

Round 1

A RESOLUTION TO FUND MOSQUITO STERILIZATION

RESEARCH/DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS: Mosquitoes are the most dangerous insect in the world, spreading a wide variety of diseases and killing up to 750,000 people per year worldwide, and

WHEREAS: Mosquito sightings have risen in the US recently, due to increased humidity from hurricanes, tropical storms, and El Nino effects, and

WHEREAS: A wide variety of genetic modification techniques, such as sterilization and Wolbachia infestation, have been shown to be effective in decreasing mosquito populations, and

WHEREAS: The finite nature of federal research funding calls for a more focused approach, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS that any NIH funding for research and/or development into the eradication of mosquito populations via genetic modification be prioritized on sterilization techniques and application.

A Resolution to Urge Further Action on nuclear power

WHEREAS all major energy sources that rely upon fossil fuel energy produce greenhouse gases, and

WHEREAS wind, geothermal, and solar energy are intermittent (cannot meet the entire needs of an electric power system, 24/7) in nature, and

WHEREAS nuclear power is safer, more reliable, and is relatively low cost, and

WHEREAS the amount of energy released in a nuclear fission reaction is ten million times greater than the amount released in burning a fossil fuel molecule, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Student Congress here assembled that nuclear power should be the primary source of energy in the United States of America.

Round 2

A Bill to Establish Antitrust Reform

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission will be enabled to seek civil monetary penalties, in addition to already existing remedies, for violations of section 2 of the Sherman Act (15 U.S.C. 2); and further,

SECTION 2: Future violations will be deterred by providing for penalties of up to 15 percent of the violator's total U.S. revenues or 30 percent of the violator's U.S. revenues in the affected markets.

SECTION 3: This legislation will be enforced by the Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission

SECTION 4: This legislation will go into effect for the 2022 tax season.

A Bill to Establish the California Economic Recovery Act

Congress has made the following findings:

1. California has been dramatically affected economically by the Covid- 19 Crisis,
2. All Californians have felt the impact of Covid and been assisted by assorted state and federal agencies,
3. All Citizens share in the blessings of living in the State of California and share in its maintenance,
4. A flat tax induces greater payment of taxes and is a method of fair taxation methodology,
5. The State of California is in a dire economic and fiscal deficit.

Therefore, let the State Congress here assembled consider the following legislation.

SECTION 1. California Economic Recovery Act (15% Flat Tax Rate in CA)

This Act may be cited as the California Economic Recovery Act

SECTION 2. State Tax Moratorium and Readjustment

- a) The wage income of all residents of California shall be taxed at a rate of 15 percent for a period of no less than three years. All tiered tax systems imposed by the California Franchise Tax Board and Legislature shall be null and void during this period of implementation.
- b) In general, all other exemptions and deductions relative to current income tax law are repealed for State of California residents, except for deductions on mortgage interest and charitable contributions.

SECTION 3. Who is a Citizen

- a) In general, a State of California resident is defined as someone who:
 - 1) has a permanent address in the State of California, and
 - 2) lived within the boundaries of the State of California for the past six months,
 - 3) has filed a California income tax return for such a taxable year.

Section 4: Effective Date: This Act will take effect on January 01, 2022

Semi-Final Round

A BILL TO PROTECT FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION AND THOUGHT

1 Congress has made the following findings:

1. Individuals have lost and or been blacklisted from employment, been denied freedom of movement, been singled out for intrusive and harassing surveillance, all on the basis on their beliefs and associations,

- 5** 2. Political polarization threatens to result in a politically and ideologically segregated United States,

Let it hereby be established that:

SECTION 1. Section 703 (a)(1) of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 should be amended to include political beliefs and opinions and the lawful expression of those beliefs and opinions in the list of protections (in

- 10** addition to the current protections of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin).

SECTION 2. This amended Act shall be enforced by all normal ways and means.

SECTION 3. This Legislation shall be implemented upon passage.

- 15 SECTION 4.** All conflicting legislation shall be null and void.

Final Round

A Bill to Combat Gentrification in Opportunity Zones

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. SEC. 1400Z–2 of the Tax Cuts & Jobs Act of 2017 shall be repealed.

3 B. The Community Development Block Grant shall be given an additional 20 billion dollars annually

4 for two key interests within economic opportunity zones:

5 1. Funding the creation of “community land trusts”.

6 2. Financing the mortgages of low-income households

7 seeking a share of ownership of property on such trusts.

8 **SECTION 2.** A. “SEC. 1400Z–2 of the Tax Cuts & Jobs Act of 2017” designates tax incentives

9 for capital gains investment in opportunity zones.

10 B. An “economic opportunity zone” shall be defined as a population census tract that is a
low-income community designated as a qualified opportunity zone.

11 C. A “community land trust” shall be defined as a nonprofit entity that stewards the housing on
12 its property while retaining ownership of the land.

13 D. “Low-income households” shall be categorized according to the poverty guidelines of the
14 respective state.

15 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Housing and Urban Development and Department of Defense will
16 oversee the expenditure and enforcement of this bill.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be enacted beginning of fiscal year 2019.

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

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