

Lincoln Southwest Silver Talon 2019 Congressional Debate Docket



A Bill to Establish the Policy of the United States Regarding the First-Use of Nuclear Weapons

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** It is the policy of the United States to not use nuclear weapons
2 preemptively.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln Southeast.

A Bill for Military Veterans "Reverse Boot Camp"

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All veterans discharged from the United States military for any reason will receive
- 2 "Reverse Boot Camp" training to assist with reintegration into civilian life.
- 3 A. A task force with representatives from Veterans Administration, the
- 4 Department of Education, the Department of Health and Human Services, the
- 5 Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Department of
- 6 Defense will jointly develop the common requirements for all "Reverse Boot
- 7 Camp" training programs.
- 8 B. "Reverse Boot Camp" training will not include mental health care or other
- 9 services provided by medical professionals in inpatient or outpatient care.
- 10 C. "Reverse Boot Camp" training will include information and training for
- 11 i. skills activities required of civilian adults in day to day activities, such as
- 12 grocery shopping, nutrition, cooking, and financial literacy.
- 13 ii. community based support services, such as housing agencies, social
- 14 services, or other agencies.
- 15 iii. college, career and vocational services provided by the Armed Services
- 16 and other public and private agencies.
- 17 **SECTION 2.** Training described in SECTION 1 will be available to all discharged veterans
- 18 regardless of the status of their discharge from service.
- 19 **SECTION 3.** Funding and budgeting for the program will be allocated as part of the
- 20 Department of Defense Unified Medical Budget.
- 21 A. The joint task force will have one year to develop the elements and
- 22 training.
- 23 B. Each branch of the military will have one year to fully integrate the
- 24 program for veterans who leave active service.
- 25 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be fully implemented within two calendar years of passing.
- 26 **SECTION 5.** All other veteran's services and support programs will remain in place.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Norfolk.

A Bill to Expand the Draft

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Title 32 of the United States Code will be amended to require that all
2 citizens of the United States complete registration with the Selective
3 Service System upon turning 18 or upon becoming a citizen.
- 4 **SECTION 2.**
- 5 A. The Selective Service System refers to the independent agency that
6 oversees and maintains all records for military draft registration.
- 7 B. All citizens would be defined as all the people who were natural-born
8 citizens or went through naturalization regardless of gender, sex, or
9 sexuality.
- 10 **SECTION 3.** People who fail to complete selective service requirements may be subject
11 to 5 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, or both. They will also be denied
12 access federal student aid and federal job programs.
- 13 **SECTION 4.** This piece of legislation will go into effect immediately upon passage.
- 14 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln East.

A Resolution to Encourage the United Kingdom to Abandon Brexit Plans

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The government of the United Kingdom is embroiled in controversy over
2 how to best follow through on their Brexit initiative; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Exiting the European Union could prove disastrous to the economy of not
4 just the UK but other countries throughout the globe; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The popular vote that pushed the UK toward the Brexit plan was too vague
6 to be actionable; now, therefore, be it
- 7 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled recommends that the United Kingdom
8 abandon it's rudderless course toward Brexit.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Millard North.

A Bill to Decriminalize Drugs

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** This bill shall decriminalize the use and possession of drugs in the United
2 States of America.
- 3 **SECTION 2.**
- 4 A. “Decriminalize” shall be defined as ceasing to treat something as a
5 misdemeanor or felony criminal offense. Under this bill, people in the
6 United States will no longer be arrested or convicted for possession,
7 use, or low-level sales of any drug nor for possession of equipment
8 used to introduce drugs into the human body.
- 9 B. Drug production, trafficking, and distribution, driving under the
10 influence, or other conduct that goes beyond simple possession or use
11 – particularly conduct that harms or poses an unreasonable threat of
12 harm to others – remain criminal offenses.
- 13 **SECTION 3.** The Drug Enforcement Administration and the United States Department
14 of Justice shall carry out the enforcement of this bill.
- 15 A. A person found in possession of drugs in the United States will not be
16 arrested. Rather, the person will be summoned to appear before a local
17 “dissuasion commission,” comprised of one official from the legal
18 arena and two from the health or social service arenas, who will
19 determine whether and to what extent the person is addicted to drugs.
20 The commissions – which operate independently from the criminal
21 justice system – can refer that person to a voluntary treatment
22 program or impose a fine or other administrative sanctions.
- 23 B. States are encouraged to re-allocate the money saved from reducing
24 costs associated with prosecution and incarceration to drug
25 rehabilitation centers.
- 26 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented January 1st, 2021.
- 27 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Marian.

A Bill to Subsidize Renewable Energy

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The federal government will provide a one-time tax break for a large
2 portion of the cost of the equipment and installation of a solar, wind, or
3 Hydroelectricity system to power one's home.
4 A. If a home is already connected to a power grid, the tax break will be
5 equal to 70% of the system's cost.
6 B. If a home is not yet connected to a power grid, the tax break will be
7 equal to 100% of the system's cost.
8 **SECTION 2.** Home will be defined as a citizen's primary place of residence.
9 **SECTION 3.** The IRS will oversee the enforcement of this legislation.
10 A. The total cost per household shall not exceed \$40,000.
11 B. Funding for this legislation will be reappropriated within the
12 Department of energy from nonrenewable energy expenditures.
13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented in the budget of the fiscal year
14 immediately following the passage of this bill.
15 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hastings.

A Bill to Ban Plastic Bags

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Plastic bags for all public and private use in the United States will hereby
2 be illegal.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Whatever companies are not compliant will have to pay a fine of
4 \$2,000,000 or pay a 5% tax increase annually for each year not in
5 accordance.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency will oversee the enforcement of the
7 bill.
- 8 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2021.
- 9 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Creighton Prep.

A Bill to Amend the War Powers Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The War Powers Act of 1973 shall be amended as follows:
- 2 A. Congress shall restrict the days of deployment of military personal from
- 3 60 to 45 (excluding the allotted 30 days withdrawal).
- 4 B. WPA shall be amended to include a limit of 5,000 troops (excluding
- 5 military personnel already stationed in the area) that can be deployed.
- 6 C. The sitting United States president shall still be required to officially
- 7 notify Congress within 48 hours and receive a congressional declaration
- 8 of war or Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF) within 45 days
- 9 if troops are to remain in the area.
- 10 **SECTION 2.** The War Powers Act of 1973 is a congressional resolution designed to
- 11 restrict the President's ability to initiate or engage in military actions
- 12 abroad.
- 13 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately upon passage.
- 14 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln Southwest.

A Bill to Amend the Constitution to Standardize the Number and Geographical Appointment of Supreme Court Justices

1 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is
2 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which
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 from the date of its submission by the Congress:

ARTICLE 1

7 **SECTION 1:** The Supreme Court of the United States shall consist of 11
8 Justices appointed by the President of the United States
9 with the approval of the Senate.

10 **SECTION 2:** The seats of the Supreme Court shall be numbered one
11 through eleven corresponding to the eleven numbered
12 federal appeals circuits and henceforth there shall be no
13 Justice appointed to a seat that represents a corresponding
14 district of which they are not a legal resident.

15 **SECTION 4:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
16 appropriate legislation.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Millard North.

A Bill to Limit Pharmaceutical Patent Protection

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Extending pharmaceutical patent protection or drug exclusivity will no
2 longer be allowed in the United States.
- 3 **SECTION 2.**
- 4 A. *Pharmaceutical Patent Protection* is defined as a measure that allows
5 only the pharmaceutical company that holds the patent to manufacture
6 and market the drug.
- 7 B. *Drug Exclusivity* refers to the delays and prohibitions on approval of
8 competitor drugs.
- 9 **SECTION 3.** The FDA (Food and Drug Administration) will oversee the enforcement of
10 the bill.
- 11 A. Pharmaceutical Patents will be valid for no more than 10 years from
12 the date of application. Extensions will no longer be granted.
- 13 B. After a drug is available to consumers, the patent holder shall have a
14 period of exclusivity not to exceed 5 years. If the patent expires prior to
15 5 years, the exclusivity shall also expire.
- 16 C. The FDA may, in the interest of public health concerns, declare a patent
17 expired or end an exclusivity period prior to the above designated
18 times.
- 19 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect upon passage.
- 20 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Norfolk.