

A Bill to Sanction Turkey for Aggression

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** The United States will impose sanctions on Turkey by restricting the number of visas available for Turkish citizens wishing to visit the United States as tourists by fifty percent.
- SECTION 2.** These sanctions will remain in place until Turkey and Russia have come to an agreement regarding compensation for the Russian jet and pilots who were shot down by Turkish forces.
- SECTION 3.** The Department of State will oversee implementation of the sanctions. **A.** The Secretary of State will verify when Turkey has met the requirements for the sanctions to be lifted.
- SECTION 4.** The sanctions will be imposed sixty days after passage.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Resolution to Encourage State Action on Firearms

1 **WHEREAS**, recent school shootings have cast a new light on the issues related to gun
2 control; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the United States has a higher rate of death by firearm than any other
4 country; and

5 **WHEREAS**, previous efforts to legislate gun control at the federal level have failed to
6 even come to a vote; and

7 **WHEREAS**, a vast majority of Americans want sensible gun control measures such as
8 background checks and training; and

9 **WHEREAS**, if a federal solution is not forthcoming, then the states should take an active
10 role in protecting their citizens; now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that state legislatures pass their own gun
12 control laws.



A Bill to Provide Funding for Prison Re-entry Programs

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Block grants in the amount of one billion dollars will be made available
3 for states and counties to provide funding for prison re-entry programs.

4 An additional one billion dollars will be made available for similar
5 programs in the federal prison system.

6 **SECTION 2.** Re-entry programs include, but are not limited to, continuing education
7 designed to ease prisoners back into society upon release, rehabilitation
8 programs for addictions to decrease recidivism, and an increase in funds
9 available to prisoners after release to insure that they may transition
10 back into their daily life.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will administer and oversee the block grants.
12 Funding will be made available through the Office of Justice Programs.

13 **SECTION 4.** This will take effect on March 1, 2016.

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

A Resolution to Condemn International Terrorism

1 **WHEREAS**, the events of November 13th in Paris were a tragedy; and
2 **WHEREAS**, this is, in many ways, the most shocking act of terrorism since September
3 11th; and
4 **WHEREAS**, the citizens of Paris suffer the same way New York residents suffered in the
5 days following the attacks on the World Trade Center; and
6 **WHEREAS**, any act of terrorism is a an injury to the entire world; and
7 **WHEREAS**, the Islamic State has claimed responsibility for coordinating these attacks;
8 and
9 **WHEREAS**, this same group has been accused of plotting similar attacks on American
10 soil; and
11 **WHEREAS**, our intervention might be the tipping point between success and failure
12 when dealing with Daesh; and
13 **WHEREAS**, our efforts thus far have killed many of Daesh's leaders, but many more
14 remain; now, therefore, be it
15 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that the United States of America mourns
16 in sympathy with France, and
17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that our country will make every effort to bring those
18 responsible for acts of international terrorism to justice.

A Bill to Ban Paid Patriotism in Professional Sporting Events

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Defense is hereby barred from paying professional
3 sports organizations, associations, or leagues for promotion, recruitment,
4 or inspirational events.

5 **SECTION 2.** Prohibited events include such things as family reunions, special
6 recognition of soldiers, promotions of preferential tickets for military
7 personnel, and any other activity intended to entice military recruitment
8 or to place a positive light on branches of the military.

9 **SECTION 3.** Professional sports teams, leagues, and associations which have received
10 money from the Department of Defense for such activities since January
11 1, 2015 are required to reimburse the Department, as these payments
12 now fall under the category of a gift of public funds.

13 **SECTION 4.** This will take effect immediately upon passage.

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

A Bill to Regulate Online Fantasy Football

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Games of fantasy sports conducted over the internet which require an
3 entry fee and provide monetary rewards are hereby subject to the
4 Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act of 2006 and shall be
5 regulated as a game of chance.

6 **SECTION 2.** Fantasy sports are defined as a competition in which participants select
7 imaginary teams from among the players in a league and score points
8 according to the actual performance of their players. This may take place
9 over an entire season, a single day, a single week, or any other
10 permutation of the above. For purposes of this legislation, fantasy sorts
11 are considered a game of chance, rather than skill.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of the Treasury and the Federal Reserve will oversee
13 enforcement of this legislation and identify companies which offer paid
14 fantasy sports.

15 **SECTION 4.** This will take effect immediately upon passage.

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

A Bill to Bar Indemnity Clauses In the Oil and Gas Industries

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Companies which engage in oil and gas exploration and excavation may
3 not sign indemnity clauses with contractors to avoid liability for worker
4 injuries or fatalities, environmental damage, or property damage.

5 **SECTION 2.** Indemnity clauses transfer liability from one company to another,
6 regardless of circumstance or negligence.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will review contracts signed
8 between companies primarily engaged in multinational oil and gas
9 exploration, excavation, refining, and sales and their contractors to
10 ensure that no such clauses exist. If indemnity clauses are found, then
11 said contracts are hereby void until renegotiated without such clauses.

12 **SECTION 4.** The review of contracts will begin on June 1, 2016.

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

A Bill to Close the Medicaid Gap

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Affordable Care and Patient Protection Act is hereby amended to
3 allow financial subsidies for medical insurance to be made available to all
4 people with incomes of 48% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) or higher.
5 In states which have expanded Medicaid eligibility to 133% of FPL, these
6 subsidies will offset state spending on Medicaid.

7 **SECTION 2.** These subsidies will be used to allow those with incomes of 48% to 400%
8 of FPL to afford premiums for private health insurance.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee
10 implementation of the aforementioned subsidies.

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

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

A Bill to Bar Flat-Fee Public Defense Contracts

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** State and counties are barred from hiring public defenders on flat-fee
3 contracts. All contracts and fees must be assigned on a per-case basis.

4 **SECTION 2.** Flat-fee contracts provide a specific fee regardless of the number of cases
5 assigned to the public defender or other contracted attorney. This may
6 also include contracts which require the public defender or attorney to
7 pay the fees of any experts out of their own earnings.

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

9 **A.** States and counties which continue to issue flat-fee contracts will
10 forfeit eligibility for grants through the Office of Justice Programs.

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

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

A Bill to Ease Restrictions on Employment By Banning the Box

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Applicants for employment in federal government jobs, and applicants
3 for employment by federal contractors will not be asked about prior
4 criminal arrests or convictions as part of the initial application process.

5 **SECTION 2.** Such information may only be requested in later stages of the interview
6 and vetting process if it is material to the position sought.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Office of Personnel Management will be responsible for overseeing
8 implementation of this legislation.

9 **A.** Federal contractors who are in violation of this requirement may face
10 sanctions up to and including the cancellation of their contracts.

11 **B.** Federal employees responsible for interviewing and hiring for specific
12 departments who are found in violation of this requirement may face
13 discipline up to termination.

14 **SECTION 4.** This will take effect on December 32, 2016.

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

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