

Congress Docket
Thornton Academy
January 6, 2018

**1) A Resolution to Support Respect For Human Rights and
Encouraging Inclusive Governance in Ethiopia**

1. **WHEREAS**, the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia has been an ally of the
2. United States and a partner in the War on Terrorism and,
3. **WHEREAS**, democratic space in Ethiopia has steadily diminished since the general
4. elections of 2005 and,
5. **WHEREAS**, Ethiopian security forces have killed between 500 and 800 peaceful
6. protesters in the Oromia and Amhara regions of the country and,
7. **WHEREAS**, criminal courts in Ethiopia are weak, overburdened and subject to
8. political influence now; Therefore be it
9. **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled work to condemn the killing of
10. peaceful protesters, call on Ethiopia to end the use of excessive force by security
11. forces, and release dissidents, activists, and journalists who have been imprisoned for
12. exercising constitutional rights.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by ELHS, Maine District

2) A Resolution to Revive and Promote the SST

1. **WHEREAS**, the fastest way to get around in the global community is by plane and,
2. **WHEREAS**, the airline industry is in need of improvement when it comes to time
3. efficiency and,
4. **WHEREAS**, other modes of transportation have evolved and sophisticated due to
5. change in circumstances; Therefore be it

6. **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled work to allocate \$7.2 billion USD to
7. Boeing Commercial Airplanes, so that they may work on researching and developing
8. civilian supersonic transport (SST) and make modern aircraft extremely efficient.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by ELHS, Maine District

3) A Bill to Repeal the Standard Time Act of 1918

1. **BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**
2. **SECTION 1:** All 50 states (excluding Arizona and Hawaii) are hereby ordered to
3. abolish the observation of Daylight Savings Time.
4. **SECTION 2:** The Pacific Standard and Mountain Standard Time zones are hereby
5. conjoined and renamed Western Time Zone (WST).
6. **SECTION 3:** The Central Standard and Eastern Standard Time zones are hereby
7. conjoined and renamed Atlantic Time Zone (AST).
8. **SECTION 4:** The states of Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota shall
9. be considered a part of the WST
10. **SECTION 5:** The National Institute of Standards and Technology and the
11. Department of Energy shall oversee this piece of legislation.
12. **SECTION 6:** This legislation shall go into effect on May 5, 2018.
13. **SECTION 7:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sen. Bilal Hussein, ELHS, Maine District

4) A Bill to Stop Police Testifying

1. **Whereas** policemen shouldn't be above the law, especially as permitted under section
2. 1746 of title 28, United States Code,
3. **BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**
4. **SECTION 1.** Perjury done by law enforcement shall be treated the same as civilian

5. perjury, meaning that both parties can be arrested and fined as decided by the state.
6. **SECTION 2.** Perjury shall be defined as the intentional act of swearing a false oath
7. or falsifying an affirmation to tell the truth, whether spoken or in writing, concerning
8. matters material to an official proceeding.
9. **SECTION 3.** The Judicial branch will oversee the passing of this bill.
10. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect on June 3, 2018
11. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln Academy, Maine District

5) A Bill to Raise the National Driving Age

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The national minimum driving age shall be raised to 18 years old.
3. **SECTION 2.** Minimum driving age shall be defined as the lowest age an American
4. citizen is allowed to obtain a driving license and drive on public roads.
5. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Motor Vehicles and the Department of Justice shall
6. oversee the implementation of this legislation along with the specific enforcement mechanism.
 - A. Citizens above 15 years old shall still be permitted to attend drivers ed.
 - B. Citizens shall be allowed to obtain a driving permit at the age of 17.
 - C. Citizens aged 16 and 17 shall retain their permits or licenses.
7. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect on February 1, 2018.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln Academy, Maine District

6) A Bill to Ban the Use of Animal Testing In America

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **Section 1:** The United States will stop testing animals for medical achievements and

3. other purposes. Instead we should support the various organizations like PETA and
4. BAUV that question the legitimacy of animal testing by creating a fine for those
5. convicted of so. All income from these fines will go towards said organizations.
6. **Section 2:** For the purpose of this legislation, “animal testing” includes animals that
7. are subjected to force feeding, forced inhalation, food and water deprivation,
8. prolonged periods of physical restraint, the infliction of burns and other wounds to
9. study the healing process, “killing” by carbon dioxide asphyxiation, and more.
10. **Section 3:** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration shall oversee implementation.
11. **Section 4:** This law will take effect immediately upon passage.
12. **Section 5:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cape Elizabeth High School, Maine District

7) A Bill to Reduce Corn Subsidies

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1A.** U.S. governmental subsidies supporting the corn industry will be reduced by
3. 10% at the beginning of each fiscal year until they no longer exist, starting the first year
4. after passage.
5. **SECTION 1B.** The Department of Agriculture will submit a report to Congress at the close
6. of each fiscal year detailing the health, environmental, and economic impacts of the
7. reduction in corn subsidies that year, and that report shall inform future decisions
8. surrounding corn subsidies. Congress hereby appropriates \$10 million annually to the
9. USDA to support research informing its annual report to Congress. These funds can come
10. from the savings of reducing corn subsidies.
11. **SECTION 2.** “Corn subsidies” shall be defined as any direct payments to farmers in
12. the corn industry as well as federally-subsidized crop insurance insuring corn.

13. SECTION 3. The USDA will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

14. SECTION 4. This legislation shall go into effect on October 1, 2018.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cape Elizabeth High School, Maine District

8) A Bill to Prohibit Manipulative Prison Labor

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

2. SECTION 1. Unfairly compensated and/or coerced penal labor shall be made illegal.

3. SECTION 2A. “Unfairly compensated” shall be defined as an amount of payment that

4. doesn’t comply to federal standards for the minimum wage.

5. SECTION 2B. “Coerced” shall be defined as lacking the fully informed consent of the

6. prisoner.

7. SECTION 3. All prison labor programs that fail to pay inmates fair wages and any acts to

8. force or manipulate inmates into working (such as threatening solitary confinement,

9. etc.) will be unlawful under this legislation.

10. SECTION 4. The Department of Justice shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

A. Prisons that are found to fail to observe this legislation shall be forced to pay reparations to the affected inmates.

B. Reparations shall be decided on a case by case basis.

11. SECTION 5. This legislation will go into effect January 1, 2019.

12. SECTION 5A. No incidences occurring earlier than this implementation period can be

13. affected by this legislation.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Chloe Brzozowski, Brunswick HS, Maine District

9) The Compassionate Access, Research Expansion, and Respect States Act

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The United States government shall allow states to set their own medical
3. marijuana policies.
4. **SECTION 2.** The government shall reclassify marijuana as a Schedule 2 drug in the Drug
5. Enforcement Agency's five category drug classification system.
6. **SECTION 3.** The U.S. shall remove the CBD strains, used to treat epilepsy and seizure
7. disorders, from the federal definition of marijuana.
8. **SECTION 4.** The federal government shall allow doctors working for the Department of
9. Veterans Affairs in states where medical marijuana is legal to recommend it for certain
10. condition.
11. **SECTION 5.** The government shall permit financial services and banking for marijuana
12. dispensaries.
13. **SECTION 6.** Public or private research that sanctioned by the government shall be
14. exempted from federal criminal laws concerning the use or possession of marijuana.
15. **SECTION 7.** The Drug Enforcement Agency shall oversee the implementation of this bill.
16. **SECTION 8.** This law shall go into effect on January 1, 2019.
17. **SECTION 9.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sen. Baldacci, Bangor HS, Maine District

10) A Bill to Establish Single Payer Healthcare

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The Social Security Act shall be amended in the following manner:
 3. **A.** Section 1818A of the Social Security Act shall be followed by a section titled
 4. "Universal Buy In", detailed in the following sections.
 5. **B.** Medicare coverage eligibility is hereby extended to all US citizens and lawfully
 6. admitted aliens, regardless of age.
 7. **C.** The HHS Secretary shall establish periods of enrollment and a system of
 8. premium collection consistent with the standards under 1818A.
 9. **D.** The following age divisions are hereby created for calculating monthly
 10. actuarial rates that shall be applied based on each age groups cost.
 11. **E.** Age groups include: persons under 19, persons 19 through 25 years of age,
 12. persons 26 through 35 years of age, persons 36 through 45 years of age,
 13. persons 46 through 55 years of age, and persons 56 through 64 years of age.
 14. **F.** Private insurance companies are hereby banned.
 15. **G.** The HHS Secretary is directed to prioritize the hiring former private insurance
 16. employees into the newly expanded government health insurance sector.
 17. **H.** 5 billion dollars will be spent annually at the discretion of the HHS secretary on
 18. ensuring a smooth transition between the 2 healthcare systems.
19. **SECTION 2.** Single Payer shall be defined as a single public organized health care
20. financing system, with delivery of care remaining private. Private insurance companies shall
21. be defined as any non-Medicare entity that provides for the payments of benefits in event of
22. sickness or injury.
23. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall implement this legislation.

24. SECTION 4. This law shall be enforced immediately following passage, with the exception
25. of Section 1F, which shall go into effect in 10 years.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sen. Baldacci, Bangor HS, Maine District

11) A Resolution to Encourage NATO to Remove U.S. Nukes from Turkey

- 1. WHEREAS,** The United States currently has nuclear weapons in Turkey that are being
- 2.** put at risk, as the country is unstable, and
- 3. WHEREAS,** The nuclear weapons serve no strategic purpose, because both the U.S.
- 4.** and Turkey don't have certified aircraft to carry the weapons, and
- 5. WHEREAS,** Keeping the nukes in Turkey could greatly harm the security of the U.S.
- 6.** and the world, and
- 7. RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled recommend to NATO that they remove
- 8.** U.S. nukes from Turkey.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sen. Baldacci, Bangor HS, Maine District