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A Bill to Ban Autonomous Weapons From US Military Use

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The US Military or any other government apparatus will not use any armed autonomous weapons in combat, nor will it possess such weapons systems.

SECTION 2. A. “Armed Autonomous Weapons” will be defined as a weapons system armed and capable of deciding for itself whether to engage a target with lethal force.

B. “Combat” will be defined as a hostile situation in which there may be combatants.

C. This bill does allow for autonomous weapons systems which require approval of a human before engaging.

SECTION 3. This legislation will be enforced by the Department of Defense.

SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect on January 1, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by DGFHS



A Bill to Reduce the Deployed Nuclear Arsenal to a Maximum of 100 Warheads

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The deployed nuclear arsenal of the United States shall not exceed 100 warheads.

SECTION 2. “Deployed nuclear arsenal” shall refer to all nuclear weapons stored on intercontinental ballistic missiles or at heavy bomber bases, as well as all B61 nuclear bombs stored under the NATO nuclear sharing program.

SECTION 3. The Departments of Energy and Defense shall be responsible for the enforcement of this legislation.

- A. On or before March 1, 2020, the departments shall assemble a commission to be tasked with determining the most effective course of reducing the deployed nuclear arsenal in compliance with this legislation.
- B. On or before September 1, 2020, the commission shall submit an arms reduction report to Congress, whereupon the commission’s plan shall be subject to the approval of a majority of each chamber.
- C. Should Congress fail to approve the commission’s report on or before March 1, 2021, the departments shall begin the process of earmarking all deployed U.S. nuclear weapons for nondeployed status, excepting 100 ICBM-fixed warheads.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect by September 1, 2021.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hawley High School.

A Bill to Scale Traffic Violation Fines to Income

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Each state shall establish a new system of traffic-violation fines based upon daily disposable income.

SECTION 2. ‘Traffic violation fine’ shall be defined as any monetary fine for a moving or non-moving vehicle violation. ‘Daily disposable income’ shall be defined as yearly income for the past fiscal year from wages, stock dividends, etc. after taxes divided by 365.

SECTION 3. The United States Department of Transportation shall withhold 10% of the states’ federal highway funding from any state which does not adopt a system of income-scaled traffic violation fines. Under this income-scaled system, traffic violation fines will be assessed using a day-fine system where fines will be assigned by taking $\frac{1}{2}$ of an individual’s daily disposable income times a day multiplier for the severity of the offense as assessed by a standard established by the states.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall go into effect at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

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



A Bill to Extend Tribal Jurisdiction to Increase Access to Justice for Indigenous Peoples

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The jurisdictions of Native American Tribal Courts shall be extended to include any criminal or civil offenses committed by a nonmember against a tribal member on native lands.

SECTION 2. A Tribal Court is defined as any court or other tribunal of any federally recognized Indigenous nation, tribe, pueblo, band, or Alaska Native village, duly established under tribal or federal law.

SECTION 3. The Department of Justice will oversee the implementation of this legislation:

A. Tribal law enforcement authorities will be provided access to the National Crime Information Center database, The Combined DNA Index System, and the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System.

B. Inter-jurisdictional cooperation among tribes and federal, state, and local law enforcement will be increased.

SECTION 4. This legislation will be implemented at the start of the 2021 fiscal year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Moorhead High School.

A Bill to Ban Polygraph Testing in the Vetting Process for Federal Employment

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Polygraph testing will no longer be used in the vetting process for the hiring of persons applying for employment in a federal agency.

SECTION 2. Government Agency is defined as “any government organization or agency with government funding that executes routine functions supporting the government.”

Vetting Process is defined as “an interview or questioning period where employment is under consideration or a situation where employment is contingent upon successful passage.”

SECTION 3. The Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency will enforce this legislation.

A. Agencies that do not comply with this regulation will not receive government funding until proof of cooperation can be provided.

SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Elk River High School

A Bill to Promote Integrity Within Law Enforcement

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All law enforcement officers are banned from purposely lying during custodial interrogation for the purpose of gaining a confession.

SECTION 2. Purposeful lying is defined as stating known misinformation that is factually incorrect to mislead the interrogated person.

A. 'Custodial interrogation' is defined by the Legal Information Institute as the "questioning of a detained person by the police in connection with a criminal investigation."

B. 'Law enforcement officers' is defined as any officer, agent, or employee of a State, unit of local government, or Indian tribe authorized by law or by a government agency.

SECTION 3. This will be enforced jointly by local police and the Dept. of Justice.

A. Any violation will result in a review of the officer(s) and the department, and suspension with pay.

B. If the incident is found by the DOJ to be an infraction with the department complicit, it will result in a loss of government funding for a period of six months.

SECTION 4. This legislation will be in effect immediately upon passage.

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

A Bill to Implement a Nationwide 5.0 Scale In All Public Schools

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All public schools will be required to implement a 5.0 grade point average scale.

SECTION 2. 5.0 GPA shall be defined as a number or letter grade that is assigned a numerical advantage when calculating the GPA of a student.

SECTION 3. The U.S. Department of Education shall oversee the transition until it is complete, and continue to oversee that schools are enforcing it.

SECTION 4. The transition will be fully completed by the 2023 fiscal year.

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

Introduced By Denfeld High School

A Resolution to End U.S. Economic Warfare Against Venezuela

- WHEREAS,** since August of 2017, the Trump administration has imposed a far-ranging economic sanctions regime against the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela aimed at effecting regime change against the Venezuelan government; and
- WHEREAS,** said sanctions regime has been expanded repeatedly throughout the Trump administration in a failed effort to assist Juan Guaidó's coup attempts toward the Maduro regime; and
- WHEREAS,** the Trump administration's economic sanctions have targeted the Venezuelan economy's means of importing basic humanitarian supplies, such as food and medicine; and
- WHEREAS,** the Trump administration's sanctions regime constitutes an economic war against the people of Venezuela; now, therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** by the Congress here assembled that the United States remove all economic sanctions aimed broadly against Venezuelan civil society and economic institutions.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hawley High School

A Resolution to Label ANTIFA as a Domestic Terrorist Organization

WHEREAS, ANTIFA as a group is directly responsible for terrorist activities; and

WHEREAS, ANTIFA has violently attacked groups they oppose politically; and

WHEREAS, many towns like Portland, Oregon have had local police suppressed by ANTIFA;
and

WHEREAS, labeling ANTIFA as a domestic terrorist organization would make federal
enforcement easier, preventing violence; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled push to label ANTIFA as a domestic terrorist
organization.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Denfeld High School

A Resolution To Legalize Euthanasia

- WHEREAS,** Euthanasia shall be defined as the painless killing of a patient suffering from an incurable and painful disease or in an irreversible coma; and
- WHEREAS,** Nine states in the United States have legalized euthanasia; and
- WHEREAS,** To allow a terminally ill individual to end his/her life is the only humane, rational and compassionate choice; and
- WHEREAS,** The terminally ill are travelling abroad to countries where the right to end of life in terminal cases is recognized and is lawful; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that all states legalize euthanasia for patients who are terminally ill and have been given six months or less to live.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by DGF High School