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A Bill to Withdraw Troops from Syria

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Except as provided in §2, no further funds authorized to be appropriated
3 or otherwise made available for the Department of Defense may be
4 obligated or expended for the purpose of—

- 5 A. deploying members of the United States Armed Forces on to the
6 ground of Syria for the purposes of engaging in ground combat
7 operations;
8 B. awarding a contract to a private security contractor to conduct any
9 activity on the ground of Syria; or
10 C. otherwise establishing or maintaining any presence of members of
11 the United States Armed Forces or private security contractors on the
12 ground of Syria, unless the purpose of such presence is limited solely
13 to rescuing or protecting members of the United States Armed Forces
14 from imminent danger.

15 **SECTION 2.** The prohibition under §1 does not apply to the deployment of United
16 States Armed Forces to protect, rescue, or remove United States
17 personnel.

18 **SECTION 3.** This bill shall take effect upon passage. All laws in conflict with this
19 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the National Speech & Debate Association (October 2018 docket); adapted from H.R.1473 - Prohibit Expansion of U.S. Combat Troops into Syria Act, 115th Congress (2017-2018) by Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA).

A Bill to Prohibit Animal Fighting

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** Section 26 of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2156) is amended—
- A.** by striking the section designation and heading and all that follows through “paragraph (3), it” in subsection (a)(1) and inserting the following: “SEC. 26. ANIMAL FIGHTING. (a) Sponsoring Or Exhibiting Animal In, Attending, Or Causing Underage Individual To Attend, Animal Fighting Venture.—“(1) SPONSORING OR EXHIBITING.—It”;
 - B.** in subsection (a), by striking paragraph (3);
 - C.** in subsection (c)— (A) by striking “subsection (e)” and inserting “subsection (d)”;
 - D.** by striking subsection (d);
 - E.** by redesignating subsections (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), and (j) as subsections (d), (e), (i), (f), (g), and (h), respectively, and moving the subsections so as to appear in alphabetical order;
 - F.** in subsection (e) (as so redesignated), in the third sentence, by striking “paragraph (f)” and inserting “subsection”;
 - G.** in subsection (h) (as so redesignated), by striking “(e)” and inserting “(d)”;
 - H.** in paragraph (3) of subsection (i) (as so redesignated), by adding “and” at the end.
- SECTION 2.** Conforming Amendment.—Section 49(a) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking “(e) of section 26 of the Animal Welfare Act” and inserting “(d) of section 26 of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2156)”.
- SECTION 3.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Resolution to Urge the United States to Ratify the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) was
2 adopted by Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea in
3 December 1982, and entered into force in November 1994 to establish a
4 treaty regime to govern activities on, over, and under the world’s oceans;
5 and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** The convention has been ratified by 167 parties, which includes 166
7 states and the European Union, but not the United States; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Relying on other nations to assert claims on behalf of the United States
9 at the Hague Convention is woefully insufficient to defend and uphold
10 United States sovereign rights and interests; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** Given strategic challenges the United States faces in the Asia-Pacific
12 region; now, therefore, be it
- 13 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled urge the Senate to give its advice and
14 consent to ratify the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
15 (UNCLOS); and, be it
- 16 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this Congress recommend the President become a signatory
17 to the UNCLOS.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the National Speech & Debate Association (October 2018 docket); adapted from S.Res.598, 115th Congress (2017-2018) by Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-HI).

A Bill to Strive for Greater Diversity in Education

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Guidelines revoked in July 2018 by the Secretary of Education shall be restored and herewith codified into law regarding use of race by elementary, secondary, and postsecondary schools under the Constitution, Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title IV), 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000c et seq., and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI), 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d et seq.

SECTION 2. The following specific documents shall be reinstated:

- (a). December 2, 2011 Dear Colleague Letter Regarding the Use of Race by Educational Institutions;
- (b). 2011 Guidance on the Voluntary Use of Race to Achieve Diversity in Postsecondary Education dated December 2, 2011;
- (c). 2011 Guidance on the Voluntary Use of Race to Achieve Diversity and Avoid Racial Isolation in Elementary and Secondary Schools dated December 2, 2011;
- (d). September 27, 2013 Dear Colleague Letter on the Voluntary Use of Race to Achieve Diversity in Higher Education After *Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin* [Fisher I];
- (e). September 27, 2013 Questions and Answers About *Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin* [Fisher I];
- (f). May 6, 2014 Dear Colleague Letter on the Supreme Court Ruling in *Schuetz v. Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action*; and
- (g). September 30, 2016 Questions and Answers About *Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin* [Fisher II].

SECTION 3. LGBTQ+ students shall be added to the restored guidelines as a classification deserving protection and enhancing diversity.

SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect upon passage. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Eliminate Foreign Military Financing to Enemies of a Free Press

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** US Foreign Military Aid to countries who score above a 50 on the World
3 Press Freedom Index (WPFI) will be eliminated until.

4 **SECTION 2. A.** The World Press Freedom Index is compiled by Reporters Without
5 Borders and “is a snapshot of the media freedom situation based on an
6 evaluation of pluralism, independence of the media, quality of legislative
7 framework, and safety of the journalists in each country” (RSF.org)

8 **B.** US Foreign Military Aid includes all aid labeled as “Foreign Military
9 Financing” (FMF) in the Congressional Budget Justification.

10 **SECTION 3. A.** The State Department will modify all aid budget requests to comply
11 with this legislation

12 **B.** Congress may not authorize budget allocation for Foreign Military Aid
13 to any country which has scored a 50 or higher on the WPFI in the year
14 preceding the budgetary allocation

15 **C.** Any existing deals for Military Financing for countries scoring higher
16 than 50 on the WPFI will be immediately nullified.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect for the budget in FY 2021.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the National Speech & Debate Association (October 2018 docket).

A Bill to Save the Earth by Mandating Cleaner Trucks

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All new semi-trailer trucks sold in the United States must have an EPA
3 rating of at least 10 Miles Per Gallon

4 **SECTION 2.** The Miles Per Gallon should be the calculated average with a fully loaded
5 trailer on level ground

6 **SECTION 3. A.** The EPA will measure and report on the fuel efficiency of all semi-
7 trailer trucks for sale in the United States.

8 **B.** The seller of any new truck that does not meet these guidelines is
9 subject to a fine of \$50,000 per offending vehicle sold

10 **C.** The Department of Transportation will be responsible for monitoring
11 the sale of trucks and enforcing this legislation through legal action

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect January 1, 2025

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

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A Bill to Balance the Board to Shatter the Glass Ceiling

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All publicly traded companies incorporated within the United States must
3 have no less than 40% of the members on its board of directors be
4 female.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. The board of directors of the corporation is the supreme authority
6 within the corporation and appoints the Chief Executive Officer.

7 B. Female shall refer to the sex listed on official United States
8 Government identification documents.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) will monitor companies
10 for compliance and investigate irregularities in the gender balancing of
11 any board of directors.

12 A. To remain in compliance, corporations must ensure that the female
13 members are full, equal board members and that no attempts to
14 dilute the power of these members occur.

15 B. Corporations that do not meet the 40% requirement will not be
16 eligible for an IPO.

17 C. Fines of up to 10% of yearly revenue may be levied for failure to
18 comply in good faith.

19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation affects all Corporations filing for an initial public offering
20 (IPO) in or after the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019.

21 A. Corporations that are currently publicly traded will have until July 1,
22 2021 to bring their boards into compliance.

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

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Manage our Wolves Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Not later than the end of fiscal year 2019, and except as provided in
3 subsection (b), the Secretary of the Interior shall issue a rule to remove
4 the gray wolf (*Canis lupus*) in each of the 48 contiguous States of the
5 United States and the District of Columbia from the List of Endangered
6 and Threatened Wildlife in section 17.11 of title 50, Code of Federal
7 Regulations, without regard to any other provision of statute or
8 regulation that applies to issuance of such rule..

9 **SECTION 2.** Such issuance (including this section)— (1) shall not be subject to judicial
10 review; and (2) shall not affect the inclusion of the subspecies classified
11 as the Mexican gray wolf (*Canis lupus baileyi*) of the species gray wolf
12 (*Canis lupus*) in such list.

13 **SECTION 3.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the National Speech & Debate Association (October 2018 docket); adapted from H.R.6784, 115th Congress (2017-2018) by Rep. Sean Duffy (R-WI).

Congressional Revolving Door Ban Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. No individual serving as a Member of Congress on or after the date of enactment of this Act shall, upon the completion of the Member's term of office, accept compensation for offering any advice or engaging in written or oral communication with regard to— (1) formulation, modification, or adoption of Federal legislation (including legislative proposals); (2) formulation, modification, or adoption of a Federal rule, regulation, Executive order, or any other program, policy, or position of the United States Government; (3) administration or execution of a Federal program or policy (including the negotiation, award, or administration of a Federal contract, grant, loan, permit, or license); (4) nomination or confirmation of an individual for a position subject to confirmation by the Senate; or (5) representation of any party in a pending matter involving the Federal Government before a Federal court or in a Federal administrative proceeding.

SECTION 2. Exception: §1 shall not apply to full-time employment by or elected service in Federal, State, or local government, unless the activities described in that subsection constitute a primary responsibility of employment.

SECTION 3. Penalty: Whoever violates this section shall be fined the greater of not greater than \$1,000,000 or the value of the compensation received by the individual, imprisoned for not more than 5 years, or both.

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

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Local Control of School Lunch Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** For purposes of determining minimum nutrition requirements under
3 section 9(a)(1)(A) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42
4 U.S.C. 1758(a)(1)(A)) the Secretary of Agriculture shall— (1) not establish
5 or apply any requirements with respect to— (A) target 1 sodium; (B)
6 calorie limitations; or (C) the percentage of grains made with enriched or
7 whole grain flour; and (2) with respect to grains and meats served in
8 school breakfasts, apply section 220.8 of title 7, Code of Federal
9 Regulations, as such section was in effect on September 12, 2008.

10 **SECTION 2.** Repeal Of Paid Equity Requirements.—Subsection (p) of section 12 of the
11 Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1760) is repealed.

12 **SECTION 3.** Regulations.— (1) The Secretary of Agriculture shall update and issue
13 regulations to carry out this section and the amendments made by this
14 section. (2) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall offer a State and
15 local waiver for secondary schools with respect to the requirements
16 under section 210.14(e) of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations.

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

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