

Congress Docket for FGCCFL 2

About the Docket

This docket consists of all legislation submitted by the deadline plus several supplemental items from the League. The order in which the legislation will be debated (calendar order) will be determined by each chamber during Preliminary Business. **It is to legislators' advantage to prepare (individually or as a delegation) to debate ALL of the legislation on the docket.**

Legislation may be approved even if it is unconstitutional, unworkable, or ill-advised. These are issues that you might consider raising in floor debate. The inclusion of a bill or resolution on this docket does NOT constitute a "clean bill of health" from the League!

Reminder: 2024-2025 Congress Changes

Revision 24.08 of the *FGCCFL Student Congress Manual* contains the following key changes from previous seasons' manuals:

1. There will be **three sessions, each two hours long**. PO service counts as the first two speeches of the session and is scored on two ballots. All POs will receive gavels.
2. All questioning periods will use "**direct questioning**," in which a questioner is recognized for 30 seconds and may ask multiple questions during that questioning period. **You should review § 9 of the *FGCCFL Student Congress Manual*, especially if you plan to preside.**
3. The PO may use her **phone as a timer** if it is silenced and in airplane mode.
4. New **standards for evidence**, citations, plagiarism, and the use of generative AI.

Good Luck and Happy Researching!

A Resolution to Legalize Physician-Assisted Dying

1 **WHEREAS,** The rising prevalence of chronic or fatal illness has created a necessity for suffering
2 patients to alleviate their pain; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Terminally ill patients often endure unbearable pain and suffering, with no hope for
4 recovery; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Current palliative care practices may not sufficiently alleviate all forms of suffering
6 experienced by these patients; and

7 **WHEREAS,** Numerous countries and states have successfully implemented laws that provide
8 compassion for patients; and

9 **WHEREAS,** Legalizing physician-assisted dying would create a regulated framework ensuring ethical
10 procedures, preventing abuse, and protecting those who are vulnerable; now, therefore, be
11 it

12 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled endorses the legalization of human physician-
13 assisted dying.

Respectfully submitted,

*Callie Schwingel
Sarasota High School*

A Bill to Fund Southern Border Surveillance Infrastructure

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

2 **SECTION 1.** U.S. Customs and Border Protection shall receive \$980 million in funding for the
3 purposes of implementing increased surveillance infrastructure along the southern border.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. As used herein, the “southern border” shall be defined as America’s land border with
5 the country of Mexico.

6 B. As used herein, “surveillance infrastructure” shall be defined as any technology or
7 structure which provides increased knowledge of what is occurring in a given location
8 with the purpose of preventing crime.

9 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of Homeland Security shall be responsible for enforcing the
10 provisions of this bill.

11 B. The funding shall be allocated through a \$0.15 increase of the cigarette pack excise
12 tax, with all excess revenue from the increase going to the Food and Drug Administration
13 with the purpose of preventing youth smoking.

14 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Akshaj Katragunta
Robinson High School*

A Bill to Require Cosmetic Brands to Add an Age Limit Disclaimer to Their Products

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Cosmetic brands that manufacture and distribute skincare products that utilize active
3 ingredients such as alpha-hydroxy acid (AHA), beta-hydroxy acid (BHA), hyaluronic
4 acid, and vitamin A (retinol), shall be required to disclose that their products are not
5 recommended for users ages 14 and below.

6 **SECTION 2.** A. “Active ingredients” will herein be defined as any chemical that is scientifically
7 proven to have a direct effect on one's skin.

8 B. An “age limit disclaimer” will be defined as written notice on a product’s package or
9 label that states the recommended age a consumer should be to use the product.

10 **SECTION 3.** A. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) shall be responsible for enforcing the
11 provisions of this bill.

12 B. The FDA shall be authorized to specify a clear and legible disclaimer that is placed on
13 a visibly prominent spot on the product.

14 C. Any company that the FDA finds to be in violation of this bill may be subject to fines
15 ranging from \$15,000 to \$1,000,000 based on the severity of their violation, along with
16 the subsequent recall of the offending product.

17 D. Exceptions will only be made for individuals who have been prescribed products with
18 active ingredients by a licensed dermatologist or esthetician.

19 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on January 1, 2026, to allow companies to
20 update their existing products.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Andrew Light
Sarasota High School*

A Resolution to Reform the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

1 **WHEREAS,** The funding for the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline is not standardized across the
2 country; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Approximately 8% of calls to the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline do not go to the
4 respective states that the calls are made in; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Because of insufficient funding and insufficient staffing, the 8% of calls go to out-of-state
6 call centers ; and

7 **WHEREAS,** These out-of-state call centers are not familiar with local resources that callers can
8 access; and

9 **WHEREAS,** Without proper redirection to local resources, callers will be less equipped to deal with
10 their issues; and

11 **WHEREAS,** Without proper mental health resources, the rates of depression and suicide will rise;
12 now, therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for the expansion and standardization of
14 the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.

Respectfully submitted,

*AJ Brazel
Jesuit High School*

A Bill to Restrict Hydraulic Fracturing and Forced Pooling

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Companies engaging in hydraulic fracturing or forced pooling for the extraction of oil or
3 natural gases shall be prohibited from conducting operations within a ten-mile radius of
4 public and protected areas.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. Fracturing companies will be defined as businesses that obtain oil or natural gases
6 through commercial processes.

7 B. Hydraulic fracturing will be defined as the infiltration of reservoirs via drilling, then
8 forcing water, sand, or chemicals to extract oil or natural gases.

9 C. Forced pooling will be defined as the combination of land fractions for extraction of
10 oil or natural gases.

11 D. Public and protected areas will be defined as areas maintained for public use or
12 geographical areas maintained for preservation of nature, cultural value, and ecosystem
13 services.

14 **SECTION 3.** A. The Environmental Protection Agency shall be responsible for enforcing the
15 provisions of this bill.

16 B. Companies found in violation of this bill will be subjected to fines based on the
17 severity of violations in the amount of \$5 million to \$10 billion dollars.

18 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect two years after passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Dayanara Gonzalez
Sarasota High School*

A Resolution to Ban Synthetic Herbicide and Pesticide Use

1 **WHEREAS,** Synthetic pesticide and herbicide runoff is damaging waterways across America, causing
2 environmental and societal health to diminish; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Although pesticides and herbicides are necessary for maintaining product safety and
4 harvest output, domestic uses are exacerbating irreversible generational effects; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Farmers and landowners are educated about the caveats of chemical use, but little is
6 being done to educate them about the benefits and necessities of banning them; and

7 **WHEREAS,** These harmful pesticides and herbicides have environmentally friendly alternatives,
8 making the use of these chemicals a choice, not a necessity; now, therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for establishing a comprehensive plan to
10 ban the domestic use of synthetic pesticides and herbicides and promote sustainable,
11 environmentally safe pest control methods in agriculture.

Respectfully submitted,

*Calliope Kauffman
Sarasota High School*

**A Resolution to Propose a Constitutional Amendment
to Impose Term Limits on U.S. Senators and Representatives**

1 **WHEREAS,** Currently, United States Senators and Representatives have the ability to serve unlimited
2 terms; and-

3 **WHEREAS,** This has led to an imbalance within the Federal Legislative branch in which Senators and
4 Representatives are abusing this and taking control of Congress; and-

5 **WHEREAS,** Senators and Representatives have not been serving the people as they have spent the
6 majority of their term campaigning for reelection; and-

7 **WHEREAS,** An addition of term-limits would allow Congress to function appropriately and fairly;
8 now, therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is proposed as an
10 amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and
11 purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of
12 the several states immediately upon passage from the date of its submission by the
13 Congress:

14 ARTICLE --.

15 SECTION 1: United States Senators will not be able to serve more than two terms in
16 Congress, and United States Representatives will not be able to serve
17 more than three terms in Congress.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Mariann Segura Mejia
Carrollwood Day School*

`A Bill to Lower Taxes on Clean Energy

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Taxation on the revenue businesses receive from the sale of electricity produced via clean
3 production methods shall be set to 0%. This rate shall increase by 2% every 2 years until
4 it returns to the original rate.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. As used herein, “clean production methods” shall be defined as methods of electricity
6 production using sources which are continually replenished by nature, and whose
7 implementation poses little to negligible negative impact upon the environment.

8 B. As used herein, “original rate” shall be defined as the existing taxation rate on
9 electricity produced via clean methods prior to the passage of this bill.

10 **SECTION 3.** A. The Internal Revenue Service and Department of Energy shall be responsible for
11 enforcing the provisions of this bill.

12 B. The Internal Revenue Service shall enforce the taxation of clean energy, and the
13 Department of Energy shall create a set of standards used to classify the area(s) of
14 businesses which produce and sell clean energy per the definition provided within this
15 bill.

16 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Garrett Senzon
Robinson High School*

A Resolution to Propose a Constitutional Amendment to Restrict Hate Speech

1 **WHEREAS,** Hate speech has caused citizens to retaliate against society and cause harm to others
2 mentally and physically; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Hate speech has only sparked debate between one another and has continued to divide
4 our country with topics regarding religion, race, and gender; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Various citizens have not felt safe due to hate speech and has caused harm to people both
6 mentally and physically; and

7 **WHEREAS,** With restrictions on hate speech there will be more safety regarding citizens due to less
8 criticizing on sensitive subjects; now, therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is proposed as an
10 amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and
11 purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of
12 the several states within two months from the date of its submission by the Congress:.

13 ARTICLE --.

14 SECTION 1: Citizens in the United States will be regulated of their free speech in
15 order to prevent hate speech which causes mental or physical harm of
16 another citizen.

17 SECTION 2: As used herein, “hate speech” is defined as an offensive discourse
18 targeting a group or an individual based on inherent characteristics (such
19 as race, religion, or gender) that may threaten social peace.

20 SECTION 3: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
21 legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

*Aryan Rai
Carrollwood Day School*

`A Bill to Restore *Chevron* Deference

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In any legal proceeding brought pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, courts
3 shall defer to a federal agency’s reasonable interpretation of an ambiguous Act of
4 Congress.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. As used herein, an agency’s interpretation is “reasonable” if (a) it is consistent with
6 the intent of the Act of Congress being interpreted and (2) Congress has not directly
7 addressed the matter in question.

8 B. The provisions of this bill shall not apply to any agency interpretation relating to a
9 matter that Congress could not be expected to have contemplated.

10 **SECTION 3.** A. The federal courts shall have jurisdiction over all cases and controversies arising under
11 the provisions of this bill.

12 B. The opinion of the Supreme Court of the United States in *Loper Bright Enterprises v.*
13 *Raimondo* is hereby vacated.

14 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

FGCCFL

A Resolution to Repeal the Religious Freedom Restoration Act

1 **WHEREAS,** Congress passed the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) in 1993 to protect
2 individual religious liberty from government intrusion; and
3 **WHEREAS,** Since then, activist groups have twisted RFRA’s meaning by claiming a religious need to
4 violate other people’s rights, an argument validated by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Hobby*
5 *Lobby v. Burwell*; and
6 **WHEREAS,** Congress intended RFRA to be a shield, not a sword; and
7 **WHEREAS,** RFRA was found unconstitutional as applied to state and local governments,
8 necessitating passage of a more limited law applicable only to zoning and prisons; and
9 **WHEREAS,** What is left of RFRA likely violates the First Amendment by favoring religious
10 motivations over secular ones; now, therefore, be it
11 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls the repeal of the Religious Freedom
12 Restoration Act of 1993.

Respectfully submitted,

FGCCFL

**A Resolution to Propose a Constitutional Amendment
to Allow the House to Enact Legislation without Senate Concurrence**

1 **WHEREAS,** The United States Senate has become a “legislative graveyard” due to its failure to act on
2 legislation duly adopted by the House of Representatives; and

3 **WHEREAS,** The Senate’s undemocratic nature constitutes an impermissible barrier to effective
4 governance; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Providing an alternative legislative process will enable progress while still allowing
6 passions to calm; now, therefore, be it

7 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is proposed as an
8 amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and
9 purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by conventions in three-fourths of the
10 several states:

11 **ARTICLE --.**

12 SECTION 1: A bill which shall have twice passed the House of Representatives in
13 identical form, with at least six months between passage votes, and
14 within the same Congress, shall be deemed to have passed the Senate and
15 shall be presented to the President, as provided in Article I, Section 7 of
16 the Constitution.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Florida Gulf Coast CFL