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## TFA Fall 2015 Item 1. A Resolution to Militarily Engage North Korea

- 1    **WHEREAS,**     North Korea is estimated to currently have approximately 34 kg of weapons-  
2                    grade plutonium, enough for nine nuclear weapons; and
- 3    **WHEREAS,**     Last year it conducted its third nuclear weapons test; and
- 4    **WHEREAS,**     North Korea possesses a self-sufficient, combat-ready military and nuclear  
5                    weapons arsenal targeting the United States; and
- 6    **WHEREAS,**     Further inaction will give North Korea time to continue development of their  
7                    nuclear capabilities; and
- 8    **WHEREAS,**     North Korea’s multiple declarations of war and threat of nuclear attacks cannot  
9                    be taken lightly; therefore, be it
- 10   **RESOLVED,**    By the Congress here assembled that the United States implement a speedy,  
11                    surgical military attack on nuclear weapons development sites in North Korea.

*Introduced by Byron Nelson High School*



## TFA Fall 2015 Item 2. A Resolution to Declare War on ISIS

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS)'s brutality and military action is  
2 escalating; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The scope of their operation and influence is expanding to include not  
4 only the Middle East, but also parts of Africa, Europe, Asia, and North  
5 America; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** If ISIS remains unchecked, they can make even further inroads  
7 throughout the Middle East and beyond; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Airstrikes and containment measures have proven ineffective in stopping  
9 ISIS' advance; now, therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled declare formal war on ISIS.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Northland Christian School.*



## TFA Fall 2015 Item 3. Bill to Mandate the Labeling of Genetically Modified Foods

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Every company, retailer, supplier, and/or manufacturer must label raw,  
3 packaged, and produced foods as “Genetically Modified” along with the  
4 harms of consuming these particular food items.

5 **SECTION 2.** According to the World Health Organization, genetically modified foods  
6 have had their genetic material (DNA) unnaturally modified which can  
7 potentially be harmful to those who consume it and consumers are often  
8 unaware of the lasting effects it has on our health.

9 Genetically Modified food labels must be on the front of a product to  
10 notify the consumer.

11 Each food item that was not originally intended to be packed must still  
12 have a label placed that is clear, bold, and easily seen.

13 At least one, out of the many health hazards that comes from consuming  
14 genetically modified food, will need to be placed alongside the label.

15 **SECTION 3.** Congress will enforce the Federal Drug Administration to oversee and  
16 implement this bill.

17 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect within 8 months of its passage.

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

19 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cypress Springs High School.*



## **TFA Fall 2015 Item 4. A Resolution to Join the Asia Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) to Promote Infrastructure Advancements in the Developing World**

- 1   **WHEREAS,**    In an economically globalizing world, developed infrastructure is becoming  
2                    increasingly important; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**    The regions of South America and Sub-Saharan Africa have the least-developed  
4                    infrastructure in the world; and
- 5   **WHEREAS,**    Investing in the AIIB will help develop said infrastructure; and
- 6   **WHEREAS,**    More than 50 countries around the world (of which at least 8 are the U.S.'s  
7                    allies) have joined or are considering joining the Chinese-led AIIB; now,  
8                    therefore, be it
- 9   **RESOLVED,**   That the Congress here assembled shall join the Asia Infrastructure Investment  
10                   Bank to promote infrastructure advancements in the developing world; and be it
- 11   **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the US will provide \$50 million annually to the AIIB over the course  
12                   of five years.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jasper High School.*



## **TFA Fall 2015 Item 5. A Resolution to Establish a Time Frame for the Appeals Process for Death Row Inmates**

1    **WHEREAS,**    Death row inmates across the United States are faced with an excessive  
2                    wait period between conviction and actual execution due to the lengthy  
3                    appeal process; and

4    **WHEREAS,**    The appeal process is important to ensure that innocent people are not  
5                    unjustly sentenced to death, some inmates on death row have stayed on  
6                    death row for several years, some inmates staying for up to forty years  
7                    awaiting execution; and

8    **WHEREAS,**    Not only is it harmful for a prisoner’s mental state to live for years with  
9                    their impending death hanging over their head, but it is a poor way to  
10                    spend taxpayers’ money to keep convicts on death row for several  
11                    decades; and

12   **WHEREAS,**    Establishing a strict timeframe for the appeal process for death row  
13                    inmates will prevent inmates from serving exceedingly long periods of  
14                    time on death row so as to prevent inmates on death from serving an  
15                    excessively long time on death row awaiting execution; and, be it

16   **RESOLVED,**   That the right of an inmate to appeal will not be infringed, rather the  
17                    process will be sped up, for the benefit of the inmate and the citizenry.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Douglas MacArthur High School San Antonio.*



## TFA Fall Item 6. A Bill to Ensure Oversight of Police Conduct

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All police departments and law enforcement agencies in the United States and its  
3 territories will incorporate civilian oversight provisions into their policies on police  
4 misconduct.

5 **SECTION 2.** Civilian oversight may be in the form of independent civilian oversight committees or  
6 through the incorporation of a minimum of 50 percent civilian representation on  
7 existing police conduct review committees.

8 **SECTION 3.** Compliance with the findings and/or recommendations of these review committees will  
9 be implemented through the following provisions:

10 **A.** All information gathered through Internal Affairs Bureau investigations will be made  
11 available to oversight committees.

12 **B.** Civilian committees will have the right to conduct independent investigations into  
13 allegations of misconduct if police fail to properly investigate or provide adequate  
14 information to oversight committees.

15 **C.** Failure to cooperate with civilian oversight investigations and/or failure to  
16 incorporate the findings and recommendations of civilian oversight committees may  
17 result in any or all of the following:

- 18 1. Suspension or termination of employment of any officer (s)  
19 impeding or interfering with the implementation of discipline.  
20 2. Immediate recall of any elected officials who fail to comply.

21 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect within six months of passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by James E. Taylor*



## TFA Fall 2015 Item 7. Cyber Security Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The US Congress will construct the Department of Cyber Security in an  
3 effort to prevent cyber attacks on the United States.

4 **SECTION 2.** A cyber attack is an offensive maneuver employed by entities that target  
5 computer networks and infrastructures by the means of malicious acts.  
6 This department will handle foreign or domestic entities that engage in  
7 cyber attacks endangering national security and/or the US economy.

8 **SECTION 3.** Upon the creation of the department, the President will nominate a  
9 Secretary of Cyber Security, who will head the initiatives of this  
10 department.

11 **SECTION 3.** The President and the Vice President will work with the Speaker of the  
12 House to seek approval from the Senate.

13 A. The Presidential Succession Act of 1947 will be amended to add the  
14 Secretary of Cyber Security to the bottom of the line of succession.

15 B. The department will be in charge of carrying out the provisions of the  
16 Comprehensive National Cyber Security Initiative (CNCSI) to set Cyber  
17 Security standards.

18 C. If needed, the Secretary of Cyber Security can collaborate with the  
19 Department of Homeland Security and/or the NSA to ensure Cyber  
20 Security efficiency.

21 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented by January, 2017.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Plano Senior HS*



## TFA Fall 2015 Item 8. A Bill to Increase the Supply of Skilled Workers in the United States

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The cap on H-1B visas for workers in specialty occupations will be raised  
3 from 65,000 to 100,000 per year.

4 **SECTION 2.** Accompanying spouses of H-1B visas holders will be authorized to work in  
5 the United States.

6 **SECTION 3.** Employer fees for H-1B applications will be increased from \$1,500 to  
7 \$2,500, with the additional monies being reserved to increase STEM  
8 education and training .

9 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be overseen and enforced by the United States Department  
10 of State.

11 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect on January 1, 2016.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Harker Heights High School*



## TFA Fall 2015 Item 9. A Resolution to Withdraw from NAFTA

1    **WHEREAS,**    The North American Free Trade Agreement has outsourced American  
2                    manufacturing jobs due to a surplus of cheap labor from Mexican factory  
3                    workers; and

4    **WHEREAS,**    this has hurt the American economy; and

5    **WHEREAS,**    NAFTA has contributed to the severe increase in the American trade  
6                    deficit; and

7    **WHEREAS,**    Mexico's pollution has increased resulting in an increase in the North  
8                    American contribution to global pollution; and

9    **WHEREAS,**    NAFTA hasn't lived up to its expectation and simply cannot stay in effect;  
10                   now, therefore, be it

11   **RESOLVED,**   By the Congress here assembled that the U.S. stop all participation in the  
12                   NAFTA.

13    *Introduced by Allen HS/Lowery Freshman Center*



## TFA Fall 2015 Item 10. A Bill to Establish a Variable National Living Wage

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States national minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour shall be  
3 replaced by a variable living wage set for each county or county-  
4 equivalent and adjusted over time.

5 **SECTION 2.** Living wage shall be defined as the hourly wage which, if paid 40 hours  
6 per week, 50 weeks per year, would meet the needs of an employee to  
7 afford a basic quality of life, including housing, food, transportation,  
8 utilities, healthcare, and education of children.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) shall oversee the  
10 calculation of the living wage for each county or county-equivalent. The  
11 Department of Labor shall oversee the enforcement of the living wages  
12 calculated by the OMB

13 D. The OMB shall readjust its calculations for living wage at least every  
14 two years, taking into account inflation and changing costs of living  
15 within urban and rural areas.

16 E. All current exemptions from minimum wage laws shall continue to be  
17 legally allowable.

18 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Saint Mary's Hall.*



## **TFA Fall 2015 Item 11. A Resolution to Ban Considerations of Race in the Public College Admissions Process**

- 1    **WHEREAS,**    Affirmative action is counterintuitive because it unjustly favors minority  
2                    racial groups; and
- 3    **WHEREAS,**    Affirmative action discriminates against the majority; and
- 4    **WHEREAS,**    A fair outlook on each college application should be the ultimate goal;  
5                    and
- 6    **WHEREAS,**    Majority race students who are passed over for admission are not given  
7                    an equal opportunity; and
- 8    **WHEREAS,**    Public colleges and universities should mirror the high expectations that  
9                    the best possible admission candidates would provide; and
- 10   **WHEREAS,**    Public colleges and universities should be able to protect their  
11                    reputations from frivolous lawsuits; and
- 12   **WHEREAS,**    the intent of Affirmative Action was to correct compensatory wrongs, not  
13                    grant unfair opportunities to members of specific races; now, therefore,  
14                    be it
- 15   **RESOLVED,**    By the Congress here assembled, to ban considerations of race in the  
16                    public college admissions process.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Shepton High School*



## **TFA Fall 2015 Item 12. A Resolution to Ratify UNCLOS to Increase Deep-Sea Investment Opportunities**

- 1   **WHEREAS,**    The United States, off the coast of Alaska, is the only arctic nation which  
2                    has not ratified the United Nations Convention Law of the Sea; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**    Competitive countries, such as Russia, are seeking hegemony of the seas  
4                    and are increasing their claims in the arctic; and
- 5   **WHEREAS,**    Failing to ratify said treaty closes off opportunities for American  
6                    businesses to invest in deep-sea resources; and
- 7   **WHEREAS,**    Ratifying said treaty will deter future aggression from China and other  
8                    countries and will increase national security; now, therefore, be it
- 9   **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled urge the ratification of the  
10                    United Nations Convention Law of the Sea.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Seven Lakes High School.*



## TFA Fall 2015 Item 13. A Resolution to Support the United Nations in Peace Keeping Operations in the Crimean Peninsula

1   **WHEREAS,**    With Russian troops invading the Crimean peninsula and tensions  
2                    between Russia and the world increase, the US needs to pursue peace  
3                    keeping operations with the U.N.

4   **WHEREAS,**    The Crimean peninsula is home to Russia’s only warm water naval base. It  
5                    is used to extend Russia’s power into the Mediterranean. It is also home  
6                    to countless oil reserves and pipeline. With this Russia can practically  
7                    control the price of oil.

8   **WHEREAS,**    If Russia gains permanent control over the peninsula; it can extend its  
9                    power over the Mediterranean and some Middle Eastern Nations. With  
10                   the pipeline Russia can practically control the price of oil and possibly,  
11                   increase its power while decimating country’s economy.

12 **RESOLVED,**   By the Congress here assembled give the U.N. 2,500 United States troops  
13                    for peace keeping operations and act as a deterrent for further Russian  
14                    invasions in the Peninsula

15   *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Grapevine High School.*

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## **TFA Fall 2015 Item 14. A Bill to Ban Frivolous Patent Litigation to Encourage Innovation and Prevent Exploitation in the United States**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Patent Holding Companies' (PHC's) abuse of patenting rights in  
2 order to purposely collect licensing fees will be labelled a federal offense.

3 **SECTION 2.** PHS's are defined as organizations or corporations that exist to  
4 hold legal patents on behalf of other companies, but maintain little activity in  
5 manufacturing products or providing services based upon their patents.

6 Patent Assertion Entities (PAE's) and Non-Practicing Entities (NPE's) describe  
7 organizations with similar intentions of PHS's.

8 **SECTION 3.** The United States Patent and Trademark Office and the Federal  
9 Judiciary of the United States shall oversee implementation of this bill.

10 A. Both Federal entities will work to eliminate Frivolous Patent  
11 Litigation on a corporate basis in order to limit the harms of  
12 exploitation.

13 B. Both Federal entities shall promote and uphold innovation  
14 and emerging companies at risk of "patent trolling."

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

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by A&M Consolidated High School.*



## **TFA Fall 2015 Item 15. A Resolution to Increase Port Security Infrastructure Investment**

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The Government Accountability Office indicates that a lack of funding and  
2 resources have led to a huge delay in the mandatory scanning of containers  
3 in US ports; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Containers are waiting for days without being scanned for nuclear material;  
5 and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Experts agree that a nuclear attack is far more likely to happen at a port than  
7 via a missile; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** A nuclear attack on a US port would cost an estimated \$45 Billion and result  
9 in the loss of countless lives; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** the National Port Security Grant Programs (PSGP) budget has been slashed in  
11 recent years; and
- 12 **WHEREAS,** The PSGP cannot fund or develop new technology to adequately detect  
13 threats at our ports without sufficient funding; now, therefore, be it
- 14 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled should provide “no-match-required” grant  
funding for Port Security.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hendrickson High School.*



## **TFA Fall 2015 Item 16. A Resolution to Ratify and Fully Join the International Criminal Court**

- 1   **WHEREAS,**     The Rome Statute is a multilateral treaty that established four core  
2                   international crimes: genocide, crimes against humanity, war crime, and  
3                   the crime of aggression; and
- 4   **WHEREAS,**     The ICC has jurisdiction over the investigation and prosecution of the four  
5                   core international crimes when states are “unable” or “unwilling” to do so  
6                   themselves; and
- 7   **WHEREAS,**     122 countries, which include most Western European and South American  
8                   countries, are State Parties to the Rome Statute of the International  
9                   Criminal Court; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,**    The United States has already interacted with the Court by sharing  
11                   intelligence about fugitives and providing logistical support; now,  
                    therefore,
- 12                   be it
- 13 **RESOLVED,**   That the Congress here assembled recommend that the United States  
14                   ratify the Rome Statute.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Southlake Carroll.*



# TFA Fall 2015 Item 17. A Bill to End Corporate Tax Evasion

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1           **SECTION 1.**   Any corporation that has over 60% of its financial  
2           exchange within the United States, or has management residing in the  
3           United States must pay taxes according to the United States corporate  
4           tax policy. Any company, upon declaring itself headquartered overseas,  
5           will no longer receive liability protection and other benefits given to  
6           domestic corporations.

7           **SECTION 2.**   Financial exchange is defined as the amount of money  
8           leaving and entering the companies collective worth, including but not  
9           limited to sales revenue, partnerships with other companies, and selling  
10          and buying assets.

11          **SECTION 3.**   The IRS shall enforce the tax rates and benefits detailed in  
12          this legislation.

13          **SECTION 4.**   This law will take effect within twelve months of passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Seven Lakes High School.*



## **TFA Fall 2015 Item 18. The Ukrainian Support and Security Recovery Act of 2016**

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government shall allocate humanitarian and  
2 military aid to the Ukrainian government over the course of the year.

3 A. Humanitarian aid worth \$200 million will be dispersed to  
4 devastated communities by US troops.

5 B. \$300 million worth of military aid will be supplied to the  
6 Ukrainian government and the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

7 **SECTION 2.** Humanitarian aid is defined as supplies essential to alleviating destroyed  
8 communities in Ukraine. Military aid is defined as non-lethal aid such as  
9 radar equipment, anti-tank systems, missiles, etc.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense (DOD) will be responsible for the transition  
11 of military aid to the Ukrainian government. The DOD will also partner  
12 with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to determine  
13 allocation and implementation of US troops to disperse aid to regions  
14 within Ukraine that are in need.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take in effect at the beginning of 2016, and aid will continue  
16 on an annual basis until 2019. All aid will cease if deemed ineffective or  
17 unnecessary after the first annual year of passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Spring Woods High School.*



## **TFA Fall 2015 Item 19. A Bill to Mandate Reporting of Officer Involved Shootings to a Public National Database**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Congress shall mandate that any and all law  
3 enforcement departments file an account and submit annual reports of  
4 officer involved shootings to a National Public Database.

5 **SECTION 2.** Officer Involved shootings are defined as any situation resulting in gunfire  
6 involving a civilian and a law enforcement officer.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will oversee the implementation of this bill,  
8 ensuring that law enforcement departments submit an annual report  
9 to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

10 A. Law enforcement departments who fail to submit reports will lose  
11 25% of their federal government funding per infraction.

12 B. Reports that are found to be inaccurate shall result in a federal audit  
13 of the department in violation.

14 **SECTION 4.** This law shall go into effect at the conclusion of 2015.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hereford High School.*



## **TFA Fall 2015 Item 20. A Bill to Send Humanitarian Aid to Lebanon to Aid in the Syrian Refugee Crisis**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall send 30 million dollars in humanitarian aid to the  
3 country of Lebanon to help aid the 1.5 million Syrian refugees within their  
4 borders.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Humanitarian aid” is to be defined as clean water, foodstuffs, shelter  
6 provisions, medical supplies, and educational tools.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State shall work in conjunction with the United  
8 Nations presence and other humanitarian organizations already in the  
9 region to implement this aid.

10 **SECTION 4.** An oversight committee shall be put in place to monitor the use of this  
11 aid over a period of 5 years. If this aid is used improperly or for purposes  
12 other than those mentioned above, the funds will be frozen until further  
13 deliberation and decision.

14 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Northland Christian School.*



## **TFA Fall 2015 Item 21. A Resolution to Standardize Childhood Vaccinations**

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Standards for childhood vaccinations vary across the United States; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** Existing exemptions for childhood vaccinations are frequently exploited;
- 3 and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Many vaccinated diseases are highly contagious and over 145,000 deaths
- 5 were reported globally from Measles alone in 2013; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Most childhood vaccines are 90%-100% effective at producing disease
- 7 immunity; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** No credible scientific evidence exists negating the benefits of current
- 9 childhood vaccinations; therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States implement a
- 11 federal standard requiring all children under five years of age to be fully
- 12 vaccinated in order to attend any school receiving federal funding; and be
- 13 it
- 14 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That, the only exceptions to this should be for individuals who
- 15 have documented medical reasons for not receiving particular vaccines
- 16 and/or those with documented membership in objecting religious
- 17 organizations

*Introduced by Byron Nelson High School*



## TFA Fall 2015 Item 22. A Bill to Develop Nuclear Fusion Power to Solve Earth's Energy Needs

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall increase its investment in the development of  
3 Nuclear Fusion Power.

4 **SECTION 2.** Development is defined as investing money for the sole purpose of  
5 creating the technology, either unilaterally or as part of an international  
6 group.

7 **SECTION 3.** The amount of funding for Nuclear Fusion shall be increased by \$1 billion  
8 dollars. This bill will be enforced by the Department of Energy.

9 **SECTION 4.** The bill will go into effect at the beginning of the 2016 fiscal year.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by A&M Consolidated High School.*



## **TFA Fall 2015 Item 23. A Resolution to Incentivize Desalination of Saltwater to Aid in the Alleviation of California's Drought**

- 1 **WHEREAS,** California is suffering from an ongoing four-year drought; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** because of this drought, California's sanitary drinking water is depleting
- 3 rapidly; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** California is in desperate need of support to aid in their reclamation of
- 5 sanitary water; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** the Sierra Nevada snowpack cannot supply enough water to sustain
- 7 Californians anymore; now, therefore, be it
- 8 **RESOLVED,** that the Congress here assembled strongly incentivize the desalination of
- 9 saltwater to help California in their time of need.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lindale High School.*



## TFA Fall 2015 Item 24. A Bill to Implement the NextGen System

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Federal Aviation Administration is tasked with implementing the  
3 *Next Generation Air Transportation System* nation-wide.

4 **SECTION 2.** All parts of *NextGen* will be implemented, including the creation of new  
5 landing paths for aircraft and new GPS-based technology for air traffic  
6 controllers to use.

7 **SECTION 3.** The FAA shall be funded \$40 billion to subsidize the cost of  
8 implementation.

9 **SECTION 4.** *NextGen* will be fully purchased, tested and installed by the beginning of  
10 FY 2020. Only after successful testing and implementation of the *NextGen*  
11 system will the current radar system be phased out.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bellaire High School*



## TFA Fall 2015 Item 25. A Bill to Fund Graphene Research

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Congress will provide an initial investment of \$1 billion  
3 to universities conducting Graphene Research in order to develop the  
4 technology for future application.

5 **SECTION 2.** Graphene is a carbon compound that is considered the strongest material  
6 in the world and has many applications for future use.

7 **SECTION 3.** Graphene will be regulated the same way as other current Nano  
8 Technologies, through the guidance of the National Nanotechnology  
9 Initiative and under the following acts regulated by the Environmental  
10 Protection Agency (EPA).

11 F. Federal Fungicide, Insecticide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA)

12 G. Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA).

13 **SECTION 4.** The initial investment will be provided in the Fiscal Year of 2017.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Plano Senior HS*



## TFA Fall 2015 Item 26. A Bill to Outlaw Civil Asset Forfeiture to Prevent Undue Gains by Law Enforcement Agencies

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Civil asset forfeiture procedures will be outlawed in federal, state, and  
3 local law enforcement agencies.

4 **SECTION 2.** Civil asset forfeiture refers to the practice of seizing property from  
5 persons suspected of wrongdoing without charging the owners with any  
6 crime.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice, the Attorney General's Office, and the  
8 Defense Logistics Agency Disposition Services will enforce this legislation.

9 A. Departments with a history of unlawful or dubious forfeitures will be  
10 investigated by the Department of Justice, and must undertake  
11 maximum effort to return property to their rightful owners.

12 B. Departments that do not comply with this legislation shall be  
13 considered ineligible for participation in the 1033 program, and DLA  
14 Disposition Services shall immediately recall all property granted  
15 under such programs to violating departments.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill will come into effect at the beginning of 2017.

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

*Introduced by Alief Kerr High School*



## **TFA Fall 2015 Item 27. A Bill to Allow the Federal Government to Effectively Maintain the Separation of Church and State**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Justice shall investigate and fully prosecute all tax  
3 exempt religious institutions that have engaged in political activities that  
4 violate Internal Revenue Service (IRS) tax code previously regulated  
5 under IRS jurisdiction.

6 **SECTION 2.** The definition of political activities shall be consistent with the current  
7 IRS tax code.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will oversee the implementation of this act.

9 H. The first violation by a religious institutions will result in the  
10 permanent loss in their 990 statement waiver status, and will be  
11 classified as a 501(c) (3) nonprofit corporation

12 I. Second offense shall cause the religious institution to lose tax exempt  
13 status for the rest of the fiscal year.

14 J. Third offense will cause the permanent loss of tax exempt status.

15 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect January 1, 2016.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cypress Creek High School.*



## TFA Fall 2015 Item 28. A Resolution to Extend an Invitation to China to Join the Trans-Pacific Partnership

1           **WHEREAS,**    the United States is in the process of negotiating the terms  
2           of the TPP with other Pacific states; and

3           **WHEREAS,**    China continues to have an extensive political and economic  
4           influence over this region; and

5           **WHEREAS,**    China’s economic prowess will present itself as an asset  
6           towards the growth of the TPP as a whole; and

7           **WHEREAS,**    China has openly expressed a profound interest in  
8           becoming a member state of the TPP; and

9           **WHEREAS,**    Open American support of China in the TPP would make an  
10          influential statement on the other member states; now, therefore be it

11          **RESOLVED,**    That the Congress here assembled make the following  
12          recommendation for supporting and sponsoring China when it comes to  
13          the matter of their government joining the TPP.  
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*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Clark High School*



## TFA Fall 2015 Item 29. A Bill to Increase Humanitarian and Infrastructural Aid to Mali

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will provide \$500 million annually  
3 in the form of humanitarian and infrastructural aid to Mali.

4 **SECTION 2.** Infrastructural aid shall be defined as aid provided by the United States  
5 Federal Government with the purpose of building physical infrastructure,  
6 creating basic utilities, improving distribution and transportation systems,  
7 and investing in Malian business. Humanitarian aid shall be defined as aid  
8 provided by the United States Federal Government with the purpose of  
9 providing emergency relief, advancing developmental goals, improving  
10 the quality of life, and encouraging a stable democracy.

11 **SECTION 3.** The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) will  
12 oversee the implementation of this bill.

13 K. Private Military Contractors (PMCs) will be used to deliver this aid in  
14 order to ensure that it reaches its targeted destination.

15 L. The U.S. State Department will oversee the results of this  
16 humanitarian and infrastructural aid and decide whether or not  
17 sustainable progress has been achieved in Mali.

18 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented one year after passage. If sustainable  
19 progress in Mali has not been made within 5 years, all humanitarian and  
20 infrastructural aid to Mali will be discontinued.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jasper High School.*



## TFA Fall 2015 Item 30. A Resolution to Strengthen the Global Disease Detection Program

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   Increased global population movements due to tourism, migration,  
2                    natural disasters and armed conflict have contributed to increased  
3                    globalization of infectious diseases; and
- 4   **WHEREAS,**   Technological advances in infectious disease studies by state and non-  
5                    state actors have led to an increased possibility of the intentional or  
6                    accidental release of highly infectious diseases; and
- 7   **WHEREAS,**   A strong global framework for reacting to and stemming infectious  
8                    disease outbreaks is needed to prevent possible regional and global  
9                    pandemics; and
- 10   **WHEREAS,**   Prevention of contagious disease outbreaks in the United States requires  
11                   a robust network of surveillance, medical, and public health capacities in  
12                   developing nations; and
- 13   **WHEREAS,**   The Global Disease Detection (GDD) Program administered through the  
14                   Centers for Disease Control represents the most active efforts of the  
15                   United States to detect, combat, and isolate infectious disease outbreaks  
16                   around the world; and
- 17   **WHEREAS,**   Current funding for the GDD as well as the small number of GDD offices  
18                   abroad limit the ability of the United States to combat infectious diseases  
19                   before they come to the United States; now, therefore, be it
- 20   **RESOLVED,**   That the Congress here assembled increase annual funding for the GDD  
21                   to \$500 million; and, be it
- 22   **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the number of GDD foreign offices be increased to twenty.

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