

A Bill to Secure the Southern Border to Prevent Illegal Movement of Drugs/Weapons

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **WHEREAS** During the 2016 fiscal year, Border Patrol agents in San
- 2 Diego confiscated nearly 83,000 kilograms of marijuana, cocaine,
- 3 methamphetamine and heroin from the three ports of entry in the area.
- 4 **WHEREAS.** The Mexican government has estimated that 200,000
- 5 firearms are smuggled from the United States each year; Now, therefore,
- 6 be it
- 7 **RESOLVED.** By this Congress: The Director of ATF, working with State,
- 8 should establish time frames for outreach to, and training for, Partner
- 9 Mexican agencies; and, be it
- 10 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That additional funding will be provided to the
- 11 Department of Homeland Security
- 12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2022. All laws in
- 13 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Shady Side Academy

A Bill to Incentivize States to Raise Homeschooling Standards

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** States will be incentivized to raise homeschooling standards to require that
- 2 homeschooling instructors must have a GED or highschool diploma as well
- 3 as proof of competent instructor.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Proof of competent instructor will be defined as parents proving they are
- 5 competent by submitting necessary paperwork, providing adequate
- 6 instruction and being in compliance with state regulations.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** States who do not comply will only receive 95% of grants given to them by
- 8 the Department of Education.
- 9 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Education will oversee the enforcement of this bill.
- 10 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect on September 3rd 2022. All laws in conflict
- 11 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bloomington Kennedy Debate.

A Bill to End US Colonial Rule of Puerto Rico.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Puerto Rico became a colony of the United States after the Spanish-American
2 War in 1898 without representation, and so the people living on the island
3 were forced under the control of the United States. The purpose of this bill is
4 to help end America's age of colonialism.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico shall be released from the jurisdiction of
6 the United States of America, therefore making the Commonwealth an
7 independent nation with its own autonomy.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** Puerto Rico will be released from U.S. jurisdiction and will no longer be
9 classified as a Territory of the United States.
- 10 A. It will not be subject to U.S. policies, and therefore will be able to create new
11 policies over the gradual process of this bill.
- 12 B. The United States of America will leave Puerto Rico to have its independent
13 relations between other nations.
- 14 C. The United States of America will recognize Puerto Rico as a sovereign state
15 after the complete process of this bill is carried out by the implementation
16 date.
- 17 **SECTION 4.** The Governor of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Department of State, will oversee
18 the implementation of this bill as needed.
- 19 A. The Department of Treasury will be tasked with assisting Puerto Rico's
20 economic transition, should they choose to stop using the US dollar as their
21 currency.
- 22 B. The State Department can request that Congress pass additional bills as
23 needed throughout the process to allocate resources and other assistance as
24 required.
- 25 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect gradually between the passage of this bill and
26 January 1, 2025.
- SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lakeville Debate

A Bill to Illegalize the Possession of Military Grade Weapons by Civilians

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Military-grade weapons will from now on be banned from civilian hands.

SECTION 2. The term "military-grade weapon" is used to refer to weapons that are used by the military and are still in use today in the active military force.

SECTION 3. Stations will be set up at every city with more than 5,000 residents for citizens to hand over their weapons. Stations will accept weapons and transfer them to the military within the next year.

SECTION 4. Any citizen found with a military-grade weapon in their possession after the implementation of this bill will face up to 5 years in prison and/or a \$10,000 fine.

This bill will be funded and overseen in full by the Department of Defense, funds will be taken from the Pentagon.

SECTION 5. This bill will be implemented at the end of 2021.

SECTION 6. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Edina High School.

A Bill to Stop Student Surveillance

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** All schools in the United States shall ban the surveillance and data collection of student information and activities using surveillance technology.
- SECTION 2.** "School" shall be defined as any school that receives federal monies for funding, curriculum, breakfast and lunch programs, resources, textbooks, athletics, counseling services, and health services. Schools not receiving federal funding are exempt under this bill.
- SECTION 3.** "Surveillance technology" shall be defined as software that may track, record, monitor, store, or record a student's location, activity, keystrokes, or screen image on school-issued hardware.
- SECTION 4.** If surveillance technology is discovered to be used, the school district responsible shall be fined \$25,000. The Department of Education shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.
- SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2022.
- SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate



A Bill to Prevent Hospital Nonprofit Status Abuse To Reduce Medical Costs

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States Federal Government shall deny nonprofit status to any hospital that violates either of the following conditions.

- A. Any single executive compensation exceeds \$500,000 before tax
- B. The hospital fails to use at least 95% of profits generated on capital improvements or measures to reduce costs to patients.
- C. The hospital or parent organization contributes to political campaigns or lobbying at the local, state, or federal level.

SECTION 2. The Internal Revenue Service shall be tasked with determining the nonprofit status of hospitals in accordance with Section 1 and any existing restrictions on nonprofit status

- A. Hospitals losing nonprofit status for violations of Section 1 shall be audited going back 5 years, or to the date of enactment of this legislation, and shall owe taxes plus interest in accordance with for-profit status for any years in violation.

SECTION 3. This legislation shall go into effect Jan 1, 2023.

SECTION 4. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rock Hill High School



A Bill to Ban Gun Silencers

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States Federal Government will ban the sale, manufacturing, importation, transfer, and possession of gun silencers.

SECTION 2. A "gun silencer" shall be defined as a suppressor that attaches to the barrel of a firearm and muffles the sound and kickback of a gun.

SECTION 3. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) will oversee the enforcement and implementation of this legislation.

A. The Act would also grant a 365-day grace period once the legislation is enacted so that those in possession of a silencer can return it to a state approved gun shop with no negative consequences.

B. In addition, the Act will authorize a buyback program for silencers using federal Byrne JAG grants.

C. The Act would still provide limited exceptions of gun silencers for certain current law enforcement personnel, for certain Atomic Energy personnel and purposes, and for certain authorized testing or experimentation.

SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Elkins High School



A Bill to Terminate Security Aid to Azerbaijan

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** The United States shall terminate all current security aid being sent to Azerbaijan as well as ban the future deployment of security aid to the country.
- SECTION 2.** Security aid shall include but not be limited to surveillance tools, defense systems, naval resources, and any other counterterrorism tool.
- SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense will work in conjunction with the Department of State to enforce this bill as well as reposition the US' foreign policy strategy with Azerbaijan.
- SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect immediately upon passage.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by John Paul Stevens High School.