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The Promote Endurance and Colombian Equality (P.E.A.C.E.) Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The US Federal Government shall disburse \$20 million to the agriculture
3 sector in Colombia.

4 A. All funding shall be disbursed to Colombian citizens via microloans
5 through non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

6 **SECTION 2.** Microloans are a small sum of money lent at low or no interest to a new
7 business.

8 **SECTION 3.** USAID will be tasked in distributing the microloans to the NGOs.

9 A. The US Ambassador to Colombia and USAID shall submit independent
10 quarterly reports on the impact the microloans have on violence in
11 the country.

12 B. The Inter-American Development Bank shall be tasked with awarding
13 contracts to the specific NGOs specified in Section 1.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect on the first day of the next Fiscal Year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Stuyvesant High School.

A BILL TO ENSURE HEALTHY EATING HABITS AMONG SNAP RECIPIENTS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (S.N.A.P.) recipients will receive 70% of their benefits in the form of Federally Assisted Responsible Meals (F.A.R.M.) food boxes each month, which will consist of shelf-stable, healthy foods such as juices, grains, cereal, pasta, beans, canned meats, canned fruits and vegetables, and other products to be determined by the United States Department of Agriculture.

SECTION 2. “Shelf-stable” will be defined as foods that can be safely stored at room temperature. “Healthy” will be defined as foods which meet the U.S.D.A.’s *Dietary Guidelines for Americans*, 8th Edition.

SECTION 3. The U.S.D.A. will implement and oversee America’s F.A.R.M. Food Box program as a part of S.N.A.P.

- A. All products and foodstuffs in America’s F.A.R.M. Food Boxes will be bought wholesale from producers competing for placement and all products must be American-produced.
- B. The U.S.D.A. will make available a range of F.A.R.M. food box choices to accommodate S.N.A.P. recipients’ religious and dietary preferences.
- C. F.A.R.M. food boxes will be delivered to recipients’ domiciles.

SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect fiscal year 2019.

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

Respectfully submitted,

FAU High School

AFRICAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE REFORM ACT

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A. The United States shall indefinitely suspend all current economic military aid to African nations.

B. The American-African Security Partnership (AASP) shall be established with an annual budget of \$10 billion dollars. African nations shall apply to the AASP for military grants of value up to \$1.5 billion with the principal purpose of combatting terrorism across the African continent.

C. Biannual screenings of all AASP grant-recipient nations shall be conducted to confirm appropriate usage of American funds.

SECTION 2. “Economic military aid” shall be defined as assistance to a foreign military allocated in the form of funds, not inclusive of arms or manpower.

SECTION 3. The United States Africa Command (AFRICOM) shall oversee the implementation and enforcement of this bill.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall be enacted one year following passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Sewickley Academy

A Bill to Stop Pushing Drugs to The People

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Dirrect to Consumer advertising of prescription drugs will
2 hereby be prohibited
- 3 A. Medical Industry Publications will be exempted from the
4 advertising prohibition.
- 5 B. Any violation of this will result in the revocation of FDA approval for
6 the prescription drug being advertised.
- 7 **SECTION 2.** A. Direct to Consumer advetising will be defined as any advertising
8 that is directed at patients or their families.
- 9 B. Medical Industry Publications will be defined as any publication with an
10 intended and substantial readership by medical professionals
- 11 **SECTION 3.** The FDA shall over see enfrocement of this legisaltion
12 including:
- 13 A. Classification of peridiodicals as Medical Industry Publications
- 14 B. Creation of a public reporting structure for violations of Section 1.
- 15 C. Investigation and consquences of said violations.
- 16 **SECTION 4.** This law will go into effect on Janurary 1, 2019
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared
 null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by New Trier Township High School

A Bill to Combat Increasing Russian Influence and Aggression in the Baltic States

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. \$10 billion shall be allocated towards the reinstatement of the European Interceptor Site (EIS) missile-defense components in the Czech Republic and Poland in order to defend the Baltic States and prioritize their security.

- A. An additional \$1 billion shall be allocated annually for the next 10 years to cover maintenance costs if deemed necessary by the U.S. Department of Defense.
- B. The U.S. Department of State shall begin diplomatic negotiations with the government of the Russian Federation to decrease aggression against the Baltic States.
- C. The United States will work in conjunction with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) to reduce proliferation of ballistic missiles from outside of the Euro-Atlantic area.

SECTION 2. The Baltic States (Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania) will also be listed a priority region in the next U.S. Department of Defense guidance document published.

SECTION 3. The U.S. Department of Defense and U.S. Department of State shall enforce this legislation.

- A. The Department of Defense shall acquire and maintain the EIS.
- B. The Department of State shall engage in diplomatic talks with the Russian government to promote peace.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall 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 Millburn High School

A Bill to Host Diplomatic Talks and Send Aid to Help Oppressed Minorities and End the Internal Conflict Within Myanmar

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** The U.S. will host diplomatic talks between the Myanmar government, the Rohingya people and all other oppressed minority groups in order to end all internal conflicts within Myanmar.
- Additionally, the U.S. will send 50 million dollars in humanitarian aid to oppressed minority groups in Myanmar through the use of humanitarian NGOs that are and will be operating within Myanmar
- SECTION 2.** “Minority groups” are defined as any ethnic group of people who are being oppressed by the Burmese government.
- SECTION 3.** The State Department and USAID will oversee this legislation.
- A. The State Department will be responsible for hosting the diplomatic talks.
 - B. USAID will be responsible for sending humanitarian aid to any and all minority groups that need it.
- SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect 6 months after passage.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ridge High School.

A Bill to Fund Carbon Capture and Storage Programs in Southeast Asia

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall send \$750 million annually to Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam to implement carbon capture and storage programs from 2020 to 2025.

SECTION 2. Carbon capture and storage programs shall be defined as the capture and compression of the CO₂ emitted in a fossil fuel power plant and its transport to a storage location.

SECTION 3. The Department of State will work jointly with the USAID Clean Power Asia Initiative to oversee the enforcement of this bill.

SECTION 4. This bill shall be implemented on FY 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dreyfoos School of the Arts.

A Bill to Recognize Puerto Rican Statehood To Promote Economic Growth

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Puerto Rico shall henceforth be recognized as a state, provided they agree to it in a referendum.

SECTION 2. They will be apportioned 2 Senate seats and 5 House of Representative seats.

SECTION 3. The State department shall be responsible for implementation and enforcement of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This bill shall go into effect 3 months upon its passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cary Academy.

A Bill to PERMIT THE IMPORTATION OF PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION FROM CANADA

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. The United States Department of Health and Human Services shall
3 allow prescription medication that has been approved for use in Canada
4 to be imported into as well as sold in the United States.

5 B. On behalf of Medicare Part D, the Secretary of Health and Human
6 Services shall be authorized to negotiate drug prices with domestic
7 pharmaceutical companies as well as Canadian manufacturers of drugs
8 approved by Health Canada.

9 **SECTION 2.** A. "Prescription medication" shall be defined as a pharmaceutical drug
10 that requires a medical practitioner's authorization for access.

11 B. Medication that has been approved for use in Canada must have been
12 approved by the department Health Canada.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the
14 implementation of this bill.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take into effect immediately after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Watchung Hills High School.

A Bill to Repair the Engine of American Diplomacy Abroad

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The State Department should receive significant additional
2 funding allocation for the benefit of the Foreign Service and Diplomatic Corps.

3 **SECTION 2.** Where “significant funding” is equal to or greater than the sum of
4 10 million dollars added to its budget, and the Foreign Service and Diplomatic
5 Corps is the primary personnel system used by the diplomatic service of the
6 United States federal government under the jurisdiction of the United States
7 Department of State.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of the Treasury will oversee the additional funding
9 allocation, with a Congressional Oversight Committee under the Committee of
10 Appropriations.

11 A. The committee will ensure that the funding goes towards the opening of
12 diplomatic offices abroad, the training of new diplomats, and financial or
13 other support for extant diplomatic efforts overseas.

14 **SECTION 4.** The new funding allocation shall be integrated into the next fiscal
15 year budget to follow passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Highview Academy.

A Bill to Repeal Executive Tariff Powers to Benefit International Relations

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Trade Act of 1974, the International Emergency Economic Powers Act
3 of 1977, and the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 shall hereby be repealed.

4 **SECTION 2.** All powers under these acts shall revert to Congress.

5 **SECTION 4.** This piece of legislation shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Adlai E. Stevenson High School.

A Resolution to Create a Department That is Responsible for Demographically Blind Jury Selection to Increase the Chances of a Fair Trial

- 1 **WHEREAS,** prosecuting attorneys have a history of using race and gender to select a
2 jury against a defendant; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** current selection procedures disadvantage defendants by forcing them to
4 be judged by a group that is rarely of their peers; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** this violates the 6th amendment right to a fair trial; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** numerous appeals occur over the lack of demographically diverse juries
7 arising from the selection process; now, therefore, be it
- 8 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the Congress here assembled forms
9 a committee responsible for investigating methods to make jury selection
10 demographically blind allowing for more fair jury selection.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Success Academy High School of the Liberal Arts.

A Bill to Regulate Cryptocurrency

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. \$5 billion shall be allocated to ensure that all cryptocurrency exchanges are regulated and technologies are updated.

SECTION 2. A. Cryptocurrency shall be defined as any digital currency that uses cryptography for security.

B. Regulation shall be defined as controlling conduct over exchanges through the monitoring of reported earnings from transactions.

C. Technology updated will prioritize improving blockchain.

SECTION 3. The State Department, Department of Justice (DOJ) and Department of Commerce (DOC) shall be responsible for enforcing provisions of this bill.

A. The State Department will monitor international transactions.

B. The DOC will monitor reports from transactions.

C. The DOJ will enforce legal infractions from misconduct.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall be enforced on October 1, 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by East Chapel Hill High School.

A BILL TO DECRIMINALIZE DRUG USE AND POSSESSION

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

2 **SECTION 1.** A. Use of all narcotics and illicit substances shall be decriminalized.

3 B. Possession of up to a 10-day supply of narcotics or illicit substances
4 shall be decriminalized.

5 C. Those who are found using narcotics or illicit substances or possessing
6 up to a 10-day supply are to be offered but mandated to accept support
7 services by the state in which the offense occurred.

8 D. States that fail to comply with the above provision shall have all federal
9 drug control funding cut.

10 **SECTION 2.** A. Narcotics and illicit substances shall be defined as a drug or other
11 substance affecting mood or behavior and sold or used for nonmedical
12 purposes.

13 B. Decriminalization shall be defined as the removal of criminal penalties.

14 C. Support services shall be defined as methadone programs, needle
15 exchange programs, and rehabilitation services.

16 **SECTION 3.** The Drug Enforcement Agency shall oversee the enactment of this
17 legislation

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect January 1, 2020

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dallastown Area High School

A Bill to Preserve Commerce for Large-Capacity Firearms Magazines

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall ensure the national market for high-capacity
2 magazines is not infringed for a period of 10 years.

SECTION 2. When the state interests infringe upon the production and sale of high-capacity firearms magazines, federal powers shall take precedence and the limiting law shall yield.

6 A. "Limiting law" is defined as any state law excluding
7 possession, manufacture, loan, import, or sale of firearms
8 components on the basis of high capacity.

9 **SECTION 3.** The definition of high-capacity magazine is deferred to the state.

10 **SECTION 4.** Enforcement is deferred to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,
11 Firearms and Explosives.

12 A. The powers available to Congress arise from the
13 Commerce Clause, the Taxing and Spending Clause, and
14 the Police Power.

15 **SECTION 5.** This bill will go into effect no later than January 1st, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pelham Memorial High School