**Congressional Simulation**

You and your classmates will become Representatives for the next few class blocks. You will be assigned to committees and consider a bill directed to you by the Speaker of the House. Your committee will also be responsible for introducing two committee bills. Once all of the committees have had time to consider their bills, we will unite as the House and consider all the bills through the process we have studied.

Each committee will be assigned a number that will correspond to one of the proposed bills below. Your committee will consider that particular bill as well as be asked to introduce your own committee bills.

Your committees should:

1. Elect a Chairperson

2. Consider the bill assigned to your committee.

3. Create two of your own bills.

4. Research the issues your bills center around.

5. Be prepared for debate on the House floor. Anticipate opposing viewpoints and be prepared to argue your position.

6. Be prepared for the political game. Where will you be willing to bend to get your bill passed?

7. Remember, regarding your assigned bill, your committee can do one of the following:

 - Report the bill favorably.

 - Amend the bill as you see fit.

 - Report the bill unfavorably.

8. The Chairperson you elect will have the final say in all matters.

H8001

It shall be unlawful to operate a cellular telephone in any fashion while operating a motor vehicle. Violators shall be subject to a $500 fine for the first offense, $1,200 fine for the second offense and a $2,000 fine accompanied by 15 days of incarceration for each subsequent offense.

H8002

It shall be unlawful to purchase, consume or distribute alcoholic beverages before the age of 18 in either public or private locations. A legal guardian of the violator will be subject to a $500 fine for the first offense and a $1000 fine accompanied by 15 days of incarceration for each subsequent offense.

H8003

The minimum age to obtain a permit to operate a motor vehicle shall be established as 18 year of age throughout the United States of America.

H8004

The minimum wage an hourly worker may earn shall be established at $11.00/hr throughout the United States.

H8005

All citizens applying for a gun permit must complete a psychiatric evaluation.