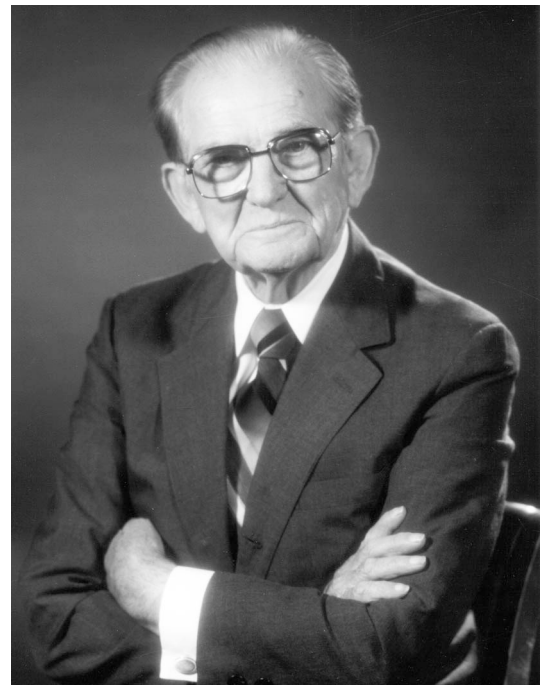


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Legislation submitted by districts was vetted anonymously through a committee of 11 coaches to determine the 37 items included below, balanced from among six geographic regions. A student whose district legislation is on the docket gets first right of refusal for authorship privilege.

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Legislation for the **Final Session** was written by Fellows and Senior Fellows of the Stennis Center for Public Service Leadership.

Four reserve items of preliminary legislation are included below; these were the next-highest rated items by the committee who reviewed legislation submitted by districts. **These items may only be considered in session 4, *after* all other preliminary legislation (items 1-25) have been *acted* upon.**

Preliminary Reserve Legislation

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- R2 A Resolution to Reduce the Scope of the Military-Industrial Complex
- R3 A Bill to Allocate Federal Funding to Aid in the Monitoring of the American/Mexican Border
- R4 A Bill to Provide Funding for African Electrical Infrastructure



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.



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 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 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 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 --

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 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.



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 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.



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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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.



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.



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.



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.



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 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
16 SECTION 1: The Electoral College procedure, as defined in Article 2;
17 Section 1, and in the 12th Amendment of the United States
18 Constitution, shall be stricken.

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.



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 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 End the U.S. -- R.O.K. Alliance

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall henceforth be at peace with the Democratic

3 People's Republic of Korea.

4 **SECTION 2.** The U.S. and South Korean alliance established in the U.S. – R.O.K.

5 Mutual Defense Treaty shall be concluded in 2015 when the last U.S.

6 soldier leaves South Korea.

7 **SECTION 3.** All United States bases in Republic of Korea will be relinquished to them

8 at the end of 2015.

9 **SECTION 4. A.** The United States shall discontinue the yearly deployment of troops to

10 South Korea immediately.

11 **B.** The United States shall withdraw 7,200 troops each year till 2015 when

12 all soldiers have left the country.

13 **SECTION 5.** The Department of Defense will oversee the enforcement of this

14 legislation.

15 **SECTION 6.** This law will take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the New York State District.



A Bill to Revise the Current Transportation Security Administration Airport Security Procedures

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Airport security procedures will be revised to model Israeli security
3 techniques.

4 **SECTION 2. A.** “Airport security” refers to the techniques and methods use to protect
5 airports and aircraft from crime. Israeli security procedures include
6 methods such as personal interactions, group profiling, required display of
7 passports, and questions regarding the destination of individuals.

8 **B.** “Technology implemented by Israeli airports” includes but is not
9 limited to radiation scans, biometric scanning, real-time communication
10 among law enforcement regarding suspicious individuals, facial
11 recognition, and video motion detectors.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Transportation Security
13 Administration (TSA) shall oversee and enforce this bill respectively.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill should be implemented by January 1, 2012 to allow for adequate
15 time for training and integration of new technology.

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

Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the Eastern Missouri District.



A Bill to Establish an Energy Independent America

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All legal barriers to private sector investment in domestic energies shall be
3 lifted.

4 **SECTION 2. A.** A corporate tax that uses EPA energy standards to discourage
5 environmentally risky energy harvesting methods shall be levied.
6 **B.** This tax will not exceed more than one third the potential revenue of an
7 energy source and will increase proportionally to the violation of EPA
8 standards.
9 **C.** Congress shall re-evaluate the tax amount annually to balance revenue
10 gained with the willingness of corporations to pay the tax in order to
11 maintain a steady revenue stream and increasingly safe energy
12 practices.

13 **SECTION 3. A.** In addition to the corporate tax, a federal gas tax shall be imposed to
14 supplement the revenue stream of the corporate tax.
15 **B.** This national gas tax shall only be imposed on consenting states.
16 **C.** States who refuse the gas tax shall face a substantial cut in federal
17 highway funding.

18 **SECTION 4. A.** Revenue raised from both taxes will be designated solely to increasing
19 the nation's oil reserves and backing corporate investments in domestic
20 energy production.
21 **B.** The revenue from said taxes will be apportioned 30% to increasing
22 American oil reserves and 70% will be reserved to back corporate
23 investments outlined in section 4A.

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

Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the Southern Minnesota District.



A Bill to Protect Internet Users from Data-Mining

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The U.S government will provide an opt-out measure for all internet users
3 who prefer not to relinquish private information to data-mining
4 corporations, limiting online corporations' distribution of private
5 information to third parties through the usage of data-mining.

6 **SECTION 2. A.** Data-mining is defined as: a set of automated techniques used to
7 extract buried or previously unknown information from large databases.

8 **B.** Data-mining is currently used to identify patterns and analyze
9 consumer behavior on the internet.

10 **C.** An opt-out measure is defined as: a request by internet users to not
11 have their personal and private information, stored on online databases,
12 relinquished to third parties.

13 **SECTION 3. A.** The Federal Trade Commission shall oversee the enforcement of this
14 law.

15 **B.** Any company found in violation of this law must immediately cease
16 data-mining. They also will be fined in the amount of \$10,000.

17 **C.** All money generated will be allocated toward funding the FTC's
18 monitoring of data mining.

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

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

Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the Tennessee District.



A Bill to Implement a Temporary Workers Visa Program

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) shall be amended so that the
3 Essential Worker Visa is created to allow foreign and domestic illegal
4 workers in unskilled sectors to apply for temporary work permits.

5 **SECTION 2.** Permits shall be valid for three years with two renewal periods of three
6 years each. Undocumented workers must pay a \$1,500 penalty to obtain
7 work permits. Work permits will be based upon employer necessity.

8 **SECTION 3.** Before a company can seek a worker under the program, they must first
9 make reasonable efforts to hire an American to fulfill the job vacancy.
10 Workers will be allowed to change jobs once they are working under the
11 visa, as long as they find new employment within forty-five days.

12 **SECTION 4.** Requirements for eligibility include evidence of employment, a medical
13 examination, and for workers living abroad, evidence that they have a
14 foreign residence to which they intend to return.

15 **SECTION 5.** Program participants are entitled to all the labor and employment rights
16 and benefits available to U.S. employees. Participants in violation of state
17 and federal laws and those unable to meet requirements in Section 6 shall
18 be deemed ineligible for the program

19 **SECTION 6.** If they meet the necessary requirements, applicants will have the
20 opportunity to apply for permanent resident status during the course of
21 their legal stay in the US, but only through existing channels.

22 **SECTION 7.** This bill will be administered by the USCIS and will take effect within six
23 months of passage.

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

Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the Carolina West (NC) District.



A Bill to Provide Funds for the Research and Development of Algae-Based Fuel

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** An investment tax credit for the research, development, and production of
3 algae-based fuels will be created:

4 A. 15% subsidy for development and research; and

5 B. 20% for production/infrastructure.

6 **SECTION 2.** This credit can be compounded upon any other relevant manufacturing tax
7 credits, including those set by the American Recovery and Reinvestment
8 Act.

9 **SECTION 3.** Additionally, subsidies for oil companies will cease, though the said
10 companies will still be allowed to access the provisions of this bill.

11 **SECTION 4.** Funding will be provided through revenue gained from the provisions in
12 section three, while additional funds shall be provided through normal
13 means.

14 **SECTION 5.** Provisions of this bill will take effect within six months of passage. The
15 ITC will stay in effect until the December 31, 2016. This credit can be
16 either:

17 1. Extended along with ARRA credits; or

18 2. Extended individually if the algae industry is not sufficiently developed.

19 **SECTION 6.** The Department of Energy shall be responsible for enforcing the
20 provisions of this bill; funding provided in conjunction with the Internal
21 Revenue Service.

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

Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the West Oklahoma District.



A Resolution Amending the Constitution to Establish Recall Standards for Members of Congress

1 **WHEREAS**, US Senators and Representatives are elected by the citizens of their states
2 to serve as their delegates on the national level; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the laws and policies of the United States Congress give Congress the
4 authority to punish Congressmen and Senators with expulsion from the
5 Congress; and

6 **WHEREAS**, on the other hand, States do not have the right or ability to recall their
7 national delegates by any means other than during the subsequent election;
8 and

9 **WHEREAS**, States ought to have the right to determine how and by whom they are
10 represented; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the United States of America is a federal democracy, reserving the stronger
12 power to the state governments rather than the national government; now,
13 therefore, be it

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

ARTICLE --

20 SECTION 1: Senators and Representatives are subject to recall by a vote
21 of three-fourths of the members of the state legislature from
22 their home state. A state shall retain the right to writs of
23 election to fill the seat of a recalled Representative or
24 Senator.

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

Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the UIL (TX) District.



A Bill to Create a Cyber Security Agency

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All agencies currently working on cyber security shall hereby be stripped
3 of their cyber security responsibilities and authorities. All agencies
4 currently working on only cyber security are hereby abolished.

5 **SECTION 2.** The Domestic and International Cyber Security Agency shall hereby be
6 created.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Agency shall be charged with investigating cyber crimes against the
8 United States from domestic and foreign sources and protecting Federal
9 computer systems from attacks. The Agency will also work with other
10 governments to in order to facilitate international cooperation on the issue
11 of cyber security.

12 **SECTION 4.** The Department of State, the Department of Defense, and the Department
13 of Homeland Security will jointly oversee the provisions of this bill.

14 A. The three departments shall fund the Agency jointly.

15 B. The Agency shall act as an entity independent of these three
16 departments, but it shall report to them on a regular basis.

17 **SECTION 5.** This bill shall take effect upon passage.

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

Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the New England (MA, NH) District.



A Bill to Increase the Use of Nuclear Energy

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will increase its nuclear energy usage so that it will
3 provide at least 50% of electricity for the country.

4 **SECTION 2.** Increase nuclear energy refers to the construction of nuclear power plants
5 that will provide a viable means of producing electricity.

6 **SECTION 3.** The construction, maintenance, and operation of all nuclear power plants
7 will remain under the watch of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
8 which was created by Congress in 1974 as an independent agency to
9 monitor the United States nuclear energy. Funding for the building of
10 these nuclear power plants will be provided by the federal government
11 through taxing of non-nuclear energy forms, as well as grants provided by
12 the United States government.

13 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect beginning in the year 2015 to allow for the
14 construction of nuclear power plants.

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

Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the Northern Ohio District.



A Bill to Create a Twelfth Circuit Court of Appeals

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Ninth Circuit Court of appeals shall be split into two, with California,
3 Guam, Hawaii, and the Northern Mariana Islands being retained in the
4 ninth district, and the Twelfth Circuit being composed of Alaska, Arizona,
5 Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington.

6 **SECTION 2.** The President shall appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the
7 Senate, 5 additional circuit judges for the new ninth circuit court of
8 appeals, whose official duty station shall be in California.

9 **SECTION 3.** Each circuit judge of the former ninth circuit who is in regular active
10 service and whose official duty station-
11 (1) is in California, Guam, Hawaii, or the Northern Mariana Islands shall
12 be a circuit judge of the new ninth circuit as of such effective date; and
13 (2) is in Alaska, Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, or
14 Washington shall be a circuit judge of the twelfth circuit as of such
15 effective date.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect 90 days after passage.

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

Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the Florida Manatee District.



A Bill to Recycle Nuclear Fuel

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States government shall mandate that all used nuclear fuel be
3 recycled to extract the usable uranium and plutonium.

4 **SECTION 2.** Nuclear fuel is defined to be the spent fuel removed from nuclear reactors.

5 **SECTION 3. A.** The Department of Energy will issue contracts to provide bidirectional
6 transportation of spent fuel between nuclear reactors and reprocessing
7 facilities.

8 **B.** The Department of Energy will issue contracts to reprocessing
9 facilities, responsible for separating the unusable material from the usable
10 uranium and plutonium.

11 **C.** All facilities that currently utilize nuclear reactors to generate
12 electricity shall be mandated to use recycled fuel.

13 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect on January 1, 2012.

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

Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the Northern Illinois District.



Wall Street Reform Act of 2011

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** High-frequency trading and flash trading will be prohibited beginning
3 January 1, 2012.

4 **SECTION 2.** (A) High-frequency trading is the execution of computerized trading
5 strategies characterized by unusually brief position-holding periods, in
6 many cases taking advantage from microstructure inefficiencies.

7 (B) Flash trading is a marketable order sent to a market center that is not
8 quoting the industry's best price or that cannot fill that order in its entirety.
9 The order is then flashed to recipients of the venue's proprietary data feed
10 to see if any of those firms wants to take the other side of the order.

11 (C) The Securities and Exchange Commission is also referred to as the
12 SEC.

13 **SECTION 3.** The SEC will oversee and enforce the prohibition, as well as penalize
14 market centers that facilitate high-frequency and flash trading. Market
15 centers found in violation of this prohibition will be fined \$10 million per
16 client utilizing banned trading techniques.

17 **SECTION 4.** Flash trading will be prohibited beginning January 1, 2013.

18 **SECTION 5.** All laws or portions of laws conflicting with the provisions of this
19 legislation shall hereby be declared null and void.

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A Bill to Expand Membership of the House of Representatives

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The size of the United States House of Representatives shall be increased
3 through the creation of new districts so that no district will include a
4 population larger than 600,000 people.

5 **SECTION 2.** Using population figures from the most recent United States Census, states
6 will be directed to redraw districts to include a population of no more than
7 600,000 people. The total membership of the United States House of
8 Representatives will be determined by the population of the United States.

9 **SECTION 3.** The United States Census Bureau will provide population figures to the
10 states as the basis for the drawing of districts by the states that are limited
11 to a population of no more than 600,000. The number of districts will be
12 adjusted as required every 10 years after a new census is released by the
13 United States Census Bureau.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall become effective immediately upon adoption and will be
15 fully implemented in election of members of the United States
16 Representatives for the 114th Congress on November 4, 2014.

17 **SECTION 5.** All laws or portions of laws conflicting with the provisions of this
18 legislation shall be declared null and void.

Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the Stennis Center for Public Service Leadership.



A Bill to Renew the Military Draft to Fill One-Half of the Recruiting Needs of Each Service Each Year

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1:** A military draft shall be enacted requiring all persons living in the United
3 States of America between the ages of 18 and 26 who are selected through
4 a lottery to serve two years in the military.

5 **SECTION 2:** All persons male and female shall be required to register within 30 days of
6 their 18th birthday with the Selective Service System and to serve two
7 years in the military if they are selected through a lottery to be conducted
8 by the Selective Service System. Deferments will be provided only to
9 high school students. Students currently enrolled in college classes will be
10 permitted to complete their current semester.

11 **SECTION 3:** The Selective Service System shall be responsible for overseeing the
12 registration, lottery and draft of individuals to fill one-half of the annual
13 entry level manpower needs for the U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Air
14 Force, U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Coast Guard. Persons who fail to
15 register with the Selective Service System within 30 days of their
16 eighteenth birthday or who fail to report for duty after they have been
17 drafted for military service may be denied benefits or a job and be subject
18 to house arrest.

19 **SECTION 4:** This bill shall become effective on October 1, 2012.

20 **SECTION 5.** All laws or portions of laws conflicting with the provisions of this
21 legislation shall be declared null and void.

Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the Stennis Center for Public Service Leadership.



A Bill to Require Broadcasters to Provide Free Air Time for All Candidates for Federal Office

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** In exchange for obtaining a valuable license to operate a broadcast station
3 using the public airwaves, each radio and television licensee is required by
4 the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to provide a reasonable
5 amount of free airtime for political advertising for all legally qualified
6 candidates for federal elective office. Such free airtime must be made
7 available during all of a station’s normal broadcast schedule, including
8 television prime time and radio drive time.

9 **SECTION 2.** The term “broadcast station” includes all AM radio, FM radio and TV
10 stations licensed as commercial by the FCC, i.e. radio and TV stations that
11 generally support themselves through the sale of advertising. The term
12 “federal elective office” includes President of the United States, United
13 States Senator, and United States Representative.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the federal agency
15 directed by Congress to regulate broadcasting, shall implement this
16 legislation and monitor compliance. The Enforcement Bureau of the FCC
17 shall determine the punishment for violators of this law.

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

19 **SECTION 5.** All laws or portions of laws conflicting with the provisions of this
20 legislation shall be declared null and void.

Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the Stennis Center for Public Service Leadership.



A Resolution Amending the Constitution to Limit the Authority of the Congress over the District of Columbia

1 **WHEREAS**, Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution provides for Congress to exercise
2 exclusive legislative authority over the Seat of the Government, which
3 today is known as the District of Columbia; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Congress has an interest in exercising authority over the Seat of
5 Government, and

6 **WHEREAS**, The Federal Government owns only about 15 square miles (25 percent) of
7 the 61 square miles which constitute the District of Columbia; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Congress must approve all legislation from the City Council, including the
9 expenditure of locally-collected tax revenues; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Congress can, and has, annulled referenda approved by the voters of
11 the District of Columbia, and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Congress has enacted legislation applying exclusively to the District of
13 Columbia, and

14 **WHEREAS**, the 600,000 residents of the District of Columbia do not have voting
15 representation in the Congress; now, therefore, be it

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

ARTICLE --

21
22 SECTION 1: The Congress shall exercise exclusive legislative authority
23 over lands within the District of Columbia, which are
24 owned by the Federal Government.

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

Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the Stennis Center for Public Service Leadership.



A Bill to Enable Voters to Cast Their Ballots for Federal Offices Online

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Each state which receives financial assistance under the Help America

3 Vote Act of 2002 shall make provision for registered voters in that state to
4 cast their ballots for any Federal office online. Any such provisions shall
5 be in addition to voting processes currently in effect.

6 **SECTION 2.** The term “Federal office” shall mean the Office of the President, the
7 Office of the Vice President, U.S. Senator, and U. S. Representative; and
8 the term “online” shall mean the use of any electronic device connected to
9 the Internet.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Election Assistance Commission shall develop standards for ballot
11 security and to ensure the integrity of the online voting process, including
12 an auditable record.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2013.

14 **SECTION 5.** All laws or portions of laws conflicting with the provisions of this
15 legislation shall be declared null and void.

Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the Stennis Center for Public Service Leadership.



A Bill to Establish Nonpartisan Independent Redistricting Commissions in Every State

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Congress of the United States directs each state to establish a
3 nonpartisan Independent Redistricting Commission to replace the current
4 Congressional redistricting process. Commissions should be appointed by
5 state legislatures and made up of an odd number of members. Districts
6 must be based on population equality, contiguity, compactness, political
7 subdivisions and communities of interest.

8 **SECTION 2.** The term “contiguity” means contiguous territory. The term “political
9 subdivisions and communities of interest” includes city and county
10 boundaries.

11 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Justice shall monitor compliance with this
12 legislation.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2013.

14 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void,
15 except the Voting Rights Act as passed and amended.

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A Bill to Protect Public Health in Airports

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Airport Security checks will not include the use of full body scanners until
3 proper safety testing has been concluded and passenger privacy rights are
4 accounted for.

5 **SECTION 3.** A. Proper testing would include verification of the amount of radiation
6 that is deposited into the skin as well as the amount for the entire body.

7 B. Alternative screenings for passengers who object for privacy concerns
8 must also be established.

9 **SECTION 4.** The U.S. Department of Security and the Transportation Security
10 Administration (TSA) will oversee the enforcement of this bill. The TSA
11 will cease using full-body scanners until proper testing is concluded and
12 these scanners are deemed safe.

13 **SECTION 5.** This law will take effect immediately upon passage.

Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the Nebraska District.



A Resolution to Reduce the Scope of the Military-Industrial Complex

- 1 **WHEREAS**, George Washington stated that “overgrown military establishments...are
2 inauspicious to liberty”; and
- 3 **WHEREAS**, Total defense spending consumed 23% federal spending in 2009 costing
4 around \$782 billion; and
- 5 **WHEREAS**, Defense contractors contribute to a growing trend of conflicted interests,
6 moral hazard, and exploitation of public resources; and
- 7 **WHEREAS**, US defense spending accounted for roughly 47% of global defense
8 spending; and
- 9 **WHEREAS**, Increased or persistent militarization undermines democracy, tolerance,
10 and foreign relations; and
- 11 **WHEREAS**, Defense contractors frequently donate to congressional campaigns and
12 corrupt the democratic system; and
- 13 **WHEREAS**, Increased spending on defense-related projects neglects essential programs
14 including education, health-care, and energy; and
- 15 **WHEREAS**, The growth of the military-industrial complex threatens entrenched
16 American values; now, therefore, be it
- 17 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that defense spending and defense
18 contracts be drastically reduced and reexamination of America’s military
19 be initiated.

Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the Gulf Coast (TX) District.



A Bill to Allocate Federal Funding to Aid in the Monitoring of the American/Mexican Border

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall allocate funds in the amount
3 of one billion dollars to aid in the protection of the American/Mexican
4 border.

5 **SECTION 2.** Monitoring/Protection includes but is not limited to: Fencing, and other
6 physical borders and the training, arming, and payment of guards working
7 on the border.

8 **SECTION 3.** The American Border Patrol (ABP) agency shall be created. The ABP
9 will distribute and use the funds as they see fit, provided it is used directly
10 for the purpose of increased protection and monitoring.

11 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect June 1, 2012.

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

Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the Hoosier Crossroads (IN) District.



A Bill to Provide Funding for African Electrical Infrastructure

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** \$3 billion are hereby appropriated to the African Global Competitiveness
3 Initiative (AGCI).

4 **A.** All oversight for this aid program will be conducted by USAID and the
5 U.S. Department of State.

6 **B.** This money will be used for the sole purpose of funding the AGCI
7 African Infrastructure Program (AIP).

8 **C.** The AIP will be in charge of assisting efforts by African nations to
9 expand their respective electrical infrastructures.

10 **D.** Funding for the AGCI will continue for a three year period, with
11 appropriations being granted in three \$1 billion installments.

12 **E.** After the three-year period, Congress shall review all funding as well as
13 subsequent procedures established by this bill.

14 **SECTION 2.** As a condition of receiving AIP assistance, any African electrical project
15 must meet criteria established under the AIP including:

16 **A.** Attaining commercial and financial viability and having a strong
17 private sector component.

18 **B.** Having a positive impact on economic growth and increasing access to
19 electricity.

20 **C.** Complying with environmental standards established by USAID as
21 well as the World Bank.

22 **D.** Being in the late study stages of the project development cycle.

23 **SECTION 3.** Preference for aid assistance shall be given to clean and renewable energy
24 initiatives, as well as off-grid power projects.

25 **SECTION 4.** If a project cannot gain investments within a two year period from
26 receiving funding, aid granted under this bill for that particular project
27 shall automatically be discontinued.

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

Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the North Coast (OH) District.