

March Madness



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A Bill to Provide Rehabilitation in Federal Penitentiary Institutions to Lower Recidivism Rates

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All federal penitentiary institutions are to provide adequate psychological and medical rehabilitation to inmates serving non-life or death row sentences.

SECTION 2. Federal penitentiary institutions are to constitute any place of holding for criminals operated by the national government.

SECTION 3. The Department of Justice will oversee the enforcement of this bill and will be given the power to provide immediate closure to any institution found in violation.

SECTION 4. This bill will go into implementation on December 25, 2020.

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

A Bill to Amend the Social Security Act to Allocate More Funds to Social Security

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Social Security Act of 1935 shall be amended as follows:

3 A. The cap on taxable income for the Social Security payroll tax shall be
4 removed.

5 B. The full retirement age at which workers can collect unreduced Social
6 Security benefits shall be increased by one year to 68 years of age.

7 C. The cost of living adjustment (COLA) shall be calculated using a
8 chained consumer price index (chained CPI), replacing current use of
9 standard CPI.

10 **SECTION 2.** The chained CPI is defined as the formula used to calculate living costs in
11 the way that when prices for one item go up, people sometimes settle for
12 cheaper substitutes.

13 **SECTION 3.** The enforcement of this bill will be undertaken by the Social Security
14 Administration (SSA).

15 A. This bill will create the Social Security Solutions Committee (SSSC)
16 under jurisdiction of the SSA to monitor the success of this legislation
17 and generate further methods to increase the funds of the SSA
18 budget and decrease the cost of the SSA.

19 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect on January 1, 2020.

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

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TFA Spring 2018 Item 1. A Resolution to Designate Pakistan as a State Sponsor of Terror

1 **WHEREAS,** Terrorism has emerged as one of the largest threats to global peace and
2 security; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Terrorist organizations have claimed hundreds of thousands of lives over
4 the last decade; and

5 **WHEREAS,** The support of Pakistan’s military and Inter-Services Intelligence
6 Directorate helped create these terrorist groups; and

7 **WHEREAS,** Pakistan currently harbors more than ten terrorist organizations,
8 including the Taliban and Al-Qaeda; and

9 **WHEREAS,** Without Pakistani support and safe haven, these terrorist organizations
10 would not have been able to wage a successful insurgency; and

11 **WHEREAS,** The United States has still refused to recognize Pakistan as a state
12 sponsor of terror; now, therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation
14 to officially designate Pakistan as a state sponsor of terror; and, be it

15 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the United States impose targeted sanctions against select
16 military and intelligencelinked Pakistani companies until the country's
17 support for terrorists is halted.

18 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Plano West Senior High School.*

TFA Spring 2018 Item 2. A Resolution to Authorize the Use of Agent Orange in the Fight Against Cocaine and Heroin

1 **WHEREAS,** The United States government has designated the nations of Bolivia,
2 Burma, and Venezuela as nations that have failed demonstrably to fulfill
3 their obligations under international counternarcotic agreements to
4 adequately combat drug trafficking; and

5 **WHEREAS,** The vast majority of cocaine and heroin in the United States is smuggled
6 in through other countries rather than grown in the United States; and

7 **WHEREAS,** The governments of the nations previously listed are currently incapable
8 of countering the vast opium and coca crops that fuel the illicit drug
9 trade; and

10 **WHEREAS,** Agent Orange is an effective herbicide which could help ensure long-term
11 destruction of the capacity of drug traffickers in the aforementioned
12 nations to grow drug crops; now, therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled authorize the production of Agent
14 Orange and its use against opium and coca crops in the Bolivia, Burma
15 and Venezuela.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Tascosa High School.

TFA Spring 2018 Item 3. A Resolution to Sanction Myanmar to Reduce Violence to the Rohingyas

1 **WHEREAS,** The Rohingya Muslims are being actively persecuted in Myanmar and the
2 government is refusing to recognize them as one of the country's ethnic
3 groups; and

4 **WHEREAS,** 1.1 million Rohingya Muslims are currently living in southeast Asia and
5 over 500,000 Rohingya Muslims have fled to Bangladesh and around
6 1,000 may have been killed in Myanmar, meaning that a continuation of
7 the persecution may lead to more deaths and add to the immigration
8 crisis; and

9 **WHEREAS,** the Rohingya rights to practice their own religion, study, travel and marry
10 have been restricted. They cannot get a citizenship as a Rohingya
11 Muslims, which makes it so they cannot enter certain professions such as
12 law or medicine; therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled sanction Myanmar to reduce violence
14 to the Rohingyas.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Northland Christian School.

TFA Spring 2018 Item 4. A Resolution to Enforce the Probable Cause Standard to Combat the School-to-Prison Pipeline

1 **WHEREAS,** The number of students funneled into the school-to-prison pipeline due
2 to faulty search standards is egregiously high; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Minority students are targeted and incarcerated consistently at a higher
4 rate than white students, in that 61% of students incarcerated are black
5 or Latino; and

6 **WHEREAS,** The incarceration of these minority students prevents them from
7 continuing their education; and

8 **WHEREAS,** These minority students are more likely to suffer unemployment and
9 become involved in more serious crime; therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled implement the probable cause
11 standard in all United States public schools in place of the reasonable
12 suspicion standard in order to decrease the number of students funneled
13 in the school-to-prison pipeline; and, be it

14 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Department of Education will work alongside the
15 Department of Justice to ensure this standard will be implemented in all
16 public schools.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Clark High School.

**TFA SPRING 2018 ITEM 5. A BILL TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR GENETICALLY MODIFIED MOSQUITOES TO
DECREASE MOSQUITO-BORNE ILLNESSES**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** \$25 million shall be allocated towards research and development of genetically
3 modified mosquitoes to reduce the amount of mosquito-borne illnesses across
4 the globe.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. "Research and Development" shall be defined as compiling data of the
6 mosquito genome and developing technology that can alter the genome to
7 reduce the number of mosquitoes.

8 B. "Genetically modified mosquitoes" shall be defined as mosquitoes that are
9 altered with the intent to decrease the overall population of *Aedes aegypti* and
10 *Aedes albopictus* through the creation of non-viable offspring. C. "Mosquito-
11 borne illness" shall be defined as an illness that is transmitted by a mosquito
12 bite, such as dengue, malaria, and zika.

13 **SECTION 3.** A. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) shall be responsible for aiding in the
14 research, development, and testing of genetically modified mosquitoes. Any
15 research and development done by the NIH will be shared with countries
16 interested in contributing.

17 B. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) shall oversee the
18 allocation of funds towards the development of genetically modified
19 mosquitoes.

20 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect beginning on FY 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Klein High School.

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school and has permission to be presented.*

TFA Spring 2018 Item 6. A Resolution to Regulate Google and Facebook as Public Utilities

1 **WHEREAS,** Google and Facebook have become a prime source of news and internet
2 search results for most Americans; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Facebook has engaged in the insertion of fake news and an over-
4 abundance of anti-conservative stories; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Google has manipulated search results in a way that gives illegal
6 advantage to its own services while harming the company's rivals; and

7 **WHEREAS,** Google and Facebook earned 99% of new digital ad spending last year;
8 and

9 **WHEREAS,** The Google-Facebook advertising duopoly forms an insurmountable
10 barrier to entry of any new digital ad provider; and

11 **WHEREAS,** Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg has referred to Facebook as a “social
12 utility”; and

13 **WHEREAS,** Utility regulation does not mean government ownership but rather
14 righter regulation of what it is able to do and prices it is able to charge;
15 now, therefore, be it

16 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled will regulate Google and Facebook
17 as a public utility including regulation under anti-trust laws and pricing
18 practices.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bellaire High School.

TFA Spring 2018 Item 7. A Resolution to Increase Aid to Somalia to Promote Stability

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Al-Shabab continues to launch deadly attacks on innocent Somali
2 civilians, resulting in 4,281 casualties; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Al-Shabab has now become Africa’s deadliest militant group; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** If al-Shabab remains unchecked, they can expand their reach throughout
5 the African continent and threaten thousands of lives; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Current measures by the Somali government have proven ineffective in
7 stopping the rise of al-Shabab; now, therefore, be it
- 8 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation
9 to increase economic and military aid to the Somali government to \$2.5
10 billion; and,be it
- 11 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the US will place troops on the ground to aid the civilians
12 affected by drought and terrorism.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Clements High School.

TFA Spring 2018 Item 8. A Bill to Provide Humanitarian Assistance to Decrease Hunger Within Uganda

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This legislation shall provide \$600 million in the form of humanitarian aid, over a
3 5-year period, to advance Uganda’s transportation sector, with the goal of
4 transporting medical and food supplies to villages to decrease hunger.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Humanitarian aid” shall be defined as material and logistical assistance
6 provided with the sole purpose of decreasing hunger. “Transportation sector”
7 shall be defined as road infrastructure. “Medical supplies” shall be defined as
8 vaccines, mosquito nets, and traps. “Food supplies” shall be defined as non-
9 perishable foods and seeds. “Villages” shall be defined as rural communities
10 that house less than 500 people.

11 **SECTION 3.** The United States Agency for International Development and the Department of
12 Defense shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

13 A. The DOD shall oversee the delivering of food and medical aid.

14 B. If aid is being misused by the Ugandan government, then it will be
15 suspended for the following fiscal year.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect the fiscal year of 2019.

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

18 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Klein Oak High School*

TFA Spring 2018 Item 9. Real Education for Healthy Youth Act of 2017

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Abstinence-only education shall be replaced with “safe sex” education
3 and lessons in public schools.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Abstinence-only education,” is defined as “a form of sex education that
5 teaches not having sex outside of marriage which excludes other types of
6 sexual and reproductive health education, such as birth control and safe
7 sex,” whereas “safe sex education” is defined as “education which
8 teaches the importance of birth control devices while still speaking of the
9 dangers of unprotected sex.”

10 **SECTION 3.** The United States Departments of Education and Health and Human
11 Services will oversee the implementation of this act.

12 **SECTION 4.** This act will go into effect on May 4, 2018.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Lindale High School.

TFA Spring 2018 Item 10. A Bill to Limit Child Marriages

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will limit the conditions under which child marriages
3 may be performed and provide legal recourse for child spouses.

4 **SECTION 2.** For the purpose of this legislation, a child marriage will be defined as a
5 marriage in which one or both individuals are under 18 years of age.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will oversee the implementation and
7 enforcement of the following guidelines on child marriage in the United
8 States.

9 A. The minimum age for marriage will be 16 years of age.

10 B. The age difference between spouses may not exceed 4 years.

11 C. Parental consent of minor children must be obtained prior to the
12 issuance of any marriage license.

13 D. Both parties must consent to the marriage.

14 E. Investigation by Child Protective Services will be required prior to the
15 issuance of the marriage license to ensure that minors are not being
16 coerced into marriage.

17 **SECTION 4.** The United States Congress will amend US Code Chapter 109A Section
18 2243 to remove marriage as a defense for rape.

19 **SECTION 5.** This bill will take effect on September 1, 2018.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by James E. Taylor High School.

TFA Spring 2018 Item 11. A Bill to Close the Prisoner Detention Center at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The prisoner detention center at Guantanamo Bay housing enemies of
3 the United States is hereby closed. All prisoners eligible for transfer to
4 other countries shall be deported immediately.

5 **SECTION 2.** A periodic review board will be established to determine the legal future
6 of prisoners not yet evaluated. Detainees deemed unfit to deport will be
7 transferred to United States' Supermax detention facilities while they
8 undergo due process and judicial proceedings. Any prisoner moved to
9 United States soil will receive a full and complete trial to determine their
10 guilt.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense will be responsible for closing the prison,
12 transferring or deporting the prisoners, and housing any prisoner that is
13 not deported in an adequate detention center. Any funds necessary to
14 transfer or detain Guantanamo Bay prisoners shall be reallocated from
15 the Department of Defense budget designated to house the prisoners at
16 Guantanamo Bay.

17 **SECTION 4.** Upon passage, prisoners will no longer be detained at this facility.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Concordia Lutheran High School.

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TFA Spring 2018 Item 12. A Resolution to Ban the Use of Forensic Science in Courtrooms in the United States

WHEREAS, Forensic science is the use of science within criminal and civil law disputes, mainly during investigations and analysis, as governed by the legal standards of admissible evidence and criminal procedure; and

WHEREAS, Forensics methods used in criminal investigations consistently produce inaccurate, unreliable, or invalid forensics, coupled with misleading testimony, thereby having a substantial impact on the results of a trial or investigation; and

WHEREAS, This allows blind judgement to have an impact on the validity of evidence, leading citizens to be wrongly convicted of crimes, due to contextual influences, rather than objective facts provided; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled disallow the

use of forensics science in courtrooms in the United States

Introduced for Congressional Debate by James Bowie High School

TFA Spring 2018 Item 13. A Bill to Subsidize Urban Electric Vehicles (UEVs) to Reduce American Dependence on Fossil Fuel

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Urban electric vehicle purchases will be promoted by the US Department
3 of Transportation through collaboration with the Internal Revenue
4 Service, and research will be subsidized by the US Department of
5 Transportation in junction with the Environmental Protection Agency.

6 **SECTION 2.** Based on the nature of this new technology the following outline the bill

7 A. Urban electric vehicles are a new class of fully-electric automobiles
8 that are intentionally built and optimized for urban environments in
9 that they are smaller and lighter than existing EVs.

10 B. An itemized tax deduction will reduce the taxable income of an
11 individual who owns a UEV by \$7,500 per UEV owned on an annual
12 basis.

13 C. A total of \$8.4 million in subsidies will be allocated to a maximum of
14 120 corporations that show active research and progress in UEV
15 development.

16 **SECTION 3.** The following governmental entities are critical to this bill

17 C. US Department of Transportation will oversee the accumulation of
18 information regarding the individuals and corporations that qualify
19 for monetary support.

20 D. Internal Revenue Service will provide an Itemized Tax Deduction for
21 individual owners of UEVs on an annual per car basis.

22 E. Environmental Protection Agency will financially support research
23 grants

24 **SECTION 4.** These deductions and grants will come into effect fiscal year 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Plano Senior High School.

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TFA Spring 2018 Item 14. Garbage Used to Negate Catastrophe Act (GUNC Act)

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The U.S. Federal Government will implement the following reforms to shift
3 waste disposal towards renewable energy production:

4 A. The United States Federal Government shall ban the usage and construction
5 of landfills as garbage disposal in the United States

6 B. The disposal of trash shall be shifted towards biomass energy production as a
7 means of protecting the environment

8 C. The disposal of trash will reduced by means of recycling and reuse of
9 materials which cannot be used in the making of biomass energy

10 **SECTION 2.** "Landfills" shall be defined as any place used to dispose of refuse and other
11 waste material. "Biomass energy production" shall be defined as energy
12 resultant from the use of waste to produce energy.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Treasury, along with local
14 Departments of Public Works, or other relevant government agency, will be c
15 charged with the full implementation of this legislation.

16 A. The DoT will be charged with ensuring landfills not in compliance with this
17 legislation shall see a gradual garnishing of their profits 10% per fiscal year,
18 with all profits being removed by FY 2030. The DoT shall also be responsible
19 for providing funding not exceeding 500 billion dollars

20 B. Recycling and trash pickup as well as local energy production shall be
21 completed with local Departments of Public Works and the DoT, with the
22 DoT ensuring adequate funding for each local department.

23 C. The EPA will ensure total implementation of this legislation.

24 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect no later than January 1, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Katy High School.

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TFA Spring 2018 Item 15. A Resolution to increase Sanctions in Venezuela in Order to Encourage Economic and Government Stability

1 **WHEREAS**, Venezuela is in a state of economic and political turmoil; with a government that
2 is on the verge of becoming a dictatorship. By increasing economic sanctions, the
3 U.S. would be able to incentivize a reversal of the tyrannical regime of President
4 Nicolás Maduro.

5 **WHEREAS**, after president Chavez rule oil prices fell dramatically thus the money siphoned off for
6 social programs and food became unsustainable. Leading to a 50% decrease of exports
7 since 2016.

8 **WHEREAS**, these exemptions cause not only additional bureaucratic layering on a municipal
9 level but additionally become more costly for consumers as a result of unequal
10 application of these policies; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the collapse of the oil industry which accounted for 96% of its exports;
12 hyperinflation has skyrocketed to 700%. Leaving more 76% of the population
13 impoverished

14 **WHEREAS**, the rise of an oppressive, chauvinistic government has led to violent
15 demonstrations, which threaten the lives of Venezuelan citizens.

16 **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for an
17 increase of sanctions in order to incentivize Venezuelan government to right
18 their inadequacy.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Boerne Samuel V. Champion High School.

TFA Spring 2018 Item 16. A Bill to Revise the Authorization for the Use of Military force to Include all Foreign Terrorist Groups

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Authorization for the Use of Military Force (AUMF) shall be revised to
3 include all foreign terrorist groups that pose a threat to national security.

4 **SECTION 2.** Section 2 of the AUMF will be revised to “The President is authorized to
5 use all necessary and appropriate force against those organizations, or
6 persons he determines planned, authorized, committed, or aided in
7 Terrorist attacks on the United States”

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense will oversee the Implementation of this Bill

9 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented at the start of 2019.

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

11 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Grapevine HS*

TFA Spring 2018 Item 17. A Bill to Modify the Orphan Drug Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Orphan Drug Act of 1983 shall be modified to include an allocation
3 of 5.2 billion dollars to private research companies through the usage of a
4 bid system.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. “Orphan Diseases” shall be defined as diseases that affect fewer than
6 200,000 U.S. residents.

7 B. A “Private Research Company” shall be defined as a non-governmental
8 organization.

9 C. A “Bid System” shall be defined as a system in which a private
10 research company may be able to ask for a certain amount of money
11 following the submission and approval of a research plan for a specific
12 orphan disease.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Food and Drug Administration and the National Institutes of Health
14 will be responsible for implementation of this legislation.

15 A. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will be responsible for
16 management of the bid system as well as allocation of funds towards
17 private research companies.

18 B. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) will be responsible for
19 oversight on all research and development completed.

20 **SECTION 4.** This law shall go into effect in the next fiscal year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Klein High School.

**TFA SPRING 2018 ITEM 18. THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMITTEE AGAINST TERRORISM (CICTE)
ENHANCEMENT ACT**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Department of State and USSOUTHCOM will significantly
3 increase its participation and allocation of resources towards the CICTE with a
4 budget of \$750 million.

5 **SECTION 2.** The United States will implement the following policies towards the CICTE:

6 **A.** USSOUTHCOM will build an additional Cooperative Security Location
7 (CSL) in Colombia.

8 **B.** The United States Intelligence Community will increase its drone and
9 Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) information sharing
10 with member nations.

11 **C.** USSOUTHCOM will create a Special Purpose Marine Ground Air Forces
12 Task Group that specializes in counter-terror operations that is composed of
13 CICTE member nation military operatives.

14 **D.** United States Department of Homeland Security will reassign 75 forty-seven
15 foot MLB ships of United States Coast Guard to the auspices of
16 USSOUTHCOM.

17 **SECTION 3.** USSOUTHCOM will be allocated \$750 million to implement the following policies
18 and will work with the United States State Department's negotiations with the
19 CICTE.

20 **SECTION 4.** The legislation will be executed in FY 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Plano Senior HS

TFA Spring 2018 Item 19. A Resolution to Increase Economic Engagement with North Korea

1 **WHEREAS,** Tensions between the United States and North Korea are quickly rising;
2 and

3 **WHEREAS,** the recent exchanges between the two governments have increased the
4 chances of nuclear conflict; and

5 **WHEREAS,** this would be detrimental to the national security of the U.S. and have
6 negative economic and political effects on the United States and global
7 community at large; and

8 **WHEREAS,** an impending military conflicts could lead to stressed relations between
9 U.S. trade partners and have lasting effects on the people and relations
10 between said countries; now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED,** that the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation
12 to increase trade between the United States and North Korea to ensure
13 global tranquility.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Prestonwood Christian Academy.

TFA Spring 2018 Item 20. The Clean Energy and Environment Act of 2018

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States will implement the following reforms to curtail waste and phase out fracking technologies.

- A.** Decrease funding to ITER by \$50 million to end waste on cooperative reactor development projects.
- B.** Increase funding to Fusion Energy Sciences program by \$500 million.
- C.** Phase out hydraulic fracturing by 2040 to end the damage inflicted on the environment.
- D.** Expand solar farm development to reach 48 gigawatts capacity nationwide by 2030.

SECTION 2. ITER is defined as International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor.

Phasing out is defined as gradually decreasing the quantity of fracking-produced fossil fuels in each state, resulting in an elimination of fracking by 2040.

SECTION 3. The U.S. Department of Energy will be responsible for the implementation of this bill. The federal government will coordinate regulations on fracking through the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Energy, and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect September 1, 2018.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Clements High School.

TFA Spring 2018 Item 21. A Bill to Decrease US Military Involvement in Japan

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will implement the following reforms to decrease military
3 presence in the Japan.

4 **A.** All United States bases located in the Okinawan Prefecture will cease all
5 operations.

6 **B.** The Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security between the United States
7 and Japan will be terminated to decrease military restrictions on Japan.

8 **C.** The United States will express support for the Japanese government's
9 actions to amend Article 9 of its constitution to further develop the
10 Japanese military.

11 **SECTION 2** The following definitions are for clarification:

12 **A.** A United States base is a facility that houses United States military
13 equipment or personnel.

14 **B.** Article 9 of the Japanese Constitution prevents the creation of any land, sea,
15 or air forces in Japan.

16 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State as well as the Department of Defense will be
17 responsible for the implementation of this bill.

18 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go in effect exactly one year after passage of the legislation.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Plano West Senior High School.

TFA Spring 2018 Item 22. A Resolution to Repeal the Jones Act

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The Merchant Marine Act of 1920, also known as The Jones Act, is an
2 archaic law originally intended as a protective measure against German
3 encroachment on the US shipping industry following World War 1; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** The Jones Act’s requirement to use only American-owned businesses and
5 American-made ships in domestic shipping has created a tremendous
6 financial burden, particularly on US island territories; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The Jones Act has increased the cost of consumer goods and necessities
8 by as much as 40% in US territories like Puerto Rico; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** The law has had a detrimental effect on Puerto Rico’s economy in
10 particular, with a 2010 university study indicating an impact of \$537
11 million per year on the island economy as a direct result of this law; and
- 12 **WHEREAS,** The restrictions created by the Jones Act greatly delay our ability to
13 provide aid to our US territories in response to natural disasters; now,
14 therefore, be it
- 15 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled repeal the Jones Act.

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by James E. Taylor High School.

TFA SPRING 2018 ITEM 23. IMMIGRANT NATIONAL SERVICE ACT OF 2017

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Upon completion of a tenure of optional national service, participant
3 immigrants into the United States of America will receive full citizenship.

4 **SECTION 2.** National service will either refer to military service, disaster relief work,
5 or government work in under-developed areas. Citizenship refers to
6 being a member of the US that is entitled to all the civil rights and
7 protections thereof and owes allegiance to the US.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security will oversee the enforcement of
9 the bill, and they will provide the option of service in US embassies or to
10 immigrants trying to enter the country.

11 A. To receive their full citizenship, the immigrants must be in service in
12 for a period of 2 years.

13 B. The immigrants will food and lodging during their service along with
14 \$8 and hour.

15 C. Families will require both parents to work their service years. All
16 dependents will receive required lodgings and food with their
17 guardians as well.

18 **SECTION 4.** The legislation will go into effect on January 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lindale High School.

TFA Spring 2018 Item 24. A Bill to Support Skilled Work Immigrant Visas

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will immediately support an increased amount of
3 skilled work immigrant visas.

4 **SECTION 2.** The bill will specifically support skilled technological worker visas, and
5 implement an efficient visa system.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State will oversee implementation of this legislation.

7 A. Skilled Workers will be processed through a separate visa system.
8 This system can only be used for skilled technology workers, and will
9 specifically review the applicant's origin, place of work, and
10 destination.

11 B. The system will be designed to avoid extended queue times and will
12 review each applicant as quickly and effectively as possible.

13 **SECTION 4.** This will take effect immediately upon passage. The visa system will take
14 an estimated year to fully complete. It will borrow minimal features from
15 the current visa system. The fees will be paid for by technology
16 companies that sponsor their overseas employees.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Concordia Lutheran High School.

TFA Spring 2018 Item 25. A Resolution to Improve Educational Standards for Inmates

1 **WHEREAS,** The rehabilitative purposes of imprisonment are currently undermined by
2 the removal of educational grants and programs for inmates under the
3 Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994; and

4 **WHEREAS,** Under these current conditions, many rehabilitated criminals who cannot
5 afford education struggle to reinstate themselves in society,
6 and therefore, risk becoming recidivists; and

7 **WHEREAS,** The increasing population of inmates, fueled by recidivism, is additionally
8 detrimental to taxpayers due to the immense cost of feeding and housing
9 2.2 million inmates; and

10 **WHEREAS,** Allocating a fractional amount of funding to educate our nation's inmates
11 would not only lower recidivism rates but would also ensure a brighter
12 and more productive future for those who cannot afford to pave their
13 own way; now, therefore, be it

14 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled amend the Violent Crime Control and
15 Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to reinstate Pell Grant funding for inmates;
16 and, be it

17 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this Congress endeavor to provide higher education
18 opportunities to inmates in collaboration with the Federal Bureau of
19 Prisons.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Coram Deo Academy.

TFA Spring 2018 Item 26. A Bill to Develop the North-South Transport Corridor to Bolster US-Indian economic cooperation

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All projects taken by US companies to build or provide supplies to the
3 Indian North-South Transport Corridor will be offered subsidies of 10%.

4 **SECTION 2.** All applicants must provide approved permits from the Indian
5 Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion and the Indian Ministry of
6 Commerce & Industry before subsidies will be granted.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State's Office of Investment Affairs and USAID's
8 Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs will oversee implementation of
9 this legislation.

10 A. Money for subsidies will be drawn from the USAID's budget.

11 B. The State Department's Office of Investment Affairs will verify all
12 permits from the Indian government.

13 **SECTION 4.** This will go into effect in the fiscal year of 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Winston Churchill HS

TFA Spring 2018 Item 27. A Bill to Implement a Carbon Tax to Reduce Carbon Dioxide Emissions

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States will implement a carbon tax for US energy
2 companies to reduce carbon dioxide emissions.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** This bill will create new federal regulations that will allow the US
4 government to tax the carbon emissions of US energy companies per ton.
- 5 A. A carbon tax shall be defined as a tax on the emissions, per ton of carbon
6 dioxide from US energy companies;
- 7 B. US energy companies shall be defined as corporations that have their
8 headquarters based within the United States;
- 9 C. Corporations that release more than 1 part per million (ppm) of CO₂
10 emissions annually will be taxed;
- 11 D. All energy companies will be taxed \$75 per ton of excess carbon dioxide
12 produced;
- 13 E. A price trajectory will be created, increasing the rate at which companies
14 are taxed by 10% every ten years in order to make sure CO₂ emissions do
15 not increase;
- 16 **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will work in
17 conjunction with the Department of Energy (DOE) and the Internal Revenue
18 Service (IRS) in order to implement all aspects of this bill.
- 19 A. The EPA and the DOE will be responsible for regulating the amount of
 carbon dioxide, in tons, produced by US energy companies;
- B. The DOE and EPA will work in cooperation with the Internal Revenue
 Service (IRS) to collect these taxes.
- SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect in January of 2019.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
 and void.
- Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jasper High School*

TFA Spring 2018 Item 28. A Resolution to Prevent Pharmaceuticals from Unnecessarily Increasing the Price of Prescriptions to Effectively Maintain the Wellbeing of the Public

WHEREAS, Pharmaceuticals are increasing the prices of prescriptions and increasing th

1 difficulty of affording OTCs; and

2 **WHEREAS**, There have been deaths that could've been prevented and illnesses that

3 have failed to be attended to due to the patient's lack of sufficient financial

4 means which has limited the accessibility of life saving products; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Spending on specialty medicines has increased by \$54 billion over the past !

6 years and accounts for 73% of all medicine spending growth; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Four of the top 10 prescription drugs in the US have increased in price by m

8 than 100% since 2011.

9 **WHEREAS**, It's unfair to increase the exclusivity of medicinal drugs that could save a

10 person's life by increasing its price for profit-related reasons; now, therefor

11 be it

12 **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled commit to preventing pharmaceutical

13 companies from unnecessarily price gouging the American people for profit

14 and reducing their quality of life.

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cypress Park High School.

TFA Spring 2018 Item 29. A Resolution to Replace Nuclear Fission with Nuclear Fusion to Have a Cleaner and Stronger Energy Source

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Nuclear Fission poses a huge risk: long-lived radioactive nuclear waste,
2 difficulty to control it, harmful health effects on the population, serious
3 nuclear accidents and overall lack of safety; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** When over 30 countries rely on the use of nuclear power, they must
5 make sure they are using the most efficient and less detrimental source.
6 Countries need a better, more reliable alternative source than fossil fuels;
7 and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Nuclear fusion, on the other hand, produces four times as much energy
9 as fission, is easier to control and stop, has shorter-lived nuclear waste,
10 and is much safer; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** Chernobyl and Fukushima have examples in the past of where these
12 nuclear fission plants caused immediate deaths and long-term troubles
13 where people are still facing those consequences today with infinite
14 cases of cancer; and
- 15 **WHEREAS,** Nuclear fusion serves as a safer, cleaner and more efficient tool,
16 producing more power, and lasting longer. In contrast to fission produced
17 wastes, they are short lived and decay to background levels in a very
18 short time; and, be it
- 19 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled replace nuclear fusion with nuclear
20 fission for a more efficient and better source.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Northland Christian School.

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TFA Spring 2018 Item 30. A Resolution to Provide Kratom to Aid in the Opioid Crisis

1 **WHEREAS,** President Trump declared the opioid crisis a public health emergency on
2 October 26th, 2017; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Opioids kill more than 100 Americans every day, and the users of opioids
4 have become an economic burden to the United States, having
5 cumulative costs of 78.5 billion dollars every year for healthcare, lost
6 productivity, addiction control, and criminal justice costs; and

7 **WHEREAS,** Kratom has been found to be a suitable alternative substance to opioids
8 and provides additional health benefits to its users such as regulation of
9 hormones, glucose and insulin in the blood, and blood pressure; and

10 **WHEREAS,** The U.S Food and Drug Administration declared Kratom a Dietary
11 Supplement under the loose regulations of the Dietary Supplement
12 Health and Education act of 1944; and

13 **WHEREAS,** Dietary supplements do not require a prescription nor need to be proven
14 “safe and effective” by the FDA; now, therefore, be it

15 **RESOLVED,** that the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation
16 to more strictly regulate the production and sale of Kratom and give
17 medical centers the ability to legally diagnose opioid addiction and
18 prescribe Kratom to patients.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Clark High School.