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2017 PRELIMINARY ROUNDS LEGISLATION

The following docket is for Middle School preliminary competition. Each chamber sets their agenda. Any piece of legislation from a school not in the chamber is open for a speech in representation. A lack of an author in chamber doesn't preclude it from being on the docket.

A Bill to Eliminate Algorithmic Discrimination

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Any company with employees in the United States shall be fined if the company employs a software
3 program that is found to have a disparate impact on individuals of a certain race, color, national origin,
4 religion, sex, gender, sexual orientation, or disability.

5 **SECTION 2.** "Software programs" shall include written programs for use with a computer system to automate the
6 processes of: employment, financial services, law enforcement, or post-secondary education admissions.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall oversee implementation of this legislation.

8 **A.** The Department of Justice shall implement a method of auditing companies for software that creates
9 a disparate impact.

10 **B.** Companies shall be fined between 1% and 5% of their net revenue. Fines will either be allocated to
11 the corresponding state government's budget, or to the Department of Justice budget if more than
12 50% of the company's revenue is a result of interstate commerce.

13 **C.** State governments that do not comply shall have all grants and funding suspended from the Office of
14 Justice Programs until compliance is met.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect on January 1st, 2018.

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

Introduced by Phoenix Country Day

A Bill Requiring Middle School Students to Take a Career Exploration Course

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Public school students must take a career exploration course between grades 6 and 8.

3 **SECTION 2.** Career exploration courses...

4 **A.** Should expose students to each of the 16 Career Clusters defined in the National Career Clusters
5 Framework.

6 **B.** Should be experiential in nature.

7 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Education will oversee the enforcement of this bill:

8 **A.** The United States Department of Education will develop essential curriculum components for career
9 exploration courses.

10 **B.** Through the Education Innovation and Research (EIR) Program, the United States Department of
11 Education will offer competitive grants to help schools develop and pay for these courses. Grant
12 recipients must receive matching funds from the private sector equaling 10% of the grant amount.

13 **C.** The EIR Program will receive an additional \$180 million per year, specifically allocated to fund
14 innovative career exploration courses.

15 **SECTION 4.** This law will go into effect in Fiscal Year 2018.

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

Presented by EA Olle

A Resolution to Engage China on Human Rights

1 **WHEREAS,** Chinese labor conditions are an international outrage and a gross violation of human rights, and
2 **WHEREAS,** workers are abused, live in cramped quarters, work long hours, and many factories lack basic safety
3 protocols that are essential to protect workers lives;; and
4 **WHEREAS,** Chinese workers often suffer from respiratory illness and other health problems as a result of the working
5 and living in unsanitary conditions in and around the factories;; and
6 **WHEREAS,** Chinese workers often make less than \$2.00 an hour;; and
7 **WHEREAS,** China often persecutes people for their religious practices and limits free speech; and
8 **WHEREAS,** the United States is the largest consumer of goods produced in China under these terrible conditions,
9 enjoying products like the I-phone without considering the cost to human dignity; and
10 **WHEREAS,** we have a moral responsibility to stand up for and demand human rights for all people everywhere
11 regardless of profit and international pressure;; and
12 **WHEREAS,** United States diplomatic engagement over human rights is the best tool to help reduce human rights
13 abuses in china; now, therefore, be it
14 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that. Department of State should substantially increase its economic
15 engagement with China by promoting human rights and demanding better working conditions for Chinese
16 workers.

Introduced by DKC Debate

A Resolution to Condemn Chinese Sanctions to Protect North Korean Human Rights and International Security

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Chinese sanctions of North Korea threaten to do more harm than good with regards to issues of human
2 rights and global security interests; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Such sanctions, particularly levied by a close trade partner such as China, have a much more dramatic
4 impact on the general population than the powerful actors the sanctions intend to punish; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Harms incurred by these sanctions include decreased access of the population to vital resources, and the
6 reduction of Chinese influence in regulating North Korean military and technological developments; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** United States and global interests are jeopardized by any deterioration of the Chinese-North Korean
8 relationship; now, therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled explicitly condemn China’s adoption of UN sanctions on North Korea.

A Bill to Replace and Upgrade Our Infrastructure to Provide Clean Drinking Water for America

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Congress shall appropriate an additional \$200 billion to replace and upgrade the United
3 States' drinking water infrastructure.

4 **SECTION 2.** Infrastructure shall be defined as drinking water treatment, transmission, distribution, sourcing, storage,
5 and consolidation facilities.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency will be in charge of overseeing the implementation of this bill,
7 through the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund.

8 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented as of October 1, 2018.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Marvin Baker Middle School.

Cuba Embargo Resolution

- 1 **WHEREAS,** the United States embargo is a fifty year failure and relic of the Cold War; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** the embargo has failed to fulfill its purpose of inspiring democracy as Fidel Castro and now his brother Raul
- 3 have maintained control of Cuba during the entire lifetime of the embargo; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** while the embargo targets Cuba’s oppressive government the real victims are the people of Cuba; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** the embargo severely restricts access to much needed food, medicine and sanitation leading to decreased
- 6 quality of life and many deaths ; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** the Cuban people deserve access to American trade, tourism and cultural exchanges; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** the American economy would benefit from trade with Cuba; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** the embargo hurts US international credibility and lifting it would show compassion.
- 10 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Student Congress Assembled that: the United States federal government should end
- 11 its embargo on Cuba.

Presented by DKC Debate

The Death with Dignity Act of 2017

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Henceforth, assisted suicide will be permitted in medical facilities for medically confirmed citizens of age.

3 **SECTION 2.** Medical facilities refers to an institution, place, building or agency that furnishes, conducts, and operates
4 health services for the prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of human disease, pain, injury, deformity, or
5 physical condition.

6 **SECTION 3.** Assisted suicide is defined as the voluntary termination of one's own life by taking lethal medication with
7 the indirect or direct assistance of a physician.

8 **SECTION 4.** The following conditions must apply:

9 **A.** One must be eighteen years of age and older

10 **B.** The patient must demonstrate comprehension of the potential risks and probable result associated
11 with taking the medication to be prescribed;

12 **C.** The feasible alternatives include, but are not limited to, comfort care, hospice care, and pain control.

13 **D.** "Medically confirmed" means the medical opinion of the attending physician has been confirmed by a
14 consulting physician who has examined the patient and the patient's relevant medical records.

15 **SECTION 5.** The United States Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the implementation of this bill.

16 **SECTION 6.** This bill will go into effect by 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Robert Lanier Middle School.

A Bill to Combat Drug Trafficking by Encouraging Alternative Development Crops

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall provide aid to farmers in countries which are responsible for
3 the production of narcotics to encourage the development of legitimate crops

4 **SECTION 2.** This aid will come in the form of financial reimbursements, equipment, and supplies necessary for
5 agricultural development.

6 **A.** "Legitimate crops" are defined as crops that are not used in the drug trade and instead can
7 be legitimately traded, subject to specification by the United States Agency for International
8 Development (USAID).

9 **B.** "Countries which are responsible for the production of narcotics" shall be defined as the top 5 narcotic
10 producing countries by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Treasury shall be responsible for the transfer of \$20 billion from the budget of the
12 Department of Defense to the USAID. The USAID will be responsible for the implementation of this
13 legislation.

14 **A.** The Department of Defense shall suggest unnecessary defense programs to be defunded to provide
15 the \$20 billion in funds.

16 **B.** The USAID has the power the suspend aid from humanitarian organizations or farmers if they are
17 discovered to be misusing the funds.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect 6 months after passage.

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

Introduced by Phoenix Country Day

A Bill to Increase Economic Collaboration with Russia

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All economic sanctions on the country of Russia shall be lifted provided that Russia lowers its nuclear
3 stockpiles.

4 **SECTION 2.** Economic sanctions shall be defined as commercial and financial penalties applied by one or more
5 countries against a targeted country.

6 **SECTION 3.** If Russia fails to decrease its nuclear stockpiles by 30% in conjunction with the United States by 2020 all
7 sanctions will be reinforced. This bill shall be implemented by the United States Department of State.

8 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect immediately after its passage.

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

Introduced for Debate By: Rep. Evrard The Weiss School

A Bill to Limit the Sources of Financial Entities Contributing to United States Election Campaigns

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This Bill would limit any foreign source of financial contributions to United States government office
3 election campaigns.

4 **SECTION 2.** No foreign entities; defined here as any organization or government outside of the United States own,
5 or private entities; defined here as any lone individual or company not supported by the United States
6 government.

7 **SECTION 3.** Congress shall be responsible for enacting and enforcing this bill through a committee charged with
8 sourcing and dispersing the money to election candidates. The members of said committee shall be
9 selected by Congress.

10 **SECTION 4.** This Bill will take effect upon the start of the next United States national government office election

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Neal Knox Junior High School.

A Bill to Make All Public Universities Free

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Students who attend a public university will no longer have to pay in order to attend the university.

3 **SECTION 2.** The term Public University will be defined as a university that is predominantly funded by public means
4 through a national or sub-national government.

5 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Education shall be appointed to oversee enforcement and provisions of
6 this bill.

7 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect January 1, 2018.

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

Respectfully submitted by Bak Middle School of the Arts

A Bill to Reduce Costs to Make Health Care More Accessible to All

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall be responsible for aggressively funding research,
3 development and educational awareness of Established Alternative Health Therapies in order to establish a
4 competitive incentive for lowering costs, and improving the quality of Chronic Health Care in America.

5 **SECTION 2.** Established Alternative Health Therapies include, but are not limited to Homeopathy, Acupuncture and
6 Naturopathy in which there is a trade organization and in which licensing or certification is available.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of HHS shall work with existing practitioners of these therapies to identify which therapies
8 are the most effective and for what purposes.

9 **SECTION 4.** Congress shall allocate a budget of one billion dollars per year for five years to the Department of Health
10 and Human Services to fund the objects of this bill.

11 **SECTION 5.** This act shall go into effect immediately following it's passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Marvin Baker Middle School.

A Bill to Overturn Heller vs DC

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Second Amendment of the constitution will no longer protect the right for a ordinary U.S citizen to
3 bear arms.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Second Amendment states: A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the
5 right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Second Amendment will only refer to the militia and the the right to bear Arms will have the sole
7 purpose to keep the security of a free State.

8 **SECTION 4.** Citizens found to bear arms illegally will be arrested and be fined \$2000 for each weapon.

9 **SECTION 5.** This bill will be effective immediately

10 **SECTION 6.** This bill will override the Supreme Court decision Heller v. District of Columbia.

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

A Bill to Provide an Infrastructural Stimulus Package

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress will fund \$1 trillion to build infrastructure all over the United States to stimulate the economy
3 and create jobs.

4 **SECTION 2.** Infrastructure is defined as roads, bridges, highways, power supplies, etc.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of the Interior that will oversee the enforcement of the bill along with state
6 representatives to determine the distribution of funds and projects. State Representatives will be
7 determined by state legislators and will meet bi-annually to discuss infrastructure projects. If the
8 Department of the Interior finds the money is being used ineffectively, assets will be frozen

9 **SECTION 4.** This Bill will go into effect in the fiscal year 2017 and be funded over 10 years.

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

A Bill to Increase the Minimum Wage

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 will be amended to increase the minimum wage to \$10.50 an hour.

3 The wage will then be adjusted annually based on increases in the Consumer Price Index.

4 **A.** The federal minimum wage for tipped employees will be 70% of the federal minimum wage.

5 **B.** All agricultural and domestic care employees except, those who are members of the employer's
6 immediate family, will be subject to the law.

7 **SECTION 2.** The Secretary of Labor, 60 days before any increase in the minimum wage, will publish the increase in the
8 Federal Register and on the Department of Labor's website.

9 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be enforced by the Department of Justice.

10 **SECTION 4.** The increase to \$10.50 per hour will begin in July 2014.

11 **SECTION 5.** All conflicting legislation is null and void.

Introduced By DKC Debate

A Bill to Mandate Neurological Testing for All Presidential Candidates

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Neurological testing for presidential candidates shall be mandated in order to make sure a candidate is
3 mentally competent.

4 **SECTION 2.** Neurological testing shall be defined as an evaluation of a persons nervous system by a medical
5 professional. This includes brain imaging and study, but is not limited to reflex testing, coordination,
6 speech, sensory, and eye movement.

7 **SECTION 3.** A presidential candidate shall be defined as anyone running for presidential office, including all major and
8 independent parties.

9 **SECTION 4.** The U.S Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

10 **SECTION 5.** This bill shall go into effect at the beginning of the Fiscal year 2019.

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

Introduced by Sen. Grizzard, The Weiss School

A Bill to Create a Path to Citizenship

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Undocumented immigrants who have lived in the U.S. for 5 years or longer be eligible for a path to
3 citizenship.

4 **SECTION 2.** In order to become citizens they must pay taxes, take the citizenship test, and have no felony record.

5 **SECTION 3.** This bill will take effect January 1, 2017 and be enforced by the Department of Homeland Security.

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

A Bill to Legalize Prostitution in the U.S. to Protect Americans and Combat the Spread of Disease

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The practice of prostitution is hereby legalized within the United States

3 **SECTION 2. A.** Prostitution is defined as the employment of prostitutes for the sale of non-reproductive sexual
4 services for some form of payment to a client over the age of 18.

5 **B.** Prostitute is defined as a consenting individual over the age of 21 whose profession is prostitution.

6 **C.** State and Local Departments of Health shall be responsible for creating monitoring programs to
7 safeguard the health of both the employee and the clientele.

8 **D.** Local law enforcement shall be responsible for the monitoring of these businesses to ensure that all
9 hired individuals are consenting and that no illicit activities occur on premises.

10 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be enforced by the Department of Commerce.

11 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented on January 1st, 2018

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

A Resolution to Abolish Middle School

- 1 **WHEREAS,** the middle school concept has never been grounded in educational research; and
2 **WHEREAS,** moving children from one school to another is shown to reduce their performance and increase their
3 anxiety; and
4 **WHEREAS,** middle schools have become the worst of elementary and high school; and
5 **WHEREAS,** data show middle schools are failing our children; now, therefore, be it
6 **RESOLVED,** the United States federal government should end all middle schools.

Introduced by Debate DKC

A Bill to Improve U.S. Public Sewage Infrastructure to Improve Health of U.S. Citizens

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** \$1 billion will be allocated to further improve the poor U.S. sewage infrastructure state.

3 **SECTION 2.** Sewage Infrastructure includes receiving drains, manholes, pumping stations, storm overflows, and
4 screening chambers of the combined sewer or sanitary sewer.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of the Interior will oversee the enforcement of this bill along with the enforcement
6 mechanism. Priority of this bill will include:

7 **A.** Sewage districts which serve impoverished communities who would be significantly impacted by
8 higher sewage bills needed to pay for required upgrades, and

9 **B.** Areas with more than \$300,000 needed to upgrade their sewage infrastructure's status.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented by the beginning of the fiscal year of 2020.

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

Introduced by Lanier

A Bill to Increase Funding of STEM Education for Inner City Schools

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will increase the budget for STEM education to support inner city schools.

3 **SECTION 2.** Inner city schools will be defined as any school that has a low socioeconomic status. STEM education will
4 be defined as Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math related schooling.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee the implication of this bill.

6 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be effective January 1st, 2018.

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

Introduced by Sen. Link, The Weiss School

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A Resolution to Restrict the Actions of Paramilitary Units

- 1 **WHEREAS,** the 1033 Program, created as part of the National Defense Authorization Act of 1997, has provided surplus
2 military equipment including helicopters, tanks, and military-grade weapons through low- or no-cost grants
3 to police forces; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) teams and other paramilitary police units, designed to be the last
5 resort in hostage or high-risk situations, have increasingly become the first option for a variety of
6 traditional police duties; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** currently, SWAT teams in the U.S. break into homes an average of
8 100-150 times each day to enforce laws against predominantly non-violent crimes; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** information giving rise to these raids is often based on unreliable and unverified information from
10 police informers; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** police department statistics indicate that as many as 1 in 10 of these “no knock” paramilitary raids
12 may be perpetrated at the wrong address; and
- 13 **WHEREAS,** any perceived noncompliance by occupants in these raids is typically met with potentially lethal force; and
- 14 **WHEREAS,** these paramilitary style raids threaten the foundation of the 4th Amendment’s search and
15 seizure protections; now, therefore, be it
- 16 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the 1033 Program should be abolished; and be it
- 17 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the use of SWAT and other similar paramilitary police units should be restricted to their original
18 duties of hostage negotiation and interventions in situations deemed to be of extreme danger.

Introduced by the North Oregon District

A Resolution to Limit the President's Use of Executive Orders

- 1 **WHEREAS,** the Founding Fathers as well as many modern political scientists agree that the powers of the legislative
2 and executive branches cannot be handled by one person if democracy is to flourish; and
3 **WHEREAS,** the power of executive orders directly defies the constitutional system of checks and balances; and
4 **WHEREAS,** executive orders are often a way for the President to circumvent Congress and congressional orders; and
5 **WHEREAS,** this gives the President an unbalanced power to effect and implement laws as they see fit; now, therefore
6 be it
7 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the 1033 Program should be abolished, and the President should
8 limit their use of executive order to times of national crisis.

Introduced by the Idaho Mountain River District

A Resolution to Allow Americans to Purchase Safe and Affordable Drugs from Canada

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Americans pay more for prescription drugs than any other country; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** No American should have to make the choice between having to fill a prescription and having sufficient
- 3 money to sustain themselves and their family; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Canadians often pay less for the same drugs Americans use; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Canadian prescriptions come with the same dosages and safety standards; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Canada has long been an ally and friend of the United States both politically and culturally; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Current laws prevent American consumers from taking advantage of low prices in Canada; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Current laws prevent competition and a free market in the American Pharmaceutical Industry; now,
- 9 therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that prescription drugs from Canada should be safely imported to the
- 11 United States; and be it
- 12 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Congress work to pass and support laws allowing for American consumers to order
- 13 prescription drugs from Canada.

Introduced by the Sundance District

A Bill to Repeal the Johnson Amendment of 1954 and Amend the Internal Revenue Code

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The 1954 Johnson Amendment of the Internal Revenue Tax Code banning the Free Speech and First
3 Amendment rights of churches and exempt organizations is hereby repealed.

4 **SECTION 2.** Paragraph (3) of section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to list of exempt
5 organizations) is amended by striking the following: “and which does not participate in, or intervene
6 in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of (or in
7 opposition to) any candidate for public office.”

8 **SECTION 3.** Campaign finance laws will be unaffected. The amendments made by this section shall not invalidate or
9 limit any provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 431 et seq).

10 **SECTION 4.** The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years ending after the date of the enactment
11 of this Act.

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

Introduced by the East Los Angeles District

A Resolution to Issue Economic Sanctions Against the Philippines to Disempower the Police State of President Rodrigo Duterte's War on Drugs

- 1 **WHEREAS,** President Rodrigo Duterte's War on Drugs has resulted in the demise of due process; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** President Duterte has called on police and citizens to kill drug dealers and users on sight; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** More than 2,000 people killed in police operations for drug-related crimes and 3,800 have died at the
- 4 hands of common criminals and apparent vigilantes; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The drug dealers and users who are not killed are being housed in inhumane conditions and denied due
- 6 process; now, therefore, be it
- 7 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States imposes economic sanctions against the Duterte
- 8 regime; and be it
- 9 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the United States will call on its allies to join in this human rights endeavor to restore a
- 10 democratic rule of law in the Philippines.

Introduced by the Tall Cotton District

A Resolution to Recognize Taiwan

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Refusal to recognize Taiwan’s autonomy prevents sustainable and peaceful diplomatic solutions between
2 Taiwan and People’s Republic of China; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Taiwan’s existing constitutional framework makes the eventual rejection of a One-China-policy inevitable;
4 and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The United States should not condone the absorption of one state by another; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Committing to a definitive stance regarding Taiwan’s autonomy would affirm the United States’ stable
7 power in the Asia-Pacific region; now, therefore, be it
- 8 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation to recognize Taiwan as an
9 autonomous nation.

Introduced by the Arizona District

A Bill to Establish Mental Health Programs in Schools

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All middle and high schools are now required to have a mental health program that adequately addresses
3 and treats the mental illnesses of their students.

4 **SECTION 2.** Middle and high schools that receive federal government funding are subject under this legislation. Mental
5 illnesses include, but are not limited to, anxiety, behavioral, eating, mood, and personality disorders. A
6 school is considered to have fulfilled the requirement of Section 1 when they provide treatment to at
7 least 70% of its student body that requests the program's services each year and report positive personal
8 satisfaction regarding their experience.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education and the National Institute of Mental Health will oversee this piece of
10 legislation.

11 **A.** If a school so chooses, they may receive help in the form of resources or programs from community
12 organizations that have a focus on mental health.

13 **B.** Any school in compliance with this piece of legislation, shall not lose any federal funding they may
14 already receive.

15 **SECTION 4.** This law shall go into effect in the year 2018.

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

Introduced by the Nebraska District

A Bill to Ensure Consumer Data Security

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Every company that records or stores any consumer data will be required to satisfy a bare minimum level
3 of encryption and follow proper data breach notification procedures.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Bare minimum level of encryption” will be defined as a level of encryption that protects consumer data,
5 the specific types or levels of encryption will be determined by the Department of Homeland Security
6 on a case by case basis. “Proper data breach notifications” will be defined as notifying the consumer
7 immediately after any data is in any way transferred off a company server without prior knowledge and
8 written consent from the consumer.

9 **SECTION 3.** The DHS will oversee implantation of this bill and will create encryption standards for companies to follow.
10 **A.** \$100,000 of the DHS budget shall be made available to companies that do not have adequate funds or
11 infrastructure for this encryption. Usage of these funds will be left to the DHS.
12 **B.** Failure to do so will result in a \$500,000 fine.

13 **SECTION 4.** The standards for data breach notification will go into effect immediately, and the encryption standards
14 will come into effect 6 months after passage.

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

Introduced by the Central Minnesota District

A Resolution to Develop the Sahel Region to Counter Terrorist Aggression

1 **WHEREAS,** the Sahel region of Africa is highly susceptible to being capitalized by terrorist organizations; and
2 **WHEREAS,** seeing an interest of Boko Haram, Al-Qaeda, and other terrorist groups to expand their control into the
3 Sahel region demands preemptive action to prevent the expansion; and
4 **WHEREAS,** failure to stop further advances would allow these groups to lay the foundation within the area to repel
5 aggressive counter actions afterwards; now, therefore, be it
6 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that military assistance be prioritized over developmental support to the
7 Sahel region.

Introduced by the New Jersey District

A Bill to Abolish Private Prisons

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Private prisons are hereby banned. The privatization of prisons by both the takeover of existing public
3 facilities as well as the building and operation of new and additional prisons by for-profit companies is also
4 banned.

5 **SECTION 2.** "Private prisons" shall be defined as places in which individuals are physically incarcerated or confined by a
6 third party contracted by a government agency.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice, in addition to the Bureau of Prisons shall enforce this legislation.

8 **A.** The Bureau of Prisons will immediately halt current and future construction projects of private prisons
9 on the state and federal level and will cancel the contracts given to third party companies for the
10 construction, maintenance, and operation of these prisons.

11 **B.** The Bureau of Prisons must also mandate that all private prisons be moved from private to public
12 facilities by January 1, 2020. If this is found to have a negative impact on prison overcrowding,
13 the federal and state governments will either assume control of current private facilities, or must
14 complete construction of new public prisons by January 1, 2022.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect immediately.

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

Introduced by the Maine District

A Bill to Require the President to Relinquish all Private Business Enterprises

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** The President of the United States is hereby required by law to transfer to a neutral third party all business
3 enterprises to which they have connections, domestic and foreign.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Business enterprises will be defined as “any physical or economic relations with a corporation”. Transfer
5 will be defined as “the removal of all direct connections or placing these said connections in a blind trust”.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** Both the Department of Justice and the Internal Revenue Service shall oversee the implementation of this
7 legislation.
- 8 **A.** The Attorney General of the United States shall provide a thorough investigation after each election
9 for the Presidency which shall be presented to Congress.
- 10 **B.** The Internal Revenue Service shall aid the Department of Justice’s investigation and ensure all assets
11 are in compliance with code 5 CFR 2635.702.
- 12 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect immediately after its passage.
- 13 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by the Magnolia District

A Bill to Eliminate Mandatory Minimum Sentences

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All federal mandatory minimum sentences for non-violent drug crimes are hereby abolished. Funds saved
3 from reduced prison populations shall be used to create drug-rehabilitation programs.

4 **SECTION 2.** Mandatory minimums shall be defined as a minimum sentence required for a particular crime, regardless
5 of the judge's discretion. Non-violent drug crimes are crimes relating to controlled substances that do not
6 have a violent component.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall be responsible for the implementation of this legislation. The
8 Congressional Budget Office shall be responsible for the spending analysis required under Section 1.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect one year after its passage.

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

Introduced by the New England District

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2017 FINAL ROUNDS LEGISLATION

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The Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 44 of title 18, U.S.C. is amended by inserting the following after section 926C:

3 **A.** A person who is not prohibited by Federal law from possessing, transporting, shipping, or receiving a
4 firearm, who is carrying a valid identification document containing a photograph of the person, and
5 who is carrying a valid license or permit which allows the person to carry a concealed firearm in the
6 State in which the person resides, may possess or carry a concealed handgun.

7 **B.** A person who carries or possesses a concealed handgun in accordance with section A may not be
8 arrested or otherwise detained for violation or any law or any regulation of a State related to the
9 possession, transportation, or carrying of firearms unless there is probable cause to believe the person
10 is doing so in a manner not provided for in this section.

11 **SECTION 2.** A person legally possessing a firearm as outlined in Section 1 may do so in any of the following areas:

12 **A.** A unit of the National Park System

13 **B.** Public land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management

14 **C.** Any post-secondary educational institution which receives federal funding.

15 **D.** Land administered and managed by the Army Corps of Engineers

16 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

17 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect ninety days after passage.

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

*Introduced by the National Speech & Debate Association; adapted from H.R. 38, as introduced
in the 115th Congress*

The Email Privacy Act of 2017

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Section 2703 of title 18, U.S.C. is amended:

3 **A.** By striking subsections (a) through (c) and inserting the following:

4 (a) Except where otherwise prohibited, a governmental entity may require the disclosure
5 by a provider of electronic communication service of the contents of a wire or electronic
6 communication that is in electronic storage with, held, or maintained by that service only if the
7 governmental entity obtains a warrant issued using the procedures described in the Federal Rules
8 of Criminal Procedure where that warrant is (1) issued by a court of competent jurisdiction, and
9 (2) must indicate the date by which the provider must make the disclosure to the governmental
10 entity.

11 **SECTION 2. A.** The electronic communication service provider must provide the contents of the electronic
12 communication as well as any other information regarding the communication which may be asked for
13 in the warrant.

14 **B.** A governmental entity that receives records or information under this process is not required to
15 provide notice to a subscriber or customer.

16 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security shall oversee the warrant process for
17 domestic information collection, however, nothing in this Act shall be construed to amend any provision of
18 50 U.S.C. 1801.

19 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect 180 days after passage.

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

*Introduced by the National Speech & Debate Association; adapted from H.R. 387, as
introduced in the 115th Congress*

Gender Diversity in Corporate Leadership Act of 2017

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Securities and Exchange Commission shall establish a Gender Diversity Advisory Group which will carry
3 out a study on strategies to increase gender diversity among the members of the board of directors of
4 corporations regulated by the SEC.

5 **SECTION 2.** Not later than 9 months after the establishment of the Advisory Group, a report will be issued to the SEC
6 as well as to relevant committees in the House and Senate containing the findings and determinations of
7 said study, along with recommendations to increase gender diversity among the members of the board of
8 directors of the various corporations.

9 **A.** Not later than one year following the issuance of this report, and annually thereafter, the SEC shall
10 issue a report to the relevant committees in the House and Senate on the status of gender diversity
11 among the board of directors of the various corporations regulated by the SEC and shall require each
12 corporation to publically disclose the gender composition of their board to shareholders, as well as
13 publically disclose measures taken to increase gender diversity of those boards.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Securities and Exchange Commission shall oversee implementation of this legislation.

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

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

*Introduced by the National Speech & Debate Association; adapted from H.R. 1611, as
introduced in the 115th Congress*

The Muhammad Ali Expansion Act of 2017

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Section 2 of the Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996 (15 U.S.C. 6301) is amended by inserting the
3 following:

4 **A.** After paragraph (3) the definition of “fighter” as an individual who fights in a professional mixed
5 martial arts competition or other professional combat sport competition.

6 **B.** After paragraph (6), the definition of “combat sport competition” as a professional fight that allows
7 fighters to use one or more forms of martial arts, including mixed martial arts.

8 **SECTION 2.** All references to “boxing” in sections 3 through 21 of the Professional Boxing Safety Act shall be adjusted
9 by adding “or combat sports competition” and all references to “boxer” shall be adjusted by adding “or
10 fighter.”

11 **SECTION 3.** The Association of Boxing Commissions shall develop and approve, by a vote of its various State boxing
12 commissioners, guidelines for objective and consistent written criteria for mixed martial arts and other
13 combat sports.

14 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on October 1, 2017.

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

*Introduced by the National Speech & Debate Association; adapted from H.R. 44, as introduced
in the 115th Congress*

The Russia Sanctions Review Act of 2017

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Executive Orders 13694, 13660, 13661, 13662, and 13685, as in effect on January 1, 2017, shall remain in
3 effect.

4 **SECTION 2.** Prior to taking any action to waive, suspend, reduce, provide relief from, or otherwise limit the application
5 of sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation, the President shall submit to the appropriate
6 congressional subcommittees and leadership a report that describes the proposed action, and certifies
7 that the Government of the Russian Federation has rescinded its claim to any territory in Ukraine, has
8 reached an agreement of withdrawal between themselves and the government of Ukraine and has ceased
9 cyberattacks against the United States government and persons.

10 **SECTION 3.** **A.** During the 120 calendar day period following submission of the report as outlined in Section 2, the
11 House and Senate may hold hearings and briefings to fully review the report.

12 **B.** During the review period, the President may not waive or suspend the application of sanctions with
13 respect to the Russian Federation.

14 **C.** Before the end of the 120 day review period, Congress may vote on a joint resolution of disapproval.
15 Should this joint resolution pass both Houses of Congress, the President may not waive or suspend the
16 application of sanctions.

17 **D.** Should the President veto the joint resolution, and that veto is not overridden by the House and Senate,
18 the President may not act on sanctions for a period of 10 days.

19 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect upon passage.

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

*Introduced by the National Speech & Debate Association; adapted from S. 341, as introduced
in the 115th Congress*