



Fairchild Challenge 2009-2010
Student Congress Environmental Debates
Saturday, January 30, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden

Student Congress debate topics:

1. A bill to institute an uncapped 50% investment tax credit for Florida residents who install rooftop solar photovoltaics.
2. A bill to impose a “bag fee” on each consumer purchase that requires new paper and/or plastic bags to be distributed by retail stores in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties.
3. A bill to prevent any development in the Everglades land recently acquired from the United States Sugar Corporation.
4. A bill to impose a tax on companies drilling offshore in order to support community-based initiatives that protect the numerous endangered species.
5. A bill to provide funds for the farming of biofuels in developing nations.
6. A bill to require that strictly native species be used for landscaping within one mile of the urban development boundary line (UDB).
7. A bill to require developed nations to commit to reduce emissions by 40% by the year 2020, by using green energy, sustainable transportation or farming, and/or reducing energy demand.
8. A bill to provide subsidies for sustainable fisheries including aquaculture and artificial coral reefs.
9. A bill to require Federal tax credits and subsidies that encourage energy efficient retrofitting in large companies.
10. A bill to implement a cap and trade system for carbon dioxide emissions for industries.
11. A bill to mandate a K-12 environmental education curriculum in public schools.