

## **A Bill to Fund Mars Exploration**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

**SECTION 1. A.** The United States shall increase federal funding for NASA by \$15 billion. The aforementioned funds shall be used specifically to fund projects that make progress towards the colonization of Mars.

**B.** As long as Congress deems that NASA is using the funds correctly, and that additional funding is needed to reach the ultimate goal of colonizing Mars, an additional \$15 billion in federal funding shall be given to NASA every five years.

**C.** The aforementioned funds shall come from the US discretionary budget.

**SECTION 2.** The colonization of Mars shall be defined as having permanent human settlements on the planet Mars.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Treasury shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2019.

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

***Introduced for Congressional Debate by Anwen He of Montville Township High School.***

# The Earth First Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1                   **SECTION 1.** All funds in the national budget currently allocated to the
- 2                   National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) shall be reallocated.
- 3                   30% of the funds shall be given to private space exploration companies.
- 4                   The remaining 70% of the funds shall go into environmental protection
- 5                   efforts and the creation and implementation of cleaner energy sources.
- 6                   **SECTION 2.** Private space exploration companies shall be defined as
- 7                   private companies that are primarily dedicated to the development of
- 8                   spaceflight technology. Environmental protection efforts shall be defined
- 9                   as efforts directed by the federal government to conserve and preserve
- 10                  Earth's natural environment.
- 11                  **SECTION 3.** The Department of Commerce and the Environmental
- 12                  Protection Agency shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation.
- 13                  **SECTION 4.** This Legislation shall go into effect immediately upon
- 14                  passage.
- 15                  **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared
- 16                  null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Julien Guillory of Randolph High School.*

# A Declaration of War Against North Korea

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1                   **SECTION 1.**    The United States of America will enter into a state of war  
2                   with the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea to end the continuous  
3                   human rights violations gone unchecked by the world.

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6                   **SECTION 2.**    All diplomatic and economic relations with the Democratic  
7                   People’s Republic of Korea shall cease until this state of war ends.

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10                  **SECTION 3.**    This state of war shall end under the following conditions:

- 11                  A. The Democratic People’s Republic of Korea is dissolved.  
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13                  B. All land and resources controlled by the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea are  
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16                  C. Another formal agreement is ratified by the United States Congress.

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19 **SECTION 4.**    This legislation will be implemented upon passage.

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22 **SECTION 5.**    All laws and treaties in conflict of this legislation is declared null and void.

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*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jon Murdoch of Phillipsburg High School.*

# A Bill to Eliminate the Environmental Protection Agency

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. The Environmental Protection Agency shall no longer be considered a  
3 functioning government agency, and it shall cease all of its operations.

4 B. All employees of the Environmental Protection Agency shall receive  
5 one month's salary as severance prior to being laid off.

6 C. All property owned or used by the Environmental Protection Agency  
7 shall be turned over to the National Science Foundation.

8 **SECTION 2.** Materials are to be defined as any physical property, documents,  
9 research, studies, or reports relating to the operation of the  
10 Environmental Protection Agency.

11 **SECTION 3.** The implementation of this legislation shall be overseen by the Executive  
12 branch.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect on June 1, 2018.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hunterdon Central Regional High School.*

# **A Bill to Relocate Non-essential Government Agencies from the District of Columbia to Declining Cities**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Non-essential government agencies will be moved from the District of  
3 Columbia to cities throughout the United States that have experienced  
4 severe decline in their populations and economies since the 1950s.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. A non-essential government agency shall be defined as an agency that  
6 works in isolation from other agencies and whose staff members are  
7 rarely called upon to testify in front of Congress.

8 B. Cities will be defined as urban areas that have easy access to  
9 transportation networks and infrastructure.

10 C. Declining will be defined as cities that have experienced a 33% or  
11 greater decline in population or per capita GDP.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Executive branch will oversee the implementation of this bill in  
13 conjunction with the governors of the states impacted and the mayors of  
14 the cities selected.

15 **SECTION 4.** All decisions regarding which agencies will be moved and which cities  
16 they shall be moved to will be made within a year following passage of  
17 the legislation, and the agencies will have two years to move to their new  
18 locations.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Representative Gavin Harwell of Hunterdon Central Regional High School.*

# **A Bill to Stop the Usage of Solitary Confinement to Abide by International Human Rights Standards**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1           **SECTION 1.**    The United States shall stop using solitary confinement as  
2           punishment.

3                    A. Prisoners currently in solitary confinement will be moved into  
4                    normal prison cells.

5           **SECTION 2.**    Solitary confinement shall be defined as a form of  
6           imprisonment in which an inmate is isolated from any human contact, with  
7           the exception of prison staff, for 20-24 hours a day.

8           **SECTION 3.**    The Department of Justice in conjunction with the Federal  
9           Bureau of Prisons will oversee implementation of this legislation.

10          **SECTION 4.**    This legislation goes into effect immediately.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Millburn High School.*

## THE PRISONER RE-ENTRY ACT OF 2018

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. The United States Federal Government will mandate that all records of  
3 federal nonviolent criminals and their crimes are erased when they have  
4 completed their sentence and have been released back into society.

5 B. All employers will be prohibited from asking if a job applicant has been  
6 convicted of a nonviolent crime.

7 C. States that comply with these policies will receive a 5% increase in  
8 federal infrastructure funding.

9 **SECTION 2.** A. "Erase" is defined as completely wiping out all records of these crimes  
10 and their access to the public, including to employers.

11 B. "Nonviolent crimes" are defined as crimes that do not involve the use  
12 of force or injury towards another person.

13 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Justice will oversee the implementation  
14 of this legislation.

15 A. The Federal Bureau of Prisons will enforce this legislation and  
16 coordinate implementation.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Rep. Roopa Irakam  
Watchung Hills Regional High  
School*

## **A Resolution to Expand Rural Obstetrical Care to Prevent Maternal Mortality**

- WHEREAS,** There is a severe lack of obstetricians in rural counties; and
- WHEREAS,** Less than half of rural women live within a 30-minute drive of the nearest hospital offering obstetric services; and
- WHEREAS,** A multitude of American women have died from this diminished availability, contributing to one of the highest maternal mortality rates in the developed world; and
- WHEREAS,** Hospitals in sparsely populated areas face staffing difficulties and financial strain from maintaining maternity units.
- RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation to provide financial incentives to rural hospitals that open and maintain maternity wards provide assistance for students seeking obstetrical careers at rural hospitals, including student loan repayment and scholarships.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mason Krohn of Ridge High School.*

# A Bill to Shift Egyptian Military Aid to Economic and Humanitarian Aid

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** To prevent abuse and corruptive tendencies of United States arms the  
3 United States shall shift 200 million dollars of Military aid to Economic  
4 and Humanitarian aid, 100 million to each. If military aid were to fall  
5 below 75 million and if this legislation's shift of funds would cause the aid  
6 the drop then the amount shifted will be cut by however much is  
7 required so that Egypt shall receive a minimum of 75 million dollars of  
8 military aid.

9 **SECTION 2.** Military aid shall be defined as funds used to manufacture weaponry and  
10 military vehicles or any amount of direct funds for military use to Egypt.  
11 Joint assembly of vehicles with Egypt shall be suspended to allow funds  
12 to be collected and resumed once the year after the passage and  
13 implementation of this legislation. Economic aid shall be defined as  
14 direct funds to the Egyptian Economy. Humanitarian aid shall be defined  
15 as supplies, funds, or medicines required by Egypt for relative crises for  
16 Egyptian citizens

17 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State and Department of Defense shall work in  
18 conjunction to implement this legislation.

19 A. The Department of State shall handle the shifting of aid and  
20 determining how the funds shall be used for humanitarian aid for  
21 relative crises.

22 B. The Department of Defense shall handle the reduce of military aid  
23 and suspension of joint assembly of military vehicles.

24 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect in fiscal year 2019.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Raheel Abubakar of Ridge High School.*

# A Bill to Prohibit Money Laundering Committed Using Bitcoin

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**SECTION 1.** Section 18 U.S.C. § 1957 shall be amended. The end of subsection (a) shall now read “This monetary transaction may occur in any form of currency, including cryptocurrency,” in addition to the current text.

**SECTION 2.** Cryptocurrency shall be defined as an encrypted digital currency that operates independent of a central bank.

**SECTION 3.** The Securities and Exchange Commission, Internal Revenue Service, and Department of the Treasury shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

**SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect on January 1st, 2019.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ben Schachter of Summit High School.*

## **A Bill To Give Constitutional Rights to Territories of the United States**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

**Section 1.** Puerto Rico, Guam and American Samoa are now fully incorporated and fully organized as parts of the American Commonwealth

**Section 2.** All Americans living on these islands will now be counted as American Citizens, with the rights, privileges and responsibilities of American Citizens,

**Section 3.** All Civil Rights and Liberties defined by the Constitution, including but not limited to the right to vote in General Election and voting power in the United States Congress.

**Section 4.** This law will take effect within year of passage.

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

*Respectfully Introduced for Congressional Debate by Anthony Fosu of Matawan-  
Regional High School*

## **A Bill To Reform Mental Health**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

**Section 1.** In order to combat the growing mental health issue in the United States, \$700 Billion will be allocated to reform mental health.

**Section 1a.** \$200 billion will be allocated to the upgrading and building of modern Mental Health Facilities and for the staffing of these facilities

**Section 1b.** \$150 billion will be allocated to the evaluation of all federal and state prisoners of their mental health and the transportation of prisoners deemed mentally ill from prisons to Mental Health Facilities.

**Section 1c.** \$50 billion will be allocated to the oversight and review of facilities and treatment by the Department of Health

**Section 1d.** \$300 billion will be allocated to the diagnosis and additional surveillance of mental health in jobs deemed “high stress” and in schools. In-building programs will also be implemented to address the issue.

**Section 2.** Mentally Ill citizens over the age of 50 of the United States will be moved to nursing homes equipped to handle their needs on a case-to-case basis. Citizens under 50 will be moved general Mental Health facilities.

**Section 3.** Federal, State, and Municipal Prisoners in both public and private prisons will be reviewed and tested for mental health, and mentally ill prisoners will be brought to asylums and hospitals.

**Section 3b.** In order to prevent overcrowding of facilities, prisoners will be evaluated and sent to a facility based on its capacity, proximity to prisons and availability.

**Section 4.** All Medical Professionals working and/or specializing in the field of Mental Health will be required to obtain an additional license to practice in Mental Health validated by the Federal Government.

**Section 4a.** The licenses for these positions will be renewed every 5 years after passing.

**Section 4b.** Each license renewal will be based on assessment by the Department of Health

**Section 5.** This law will be enforced by the Department of Health and Human Services.

**Section 5b.** Funding for this bill will be come from excise and capital income taxes.

**Section 6.** This law will take effect within year of passage.

**Section 7.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully Introduced for Congressional Debate by Anthony Fosu of  
Matawan-Regional High School*

## **A Bill To Re-equip Civilian Police**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

**Section 1.** Local Police Departments with the ability to possess military grade equipment will relinquish such equipments to Federal and State Governments

**Section 2.** Local Police Departments with the ability to possess military grade equipment are defined as civil forces within a community, township, or city, that have said equipment.

**Section 2a.** Military Grade Equipment shall be defined as weapons and armament that the U.S Military has defined as adequate for their combative requirements.(i.e Humvees, Heavy Assault Rifles etc) and Class 3 weapons (as defined by the NFA)

**Section 2b.** Riot gear (including that of armor, batons, tear gas and rubber bullets) will be exempt from this bill

**Section 3.** Local Police Departments will be expected to relinquish said equipment in favor of training in ethics and civil resourcefulness.

**Section 4.** This law will be enforced by the Department of Justice.

**Section 5.** This law will take effect within year of passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Anthony Fosu of Matawan Regional High School*