

Coast Forensic League - Congress 3

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Official Legislative Docket

A Bill to Organize a Treaty of Mutual Defense with India

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. In order to develop alliances in Asia and shift reliance from an increasingly aggressive PRC, the US and India will enter into a treaty of mutual defense

SECTION 2. The treaty shall have the following base provisions:

- A. Unrestricted and preferential access to India's REM resources for US corporations.
- A. India will be upgraded to a Tier-One intelligence sharing partner, and will be designated a Major Non-NATO ally for arms exports, including the F-35 and Javelin missiles.
- A. Provision of military bases to the United States in the Andaman sea, Jammu & Kashmir, & Assam, all with indefinite leases

SECTION 3. Upon the provocation of either India or the United States into armed conflict, either country is required to provide the other with additional military support.

SECTION 4. The Department of State, the Department of War, and the Central Intelligence Agency shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 5. This legislation shall take effect upon ratification of this agreement by India, and be subject for renewal every 20 years.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bellarmine College Preparatory

A Bill to Establish a National Firearm Buyback Program

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** A voluntary national firearm buyback program shall be established.
- 2 **SECTION 2.** Any individual lawfully possessing a firearm may voluntarily surrender such
3 firearm to a designated federal, state, or local authority.
- 4 A. Participants shall receive monetary compensation for
5 surrendered firearms, with payment amounts determined by
6 firearm type and fair market value.
- 7 B. All firearms collected through the buyback program shall be
8 destroyed or permanently rendered inoperable, except where
9 retained for lawful government use.
- 10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will oversee the implementation of this bill.
- 11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect 180 days after passage.
- 12 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Leland High School.

A Bill to Amend TANF to Increase Accessibility

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** States are obligated to contribute at least 40% of their TANF block grant
2 towards basic assistance to fulfil their yearly MOE. Financial assistance
3 from non-governmental third parties cannot contribute to a state’s MOE.
4 The minimum TANF benefit any eligible family can receive must be at least
5 50% of the state poverty line.

6 **SECTION 2.** A. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) is defined as a program
7 designed to help low-income families with children achieve economic
8 security. States receive block grants to design programs that accomplish
9 the purposes of the TANF program (providing childcare assistance,
10 encouraging employment and marriage, reducing out-of-wedlock
11 pregnancies, and encouraging the formation of two-parent families).

12 B. Maintenance of Effort (MOE) is defined as a requirement that a state
13 must spend a specified amount of state funds for benefits each year. States
14 that fail to satisfy their MOE will have their TANF block grant in the
15 subsequent year reduced.

SECTION 3. The Department of Health and Human Services shall be tasked with the implementation of this bill.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on October 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Archbishop Mitty High School.

A Resolution to Lift US Sanctions on Venezuelan Oil

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Due to historic sanctions, internal mismanagement, and aging
2 infrastructure, Venezuela’s oil production is outdated and stunted ; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** With over 300 billion barrels, Venezuela holds the world’s largest oil
4 reserves; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Both US consumers, refineries, and manufacturers could significantly
6 benefit from bolstering the oil supply; now, therefore, be it
- 7 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled shall resolve to lift United States
8 sanctions on Venezuela oil; and, be it
- 9 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the United States works to encourage foreign direct
10 investments in Venezuela by US companies while fostering a stable,
11 democratic government.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Leland High School.

A Bill to Abolish Plea Bargaining

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The practice of plea bargaining in criminal cases is hereby
2 abolished.

3 **SECTION 2.** Plea bargaining shall be defined as an arrangement between
4 a prosecutor and a defendant whereby the defendant pleads guilty to a
5 lesser charge in exchange for a more lenient sentence.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will oversee the implementation
7 of this bill.

SECTION 4. This Bill will go into effect on January 1, 2028.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Archbishop Mitty High School.

A Resolution to Admit Alberta as the 51st State of the USA

1 **Whereas:** The United States' offers a more robust freedom of speech, is in a better economic situation but has depleted natural resources and relies on imported oil, which leaves us subject to higher demand and lower supply.

4 **Whereas:** The U.S. The First Amendment offers a higher level of protection for speech than the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, as the amendment provides fewer exceptions for restricting speech and the charter explains how there are "reasonable limits" in writing or speaking about hate speech.

8 **Whereas:** The U.S. is currently in a better economic state in compared to Alberta, particularly for income taxes, as citizens in Alberta are taxed at a higher rate at lower income levels. This creates a bigger economic burden for the citizens in Alberta compared to the ones of the United States, primarily because of the abundance of social services offered.

13 **Whereas:** The US has a high demand for oil, consuming an average of about 20.25 million barrels per day in 2023. The high demand for imports of oil for the United States has led to a drastic increase in oil prices.

16 **Whereas:** the US is losing natural resources, with human development and consumption leading to the loss of natural areas and depletion of resources like fossil fuels and minerals.

19 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation and taking all steps and measures to annex Alberta as a state.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pinewood High School.