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## **A Bill to Promote Peace Between Israel and Palestine**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All military aid to Israel will be suspended 45 days after this bill's passage  
3 per the stipulations in Section 2.

4 **SECTION 2.** Prevention of the suspension or resumption of aid shall be conditioned  
5 upon Israel prohibiting and halting all further settlement activities in areas  
6 beyond its 1967 borders and resuming good-faith negotiations with the  
7 Palestinian Authority.

8 **SECTION 3.** If Israel and the Palestinian Authority fail to reach an agreement on the  
9 future status and borders of the Palestinian Territories within two years of  
10 the passage of this legislation the United States shall recognize an  
11 independent Nation of Palestine with borders to be determined by The  
12 United Nations Security Council.

13 **SECTION 4.** Certification by the Secretary of State shall be required to recognize the  
14 resumption of negotiations and the negotiation of an agreement on future  
15 status of the Palestinian Territories.

16 **SECTION 5.** This law will take effect immediately after passage.

17 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the Alaska District.*

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## **A Bill to Make Texting while Driving Illegal**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** Any form of texting while driving will be illegal on U.S. soil. Law enforcement officer will be granted the right to search any phone suspected of use while driving.

**SECTION 2.** Texting: using a phone to send a message to another phone, Driving: using any type of motor vehicle.

**SECTION 3. A.** U.S. Department of Transportation shall oversee this bills enforcement.

**B.** Fines will the following, First offence \$250 fine, Second offence \$500 fine, and Third offence \$650 and a six month lose of license.

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

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

*Introduced by*  
Gunnar Anderson  
Rocky Mountain



## **A Bill to Repeal State Children's Health Insurance Program**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** SCHIP shall hereby be repealed.

3 **SECTION 2.** SCHIP is defined as "State Children's Health Insurance Program."

4 **SECTION 3. A.** All children currently benefiting from said program shall remain

5 eligible to receive their benefits at the state level.

6 **B.** Children are defined as minors under the age of 18 years.

7 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect one (1) year after passage.

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

*Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the Maine District.*





## **A Resolution Amending the Constitution to Abolish the Electoral College**

1 **WHEREAS**, The Electoral College carries the possibility of electing a president even as  
2 the popular vote places that candidate in the minority; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Electoral College fails to represent the national popular will by over-  
4 representation of rural states and a winner-take-all system in most states;  
5 and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Electoral College procedure is responsible for voter apathy and a lower  
7 voter turnout; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the current United States Constitution establishes and perpetuates the  
9 Electoral College system; now, therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED**, By two-thirds of Congress assembled, that the following article is  
11 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which  
12 shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when  
13 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within  
14 seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

### ARTICLE --

15 SECTION 1: The Electoral College procedure, as defined in Article 2;  
16 Section 1, and in the 12th Amendment of the United States  
17 Constitution, shall be stricken.  
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19 SECTION 2: The Presidential Election Results shall be decided entirely  
20 on popular vote, with every ballot of every voter in every  
21 state counted.

22 SECTION 3: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by  
23 appropriate legislation.

*Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the New Mexico District.*

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## A Resolution to Legalize Physician Assisted Death

1     **WHEREAS**, Terminally ill patients in extreme pain must suffer

2     pointlessly when they desire a way out; and

3     **WHEREAS**, pain medication can still not affect some people. Some

4     patients are completely unaffected by pain medication or may not be

5     receiving enough due to defensive doctoring; and

6     **WHEREAS**, these terminally ill patients become a hindrance to themselves, family,

7     and doctors and nurses. These patients, who desire to end their life with powerful

8     medications, wish to die with dignity. The extreme pain can lead to a loss of autonomy

9     and bowel movements. On top of it, add that the patient knows their death will

10    happen soon, and that the pain will only get worse and worse; now, therefore, be it

11    **RESOLVED**, By this Congress that we could make strict rules and regulate it very closely,

12    similar to the Oregon and Washington Death With Dignity laws. In the Oregon and

13    Washington Death With Dignity laws, the power lies in three reasons. The laws respect

14    and uphold the integrity of the physician-patient trust, the patient must self

15    administer the medication, and also that the patient's choice is completely their own.

Respectfully Submitted,

Representative Alexander Lopez

Weiser High School

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## **A Bill to Ban Partially Hydrogenated Oils from Consumer Foods**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** No food manufacturer shall be permitted to use partially hydrogenated oils  
3 as an ingredient, additive, or preservative for any food product intended  
4 for commercial sale or distribution.

5 **SECTION 2.** No food manufacturer shall be permitted to list partially hydrogenated oils  
6 as "hydrogenated oils" unless those oils have been fully hydrogenated.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Food and Drug Administration will oversee enforcement of this  
8 legislation.

9 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect within one year of passage.

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

*Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the East Kansas District.*



## **A Bill to Legalize Marijuana**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Marijuana will be legalized in the United States. Legal Citizens will be  
3 able to grow, sell, buy and use Marijuana. It can also be used as a major  
4 cash crop export in the future.

5 **SECTION 2.**

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7 Marijuana - all parts of the plant *Cannabis sativa* L., whether growing or  
8 not; the seeds thereof; the resin extracted from any part of the plant; and  
9 every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of  
10 the plant, its seeds, or resin.

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12 **SECTION 3.** A. The Federal Drug Administration will classify the medical purposes of  
13 the plant. The Bureau of Firearms, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

14 B. The Bill will be funded by profits gained from sales of medical  
15 Marijuana in states where it is sold legally.

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

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

*Introduced by Elijah Tolbert, Rocky Mountain High School*



## **A Bill to Eliminate Agricultural Subsidies**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will eliminate all agricultural subsidies.

3 **SECTION 2.** This bill shall go in effect on January 1, 2012.

4 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Agriculture shall be responsible for the enforcement of  
5 this bill.

6 **SECTION 4.** All other pieces of legislation in conflict with this legislation are declared  
7 null and void by the passage of this bill.

8 **SECTION 5.** Money left over from the elimination of subsidies will go to paying the  
9 national debt.

*Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the Sunflower (KS) District.*

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## **A Bill to Eliminate the Charging of Application Fees at Institutions of Higher Learning**

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

2      **SECTION 1.** The United States Department of Education will mandate the elimination  
3      of any higher education institutions in the United States charging prospective students  
4      application fees

5      **SECTION 2.** Whereas; these fees are charged to all students who wish to apply for  
6      admission to the college or university they are applying to and the payment of the fee  
7      generates a large amount of money for the school and that the acceptance of the student Is  
8      not tied in any way to the charging of the fee.

9      **SECTION 3.** No funding will be needed to enact this legislation.

10     **SECTION 4.** This law shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced by,

Rep. Paola Frias

Weiser High School

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## **A Resolution to Discontinue U.S. Involvement in NAFTA**

- 1   **WHEREAS**, The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) has not achieved its  
2                   intended purpose of facilitating fair trade among separate, sovereign  
3                   countries; and
- 4   **WHEREAS**, NAFTA has led to an exodus of American jobs and job opportunities; and
- 5   **WHEREAS**, NAFTA has exacerbated economic and political disparities between social  
6                   classes in the United States; and
- 7   **WHEREAS**, NAFTA has deepened trade deficits among United States' border nations;  
8                   and
- 9   **WHEREAS**, NAFTA no longer serves any strategic purpose; now, therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that the United States shall hereby end its  
11                   participation in the North American Free Trade Agreement.

*Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the Mississippi District.*

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## **A Bill to Increase Annual Funding to the FBI**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The FBI shall receive an extra \$250,000,000 funding grant. This money is to be used to assist in the destruction of terrorists cells in the U.S.

**SECTION 2.** FBI: Federal Bureau of Investigation, annual: of, for, or pertaining to a year, Funding: a supply of money or pecuniary resources

**SECTION 3. A.** U.S. Department of the Treasury shall over see this bills enforcement.

**B.** Funding shall come from a \$0.03 price increase of all toiletries sold in the U.S.

**C.** Any store or company that refuses to accept the increase will be fined a \$500. For every two weeks the price is not increased the fine will increase by \$250.

**SECTION 4.** This law will take effect beginning at the start of the year 2012 and end 2023.

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

*Introduced by.*  
Gunnar Anderson  
Rocky Mountain



## **A Bill to Dissolve Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States government will adopt the provisions recommended by  
3 the Treasury Report released on February 11, 2011 to wind down Fannie  
4 Mae and Freddie Mac.

5 **SECTION 2.** Fannie Mae is the Federal National Mortgage Association and Freddie  
6 Mac is the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Treasury Department and the Federal Housing Finance Agency will  
8 oversee implementation of the report by selling existing mortgages,  
9 increasing guarantee fees, and reducing conforming loan limits.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented over a period of 5 to 7 years, as per the  
11 recommendation of the Treasury Department.

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

*Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the San Fran Bay (CA) District.*

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**A Bill to Ban the Distribution, Selling, Importation, or Use of All  
Tobacco Products in the United States of America.**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill will make the distribution, importation, selling, or use of tobacco  
3 products in the United States of America illegal.

4 **SECTION 2.** Tobacco products are defined as including: cigarettes of all flavors brands and  
5 styles, cigars of all flavors brands and styles (including Cuban), all flavors brands and styles of  
6 chewing tobacco, snuff in all flavors styles and brands, bidis (dry rolled up tobacco leaves),  
7 hookahs, and pipe tobacco of all flavors brands and styles.

8 **SECTION 3:** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration will be the government agency that will  
9 oversee the enforcement of this bill, with the help of all local law enforcement.

10 **SECTION 4:** This bill will take effect at the time the bill is passed and ratified by this body  
11 with a six month education and implementation period preceding full enactment.

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

Introduced by Rep. Lukas Hiner  
Weiser High School



## **A Resolution to Renounce Our Commitment to Global Democracy Promotion to Better Promote Global Prosperity**

1 **WHEREAS,** Our nation has become embroiled in needless conflicts globally as the  
2 regions we have sought to stabilize have only fallen further between the  
3 cracks of globalization; and

4 **WHEREAS,** This logic of spreading western governance to the assumedly needy people  
5 of the east is the worst kind of hubris – as it creates only corrupt shells of  
6 political systems while countless innocents die; and

7 **WHEREAS,** In the past decade alone, American democracy promotion has killed as  
8 many as a combined one million innocent civilians; and

9 **WHEREAS,** Egypt is simply the most recent example of democratic ideals hampering  
10 sound policy action, as more needless blood is spilled; and

11 **WHEREAS,** Creation of any true form of democracy requires decades of constant  
12 nurturing, as its inception brings on a period of mass instability before any  
13 of the low-hanging fruits of liberalism may be plucked; now, therefore, be  
14 it

15 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled formerly renounces the United  
16 States' commitment to global democracy promotion.

*Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the Rushmore (SD) District.*



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A Resolution to Recommend the Awarding of Education Funding for Students  
Meeting a Minimum GPA Requirement

1       WHEREAS, the cost of higher education in the United States is rising higher than  
2       the rate of inflation, and

3       WHEREAS, students who wish to attend higher education are finding it increasingly  
4       difficult to find scholarship money or other forms of aid to assist them in paying for their  
5       education, and

6       WHEREAS, students should not have to go into debt to pay for their higher education,  
7       and

8       WHEREAS, the amount of debt that college students are amassing in student loans and  
9       other forms of borrowing is rising at an alarming rate, and

10      WHEREAS, students with good grades still cannot avoid going into debt or may not find  
11      the funding sources needed to pay for their education, now, therefore be it

12      RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled recommend that the United  
13      States Federal Government establish a fund for awarding high school students who  
14      achieve a 3.50 or higher GPA (grade point average) on a scale of 4.0, a one time, flat  
15      amount of \$10,000.00 per year towards paying for their higher education, and, be it

16      FURTHER RESOLVED, That this amount may be renewable each year the student is in  
17      school up to a term of four years at the same amount each year that the student maintains  
18      a 3.50 GPA or higher in their higher education pursuits.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rep. Jerilynn Joslyn

Weiser High School

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## **A Resolution Amending the Constitution to Establish Supreme Court Justice Term Limits**

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Currently Supreme Court Justices serve life tenures; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** Each Justice has a large amount of power in the American Judicial branch
- 3 because there are only 9; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Since Supreme Court Justices do not change often one Justice's bias can
- 5 alter American politics dramatically; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** The process known as Judicial Activism was not intended to be a Justice's
- 7 job and can have major repercussions in the American political system;
- 8 and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** placing term limits on Supreme Court Justices positions would lessen the
- 10 amount of influence that any one judge could have on the American
- 11 political system; now, therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is
- 13 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which
- 14 shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
- 15 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within
- 16 seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:
- 17 **ARTICLE --**
- 18 **SECTION 1:** A term limit of 18 years be placed on Supreme Court
- 19 Justices with a new justice being appointed every 2 years.
- 20 **SUBPOINT A:** Supreme Court Justices will be limited to one term
- 21 **SUBPOINT B:** For currently serving Supreme Court Justices the order for
- 22 the end of their term shall be determined by seniority, with
- 23 the longest serving Justices retiring first, with a new
- 24 retirement occurring every two years.
- 25 **SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
- 26 appropriate legislation.

*Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the Western Washington District.*

## **A Bill to Mandate Two Years of Military Service Upon Completion of High School**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Graduates of high schools in the United States will be required to enroll in  
3 military conscription for a period of two years upon completion of their  
4 secondary education.

5 **SECTION 2.** The term “completion” will include those students completing graduation  
6 requirements, those opting to complete the GED option, or those not  
7 completing high school requirements and therefore dropping out of school.

8 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Defense, through the Selective Service  
9 System, will oversee the enforcement of the bill through normal means,  
10 which include:

11 A. All males and females meeting the entrance requirements will register  
12 upon their completion of school or their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, whichever  
13 comes later and will complete two years of military training and  
14 additional specific vocation training during this two year period.

15 B. Those enrolled will be paid the wage of \$10 per hour (\$20,800 per  
16 year) while in the two years of service, and upon completion of the  
17 two years, those enrolled may opt out of the service and receive a lump  
18 sum payment to complete their schooling at the amount of \$5000 for  
19 each of their two years of service (\$10,000 total), or those enrolled  
20 may opt to continue their training for two more years, and upon  
21 completion, receive an addition payout for continuing their education  
22 at the lump sum payment of \$25,000 total (\$10,000 plus an additional  
23 \$15,000).

24 **SECTION 4.** This law will become effective on July 1, 2012.

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

*Introduced by Rep. Hannah Prentiss*

*Weiser High School*



## **A Resolution to Combat Biopiracy**

1 **WHEREAS,** It is estimated that seventy-four percent of all plant-derived medicinal  
2 patents were originally discovered by indigenous peoples who still lack  
3 the legal capacity to claim intellectual property rights, and

4 **WHEREAS,** Indigenous peoples and their native countries lose billions of dollars to  
5 pharmaceutical companies that use intellectual property law to claim  
6 ownership of the formulas for these medicines in a practice known as  
7 biopiracy, and

8 **WHEREAS,** Indigenous people worldwide openly admit to concealing the formulas for  
9 their discoveries for fear that they will be exploited, and

10 **WHEREAS,** Such actions impede scientific progress; therefore be it

11 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled will initiate efforts in the World  
12 Trade Organization (WTO) to offer intellectual property protections  
13 against biopiracy through legislation modeled on the Geographical  
14 Indication of Goods Act of 1999; and, be it

15 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the United States will support compulsory licensing  
16 efforts carried out by nations that are determined by the WTO to be  
17 victims of biopiracy, if such nations pledge to provide compensation for  
18 the groups responsible for the patent.

*Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the California Coast District.*

**A Resolution to Encourage the Balance of Selling to Foreign Countries to  
Assist our Economy**

**1      WHEREAS, reduced trade with foreign countries will increase production and  
2      economy in our country, and**

**3      WHEREAS, this will help with providing more Americans jobs and opportunities  
4      for gainful employment to aid their families, and**

**5      WHEREAS, this has the additional opportunity to aid in future affairs with foreign  
6      countries, and**

**7      WHEREAS, the United States of America would benefit from improved  
8      relationships with countries abroad, and**

**9      WHEREAS, the current state of America's relationship with other countries needs  
10     to be strengthened so that we benefit and the other country benefits through  
11     improved trading partnerships, be it**

**12     RESOLVED, that the United States should take a more aggressive stance towards  
13     trade with other countries to improve the working relationship with those countries,  
14     and**

**15     BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Student Congress here assembled endorses the  
16     establishment of a new philosophy of transactions in regards to the buying and  
17     selling of domestic goods made in the United States with other countries.**

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Rep. Ricardo Garcia  
Weiser High School**



## **A Bill for Development and Free Trade with the Americas**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall annually allocate 1% of Gross Domestic Product of the  
3 United States towards development aid for OAS member states that trade  
4 freely with the United States.

5 **SECTION 2. A)** OAS member states shall be defined as member states of the  
6 Organization of American States, but shall exclude Canada.

7 **B)** To trade freely shall be defined as having and upholding a free trade  
8 agreement with the United States.

9 **C)** Development aid shall be defined as aid for education, infrastructure,  
10 or investment in businesses.

11 **SECTION 3.** The US shall eliminate trade barriers against any OAS member state that  
12 eliminates trade barriers towards the US.

13 **SECTION 4.** The Department of the Treasury , in conjunction with USAID, will  
14 enforce and monitor this legislation, as well as distribute funds. Improper  
15 use of funds will result in the revocation of misused monies.

16 **SECTION 5.** This bill shall take effect when the Department of Commerce deems the  
17 US economy to be recovered and stable.

18 **SECTION 6.** All laws or portions of laws conflicting with the provisions of this  
19 legislation shall hereby be declared null and void.

*Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the New York City District.*

## **A Bill to Establish a Four Day School Week**

1 BE IT ENACTED THAT THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT  
2 SECTION 1: School days will run Monday through Thursday each school year.  
3 SECTION 2: Current budgetary considerations make it necessary to reduce the number of  
4 school days each week instead through the use of furlough days in consecutive order  
5 to meet school district budgets.  
6 SECTION 3: Because the current, sporadic school day furlough system means students  
7 will get multiple days off in a row, students and teachers experience major breaks in the  
8 flow of their classes, resulting in school subject knowledge to be impacted. In order to  
9 minimize this impact, school districts will:  
10       A. Calculate, considering current budget situations, the number of furlough days  
11       needed to meet their district budget.  
12       B. Take the number of days needed to close schools and spread that number of  
13       days over each week of the semester or quarter and hold classes only Monday  
14       through Thursday.  
15       C. The number of days, once reached, would then allow school to resume  
16       Monday through Friday for the remainder of the school year.  
17 SECTION 4: This bill will be implemented on January 1, 2012, pending Idaho State  
18 Department of Education approval.  
19 Section 5: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void  
20 upon passage.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rep. Desi Wheeler  
Weiser High School



## **A Bill to Reallocate Oil Subsidies to Nuclear Energy Development**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** By the year 2018, one half of all oil subsidies currently in place in the  
3 United States will be reallocated to nuclear energy development.

4 **SECTION 2.** Nuclear energy development is defined as any action that furthers the  
5 capacity of the American state to produce electricity via nuclear power  
6 and/or manage nuclear waste.

7 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Energy shall be responsible for the  
8 enforcement of this legislation.

9 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect within two years of passage.

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

*Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the Wind River (WY) District.*





## **A Bill to Restore the Funding for the Airborne Laser Program to Protect the American People**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government will restore funding for the Airborne  
3 Laser Program (ABL) to FY 2009 levels.

4 **SECTION 2.** The ABL is a system designed to use a high-powered laser mounted on an  
5 aircraft to shoot down ballistic missiles at the point of launch.

6 **SECTION 3.** Enforcement of this legislation will be provided by the Executive Branch  
7 through the appropriate agencies.

8 A. Program goals will be created to move the program from research and  
9 development to production of a second-generation prototype.

10 B. Program leaders will report progress in quarterly reports to the  
11 Department of Defense.

12 C. Failure to secure measurable progress as determined by a bipartisan  
13 task force appointed by the Department of Defense consisting of  
14 civilian and military members will result in program funding  
15 terminating in FY 2015.

16 **SECTION 4.** Funding will be restored in the FY 2012 budget.

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

*Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the Lone Star (TX) District.*



## **A Bill to Reduce the Subsidization of the Petroleum Industry**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The U.S. government shall reduce the subsidization of the petroleum  
3 industry.

4 **SECTION 2.** Petroleum industry: includes the exploration, extraction, refining, shipping  
5 and marketing of petroleum products.

6 Subsidization: includes tax breaks on purchasing of equipment, leasing  
7 and drilling of land and selling of petroleum-based products.

8 **SECTION 3.** A congressional panel will decide where the reduction of subsidization  
9 will occur and the IRS will enforce it

10 **A.** The U.S. government will begin removing tax breaks on oil and,  
11 beginning on January 1, 2012 and finish removing \$10 billion dollars  
12 in yearly subsidies by the end of 2014.

13 **B.** The congressional panel will consist of members from financial  
14 committees, industrial committees and environmental committees in  
15 equal amounts.

16 **C.** The IRS will change the tax code according to how the congressional  
17 panel decides to reduce subsidization.

18 **SECTION 4.** This law shall take effect on January 1, 2012.

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

*Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the Rocky Mountain North (CO) District.*



## **A Resolution to Secure American Interests in Pakistan**

- 1   **WHEREAS,** Areas of Pakistan’s Waziristan province and the NWFP have become  
2                   havens for terrorists; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,** Recent floods have created a disconnect between the Pakistani  
4                   government and the people; and
- 5   **WHEREAS,** The relative anarchy caused by the floods has increased terrorist influence;  
6                   and
- 7   **WHEREAS,** Unarmed aerial drone strikes have caused much more detriment than help;  
8                   and
- 9   **WHEREAS,** The Pakistani government has inadequately utilized American military  
10                  aid; and
- 11   **WHEREAS,** The state of Pakistani security is reflected by an insufficient government  
12                  response and endemic chaos; and
- 13   **WHEREAS,** Security in Pakistan has become integral to success in the War on Terror;  
14                  and
- 15   **WHEREAS,** Civilian aid is necessary to reach gains in the war on terror; now,  
16                  therefore, be it
- 17   **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States reduce military aid  
18                  given to Pakistan heavily, and augment levels of civilian aid to ameliorate  
19                  the plight of Pakistani citizens, decrease the influence of radical Islam, and  
20                  to give the Pakistani government an impetus for reform.

*Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the Heart of Texas District.*



## **A Bill to Limit Collective Bargaining for Public Sector Employees**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Collective bargaining for Public Sector employees will be limited by the  
3 provisions in this section.

4 **A.** Limit collective bargaining for public sector employees to wages.

5 Total wage increases will not exceed a cap based on inflation unless  
6 approved by a referendum.

7 **B.** Contracts will be limited to one year and wages will be frozen until the  
8 new contract is settled.

9 **C.** Collective bargaining units will be required to take annual votes to  
10 maintain certification as a union.

11 **D.** Employers would be prohibited from collecting union dues and  
12 members of collective bargaining units will not be required to pay union  
13 dues.

14 **SECTION 2.** These changes take effect upon the expiration of existing contracts.

15 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor will oversee enforcement of this legislation.

*Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the South Texas District.*



## **A Bill to Regulate Drilling Operations to Prevent Water Contamination Resulting from Hydraulic Fracturing**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Drilling wells involving the use of hydraulic fracturing cannot be placed  
3 where the horizontal zone affected by the fracturing threatens residential  
4 areas or water supply lines and wells (usually a range of 1,000 to 6,000  
5 feet).

6 **SECTION 2.** Hydraulic fracturing (or fracking) involves high pressurization of water,  
7 sand, and chemicals in drilling wells, thereby opening fissures in the  
8 surrounding rock. This process can potentially contaminate drinking water  
9 supply lines, endangering the health of residents.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Office of Oil and Gas will be responsible for overseeing the  
11 enforcement of the bill by sending inspectors to drilling sites and  
12 obtaining records of the operation provided by the drilling companies. The  
13 drilling companies will also be charged a minor fee for the operation of  
14 hydraulic fracturing to cover the cost of inspection.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be enacted May 1, 2012.

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

*Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the Rocky Mountain South (CO) District.*



## **A Bill to Legalize Torture in Interrogations of Terrorists**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States government shall sanction the use of torture in the  
3 interrogations of terrorists.

4 **SECTION 2.** Torture is any act by which severe pain or suffering, whether physical or  
5 mental, is intentionally inflicted on a person for such purposes as  
6 obtaining from him, or a third person, information or a confession, or  
7 intimidating or coercing him or a third person, or for any reason based on  
8 discrimination of any kind, when such pain or suffering is inflicted by or  
9 at the instigation of or with the consent or acquiescence of a public official  
10 or other person acting in an official capacity. A terrorist is any person who  
11 is shown to pose a clear and present danger to the national security of the  
12 United States.

13 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of State shall oversee the enforcement of  
14 this law, shall have the power to prosecute all those in violation of this  
15 law, and shall have the power to define who a terrorist is.

16 **SECTION 4.** This law shall be implemented within six months of passage.

17 **SECTION 5.** All laws and policies in conflict with the new law are hereby deemed null  
18 and void.

*Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the East Oklahoma District.*



## **Orphaned Military Dependents Education Act**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Treasury shall finance up to four years of undergraduate  
3 college education for the orphaned dependents of military personnel killed  
4 in action in Afghanistan or Iraq.

5 **SECTION 2.** Definitions.

6 a. Undergraduate education is coursework leading to an Associates or  
7 Bachelors degree at an accredited academic institution.

8 b. Education expenses shall include tuition, fees, books, room and board,  
9 and necessary travel between home and campus.

10 c. Orphaned military dependents are the natural children, adopted children  
11 and stepchildren of the deceased service member, who are unmarried and  
12 under the age of 23 years.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall be empowered and funded to  
14 administer the requirements of this act.

15 **SECTION 4.** This act shall go into effect immediately upon passage, with funding made  
16 available to students beginning August 1, 2011. The program shall end  
17 and funding expire on July 31, 2031.

*Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the Capitol Valley (CA) District.*



## **A Bill to Establish a National Curriculum**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Using the Common Core Standards, a National Curriculum Commission  
3 shall be established to set goals, write syllabi, create model lessons, and  
4 select textbooks.

5 **SECTION 2.** All school districts will use uniform textbooks approved by the  
6 Department of Education, with recommendations made by the National  
7 Curriculum Commission. All textbooks will be replaced every five years.

8 **SECTION 3.** All school districts must teach all objectives outlined in a syllabus  
9 produced annually by the Department of Education.

10 **SECTION 4.** Any school districts without sufficient funds will receive financial aid  
11 from the Department of Education.

12 **SECTION 5.** Annual tests will be given to all students at the beginning and end of each  
13 school year in which the academic achievement of students and the  
14 effectiveness of the teachers will be measured in core classes:  
15 mathematics, English, social studies (history/government), and science

16 **SECTION 6.** Any school district that does not meet the above requisites will lose a  
17 percentage of its funding as determined by the Department of Education.

18 **SECTION 7.** This legislation will be enforced by the Department of Education.

19 **SECTION 8.** This bill will become effective at the beginning of the 2012-2013 school  
20 year.

*Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the Heart of America (MO) District.*





## **A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Eliminate Anchor Babies as a Repair to Immigration Policy**

1 **RESOLVED**, By two-thirds of Congress assembled, that the following article is  
2 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which  
3 shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when  
4 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within  
5 seven years after the date of its submission for ratification:

### ARTICLE --

6  
7 SECTION 1: The phrase “All persons born or naturalized in the United  
8 States,” in the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, shall  
9 now read “All persons born to a mother born or naturalized  
10 in the United States, or who are naturalized in the United  
11 States,” in order to make birthright citizenship applicable to  
12 second or later generation Americans only.

13 SECTION 2: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by  
14 appropriate legislation.

*Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the Chesapeake (MD) District.*



## **A Resolution to Improve Bilateral Relations with Brazil**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, Brazil is the largest country in South America in terms of land mass,  
2 population, and economic strength; and
- 3 **WHEREAS**, Brazil aspires to be a political and military leader in South America; and
- 4 **WHEREAS**, The discovery of vast new oil resources could make Brazil the largest non-  
5 OPEC petroleum exporting country; and
- 6 **WHEREAS**, Brazil lacks the resources and technology to exploit these potential new oil  
7 fields; and
- 8 **WHEREAS**, Tension overtrade and other issues has weakened the US-Brazil  
9 relationship and threatens to push Brazil into closer ties with China; and
- 10 **WHEREAS**, A string alliance with Brazil could help counterbalance negative US  
11 sentiment in other Latin American countries; and
- 12 **WHEREAS**, Both countries could benefit economically from closer ties; now,  
13 therefore, be it
- 14 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that the United States should strengthen  
15 its bilateral relationship with the nation of Brazil.

*Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the East Texas District. [Updated 5/11]*



## **A Bill to Stabilize Mexico**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Military shall provide personnel, weapon systems, and  
3 military infrastructure to aid the United Mexican States in their war  
4 against drug cartels.

5 **SECTION 2.** Aid will be no less than 10,000 troops except by the disapproval of the  
6 sitting leader of the United Mexican States. The U.S. Military's goal in  
7 Mexico will be to combat drug cartels, and other paramilitary rebel  
8 groups. They will also assist in rebuilding and humanitarian aid.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense (DoD) will oversee this bill, its  
10 implementation, and for assessing an ending point for operations.

11 A. The State Department shall assist in negotiations between the U.S.  
12 Military and the Mexican Government. In the event that the Mexican  
13 Government does not consent to the U.S. Military's presence, the State  
14 Department may terminate the operations specified in this bill.

15 B. In the event that the government of the United Mexican States  
16 dissolves, The U.S. Military will act to restore order.

17 C. There shall be no additional funding for this bill beyond what is  
18 currently apportioned to the DoD, due to national budget constraints.

19 **SECTION 4.** After this Bill is passed, the State Department will begin negotiations with  
20 Mexico. Immediately after Mexico permits the U.S. presence specified in  
21 this bill, all portions of this bill shall go into effect.

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

*Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the Hole in the Wall (WY) District.*



## **A Bill to Establish a National Flat Tax Rate**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States hereby establish a national flat tax rate and discard the  
3 current tax system.

4 **SECTION 2.** Flat tax rate shall be a percentage of income equal for all citizens and the  
5 tax percentage shall be 17.75%.

6 **SECTION 3.** This bill shall be carried out by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

7 A. Any attempt to avoid these taxes shall result in the prosecution of the  
8 persons responsible to the fullest extent of the law for tax  
9 evasion.

10 **SECTION 4.** This law shall come into effect at the start of the 2012 fiscal year.

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

*Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the Utah Wasatch District.*



## **A Bill to Allow Immigrants to DREAM**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The following path to permanent residency for immigrants will be created:

- 3           A. During their first six years, undocumented immigrants would be  
4                           granted “conditional” status and will be required to either graduate  
5                           from a two-year community college, or complete at least two years  
6                           toward a University degree, or serve two years in a branch of the  
7                           United States military.
- 8           B. After the six year period, those who meet one of the above conditions  
9                           would be eligible to apply for permanent legal resident status.
- 10          C. During the “conditional” period, they would not be eligible for federal  
11                           higher education grants, however will be allowed to apply for student  
12                           loans or work study.

13 **SECTION 2.** Eligibility will be open to those who meet the following criteria:

- 14           A. Proof of arrival in the US before the age of 16.
- 15           B. Proof of residence in the US for at least five consecutive years.
- 16           C. Be between the ages of 12 and 30 at the time of bill enactment.
- 17           D. Graduated from an American high school, obtained a GED, or have  
18                           been admitted to an institution of higher education.
- 19           E. Be of good moral character.

20 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security will oversee this process.

21 **SECTION 4.** This bill is to be implemented immediately after passage.

22 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void,  
23                           specifically section 505 of the IIRIRA of 1996.

*Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the Arizona District.*