Immigration Services shall oversee the process of granting US citizenship  
12 to citizens of the aforementioned territories.

13 Article V: All other laws in conflict with this legislation shall be null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suncoast High School

## **A Bill to Combat Labor Union Busting**

1 Be it enacted by this Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League Student Congress here  
2 assembled that:

3 Article I: \$50 million shall be allocated to combat labor union busting. This money  
4 shall be allocated to the Department of Labor to create a committee  
5 charged with investigating corporations using unjust and underhanded  
6 methods to break up and/or weaken unions.

7 Article II: A labor union is a group of two or more employees who join together to  
8 advance common interests such as wages, benefits, schedules and other  
9 employment terms and conditions. Union busting is a range of activities  
10 undertaken to disrupt or prevent the formation of trade unions or their  
11 attempts to grow their membership in a workplace.

12 Article III: This bill shall go into effect July 1, 2024

13 Article IV: The Department of Labor shall be tasked with enforcing this bill

14 a) The Department of Labor shall create a committee that will be  
15 tasked with investigating cases of illegal union busting.

16 b) US employees shall be allocated a place to report employers  
17 who are union busting.

18 Article V: All other laws in conflict with this new policy shall be null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Wellington Community High School

**A Bill to Allow Inventions Created by Individuals, With the Assistance of Artificial Intelligence to Become Patentable**

1 Be it enacted by this Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League Student Congress here  
2 assembled that:

3 Article I: This legislation will allow inventions created with the assistance of  
4 Artificial Intelligence to become patentable. This will encourage  
5 innovation in this new technological era.

6 Article II: A) To “Become Patentable” will be defined as an individual(s) being  
7 granted the ability to invent or discover a new serviceable process  
8 or machine that is applicable to industrial application.

9 B) The “Assistance of Artificial Intelligence” will be defined as the  
10 cooperation of a human and AI to create a new, unique invention.

11 Article III: The implementation and enforcement of this legislation will be overseen  
12 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

13 A) The human will be granted the patent, as a patent can only be  
14 granted to an individual. However, AI contributions will be used to  
15 conceive and create the invention, as well as their contributions  
16 listed.

17 Article IV: This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2024.

18 Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and  
19 void.

Respectfully submitted,

West Boca Raton Community High School