

WSFA Spring Congress Legislative Packet 2017

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A

A Bill To Ensure Safe Production Of Genetically Modified Crops

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All companies engaging in the production of experimental Genetically Modified
3 Organisms (GMOs) will be required to engage in a human testing period of at least six
4 months to ensure it is safe for human exposure. All records of these tests must be
5 reported to the Department of Agriculture, who will analyze the records for any
6 potential harms of the GMO.

7 **SECTION 2.** "Genetically Modified Organisms" (GMOs) is defined as any organism(s) the genetic
8 makeup of which has been altered in such a way that the alterations would not be found
9 in a naturally occurring form of that organism(s). Harms are defined as any damages
10 directly caused by the GMO product that impede the ability of a human being to
11 function as they normally would.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Agriculture will oversee the implementation and enforcement of this
13 bill.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation must be implemented by January 1, 2018.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Tumwater High School

B

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Require a Balanced Budget

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

ARTICLE --

7 **SECTION 1:** The annual federal budget may not run a deficit.

8 **SECTION 2:** The annual federal budget must have a spending limit of less
9 than 17.5 percent of the United States Gross Domestic Product
10 (GDP) for the prior fiscal year.

11 **SECTION 3:** In order for Congress to raise the debt ceiling at any point, it
12 shall require a three fifths vote of both the house and senate.

13 **SECTION 4:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
14 appropriate legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Kingston High School.

C

A Bill to Increase Investment in Offshore Wind Farms

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States government shall increase its investment in offshore wind farms
3 through the assistance of private energy companies.

4 **SECTION 2.** A private energy company shall be defined as a non-governmental business that
5 supplies energy. An offshore wind farm shall be defined as a group of wind turbines
6 generating electricity from wind located at least 30 meters deep in a body of water.

7 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Energy will oversee the implementation of this
8 legislation.

9 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect exactly one year after the passage of this legislation.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Interlake High School

D

A Resolution to Regulate Rent Prices

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Many owners raise the rent prices by 5% or more which causes hundreds of dollars in
2 difference between each monthly payment; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Without rent control, many people have to move frequently to other housing due to
4 shortage of rent money; now, therefore, be it
- 5 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for a solution to
6 prevent the chance of overpriced rents by capping monthly lease inflation to 3% to be
7 mandated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Thomas Jefferson High-School.

E

A Bill to Create Public Housing for the Poor in Wealthy Areas

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** As a condition of obtaining construction funds for public housing, schools, and
3 transportation, as well as grants for operation of public housing and schools
4 from the U.S. Federal Government within a city's boundaries, 5% of all public
5 housing capacity in a city must be located in designated "Residential Areas of
6 Concentrated Wealth."

7 **SECTION 2.** "Residential Areas of Concentrated Wealth" are defined as residentially zoned
8 communities where the average household income is greater than \$200,000 per
9 year.

10 **A.** This restriction will only apply to cities with a population greater than
11 250,000 people.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Housing and Urban Development will oversee this bill.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by The Bear Creek School.

F

The Justice in Pharmaceutical Pricing Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Secretary of Health and Human Services is empowered to negotiate drug prices
3 with pharmaceutical companies.

4 **A.** This legislation overrides subsection (6)(B) of section 222 of the Medicare
5 Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act (MMA), which
6 prohibits the secretary of state from negotiating drug prices.

7 **B.** Brand name and generic drug makers must offer Medicaid and Medicare at
8 a lower price, if their drug prices rise by more than double the national
9 inflation rate.

10 **C.** In the event that such a price increase is not avoidable by the company, the
11 company may file a request with the Department of Health and Human
12 Services to waive this requirement. Unavoidable price increases include:

- 13 a. The manufacturing costs of the drug has increased significantly.
14 b. The company cannot make a profit on the drug at the current price.
15 c. The company is close to bankruptcy, and must increase the price of
16 the drug to pay for company debts.

17 **SECTION 2.** As outlined above, the Department of Health and Human Services is charged
18 with the implementation of this legislation.

19 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will come into effect on January 8th, 2018.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Interlake High School

G

A Bill to Replace Presidential Debates with Oxford Debates

1 **SECTION 1.**

2 **A.** One billion dollars shall be allocated for the creation of the Department of
3 Presidential Debates. This department shall be responsible for the organization
4 and execution of official presidential debates.

5 **B.** The Department of Presidential Debates shall use Oxford-style debate, with
6 the utmost respect for the rules of the format, allowing for candidates to talk
7 only during designated periods, and show general respect for opponents.

8 **C.** Up to six candidates shall be included in the debates

9 **SECTION 2.**

10 **A.** Oxford-style debate shall be defined as a form of debate where a clear
11 resolution is given, and both candidates are given sufficient time to argue their
12 opinions on the resolution.

13 **B.** The top six candidates in national polls shall be chosen for the debates.

14 **SECTION 3.** Congress shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

15 **SECTION 4.** This piece of legislation shall go into full effect on March 4th, 2017.

16 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict are declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mount Vernon High School

H

A Resolution to Declare War on the Syrian Government

- 1 **WHEREAS,** In Syria there is a president, Bashar Al-Assad, who is oppressing his
2 citizens and specifically using chemical weapons on his people; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** In Syria there is now a violent and disastrous civil war which has split the
4 nation; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** This Civil War was sparked by the use of chemical weapons by the Syrian
6 President, among other tyrannical actions; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** As a result of this crisis, nearly 14 million people are displaced and are
8 seeking refugee status here in the United States and other countries; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** This humanitarian crisis continues to get worse and the problems that
10 the world faces in Syria are all traced back to the Syrian Government;
11 now, therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled recommend a declaration of war
13 against the Syrian Government.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Skyview High School

A Bill to Ban the Use of Hydraulic Fracturing

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Practice of Hydraulic Fracturing shall be banned in the United States.

3 **SECTION 2.** Hydraulic Fracturing shall be defined as the forcing open of fissures in
4 subterranean rocks by introducing liquid at high pressure, especially to extract
5 oil or gas.

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

8 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect two years after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Central Kitsap High School

A Bill to Restore Voting Rights to Felons

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1. A.** The right of citizens of the United States of America to vote shall not
3 be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on the
4 account of felon status.

5 **B.** All felons who have been disenfranchised on the account of a felony
6 conviction(s) will be re-enfranchised upon the passing of this bill.

7 **SECTION 2. A.** Felon is defined as someone who has committed one or more felonies.

8 **B.** Felony is a crime punishable by death or imprisonment in excess of
9 one year.

10 **C.** The right to vote is defined as enfranchisement for any and all U.S.
11 citizens who are eighteen years old or older, and who meet their state's
12 residency requirements.

13 **SECTION 3.** All felons who are incarcerated at the time of an election, referendum, or
14 an initiative will be provided a mail-in ballot prior to the vote.

15 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Justice will oversee the implementation of this bill.

16 **SECTION 5.** This bill will take effect on January 1st, 2018.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lewis and Clark High School

K

A Resolution to Declare the Democratic Republic of Congo as A Partner in Peace of the United States

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States has a firm commitment to global human rights; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** Positive, diplomatic encouragement has the ability to bring about positive
3 change; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** The Democratic Republic of Congo is fraught with human rights abuses, a
5 situation which could be improved through diplomatic means; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Addressing this situation as partners will allow both parties to address
7 this human rights crisis in earnest; now, therefore, be it
- 8 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled declare the Democratic Republic of
9 Congo as a United States' partner in peace; and, be it
- 10 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the United States consider similar action when warranted
11 with other countries.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Central Valley High School

A Bill to Remove Common Core to Help Increase Effective Learning

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Federal Standards of education commonly referred to as Common Core, will be
3 removed and replaced with standards and curriculum developed by state,
4 county, or local government entities.

5 **SECTION 2.** Common Core will be defined as the current system of education implemented
6 in 2009. The government entities will be defined as state education boards,
7 school district boards, etc.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee the enforcement and implementation
9 of this bill.

10 **SECTION 3.** This bill will go into effect in the 2017 - 2018 school year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lake City High School

M

A Bill to Require All United States Residents to be Fully Vaccinated

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All United States residents must be fully vaccinated for all diseases that they are
3 not already vaccinated for or immune to.

4 **SECTION 2.** United States residents shall be defined as individuals who have resided within
5 the United States' borders for six or more months.

6 A vaccine shall be defined as a substance used to provide immunity against one
7 or more diseases.

8 **SECTION 3.** The department of Health and Human Services will oversee the implementation
9 of this bill.

10 **A.** A national vaccine registry will be created in order to keep track of
11 vaccination records.

12 **B.** Only medical professionals certified by a state or federal agency will have
13 access to the information within the registry unless subpoenaed by a federal
14 or state agency or court.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on July 31st, 2019

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Governor John R. Rogers High School

N

A Resolution to Sanction Excessively Polluting Countries

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Climate Change is a major threat to the planet; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** Many countries excessively pollute unrestricted; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The United States could significantly pressure said countries to reduce
4 pollution; now, therefore, be it
- 5 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled recommend to the State Department
6 to create and implement appropriate economic sanctions as necessary to
7 curb excessively polluting countries and, be it
- 8 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this Congress condemns any country that fails to adequately
9 combat Climate Change.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Federal Way High School

O

A Resolution to Recognize Additional National Holidays

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Major Christian holidays are on the Federally Observed Holiday list; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** The First Amendment guarantees freedom of Religion; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Yom Kippur and Eid Al-Fitr are the largest holidays for the Jewish and Muslim
4 faiths; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** These holidays are days of organized service; now, therefore, be it
- 6 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that Yom Kippur and Eid Al-Fitr be Federally
7 Observed Holidays starting in 2017.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sedro-Woolley High School.

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to End Executive Military Action

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

6 **ARTICLE --**

7 **SECTION 1:** The President may not deploy, station, or otherwise send
8 the United States Military to any foreign nation without
9 congressional approval.

10 **SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
11 legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Federal Way High School

Q

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution Regarding Vetoes of Executive Orders

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

7 **ARTICLE --**

8 **SECTION 1:** Whenever one quarter of the Members of the U.S. House or the U.S. Senate
9 transmit to the President their written declaration of opposition to an Executive
10 Order, said order shall require a majority vote of the House and Senate prior to
11 any such order taking effect.

12 **SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lewis and Clark High School

R

A Bill to Create a Mandatory Active Shooter Procedure Drill

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A mandatory active shooter procedure drill will be practiced in public schools to
3 train for a future shooting.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Mass shooter procedure drill” shall be defined as a drill to train staff, students,
5 and officials on how to react and take action in an active shooter situation.

6 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Education will oversee and implement this bill.

7 **SECTION 4.** This Bill shall be fully implemented by August 1, 2017.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Thomas Jefferson High School

S

A Bill to Increase Students' Safety within School Zones

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Within one mile of every elementary or secondary school zone, during official
3 school hours, continuous police presence will be required in order to increase
4 students' safety and deter speeding, violent crimes, and drug abuse.

5 **SECTION 2.** Definitions:

6 **A.** Police presence will be defined as an on-duty officer, plainly visible on foot, in
7 a vehicle, or another form of official transportation. Officers may, also, be
8 stationed within the school.

9 **B.** Elementary and secondary school zones will be defined as public schools,
10 which are sanctioned and funded by the state and local government.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice and the Department of Education will oversee the
12 implementation of this bill jointly and evenly divide appropriate funding for any
13 additional officers.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented as of August 1, 2018.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Puyallup High School

T

A Resolution to Rescind the 1953 Korean Armistice

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The Democratic People’s Republic of Korea creates a continuing problem for the
2 United States and its allies; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The Democratic People’s Republic of Korea is violating human rights and has
4 repeatedly taken actions against the interests of the United Nations and the
5 United States; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** The Democratic People’s Republic of Korea is building nuclear weapons,
7 torturing, raping, and publicly executing people; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** All peaceable attempts to try to stop The Democratic People’s Republic of Korea
9 from taking such negative actions have failed; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** the Korean Conflict of June 25, 1950 – July 27, 1953 has never officially ended,
11 but rather an armistice was signed; and
- 12 **WHEREAS,** the United States has exhausted its nonmilitary options toward resolving
13 differences with The Democratic People’s Republic of Korea; now, therefore, be
14 it
- 15 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled formally recommend to the President of the
16 United States that the armistice with respect to the Korean Conflict, which was
17 signed on July 27, 1953, be rescinded and that the United States immediately
18 resume hostilities toward the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by University High School

U

A Bill to Close Guantanamo Bay

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** That the United States Government will hereby end the use of the Guantanamo
3 Bay Facility.

4 **SECTION 2.** Guantanamo bay is a detention camp used by the United States military and
5 located within Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

6 **SECTION 3.** The department of Justice will oversee the implementation of this legislation

7 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect one year after passing.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Coeur d'Alene High School

A Resolution to Recognize the State of Palestine

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States has disregarded Palestinian interests when negotiating in
2 Israel despite 136 UN Member States recognizing the state’s legitimacy; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Diplomatic statehood is crucial in legitimizing the region’s various interest
4 groups; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Thousands have perished as a result of failed negotiations in the region, and
6 state-funded terrorism has erupted from a lack of recognition of the state of
7 Palestine; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Granting diplomatic statehood is a first step in deescalating tensions and
9 promoting peace for Israel, Palestine, and the surrounding region; now,
10 therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for the
12 recognition of the State of Palestine

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Raisbeck Aviation High School

W

A Bill to Subsidize Production of Animal Proteins Free From Hormones, Antibiotics, and Any Other Contaminating Substances

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

2 **SECTION 1.** The government shall subsidize the raising and processing of all animal proteins
3 that are free from hormones, antibiotics, and any other contaminating
4 substances.

5 **SECTION 2.** Subsidize is defined as an aid or promote (as a private enterprise) with public
6 money.

7 **SECTION 3.** The USDA will oversee implementation of this bill and distribution of the
8 subsidies.

9 **A.** Implementation of a 1% tax on all sales of animal proteins from farmers using
10 hormones, antibiotics, and any other contaminating substances will pay for
11 the subsidies and enforcement of this bill.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be enacted by January 1, 2018

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Eisenhower High School

A Bill to Authorize the United States' Participation in the Trans-Pacific Partnership

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** These United States of America shall adopt the terms and conditions of the
3 Trans- Pacific Partnership, as negotiated by the US Trade Representative.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Trans- Pacific Partnership shall be defined as the multinational trade
5 agreement finalized in 2016 by: Australia, Canada, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico,
6 Peru, Vietnam, Chile, Brunei, Singapore, New Zealand, and these United States.

7 **SECTION 3.** The US Trade Representative shall be the principle overseer of this legislation.

8 **A.** The executive shall order all relevant agencies to comply with the terms of
9 the agreement, in a manner consistent with the letter and spirit of the
10 agreement.

11 **B.** The Senate Finance Committee, House Ways and Means Committee, and
12 Joint Economic Committee shall be responsible for oversight of the
13 agreement's implementation and effects.

14 **SECTION 4.** This agreement shall be ratified and take effect one year after it has been signed
15 by the President of the United States and has been adopted by the other
16 signatory nations.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Kingston High School

Y

A Bill to Privatize the Postal Service

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Postal Service shall no longer receive funding from the federal
3 government.

4 **SECTION 2.** The United States Postal Service shall be defined as the federal agency and its
5 administration that oversees the transport of physical mail across the nation.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Congressional Budget Committee shall be responsible for defunding the
7 Postal Service.

8 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be put into effect at the beginning of the next Congressional year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Eastside Catholic High School

Z

A Resolution to Fully Fund K-12 Schools to Ensure Equitable Education for All

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Funding for K-12 schools relies on inequitable systems of local funding sources;
2 and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** State funding for K-12 schooling in the United States relies heavily on a
4 combination of local levy dollars and state funding sources; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The use of local systems to fund schools leads to a lack of access to equitable
6 education for all; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Federal funding for education is only a small portion of the current funding
8 model for public K-12 schools; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Our K-12 school funding model does not serve all students equally; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** Our funding system for K-12 schools is currently failing to insure students civil
11 right to equitable education; now, therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled revise our system for funding public schools
13 to provide a more equitable form of federal funding for all public K-12 schools.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Central Kitsap High School

Super Congress

The following legislation is designated Super Congress legislation. It may be used ONLY in Super Congress sessions or at tournaments where there will be no Super Congress Session.

AA

A Bill to Use Sampling to Conduct the Census

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States Census shall be conducted using sampling, and representatives shall be apportioned among the several States based on the decennial census using this method.

SECTION 2. Sampling is defined as the selection of a subset of individuals from within a statistical population to estimate characteristics of the whole population.

SECTION 3. The United States Census Bureau shall oversee the enforcement of the bill, and determine the specific sampling techniques to be used to accurately conduct the census.

SECTION 4. This bill shall come into effect on January 1st, 2018.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by WSFA

BB

A Resolution to Ratify the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty

1 **BE IT RESOLVED,**

2 That the Congress here assembled advise and consent to the ratification
3 of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty signed at New York City
4 on September 10, 1996.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by WSFA

A Bill to Assist America's Kurdish Allies

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States is hereby authorized to provide assistance directly to the semi-
3 autonomous region of Kurdistan within Iraq.

4 **SECTION 2. A.** Assistance is defined as both lethal and nonlethal equipment and support,
5 including but not limited to anti-tank weapons, night vision goggles,
6 communication equipment, body armor, and armored personnel carriers.

7 **B.** Directly is defined as delivering assistance to Iraqi Kurdistan rather than
8 relying on Iraq's central government to distribute aid meant for that region.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense is responsible for enforcing this legislation using
10 resources already allocated to their budget in the National Defense
11 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 under the Iraq Train and Assist Fund.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be take effect immediately upon passage

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by WSFA.

DD

A Bill to Terminate Military Aid to Egypt

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Military foreign assistance to Egypt will be formally terminated.

3 **SECTION 2.** Military aid is defined as monetary assistance used to counter insurgency
4 efforts, maintain territorial control, and/or strengthen the defense
5 program of a country.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State will oversee the implementation of this
7 legislation. The Department of Defense will oversee the enforcement of
8 this legislation.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented on January 1st, 2018.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by WSFA

EE

The Patent Reform Act of 2017

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. Title 35 shall be amended to allow the Government the power to
3 purchase pharmaceutical patents to enable production of generic goods.

4 B. A new subsidiary agency of the Department of Commerce will be
5 created to purchase and handle government-owned patents.

6 **SECTION 2.** "Pharmaceutical patents" shall be defined as patents under Title 35 of
7 the United States Code that are related to medicinal drugs, their
8 preparation, use, or sale. "Subsidiary Agency" shall be defined as an
9 organization working under direct oversight of the Department of
10 Commerce. Said Subsidiary Agency shall have the power to purchase and
11 own Title 35 pharmaceutical Patents in the name of the United States
12 Government.

13 **SECTION 3.** A. This Act will be implemented by the Department of Commerce.

14 B. The Department of Commerce will receive 40 billion dollars for the
15 purpose of implementing this legislation.

16 **SECTION 4.** This Act will be fully implemented before October 1st, 2017.

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

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A Bill to Build a Wall on the US/Mexico Border

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A wall will be built on the US/Mexico border. The wall will be a 50ft tall,
3 6ft thick, 3,201 kilometers (1,989 mi) long made of concrete and steel
4 rebar wall with checkpoints put periodically through it. The current us
5 defense budget will be cut by \$200 billion US dollars and the money will
6 be redirected into a budget to build and maintain the wall.

7 **SECTION 2.** US/Mexico border will be defined as the land line dividing the land
8 owned and governed by the United States of America and the land
9 owned and governed by Mexico the total distance of the dividing line is
10 3,201 kilometers (1,989 mi). Border checkpoints will be defined as ports
11 of entry run by US Customs and Border protection where civilians can
12 legally cross the US/Mexican border. US defense budget will be defined
13 as the portion of money given to the Department of Defense.

14 **SECTION 3.** The departments in charge of building, maintaining, and overseeing the
15 wall shall be the US Customs and Border Protection, US Immigration and
16 Customs Enforcement, and the Transportation Security Administration

17 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect within one year of passage.

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

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A Resolution Calling for a Constitutional Convention

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The Declaration of Independence records, in part, our Founding Fathers' will for
2 the people of this nation, to wit, "...when a long train of abuses and usurpations,
3 pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under
4 absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such
5 Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security."; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** It has become all too clear that our Congress has become corrupt, has fallen
7 under the sway of corporate and lobbying interests, has lost touch with the
8 people, and no longer represents the interests of the citizens of the United
9 States; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** The Presidential Election of 2016 has shown that the system of electing our
11 leadership is broken beyond repair, electing a man whose intent is to create a
12 despotism in place of a presidency; and
- 13 **WHEREAS,** The court system, under which justice is supposed to be extracted and ensured,
14 suffers from the same ills of corruption, and these ills and abuses lead directly to
15 the intentional death of the innocent, oppression of the weak, and destruction of
16 the institutions of this nation; and
- 17 **WHEREAS,** The inalienable and natural rights of human beings across this nation are
18 trampled at will... even ignored outright... at the behest of the powerful, rich,
19 and corrupt to suit their need for power; now, therefore, be it
- 20 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled formally dissolve the Constitution of the
21 United States by means of convening a Constitutional Convention with the goal
22 of replacing our Government and its Founding Documents with ones more suited
23 to protecting the life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness of the modern United
24 States of America; and, be it
- 25 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That any State wishing not to participate in the Convention, nor accept
26 the constraints of its ends, shall be then and there declared an Independent
27 State, no longer bound by obligation to The Republic.

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Table of Frequently Used Parliamentary Motions

Type	Motion	Purpose	Second Required?	Debatable?	Amendable?	Required Vote	May Interrupt?
Privileged	24. Fix time for reassembling	To arrange time of next meeting	Yes	Yes-T	Yes-T	Majority	Yes
	23. Adjourn	To dismiss the meeting	Yes	No	Yes-T	Majority	No
	22. Recess	To dismiss the meeting for a specific length of time	Yes	Yes	Yes-T	Majority	No
	21. Rise to a question of privilege	To make a personal request during debate	No	No	No	Decision of the Chair	Yes
	20. Call for orders of the day	To force consideration of a postponed motion	No	No	No	Decision of the Chair	Yes
Incidental	19. Appeal a decision of the chair	To reverse a decision	Yes	No	No	Majority	Yes
	18. Rise to a point of order or parliamentary procedure	To correct a parliamentary error or ask a question	No	No	No	Decision of the Chair	Yes
	17. Division of the chamber	To verify a voice vote	No	No	No	Decision of the Chair	Yes
	16. Object to the consideration of a question	To suppress action	No	No	No	2/3	Yes
	15. Divide a motion	To consider its parts separately	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	No
	14. Leave to modify or withdraw a motion	To modify or withdraw a motion	No	No	No	Majority	No
	13. Suspend the rules	To take action contrary to standing rules	Yes	No	No	2/3	No
Subsidiary	12. Rescind	To repeal previous action	Yes	Yes	Yes	2/3	No
	11. Reconsider	To consider a defeated motion again	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	No
	10. Take from the table	To consider tabled motion	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
	9. Lay on the table	To defer action	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
	8. Previous question	To force an immediate vote	Yes	No	No	2/3	No
	7. Limit or extend debate	To modify freedom of debate	Yes	Yes	Yes-T	2/3	No
	6. Postpone to a certain time	To defer action	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
	5. Refer to a committee *	For further study	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
	4. Amend an amendment °	To modify an amendment	1/3	Yes	No	Majority	No
	3. Amend °	To modify a motion	1/3	Yes	Yes	Majority	No
	2. Postpone indefinitely	To suppress action	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	No
Main	1. Main motion	To introduce a business	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	No

* No. 5 should include:

1. How appointed
2. The number
3. Report when or to what standing committee

T = Time

° Nos. 3 and 4 by:

1. Adding (inserting)
2. Striking (deleting)
3. Substituting