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Item 1. A Resolution to Increase American Military Presence in Eastern Europe to Counter Growing Russian Aggression

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Russia has announced its intention to deploy nuclear
2 missiles in its Kaliningrad bases by 2019; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Russia has steadily increased the frequency and scale of its
4 military exercises dangerously close to NATO members in
5 Eastern Europe; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Aggression by Russia has resulted in the continued decline
7 of socio-political stability throughout Eastern Europe; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Current American commitments to allies within the region
9 have been insufficient in countering Russian influence; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** American influence within Eastern Europe depends upon
11 the security of regional allies; now, therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled commit to increase
13 American military and economic support of Eastern
14 European allies.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Obra D. Tompkins High School.

Item 2. Assured Nuclear Fuel Services Act of 2017

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States hereby establishes the Assured Nuclear Fuel Services
3 Initiative (ANFSI) with a physical reserve of at least 120 metric tons of
4 Low-Enriched Uranium (LEU) to provide nations seeking peaceful
5 development of civilian nuclear energy programs a reliable supply of LEU.

6 **SECTION 2.** Low-Enriched Uranium is defined as Uranium that contains the isotope
7 uranium 235 in a concentration of less than 20% and greater than 0.7%

8 **SECTION 3.** Nations seeking access to LEU through the United States ANFSI must
9 conform to the following guidelines:

- 10 A. Member states must devote at least one percent of their national
11 energy budget to research into proliferation-resistant nuclear power
12 technology, including proliferation-resistant advanced fuel cycles.
13 Research must be shared with the U.S. Department of Energy and the
14 International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).
15 B. Member states may not seek LEU from the IAEA LEU bank.
16 C. Member states must be certified as demonstrably rejecting
17 development of nuclear weapons technology.

18 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Energy shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

- 19 A. By January 1st of each year, the Secretary of Energy shall submit a
20 report to the president certifying which nations seeking membership
21 in the U.S. ANFSI, and which current member states in the U.S. ANFSI
22 demonstrably reject development of nuclear weapons technology.
23 B. The Secretary of Energy shall develop an application process for
24 nations seeking membership in the U.S. ANFSI.

25 **SECTION 5.** This bill will go into effect on October 1, 2017.

26 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
Introduced for Congressional Debate by Tascosa High School

Item 3. A Bill to Invest in India's Energy Sector to Promote Infrastructural Development

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall send 10 billion dollars to the Indian government
3 over a period of 5 years to invest in India's energy sector.

4 **SECTION 2.** India's energy sector shall include, but not be limited to, renewable
5 energy, oil, and natural gas.

6 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of State and Environmental Protection
7 Agency shall jointly oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

8 D. Oversight will entail an evaluation of funds and how they have been
9 spent every six months.

10 E. If funds have not allowed for adequate development of renewable
11 energy within the research and development phase after two years,
12 then funds will be decreased by 25%.

13 F. These funds will be used to remodel India's infrastructure to provide
14 smart grid systems, re-vamped infrastructure for the energy
15 department, and investments in private companies that are located in
16 the region that specialize in energy development.

17 **SECTION 4.** The legislation shall go into effect within 60 days of passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lamar High School

Item 4. . A Bill to Identify Drug Cartels as Foreign Terrorist Organizations

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. The U.S. government shall identify certain drug cartels as Foreign
3 Terrorist Organizations (FTO).

4 B. All former policies used to combat FTOs will now be available to the
5 U.S. government to use in order to combat drug cartels identified as FTOs

6 **SECTION 2.** Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTO) are defined as foreign organizations
7 that are designated by the Secretary of State in accordance with section
8 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), as amended.

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10 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of State will work in conjunction with the
11 Department of Defense in order to identify drug cartels as FTOs and carry
12 out proper actions against them.

13 A. The Department of State will have full authority in designating which
14 drug cartels will qualify as FTOs.

15 B. The Department of Defense will be in charge of action taken against
16 these drug cartels.

17 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 1st, 2018. .

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Plano West Senior High School

Item 5. A Resolution to Make Election Day a Federal Holiday to Increase Voter Participation

- 1 **WHEREAS,** the people of the United States must work on the day of election; and
2 **WHEREAS,** the participation of voters in the United States is diminishing; and
3 **WHEREAS,** many Americans cannot afford to take time off from work to vote in
4 elections; and
5 **WHEREAS,** a democracy is only as strong as its population is able to participate; now,
6 therefore, be it
7 **RESOLVED,** that the Congress here assembled mandate that the second Tuesday of
8 November each year there is an election be a federal holiday for
9 workers.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Claudia Taylor Johnson High School.

Item 6. A Resolution to Reestablish the Bretton Woods System

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Countries such as China, Vietnam, and Kazakhstan engage in strategic
2 devaluation of their currencies to harm US exports; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Manufacturing industries in developed countries are unable to compete
4 with cheap goods from developing countries due to a large difference in
5 currency conversion; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Competitive devaluations lead to currency wars and harm international
7 relations; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** International organizations such as the IMF and the World Bank are
9 functioning inefficiently due to a lack of international cooperation; now,
10 therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled call for an international conference to
12 reestablish a standardized international system for monetary and
13 exchange rate management.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Plano Senior High School

Item 7. A Bill to Allow the OPTN to Operate under Presumed Consent

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network shall be permitted
3 to operate organ donations under the ideal of *presumed consent*,
4 otherwise known as the *opt-out* policy.

5 **SECTION 2.** **Presumed consent** for organ donation is defined as, unless otherwise
6 specified, a person is **presumed** to have consented to organ donation in
7 the case of their accidental death, without the objection of next of kin.

8 **SECTION 3.** The OPTN will be placed in full responsibility in coalition with the UNOS
9 Ethics committee to implement these policies in an efficient and ethical
10 manner.

11 **SECTION 4.** The full implementation of the presumed consent policy is to be
12 completed by 2018, seeing as there is no infrastructural reconstruction.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hebron High School

Item 8. Ex-Convict Reintegration Act of 2017

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will implement the following reforms in order to assist
3 ex-convicts reintegrate into society.

4 A. The question and check box inquiring an applicant's criminal pasts will
5 be removed from applications for employment, housing, public
6 benefits, insurance, and loans.

7 B. Provide all ex-convicts with a \$500.00 stipend when they are released
8 to temporarily prevent homelessness and poverty.

9 C. Allocate \$100 million annually for the creation and the maintenance
10 of a federal rehabilitation program to which ex-convicts will have free
11 access.

12 **SECTION 2.** A. Ex-convicts will be defined as individuals who are released from state
13 or federal prison.

14 B. The federal rehabilitation program will be aimed at providing
15 accessible therapy for drug addicts and alcoholics to prevent
16 recidivism. Centers will be located at the discretion of the
17 Department of Health and Human Services.

18 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of
19 Prisons will be responsible for the implementation of this bill. The United
20 States Department of Health and Human Services will be responsible for
21 providing, creating, and maintaining the rehabilitation program created
22 by this bill.

23 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect in Fiscal Year 2018.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Southlake Carroll High School.

Item 9. A Bill to Expand Funding for the Development of Nuclear Reactors

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal government will provide an additional \$500 million dollars for the
3 research, development, and construction of pressurized heavy-water reactors
4 and gas-cooled reactors. The federal government will also allocate an additional
5 \$250 million for the research and development of other Generation IV nuclear
6 reactors.

7 **SECTION 2.** A pressurized heavy-water reactor is a nuclear reactor that utilizes natural
8 uranium dioxide as fuel and heavy water (deuterium oxide) as a coolant. Gas-
9 cooled reactors are defined as reactors that use gases as a coolant and graphite
10 as a moderator. Generation IV nuclear reactors are defined as the reactor
11 models developed by the Generation IV International Forum, which the US
12 leads.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy's Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy will be
14 responsible for the proper use of these funds.

15 A. The Department of Energy will be responsible for the allocation of research
16 funding to institutions and corporations that carry out this research via
17 applications for contracting.

18 B. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will be in charge of assuring that
19 applicable safety regulations and laws are followed during the research,
20 development, and construction of this technology.

21 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on the first day of FY 2018.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Prosper High School.

Item 10. A Resolution to Respect Native American Sovereignty

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Currently, numerous pipelines are being constructed that will cross
2 Native American lands or protected areas in Oklahoma, Minnesota, Iowa,
3 and other areas of the country; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** These pipelines threaten burial and cultural sites through demolition; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Environmental threats to drinking water and leaks that could destroy
6 land, vegetation, and animals are of great concern to tribes that revere
7 the land; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** The National Historic Preservation Act, Fort Laramie Treaties, and the
9 concept of tribal sovereignty are being violated; now, therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** That that the Congress here assembled make the following
11 recommendation to respect the right of tribal sovereignty to choose
12 whether to allow these pipelines to cross their protected lands.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Franklin HS.

Item 11. A Resolution to Discourage Russia's Use of Satan

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Russia's Satan 2 ICBM's have the capability to reach the globe over; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** Russia has stated its stance to use any means necessary to further reach
- 3 its own goals; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** U.S. Allies across the globe are most at risk of Russian Hegemony; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Failure to act may result in Russian aggression and directly result in a
- 6 Nuclear War; now, therefore, be it
- 7 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation
- 8 that U.S. State department diplomatically engage Russia to prevent the
- 9 spread of Satan 2 ICBM'S; and be it
- 10 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled shall cease all cooperation with
- 11 Russia in the Arctic until Russia rescinds the deployment of Satan 2
- 12 ICBM's

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cypress Creek.

Item 12. The African Union Sustainability Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The African Union Sustainability Program shall be created to allocate an
3 aid package to the African Union to ensure the viability of the institution.

4 **SECTION 2.** Aid package will be defined as military and monetary assistance directly
5 to the African Union.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State, Department of Defense, and U.S. Agency for
7 International Development will oversee the implementation of this bill.

8 D. The program shall not be initiated until the African Union enacts the
9 African Union Charter on Democracy, Election and Governance.

10 E. Military Aid shall only be provided in the form of training only when
11 requested by the home nation and approved by the Secretary of
12 Defense.

13 F. Monetary Aid shall be given in \$250 million installments 4 times a
14 year.

15 a. The right to freeze monetary assistance to specific countries
16 and/or the African Union as a whole is a reserved power to be
17 used at the discretion of the President.

18 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect beginning in fiscal year 2018.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by James Bowie High School

Item 13. The Nepal Recovery and Relief Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Congress will implement the following reforms in order
3 to assist Nepal in the current recovery and relief process.

4 A. Cancellation of remaining bilateral debt obligations of Nepal - and
5 encourage earthquake relief in the form of grants.

6 B. Establish a Nepal Recovery Private Investment Fund with the U.S. and
7 private sector funding to promote the development of Nepal's private
8 sector, particularly small and medium sized enterprises.

9 C. Authorizes funding for relief and recovery of \$100 million in FY 2018

10 **SECTION 2.** Bilateral debt shall be defined as debt owed by one government to
11 another.

12 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of State will oversee the implementation of this bill
13 in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Treasury implementing
14 funding and the U.S. Trade Development Agency undertaking project
15 identification efforts.

16 **SECTION 4.** This law shall be effective by fiscal year 2018.

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

18 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Clark HS*

Item 14. Nuclear Arsenal Modernization Act of 2017

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A comprehensive review of all aspects of our nuclear arsenal will be
3 conducted and will include the following areas:

4 1. Launch and control systems

5 2. Launch vehicles

6 3. Warheads

7 **SECTION 2.** Aging components of our nuclear arsenal will be modernized under this
8 act. Total modernization of our land based, air based and submarine
9 based nuclear arsenal will be completed by 2027.

10 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of Defense will be responsible for overseeing the
11 mandates from this Act. All necessary funding will be presented to
12 Congress for appropriation.

13 **SECTION 4.** Appropriations for the mandates of this Act will begin no later than May
14 1, 2017. Mandates will be carried out as soon as appropriations have
15 been completed by Congress.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bellaire High School.

Item 15. A Bill to Raise the Retirement Age to Save Social Security

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Social Security Age of Eligibility will be raised to 70 for Americans
3 born after 1960.

4 **SECTION 2.** Those physically unable to work longer will receive disability benefits
5 until they reach retirement age.

6 **SECTION 3.** The US Social Security Administration will oversee the enforcement of the
7 bill, in conjunction with Congressional oversight.

8 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect immediately upon enactment.

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

10 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Clements High School.*

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Item 16. A Bill to Protect the Public by Creating National 9-1-1 Standards

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A federal board will be established to create and enforce standards for all
3 local 9-1-1 centers.

4 **SECTION 2.** The aforementioned board will ensure that ambiguous boundaries and
5 gaps in service are eliminated, and that funds appropriated for 9-1-1
6 centers are not diverted by local governments to other projects.

7 **SECTION 3.** Matching federal grants will be made available to assist localities in
8 implementing next generation 9-1-1 technologies.

9 **SECTION 4.** Wireless carriers will be required to improve location accuracy for 9-1-1
10 calls to 90% by the year 2020.

11 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will be implemented and enforced by the FCC.

12 **SECTION 6.** Implementation will begin immediately and be completed by January 1,
13 2020.

14 **SECTION 7.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Harker Heights High School

Item 17. A Resolution to Increase Economic Engagement with Iran

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The impact of American sanctions is still being seen with unemployment
2 on the rise in Iran; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The Iranian Nuclear deal has not adequately served to stimulate the
4 Iranian economy; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The “snap back” option in the nuclear deal has served to discourage long-
6 term investment in the Iranian economy; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Only revitalization of the Iranian economy can spur the public support
8 that is critical to the success of the nuclear deal; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** The development of economic ties is an important step to improved
10 diplomatic relations; now, therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled remove restrictions preventing US
12 economic investment in Iran; and, be it
- 13 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the US encourage normalized economic relations with Iran.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by James E. Taylor High School.

Item 18. A Resolution to Abolish the Usage of Penal Labor in U.S. Prison Systems

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Incarcerated individuals are forced to work in the prison labor system
2 without protections from abuse; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The U.S. has expanded its prison labor system to 2 million people, making
4 it the largest working prison population in the world; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The system doesn't work to rehabilitate prisoners, but rather, to allow
6 companies invested in the prison industry to unfairly exploit them for
7 labor and profit; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Private-sector employers receive a tax credit of \$2,400 for every work release
9 inmate they employ as a reward for hiring "risky target groups", which only
10 incentivizes them to hire cheap labor from prison populations; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** The prison industry complex, which is valued at \$70 billion, is now one of
12 the fastest-growing industries in the U.S.; now, therefore, be it
- 13 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation
14 to abolish the usage of penal labor in all U.S. prison systems.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Plano West Senior High School

Item 19. The National Defense Act of 2017

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A total of \$29 billion shall be allocated towards Domestic National
3 Defense Programs.

4 **SECTION 2.** Domestic National Defense Programs (DNDP) shall include all National
5 Guard and Reserve units, and all Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC)
6 and Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) units.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense will be responsible for the distribution of
8 funds to each program through their respective branches.

9 G. The National Guard will receive \$13.125 billion. Each state with more
10 than 10,000 guardsmen will receive \$500 million, each state with less
11 than 10,000 guardsmen but more than 5000 will receive \$250 million
12 and each state with less than 5000 guardsmen will receive \$125
13 million to be divided evenly between each branch.

14 H. Each of the 5 branches Reserves will receive \$3 billion.

15 I. The National Guard and the Reserves will use these funds for the
16 purchase and maintenance of equipment as well as for training.

17 J. The 4 participating branches will each receive \$100 million, giving \$50
18 million to both their ROTC and JROTC programs.

19 K. Yearly reports detailing the use of these funds must be filed by each
20 program. These reports will be reviewed by the Senate and House
21 Armed Service Committees.

22 **SECTION 4.** This Act shall go into effect immediately following its passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lamar High School.

Item 20. A Resolution to Discourage Further Construction of Artificial Islands in the South China Sea to Protect The Marine Ecosystem and To Sustain our National Security

1 **WHEREAS,** China has violated International Law regarding the laws of the sea; and

2 **WHEREAS,** It is harming the marine ecosystem, such as the construction of the
3 Spratly Islands that destroyed 48 square miles of coral reefs; and

4 **WHEREAS,** The construction of these islands is providing a military advantage to
5 China; and

6 **WHEREAS,** If the U.S doesn't step in now, China will continue to harm the
7 environment and maintain a military advantage, posing a threat to
8 national security and the ecosystem; now, therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation
10 to discourage further construction of artificial islands in the South China
11 Sea.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Grapevine High School

Item 21. A Resolution to Remove the Cuban Adjustment Act

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The Cuban Adjustment Act of 1966, known as the wet-foot, dry foot
2 policy, was enacted primarily to offset the violence of the Communist
3 regime and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** the influx of immigrants coming from Cuba to the United States in 2016
5 has more than doubled since 2014, adding to the already burgeoning
6 immigrant population , and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Thousands of desperate Cuban men, women, and children packed into
8 small homemade boats will do anything, including wound themselves and
9 dangle children overboard just to get the chance to land on American soil
10 and be allowed to stay, and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** Thousands of others have overrun many Latin American countries hoping
12 to make their way to the United States, and
- 13 **WHEREAS,** The United States and Cuba have normalized relations and there is no
14 need for "special status" to be granted, now, therefore, be it
- 15 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled end the United States special
16 immigration privileges for Cuban refugees.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Coram Deo

Item 22. A Bill to Raise the Age Limit for Medicare

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal age requirement for Medicare payments shall be increased to
3 70 years of age.

4 **SECTION 2.** People between the ages of 67 and 70 upon implementation of this
5 legislation will remain unaffected.

6 **SECTION 3.** Implementation and budget development will be by the Social Security
7 Administration.

8 **SECTION 4.** The implementation of this legislation will occur at the beginning of FY
9 2018.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Winston Churchill High School

Item 23. A Bill to Turn Megatons into Megawatts

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall decrease its nuclear stockpile by 100 tons worth
3 of nuclear material by converting the usable parts of warheads to
4 commercial grade fuel.

5 **SECTION 2.** Nuclear fuel will be used for domestic energy production or sold to the
6 United Kingdom, France, or Russia for the aforementioned purpose.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense will coordinate with the Department of
8 Energy to turn nonessential, deactivated nuclear weapons into usable
9 fuel for nuclear reactors.

10 L. The Department of State will work with Russia to encourage similar
11 cuts to Russian stockpiles.

12 M. The Department of Trade will facilitate the safe trading of nuclear fuel
13 to France, Russia, and the United Kingdom.

14 N. The Department of Energy will use funds to invest in alternative
15 energy sources and to finalize the construction of the Savannah River
16 Site Nuclear Power Plant.

17 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect 6 months upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Seven Lakes High School

Item 24. A Resolution to Intervene in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to Maintain Peace in the Region

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela has fallen into a state of both
2 economic political crisis; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The government in power has refused to acquiesce to the will of the
4 plurality of citizens who have legally expressed their desire for a
5 referendum; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** The National Assembly, now in revolt against the executive branch, has
7 been prevented, by the Supreme Court, from passing laws that would
8 alleviate the pains caused to the nation by shortages of food, medicine,
9 and 700% inflation; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** Either the existence of a failed Venezuelan state or the emergence of a
11 civil war would send catastrophic reverberations across the entirety of
12 Latin America, roil oil markets, and severely limit the United States'
13 ability to seek out its own foreign policy interest; therefore be it
- 14 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled recommend that the United States
15 Department of State mediate the growing conflict between the
16 government and opposition; and, be it
- 17 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the United States lift sanctions on the Venezuelan
18 government and provide aid for the Venezuelan citizens most affected by
19 the conflict.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pflugerville High School

Item 25. A Resolution to Develop Offensive and Defensive Electromagnetic Pulse Capabilities to Bolster the United States' National Security

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Intelligence indicates that potentially hostile nations like Iran, North
2 Korea, and Russia have developed weapons capable of emitting strong
3 Electromagnetic Pulses (EMPs); and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** China specifically developed EMP technology for use against American
5 military forces; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** An EMP attack against the United States would have a profound and
7 devastating impact on nearly every American citizen; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** The United States currently has no effective mechanism to combat EMP
9 weapons and no comprehensive plan to gird the nation's power grid
10 against the devastating impacts of an EMP attack; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** Development of advanced offensive EMP weapons would give the United
12 States a tactical advantage over other hostile nations in the eventuality of
13 armed conflict; now, therefore, be it
- 14 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled allocate over the next ten years \$20
15 billion to the United States Department of Defense for the development
16 of offensive and defensive EMP weapons technology; and, be it
- 17 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That over the next ten years an addition \$10 billion be allotted to
18 the United States Department of Energy to secure the nation's power
19 grid against the eventuality of an EMP attack.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Tascosa High School

Item 26. Maritime Critical Infrastructure Protection Act of 2017

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Coast Guard will be responsible for implementing
3 guidelines for port and facility security as outlined by the General
4 Accountability Office.

5 **SECTION 2.** FEMA will be responsible for enhancing cybersecurity capabilities to
6 enhance port security.

7 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of Homeland Security will be responsible for
8 overseeing the mandates placed upon the US Coast Guard and FEMA
9 from this Act. All necessary funding will be presented to Congress for
10 appropriation.

11 **SECTION 4.** Appropriations for the mandates of this Act will begin no later than May
12 1, 2017. Mandates will be carried out as soon as appropriations have
13 been completed by Congress.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bellaire High School

Item 27. A Bill to Outlaw Safe Spaces on College Campuses to Protect and Uphold the 1st Amendment to the Constitution

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Safe Spaces within the bounds of any American educational institution
3 are hereby dissolved and are permanently banned from use at any
4 American educational institution. All forms of free speech permitted
5 under the 1st Amendment are hereby permitted anywhere on the
6 grounds of an American educational institution.

7 **SECTION 2.** A Safe Space is defined as any area where free speech is prohibited, this
8 includes hate speech. An American educational institution is defined as
9 any accredited college or university, public or private.

10 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of Education will oversee the enforcement of this bill.

11 O. Any Public educational institution in violation of this bill will
12 immediately lose all federal funding.

13 P. Any Private educational institution found in violation of this bill will
14 lose all federal funding as well as its status as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt
15 organization.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect January 1, 2018

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

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Item 28. A Bill to Revitalize NASA Space Exploration

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Revised Mandates

- 3 A. Private aerospace companies (operating in the US) wishing to launch manned
4 or unmanned vehicles outside the Earth's atmosphere must obtain a permit
5 from NASA.
- 6 B. All launches of private spacecraft must be personally supervised by a NASA
7 official.
- 8 C. No more than 15% of the NASA budget can be spent on contracts with
9 private space flight businesses.

10 **SECTION 2.** Funding Package

- 11 A. \$2 billion each year to provide for research and development of EmDrive
12 technology.
- 13 B. \$2 billion each year to provide for research and development of solar sail
14 technology.
- 15 C. \$1 billion for development of Laser Communications Relay Demonstration
16 (LCRD).
- 17 D. The \$2 billion allocated for this bill will be reallocated from the Earth Science,
18 Planetary Science, and Astrophysics budget allocations. \$3 billion will come
19 from funds collected through a FAA service fee for commercial airlines.

20 **SECTION 3.** The National Aeronautics and Space Administration will implement the policies
21 and mandates for research in this bill. The Federal Aviation Administration will
22 be responsible for devising a service fee for commercial airlines to provide
23 funding. All parts of this bill go into effect with the Fiscal Year 2018 budget.

24 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Item 29. A Resolution to Stabilize Central Asia

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Many countries in Central Asia do not have a reliable national energy
2 source; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Tension has flared up between Tajikistan and Uzbekistan as well as other
4 Central Asian nations; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Conflict in the region could draw in Russia, India, and China; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** The energy crisis will only get worse without international intervention;
7 and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Helping Central Asian countries develop energy capabilities would also
9 strengthen the United States diplomatic position in the region now,
10 therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation
12 For the U.S. State Department to work with the Central Asian Regional
13 Economic Cooperation organization to develop energy infrastructure in
14 Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan; and, be it
- 15 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That USAID individually works with the governments of Tajikistan
16 and Kyrgyzstan to develop energy infrastructure.

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Item 30. The SMART Gun Act (Supervising the Manufacture of Arms and Rifle Technology)

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will hereby adopt smart gun technology in all public
3 markets.

4 **SECTION 2.** Smart Gun technology is defined as technology that provides a safety
5 feature allowing the firearm to fire only when activated by an authorized
6 user. This technology includes RFID chips, mechanical locks, fingerprint
7 recognition, and/or magnetic rings that will be incorporated in each
8 firearm.

9 **SECTION 3.** The United States Consumer Product and Safety Commission will be
10 provided with \$20 million to expand oversight to include smart gun
11 technology. The department will ensure that said technology is
12 incorporated in every firearm within the United States.

13 Q. The U.S. Consumer Product and Safety Commission will implement a
14 recall program to ensure that faulty smart gun systems AND firearms
15 without smart gun technology will have properly functioning systems.
16 This program will end in 2020.

17 R. Non-compliant gun manufacturers will be fined 200% of the original
18 retail value of the firearm, per firearm sold.

19 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented in fiscal year 2018.

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

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