

Bargain Belt Congress Legislation 2013

A Resolution to Create a Merit Based Pay System in Public Schools

1. **Whereas**, good teachers are the most important part of any attempt to
2. boost academic achievement, and
3. **Whereas**, usual salaries are based on the number of years spent
4. working as well as the number of college credits accrued, and
5. **Whereas**, many educators lose motivation to go above and beyond
6. when locked in a tenure system, and
7. **Whereas**, offering bonuses to teachers who raise student achievement,
8. will improve the overall quality of instruction.
9. **Therefore be it resolved** by this Student Congress that the public school system
10. begin to institute a merit based pay system.

A Resolution to Lower Corporate Income Taxes

1. **Whereas**, the United States currently has one of the highest nominal corporate
2. tax rates in the western world, and
3. **Whereas**, US based corporations pass on the cost and burden of high taxes to
4. their consumers, and
5. **Whereas**, corporations utilize loopholes and tax credits to create one of the
6. lowest effective tax rates in the developed world, and
7. **Whereas**, US corporations have continued to move American jobs overseas.
8. **Therefore be it resolved** by this Student Congress that the corporate income
9. tax rate for all corporate entities be reduced by half.

A Resolution to Repeal The Affordable Care Act

1. **Whereas**, the Affordable Care Act was passed without bipartisan support, and
2. **Whereas**, the Affordable Care Act is unpopular among American voters, and
3. **Whereas**, the Affordable Care Act increases taxes on American businesses
4. during a period of high unemployment, and
5. **Whereas**, US citizens currently enjoy among the highest quality health care
6. in the world and,
7. **Whereas**, healthcare systems similar to the Affordable Care Act result in rationed care.
8. **Therefore be it resolved** by this Student Congress that the Affordable Care Act be repealed.

A Bill to Curb Tuition Hikes

1. **Section One:** Tax exempt institutions of higher education including but not limited to, four
2. year universities and colleges, may not increase their fees or tuition faster than the rate of
3. inflation as determined by the Consumer Price Index.
4. **Section Two:** Violation of this legislation shall result in the removal of Federal tax exempt
5. status and all federal grants.
6. **Section Three:** Federal funding removed from institutions that violate this legislation shall be
7. reallocated toward providing financial aid for students.
8. **Section Four:** The Department of Education shall be responsible for oversight and
9. implementation of this legislation.
10. **Section Six:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
11. **Section Seven:** This legislation will come into effect on January 1, 2015.

A Resolution to Recognize Palestinian Statehood

1. **Whereas**, negotiations between Israel and the State of Palestine are unlikely to resolve the
2. current conflict, and
3. **Whereas**, conflicts in the Middle East drive up the price of oil and cost the US economy
4. billions of dollars every year, and
5. **Whereas**, Palestine's current status as a non-member observer state deprives it of many of the
6. rights of full membership in the UN, placing it on an unequal diplomatic playing field with
7. Israel, and
8. **Whereas**, US support for Israel has harmed our image abroad and encouraged terrorist
9. recruitment and propaganda, and
10. **Whereas**, despite continued military aid, Israel continues to ignore both UN and US requests
11. to stop building settlements on Palestinian land, and
12. Whereas, a US declaration in support of admitting Palestine to full membership in the UN
13. would send a strong message to Israel and the world that the United States supports
14. peace and stability.
15. **Therefore be it resolved** by this Student Congress that the United States should officially
16. recognize the State of Palestine and also endorse full membership in the United Nations for
17. the State of Palestine.