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LEGISLATION

A Bill to Ban Private Military Contractors

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Private military contractors (PMCs) may no longer be used by the Department of Defense.

SECTION 2. Private military contractors are defined as companies which engage in armed security services, some of which include: combat missions, protective services, security advising and planning, prison administration, interrogation, and intelligence gathering.

SECTION 3. The Congressional Armed Services Committee shall oversee implementation of this bill by making cuts to the Defense budget by the specific amounts which would otherwise be used to pay PMCs

SECTION 4. This law will take effect within one year of passage.

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

Submitted for Congressional Debate by Ryan Healy of Xaverian High School (primary)

A Resolution to Offer NATO Membership to Asian Countries at Risk of Chinese Encroachment and Interference

WHEREAS, China is actively encroaching on the territory of countries bordering it within areas such as the South China Sea and the Himalayas, and;

WHEREAS, Using their military and economic powers, China puts other countries in a position where they either submit to having their land taken over or risk fighting and territory being used either way because China is much more powerful than smaller countries, and;

WHEREAS, This hurts the sovereignty of these countries, many of which are allied with the United States and present military and economic advantages due to their positioning around China, THEREFORE BE IT;

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled recommend that NATO offers membership to Asian countries at risk of Chinese encroachment and interference.

FURTHER RESOLVED, Involvement in programs that help meet requirements for membership will also be extended to countries interested in joining.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rachel Ruggeri of Xaverian High School
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A Bill to Promote Immigration of Climate Refugees

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. Any non-citizens designated by the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) as refugees for reasons related to severe weather events and climate change shall be given preference and support as United States' immigrants.

SECTION 2. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) shall receive an additional \$500 million per year to be used to publicize this program, locate refugees who qualify, and provide them immigration and resettlement support. This funding shall be sourced from a carbon tax of \$1 per metric ton of carbon dioxide emitted to be levied on all corporations, as determined by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

SECTION 3. An additional \$500 million per year shall be made available to states and municipalities that create programs to welcome and support these refugees, with preference given to communities that are less susceptible to the effects of climate change based on the determinations of the EPA. These funds shall also be sourced from the aforementioned carbon tax and will be administered by the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR).

SECTION 4. Any remaining funds from the aforementioned carbon tax shall be diverted into the Department of Energy to be used to fund research into and development of renewable energy sources.

SECTION 5. This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the BQCFL Tab Staff

A Bill to Reset the Priorities of the United States Transportation System

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. Over the next decade, federal highway funding will be reduced by 5% from its current level each year until it reaches 50%. All of this funding will be redirected to and split evenly between the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). After a decade, funding for these two organizations shall continue to grow through an annual increase of the gasoline excise tax equal to 10 cents per gallon, to be continued for twenty years.

SECTION 2. Funding directed to Amtrak is to be used to improve current rail capabilities, extend public rail transportation to unreached communities, research high speed rail, convert heavily trafficked routes into high speed routes, and reduce the cost of fares. Funding directed to the FTA is to be used to improve public transportation within metropolitan areas and to reduce fares.

SECTION 3. The Department of Transportation and the Department of Energy shall jointly oversee the implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect at the start of the next fiscal year.

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

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SUPER SESSION
LEGISLATION

A Bill to Recognize the Sovereignty of Taiwan in Order to Defend Democracy in the Western Pacific

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States of America shall officially recognize the sovereignty of the Republic of China, establish an embassy in Washington D.C. for the Republic of China, formalize military alliances with the Republic of China, and establish a formal embassy in the Republic of China for the United States of America.

SECTION 2. A.) "Sovereignty" shall be defined as the authority of a state to govern itself or another state.
B.) "Republic of China" shall be defined as the central government of the Republic of China, which is based in Taipei, Taiwan.
C.) "Military alliance" shall be defined as an international agreement of security in which countries agree to mutual protection.

SECTION 3. Both the Department of State and the Department of Defense will oversee enforcement of this legislation. The Department of State will establish an embassy for the Republic of China in Washington D.C. The Department of State will also establish an embassy for the United States in the Republic of China. The Department of State and the Department of Defense will establish a joint-committee designated to develop a Taiwanese-American military alliance. The aforementioned committee will report directly to both the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense. It will also be required to publish reports to the public detailing progress every year.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Submitted for Congressional Debate by Xaverian High School

A Bill to Repeal the Authorization for Use of Military Force

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. This bill will repeal the blanket Authorization for Use of Military Force (Public Law 107–40; 50 U.S.C. 1541 note), signed into law on September 18, 2001.

SECTION 2. Effective 365 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Authorization for Use of Military Force (Public Law 107–40; 50 U.S.C. 1541 note) is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.