

# Lincoln Southeast Winter Joust Congress Docket 2021



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## 1. 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*

## **2. A Bill to Sail the Seven Seas**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** By fiscal year 2030, 355 battle force ships will be available for the United

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States Navy in order to achieve the established national policy goal.

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**SECTION 2.** In order to achieve the goal, the Secretary of the Navy will secure funding

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and start construction on the following ships: 12 Arleigh Burke-class

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destroyers; 10 Virginia-class submarines; 6 John Lewis-class fleet

oilers; 5

and 5 guided missile frigates.

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**SECTION 3.** The Secretary of Defense shall seek funding through the budgetary

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process. The Secretary of the Navy will ensure execution of the program

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until 2030; and reevaluate as needed.

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**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect starting on October 1, 2021.

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

void.<sup>11</sup>

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln East High School.*

### 3. 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*

#### 4. A Resolution Concerning United States Membership in the ICC

1	<b>WHEREAS,</b>	More international participation in the International Criminal Court (ICC)
2		would bring greater legitimacy to the court; and
3	<b>WHEREAS,</b>	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	<b>WHEREAS,</b>	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	<b>RESOLVED,</b>	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

## **5. A Bill to Create a Carbon Tax on Industrial Greenhouse Gas Emitters**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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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.

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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.

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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:

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

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

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

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

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

Submitted by Norfolk High School

## 6. A Bill to Extend Bankruptcy to Cover Student Loans

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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**SECTION 1.** All student loans be they federally or privately secured will hereby be

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eligible for discharge through Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 bankruptcies for

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all persons who have legally secured these loans and otherwise qualify for

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bankruptcy protections in the United States.

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**SECTION 2.** A Chapter 7 bankruptcy shall be defined as the liquidation of assets to

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nullify debt. A Chapter 13 bankruptcy shall be defined as the

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reorganization of funds to essentially create a payment plan.

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**SECTION 3.** The United States Trustee Program under the Department of Justice will be 9  
tasked with implementing this bill.

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**SECTION 4.** The legislation will take effect at the start of the 2021 fiscal year.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Millard North.*

## **7. A Bill to Encourage the Adoption of Inclusive Zoning Policies**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT: 2.

**SECTION 1.** Section 104 of the Housing and Community Development 3. Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5304) is amended by adding at the end the 4. following: Each grantee receiving assistance under this title shall 5. (A) - include in the consolidated plan required under part 91 of title 6. 24, Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor thereto) a 7. strategy to support new inclusive zoning policies and 8. (B) - include in the annual performance report submitted under 9. section 91.520 of title 24, Code of Federal Regulations (or any 10. successor thereto) the progress and implementation of the strategy 11. described in subparagraph (A).

12. **SECTION 2.** Inclusive zoning policies shall be defined as authorizing 13. high-density and multifamily zoning; eliminating off-street parking 14. requirements; establishing density bonuses; streamlining or shortening 15. permitting processes and timelines; removing height limitations; 16. establishing by-right development; and relaxing lot size restrictions. 17. **SECTION 3.** This shall be overseen by the Department of Housing and 18. Urban Development.

19. **SECTION 4.** It will be implemented by the beginning of the next fiscal 20. year.

21. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared 22. null and void.

*Introduced by Millard South*



## 8. A Bill to Rock the Vote

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** Voting shall be more convenient, accessible, and equitable.

1 A) Election Day will be held on the first Saturday in the month of

2 November.

3 B) All citizens who currently are or have previously been incarcerated

4 will be allowed to register to vote. Currently incarcerated citizens

5 who successfully register to vote may vote within prison.

6 C) All voters may vote early or request a mail-in ballot without an

7 excuse.

8 D) States may not remove a voter's registration based on only meeting

9 one of the following criteria: not voting in certain elections, having

10 the same first and last name as a different voter, or moving to a

11 different residence.

12 E) If a voter does not provide identification at the time of voting in a

13 state that requires it, their vote must still be counted as a regular

14 ballot as long as the voter signs a provided affidavit affirming their

15 identity. States may continue to choose not to request voter

16 identification.

17 **SECTION 2.** "Election Day" is defined, for this bill only, as the last day of an election

18 that voters are allowed to cast their ballot for a Representative and

19 Senator in Congress.

20 **SECTION 3.** State governments will execute this law. \$1 billion will be distributed

21 proportional to states' populations. This money will be used to execute this

22 law and to hire more poll workers.

23 **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.*

## **9. A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE INCLUSION THRESHOLD FOR PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES**

1 WHEREAS, the traditional debate format only includes members from the 2  
two major parties; and

3 WHEREAS, the number of candidates running on the Presidential ticket 4  
typically extends beyond the major party candidates; and

5 WHEREAS, the public is potentially barred from being exposed to third 6  
party candidates; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, By the Student Congress here assembled that, the threshold of 8  
inclusion in televised Presidential debates will be determined by 9  
an individual candidate's inclusion in the majority of state

10 ballots (at least 26 states); be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission on Presidential Debates shall be 12  
more mindful of the diversity of political opinions that exist

13 beyond the Republican and Democratic party and seek to

14 include more participants in the debates.

Submitted by Norfolk High School

## 10. 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*

## 11. A Bill to Extend Physician-Assisted Suicide Laws to All US States

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS FEDERAL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This policy will allow for a registered medical practitioner to assist in  
the 3 death of a patient if the following conditions are met and appropriately 4  
documented:

5 a. Patient has made a personal request for physician-assisted 6 suicide;

7 b. In the professional opinions of a registered medical 8 practitioner and a legal  
practitioner, the patient is competent to 9 make such a request;

10 c. In the opinion of two registered medical practitioners, one of 11 whom has not  
been involved in the care of the patient, the 12 patient is either;

13 i. Terminally ill

14 ii. In extreme physical or mental pain and suffering. 15 **SECTION 2.** This policy  
will be in line with regulations in states where euthanasia is 16 legal.

17 **SECTION 3.** Physician-assisted suicide is defined as the practice of a physician  
18 intentionally aiding in the ending of a life, specifically in cases of 19 diagnosed  
terminal illness and extensive pain and suffering. The 20 physician's role is typically  
to provide a lethal dose of a drug at the 21 explicit, voluntary request of a mentally  
competent patient. This is to be

22 carried out in the most humane manner, in accordance with medical 23 practices.

24 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and  
Department 25 of Justice (DoJ) will be tasked with implementing this policy. 26

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect immediately after passage. 27

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Creighton Preparatory School*