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A Resolution to Increase U.S.-Indian Military Cooperation

1. **WHEREAS,** Tensions are high between India and China and border skirmishes
2. between the two counties are increasing; and
3. **WHEREAS,** India's military can not properly defend their country against
4. Chinese attacks; and
5. **WHEREAS,** The United States ought to band with other democracies to
6. counter China's rising military power; and,
7. **WHEREAS,** Studies have shown East Asian countries appreciate continued
8. United States military support to deter China's power; and
9. **WHEREAS,** Russia is currently the leading supplier of arms to India, which
10. diminishes American influence in Asia; therefore, be it
11. **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled, that the United States should
12. strive to build a closer U.S.-India military-to-military relationship, including the
13. promotion of interoperability between American and Indian forces; and, be it
14. **FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the United States should substantially increase the sale
15. of military-grade drones, fighter aircraft, air missiles, military transport aircraft,
16. helicopters, air defense systems, and other arms and military equipment to India.

Introduced by Marian High School

A Resolution To Venture Into The Unknown

1. **WHEREAS**, the last time NASA sent an astronaut into space, was in 2011; and
2. **WHEREAS**, we have barely scratched the surface of the great vastness beyond our
3. atmosphere; and
4. **WHEREAS**, there is nearly untapped potential out in the universe; and
5. **WHEREAS**, we currently have damaged our atmosphere and depleted our natural
6. resources and it is almost irreversible, therefore be it
7. **RESOLVED**, that the Congress here assembled encourage that we increase the
funding
8. for NASA, and begin further space exploration, and be it
9. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NASA will start research and development for terraforming
10. technologies.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Millard South Debate

A Bill to Create a Carbon Tax on Industrial Greenhouse Gas Emitters

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 SECTION 1. A tax of \$49 per metric ton of carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous
2 oxide, and fluorinated gases will be placed on the industrial
3 emitters of greenhouse gas.

4 SECTION 2. industrial emitters of greenhouse gas will be defined as
5 industrial sources, such as manufacturing, food processing,
6 mining, and construction that produce greenhouse gasses.

7 SECTION 3. This bill will be enforced by the IRS and the Environmental
8 Protection Agency. The tax will be phased in over a three year
9 period according to the following schedule:

10 a. The first year rate will be \$15 per metric ton.

11 b. The second year rate will be \$30 per metric ton.

12 c. The third year rate will be \$49 per metric ton.

13 SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect on January 1st of the year after its
14 passage.

15 SECTION 5. All laws in conflict in this bill will hereby be declared null and
16 void.

Submitted by Norfolk High School

A Resolution to Modify the UN Security Council Veto Process

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The system which currently governs vetoes within the United Nations
2 Security Council (UNSC) is undemocratic; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** One member state out of 15 voting member states can destroy a solution
4 for peace by exercising an insurmountable veto; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Many permanent member states of the UNSC are operating from a purely
6 self-interested position and, in turn, often fail to work for global progress;
7 now, therefore, be it
- 8 **RESOLVED,** That the United States urges the United Nations to revise the Security
9 Council veto process to ensure a two-thirds majority vote can override any
 veto within the UNSC.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Millard North.

A Bill to Support Climate Friendly Farming

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** A 20% sales tax will be levied on the sale of beef with the revenue
3. going to the EPA to support climate-friendly farming practices.
4. **SECTION 2.** Beef is defined as the flesh of a cow, bull or ox used as food.
5. **SECTION 3.** The IRS will oversee the implementation of this bill.
6. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect on January 1st, 2022.
7. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
8. and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln Southwest High School

A Resolution Concerning United States Membership in the ICC

- 1 **WHEREAS,** More international participation in the International Criminal Court (ICC)
2 would bring greater legitimacy to the court; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The United States will have trouble in maintaining any sense of leadership
4 on matters of human rights without becoming party to the Rome Statute
5 and cooperating with the proceedings of the ICC; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** In order for the United States to lobby and diplomatically persuade other
7 nations to be more mindful of human rights, the country must protect its
8 image as a defender of human rights; now, therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled recommends the United States engage
10 in all necessary steps to become party to the Rome Statute and join the ICC
11 as a member state which engages in robust participation with the
12 organization.

Submitted by Lincoln High School

A Bill to Rock the Vote

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Voting shall be more convenient, accessible, and equitable.
- 2 A) Election Day will be held on the first Saturday in the month of
- 3 November.
- 4 B) All citizens who currently are or have previously been incarcerated
- 5 will be allowed to register to vote. Currently incarcerated citizens
- 6 who successfully register to vote may vote within prison.
- 7 C) All voters may vote early or request a mail-in ballot without an
- 8 excuse.
- 9 D) States may not remove a voter’s registration based on only meeting
- 10 one of the following criteria: not voting in certain elections, having
- 11 the same first and last name as a different voter, or moving to a
- 12 different residence.
- 13 E) If a voter does not provide identification at the time of voting in a
- 14 state that requires it, their vote must still be counted as a regular
- 15 ballot as long as the voter signs a provided affidavit affirming their
- 16 identity. States may continue to choose not to request voter
- 17 identification.
- 18 **SECTION 2.** “Election Day” is defined, for this bill only, as the last day of an election
- 19 that voters are allowed to cast their ballot for a Representative and
- 20 Senator in Congress.
- 21 **SECTION 3.** State governments will execute this law. \$1 billion will be distributed
- 22 proportional to states’ populations. This money will be used to execute this
- 23 law and to hire more poll workers.
- 24 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect on January 1, 2022. All laws in conflict with this
- legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln East High School.

A Resolution to Save Social Security

1 **WHEREAS**, millions of retired American workers, who have paid into the system
2 through FICA taxes, rely on Social Security funds for retirement
3 assistance; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Social Security Trust Funds are projected to become insolvent by
5 2035, according to the program's trustees; and

6 **WHEREAS**, current revenues are insufficient to cover scheduled benefits, causing all
7 beneficiaries to suffer a 20% benefit cut, with cuts increasing over time if
8 revenues into the program are not increased; and

9 **WHEREAS**, The Social Security wage base limit, which is the maximum amount of
10 income that can be taxed for Social Security, is \$137,700 for 2020; and

11 **WHEREAS**, removing the cap could eliminate much of the Social Security funding gap
12 for at least 75 years; therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED**, by the Federal Congress here assembled, that the income cap on the
14 payroll tax should be repealed.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Creighton Preparatory School

A Bill to Give Development Aid to the Northern Triangle

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
3. shall distribute one billion dollars of development aid to non-governmental
4. organizations (NGOs) operating within the Northern Triangle to stabilize
5. the region and improve the lives of local people.
6. **SECTION 2.** The Northern Triangle shall be defined as the following countries:
7. Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador. Development aid shall be defined
8. as agricultural, economic, educational, and medical aid.
9. **SECTION 3.** USAID shall be charged with implementation of this legislation.
10. A. USAID shall create a proposal process for NGOs and award
11. grants based on past performance, technical approach,
12. personnel, corporate capability, and management plans.
13. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented over the span of five years,
14. with two hundred million dollars allocated each year.
15. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
16. and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln Southwest High School

A bill to require all police officers to wear body cameras

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **Section 1:** Police officers shall wear cameras during their daily police work.
3. **Section 2:** Body cameras shall be defined as a video recording device that can
4. be worn on the body.
5. **Section 3A:** The Department of Justice (DOJ) shall be responsible for enforcing
6. this bill by conditioning DOJ grants to state and local police departments on the
7. enforcement of this legislation.
8. **Section 3B:** If police departments receiving DOJ grant money fail to enforce the
9. body camera requirement, then the full grant funding they receive from the DOJ
10. will be revoked.
11. **Section 4:** This bill will go into effect in March, 2021.
12. **Section 5:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
13. void.

Submitted by Lincoln Southeast

A Bill to Ban Drone Strikes

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The United States military will stop using weaponized drone strikes.
3. **SECTION 2.** A weaponized drone strike is defined as an attack by one or more
4. unmanned combat aerial vehicles or weaponized unmanned aerial vehicles which drop
5. bombs or gas, fire missiles, bullets, or other armaments, or crash into a target.
6. **SECTION 3.** Implementation and enforcement of this bill will be overseen by the U.S.
7. Department of Defense. Any breach of this bill will result in dishonorable discharge for
8. all parties involved, and a trial in military court.
9. **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect within six months of passage.
10. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Marian High School