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A Bill to Open up America's Resources

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All current land controlled by the federal government shall be opened for
3 private agricultural development.

4 **SECTION 2.** Such development may include farming as well as livestock caretaking.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of the Interior will oversee development on federal land.

6 **A.** Rental fees for such development will be at the prevailing rate as
7 determined by the DoI.

8 **B.** The DoI shall be permitted to cancel such development if it is
9 determined that said development is no longer in the best public
10 interest.

11 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on June 1, 2017.

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

A Resolution to Allow Government Control of Drones in Threatening Scenarios

1 **WHEREAS,** Terrorism and mass shootings are becoming much more rampant in recent
2 years, and private drones have become increasingly available to the public; and

3 **WHEREAS,** A recent terrorist attack in Nice, France on Bastille Day, a public holiday, has
4 claimed at least 84 lives and injured at least 200 people, including two
5 Americans and 10 children; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Unmanned drones have the capability of being equipped with various
7 weapons, from machine guns to rocket-propelled grenades, and an armed
8 drone-flying in a public gathering has the potential to cause severe casualties;
9 now, therefore be it

11 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation that
12 the government, state or federal, has all rights to disrupt the signals and
13 transmissions of a drone, causing it to crash, if authorities deem the drone a
14 possible threat; and, be it

15 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That all future drones must contain a chip or transceiver that the
16 government can access to make the disruption of such drones easier.

A Resolution to Encourage Buying Local

- 1 **WHEREAS**, American consumers spent over \$3.4 billion on Cyber Monday; and
2 **WHEREAS**, that online spending was greater than in-person purchasing on Black Friday;
3 and
4 **WHEREAS**, online spending often does not provide taxable income to the locality in
5 which the consumer lives; and
6 **WHEREAS**, the lure of deals online discourages consumers from purchasing from local
7 vendors; and
8 **WHEREAS**, money spent at a brick and mortar vendor stays within the local community
9 through salary and taxes; and
10 **WHEREAS**, consumers have a responsibility to support their neighbors; now, therefore,
11 be it
12 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that consumers should patronize local
13 vendors exclusively.

A Resolution to Restrict Arms Sales to Pakistan

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the United States has provided military assistance to Pakistan; and
- 2 **WHEREAS**, this assistance has included F-16 aircraft; and
- 3 **WHEREAS**, Pakistan has been a questionable partner in the War on Terror; and
- 4 **WHEREAS**, the United States has engaged in more drone warfare in Pakistan than in any
- 5 other country; and
- 6 **WHEREAS**, the military ruling party in Pakistan may have formed an alliance with ISIS;
- 7 and
- 8 **WHEREAS**, the United States cannot afford arms falling into the hands of ISIS or other
- 9 terrorist groups; now, therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that the United States refrain from
- 11 providing any military aid or weapons sales to Pakistan.

A Bill to Study School Start Times

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Education will commission a study to determine the
3 ideal starting time for schools.

4 **SECTION 2.** Upon the completion of this report, the DOE will provide financial
5 incentives in the form of block grants for states which choose to follow
6 the recommendations in this report.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of Education will determine which states qualify for the
8 block grants based upon school starting times. Funding shall be provided
9 by reallocating extra funding from the Race to the Top grant program.

10 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect immediately, with a final report due no later than
11 December 31, 2017.

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

A Bill to Silence Presidential Texts

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Warning, Alert, and Response Network Act of 2006, Section 602 (b)
3 (2) (E) is amended to strike the following: "...other than an alert issued by
4 the president."

5 **SECTION 2.** This shall have the effect of permitting consumers, or communications
6 providers, to opt out or block presidential messages sent under the
7 auspices of the WARN Act or as a wireless emergency alert.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Communications Commission and the Federal Emergency
9 Management Agency will oversee implementation of this legislation.

10 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on January 19, 2017.

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

A Resolution to Enact the Paycheck Fairness Act

1 **Whereas,** women make 78 cents to one dollar that men make; and

2 **Whereas,** the Equal Pay Act of 1963 has many loopholes that make it in effective and the

3 Paycheck Fairness Act (PFA) will help to tighten the wage gap and the PFA will help the

4 halt the “factor other than Sex” loophole that helps business discriminate in court; and

5 **Whereas,** employees can state their current income without repercussions from their employers,

6 as well as making the system more transparent; and therefore, be it

7 **Resolved,** by the Congress here assembled, that the Paycheck Fairness Act which has been

8 introduced and rejected 18 times in 16 years shall finally be enacted to help ensure the

9 closure of the wage gap.

A Resolution to Restore Ethics to Congress

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the Office of Congressional Ethics is under attack; and
- 2 **WHEREAS**, rules under consideration would strip the office of its ability to investigate
- 3 members of Congress; and
- 4 **WHEREAS**, these rules would also limit the types of behavior which would be considered
- 5 unethical; and
- 6 **WHEREAS**, this office was created in the wake of several ethical scandals in the House of
- 7 Representatives; and
- 8 **WHEREAS**, this office has identified numerous examples of wrongdoing, both criminal
- 9 and ethical; and
- 10 **WHEREAS**, the office is intended to be non-partisan; and
- 11 **WHEREAS**, limiting the ability of the ethics office to investigate wrongdoing of members
- 12 of Congress gives the appearance of a culture absent of ethics; now,
- 13 therefore, be it
- 14 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that the Office of Congressional Ethics
- 15 maintain its position as an independent watchdog of ethical standards.

A Bill to Provide Local Law Enforcement With Encryption Assistance

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) shall create a division dedicated
3 to assisting local law enforcement agencies (LEA) with accessing
4 encrypted information on electronic devices. The LEA shall request
5 assistance from the FBI in cases where they are unable to access
6 information crucial to an investigation.

7 **SECTION 2.** Electronic devices covered under section one may include handheld
8 devices, computers, or remote servers.

9 **SECTION 3.** The FBI shall determine personnel and funding for this program from
10 their normal staffing.

11 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on March 1, 2017.

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

A Bill to Repair Relations with Russia

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All sanctions and actions taken toward Russia between 2014 and 2017
3 are hereby reversed.

4 **SECTION 2.** Sanctions may include economic sanctions, military sanctions, change of
5 favored nation status, expulsion of diplomats, and other actions designed
6 to force Russia to act in a certain way or punish them for actions they
7 may have taken.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State will oversee the normalization of relations with
9 Russia and insure that all previously taken actions are reversed.

10 **SECTION 4.** This will take effect on February 1, 2017.

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

A Bill to Bar Paid Information

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) is explicitly barred from providing
3 compensation for information leading to the arrest of suspected drug
4 traffickers or the seizure of contraband.

5 **SECTION 2.** Information from paid informants which may be relevant to current cases
6 may not be used in court to convict or sentence accused persons.

7 **SECTION 3.** The DEA shall be responsible for monitoring its use of paid informants,
8 and shall issue a report to Congress no later than January 1, 2018
9 detailing the scope of its prior use of such informants.

10 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

A Bill to Prohibit Sanctuary Campuses

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 is amended to add the
3 following:

4 **A.** No institution of higher education may institute a policy which
5 knowingly provides education to persons not legally in the United
6 States, or

7 **B.** Refuses to provide information to the Department of Homeland
8 Security regarding their knowledge of the lawful status of attending
9 students.

10 **SECTION 2.** Institutions of higher education will include any 2 year or 4 year college
11 or university which receives federal funding for any program under Title
12 IV.

13 **SECTION 3.** If the Secretary of Homeland Security determines that a campus is in
14 violation of Section A, they will notify the Secretary of Education, who
15 shall notify the institution of said violation and potential loss of federal
16 funding.

17 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on August 1, 2017.

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

A Resolution to Prioritize US Infrastructure to Improve Citizen Safety

1 **WHEREAS,** the current state of infrastructure in the US is in massive disrepair; and
2 **WHEREAS,** there is an eighty-six-billion-dollar backlog in deferred maintenance on
3 the nation’s rail and bus lines and the American Society of Civil Engineers
4 gave the country an infrastructure grade of D- with the American
5 Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) being the first steps to
6 rejuvenating infrastructure; and
7 **WHEREAS,** unkempt infrastructure is very dangerous to the health and safety of the
8 entire population and the ARRA did not prioritize US infrastructure
9 enough; and therefore be it
10 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled divert \$50 Billion from the yearly
11 United States Military Budget to improving infrastructure in the United
12 States.

A Resolution to Support the Peace Process

- 1 **WHEREAS**, United Nations Resolution 2334 has been approved; and
- 2 **WHEREAS**, current Israeli settlements have inflamed tensions between the Palestinians
3 and the Israelis; and
- 4 **WHEREAS**, the current peace process has stalled; and
- 5 **WHEREAS**, Prime Minister Netanyahu has shown no interest in negotiating for peace
6 within the two-state solution framework; and
- 7 **WHEREAS**, the United States has previously held that settlements in the West Bank and
8 Gaza Strip are “obstacles to peace;” and
- 9 **WHEREAS**, current United States influences have not provided sufficient motivation for
10 the Israeli government to engage in the peace process; and
- 11 **WHEREAS**, stronger rhetoric is necessary for the governments to begin to work
12 together; now, therefore, be it
- 13 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that the United States believes that the
14 current Israeli settlements are illegal, and that future settlements in the
15 Palestinian Territories are incompatible with any peace process.

A Bill to Improve American Education

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Current funding for Title I programs shall be converted into fifty equal
3 block grants to be provided to each state for the purpose of funding
4 school choice programs in those states.

5 **SECTION 2.** School choice programs include vouchers, tuition payments, charter
6 school funding, or other methods of providing students with educational
7 opportunities outside of the traditional public school system.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee the conversion and
9 distribution of these funds to the various states.

10 **SECTION 4.** This will take effect at the start of the 2018 fiscal year.

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