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Order of legislation may be set by each session;
however, legislation may not be moved between sessions.



Session 1

A Bill to Regulate Electronic Cigarettes

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** E-Cigarettes will be classified under the Federal Drug Administration's (FDA)
3 regulations for tobacco and cigarettes.

4 **SECTION 2.** The regulation for tobacco and cigarettes includes, but is not limited to:

5 A. The Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertizing Act of 1965

6 B. The Public Health Cigarette Smoking Act of 1970

7 **SECTION 3.** The FDA and the Department of Health will be responsible for the enforcement
8 of this bill.

9 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect in January 2018.

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

Submitted by Desert Academy

A Resolution to Repeal the Second Amendment

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **WHEREAS,** the current amount of violence due to firearms is erroneous; and

3 **WHEREAS,** this problem affects every single person in the United States, from
4 children to the elderly; and

5 **WHEREAS,** these innocent citizens are being killed or injured because of senseless
6 acts of violence, perpetuated by firearms; and

7 **WHEREAS,** the second amendment is allowing this violence; now therefore be it

8 **RESOLVED,** by the Congress here assembled that the Constitution be amended to
9 repeal the Second Amendment.

Submitted by Del Norte High School

A Bill Taxing Luxury Items

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

2 the difference between essential items and luxury items be established
3 for taxing purposes.

4 **SECTION 1.** The United States will implement a 15% tax for all luxury items. The tax
5 will not include essential items necessary for the average household.

6 **SECTION 2.** Luxury items shall be defined as any item that is not necessary for a
7 healthy lifestyle. Essential items shall be defined as any item/items that
8 are undoubtedly necessary for the proper development of children and
9 survival of any person. Healthy lifestyle shall be defined as a physiological
10 and mental state of well being.

11 **SECTION 3.** The IRS (Internal Revenue Services) shall be in charge of the
12 implementation and enforcement of this bill.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect 3 months after passage.

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

Submitted by Rio Grande High School

A Resolution to Reform the UN Security Council

- 1 **WHEREAS,** the current structure of the UN Security Council is almost universally
2 recognized as unfair; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** the United States, as one of the Council's five permanent members, has the
4 ability to veto any Security Council Resolution; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** the Council's current structure gives unreasonable power to five members
6 (Russia, the US, the UK, China, and France) with other, temporary members with
7 negligible power; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** the Security Council would be far more effective without a veto power; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** the Security Council would better represent world interests if it were to consist
10 of every UN member state; now therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** by the student Congress here assembled that the United States veto all UN
12 Security Council Resolutions until the veto power is abolished and the Council
13 reorganized to include all UN member states.

Submitted by Los Alamos High School

A Bill to Mandate School Uniforms in All New Mexico Public Schools

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The state of New Mexico will create policies to mandate school uniforms
3 in all publicly funded schools throughout the state of New Mexico.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Mandate” is defined as: required. “School uniforms” is defined as: a
5 uniform worn by students primarily for a school or otherwise educational
6 institution. They are common in primary and secondary schools in various
7 countries. “Publicly funded” is defined as: money that is generated by the
8 government to provide goods and services to the general public — in this
9 case public schools.

10 **SECTION 3.** This shall be funded by the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and
11 Training.

12 A. The Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training is
13 an government agency that is nationally recognized who wants
14 to further education for all students.

15 **SECTION 4.** This law shall be enacted June 1st 2016.

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

Submitted by Los Alamos Middle School

A Bill to Establish a Fixed Interest Rate for Student Loans

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The current average interest rate on federal loans for an undergraduate student
3 is 4.29 percent and for a graduate student is 5.84 percent. Establishing a fixed
4 rate for private student loans that mirrors the federal rate would encourage
5 those who do not qualify for government loans to apply for other means of
6 funding in order to pay for secondary education, without being charged an
7 outrageous amount.

8 **SECTION 2.** Private student loan is defined as: a financing option for higher education in the
9 United States that can either supplement or replace federally guaranteed loans.

10 Interest: is defined as money paid regularly at a particular rate for the borrowing
11 of money.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Securities and Exchange Commission will oversee this bill.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented on January 1, 2017.

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

Submitted by Farmington High School

A Bill to Mandate Paid Family/Adoptive Leave

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Upon Family/Adoptive leave request, the individual will receive six weeks paid
3 leave from their employers.

4 **SECTION 2.** The definition of "Family Leave" is: "A period of approved absence for the
5 purpose of dealing with the birth or adoption of a child." All public and private
6 employers will have to oblige.

7 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Labor will oversee this bill. On every
8 occurrence a company does not provide six weeks paid family/adoptive leave
9 when requested, that business will be fined \$10,000 each time they are not
10 being compliant.

11 **SECTION 4.** The implementation of this bill will be in one year after passage.

12 **SECTION 5.** All other laws in conflict with this bill are declared null and void.

Submitted by East Mountain High School



Session 2

A Bill to Substantially Decrease World Hunger

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

2 the United States Congress will direct the ambassador from the United States to
3 the United Nations to sponsor legislation to reduce the effects of world hunger.

4 **SECTION 1.** The United States ambassador shall write a resolution that is called for but not
5 limited to,

6 a.) Increased botanicals.

7 b.) Scientific support for bringing nations lands up to par for planting.

8 c.) Set up a United Nations financial aid fund to offer discounts to third
9 world nations for food from developed countries.

10 **SECTION 2.** The United States will make 2 billion dollars available to the UN for the
11 furtherment of this legislation.

12 **SECTION 3.** The United States will raise this money by passing a luxury tax on all non-
13 essential items. It shall be up to the Congress to pass another bill that defines
14 non-essential and essential items.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect immediately after passage.

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

Submitted by Rio Grande High School

A Bill to Embargo All Countries on the State Sponsors of Terrorism List

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All countries, both current and those added hereafter, on the state sponsors of
3 terrorism list will be denied trade of all goods, both import and exports, with the
4 United States.

5 **SECTION 2.** embargo: impose an official ban on (trade or a country or commodity).

6 Current members on the sponsors list are Iran, Sudan, and Syria

7 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Commerce, who promotes progressive
8 business policies and global trade, will oversee this bill.

9 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

Submitted by Farmington High School

A Resolution to Revitalize America’s Role in International Stability

1 **WHEREAS,** territorial disputes in the South China Sea are a staple of diplomatic instability in
2 Southeast Asia; and

3 **WHEREAS,** China’s increasing military presence, marked by its numerous incursions in the
4 South China Sea as well as the Himalayas and rivers in the Tibetan plateau, is a
5 risk to regional stability; and

6 **WHEREAS,** despite previous attempts to quell Chinese aggression, the Chinese are still
7 expanding their campaign in the South China Sea; and

8 **WHEREAS,** the United States own “pivot to Asia” is being surpassed by China’s fast-paced
9 political and economic expansion in both Central and Southeast Asia; and,

10 **WHEREAS,** the United States is at risk of losing its existing allies including the Philippines;
11 now, therefore be it

12 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that the United States lead solution-oriented
13 talks over territorial disputes in the South China Sea in attendance of diplomatic
14 officials from China, Vietnam, Taiwan, Malaysia, Brunei, and the Philippines.

Submitted by East Mountain High School

A Bill to Enact Capital Punishment

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Criminals that are convicted of committing a heinous crime, in which one
3 or more credible witnesses are present, shall be eligible for the penalty of
4 capital punishment.

5 **SECTION 2.** Capital punishment shall be defined as a criminal sentence resulting in
6 death by execution; Credible Witnesses shall be defined as “a witness
7 whose testimony is more than likely to be true based on his/her experience,
8 knowledge, training and appearance of honesty and forthrightness, as well as
9 common human experience”; Heinous crimes shall include: first-degree murder,
10 second-degree murder, and child sexual molestation; The criminal may not
11 choose the fashion in which the punishment is carried out — the jury shall
12 decide.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of
14 this bill. Funding for this bill shall be procured from the revenue gained by
15 adding a one dollar fee to all fines administered by local law enforcement.

16 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect January 1, 2017. All open or closed
17 criminal cases prior to the date of enactment shall remain unaffected.

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

Submitted by Del Norte High School

A Bill to Defend the Right of Free Speech of Those Who Oppose Same-Sex Marriage

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** No person or business that does not support or believe in two people of the
3 same-sex being joined together in marriage based on moral or religious
4 convictions should be forced to participate in any way in the marriage of such
5 two people.

6 **SECTION 2.** Moral is defined as: concerning the principles of right and wrong behavior.
7 Religious conviction is defined as: appropriate to or in accordance with one's
8 own personal conscience and/or belief system.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Government shall enforce the bill to oversee that no discrimination
10 takes place against such individuals or businesses, meaning there shall not be
11 financial recriminations due to religious convictions.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be enacted on January 1, 2017.

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

Submitted by Los Alamos Middle School

A Bill To End Gerrymandering

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All Electoral districts for the U.S. House of Representatives will be redistricted for
2 the 2020 elections.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** An Independent Redistricting Commission shall be established to oversee the
4 redistricting.
- 5 **SECTION 3.** Independent Redistricting Commission shall be overseen by the Federal Election
6 commission.
- 7 **SECTION 4.** The redistricting shall attempt to create fair, competitive elections in each
8 district.
- 9 **SECTION 5.** Fairness shall be determined on the grounds of: compactness, contiguity, equal
10 population, partisan equity, and racial equity.
- 11 **SECTION 6.** Competitiveness shall be determined by ensuring that no district sends more
12 than 75% of their votes to a specific party.
- 13 **SECTION 7.** Both competitiveness and fairness shall be reviewed after each house election.
- 14 **SECTION 8.** Redistricting shall occur every ten years after 2020.
- 15 **SECTION 9.** The Federal Election Commission shall oversee the implementation of
16 this bill.
- 17 **SECTION 10.** The Federal Election Commission shall receive a budgetary increase of three
18 million dollars to fund the Independent Redistricting Commission.
- 19 **SECTION 11.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Submitted by Desert Academy

A Resolution to Remove Further United States Funding for the International Monetary Fund

- 1 **WHEREAS,** the International Monetary Fund (IMF) is a global banking institution
2 meant to help nations develop and recover from recessions; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** the IMF acts as a global loan shark which uses its absolute control over the
4 structuring of loans to accumulate debt from other countries; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** the IMF uses its influence to open lines of trade that are often destructive to a
6 nation's natural resources and the environment; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** the United States is the largest contributor to the IMF and grants it over
8 17 percent of its funding; now therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled shall no longer pass any further United States
10 funding for the International Monetary Fund.

Submitted by Los Alamos High School