

2018 Lincoln Silver Bowl Congress Docket

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The Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act of 2017

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. The complete text of the Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act of 2017 (S. 1917) is hereby enacted.

Section 2. Sections 101-109 of ‘Sentence Reform’ and Sections 201-212 of ‘Corrections Act’ shall apply to:

A. Any offense that was committed before the date of enactment of this legislation , if a sentence for the offense has not been imposed as of such date of enactment.

B. In the case of a defendant who, before the date of enactment of this legislation, was convicted of an offense for which the penalty is amended by this section and was sentenced to a term of imprisonment for the offense, a term of imprisonment may be reduced if:

- 1.** The instant violation was for a drug trafficking offense that did not involve a violation of clause (ii) or (iii) of section 924(c)(1)(A) of title 18, United States Code.
- 2.** The defendant has not otherwise been convicted of any serious violent felony.
- 3.** The sentencing court, after considering the factors set forth in section 3553(a) of title 18, United States Code, the nature and seriousness of the danger to any person, the community, or any crime victims, and the post-sentencing conduct of the defendant, finds a reduction is consistent with this section.

Section 3. The Department of Justice shall be responsible for the oversight and implementation of this legislation.

Section 4. This legislation shall take effect on March 1, 2018.

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

A Bill to Repeal the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

Section 1. Sports gambling is now legal across the United States.

Section 2. A. “Gambling” entails lottery, sweepstakes, or other betting/wagering scheme based structures (directly or indirectly) on one or more competitive games in which amateur or professional sports athletes participate, or intended to participate, in one or more performances of a game.

B. Gambling applies to individuals and/or governmental entities willing to sponsor, operate, advertise, or promote pursuant to the law.

Section 3. The American Gaming Association shall oversee the passage of this legislation.

Section 4. This legislation shall be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

A Bill to Means Test Social Security to Ensure Fiscal Solvency

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Future retirees who earn more than \$110,000 per year during ten or
3 more years of their career will be ineligible for Social Security benefits
4 upon retiring.

5 **SECTION 2.** "Future retirees" refers to those who begin eligibility for Social Security
6 after the implementation date of this legislation.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Social Security Administration will oversee the implementation of
8 this legislation.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on October 1, 2020.

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

A Resolution to Ensure Hospitals Are Stocked to the Brim

Whereas, American hospitals cumulatively use millions of saline-solution bags weekly; and

Whereas, The factory of the largest supplier of these bags was wrecked in Hurricane Maria; and

Whereas, Factories on American soil are producing faulty commodities; and

Whereas, The industry, as a whole, has been taken over by an investigation by the U.S.

Department of Justice

Whereas, These saline bags are running dangerously low- both for Americans and our nearest

allies; therefore be it

Resolved that the Congress here assembled allow the importation of saline and other intravenous

solutions from foreign countries; and be it

Further Resolved that the United States obtain approximately 1.5 times what we normally

utilize as backlog to avoid exhaustion.

A Resolution to Limit Grain Production and Allocation

Whereas, Almost 40% of the calories produced by the world's crops are being used for animal feed; and

Whereas, Only 12% of those calories ultimately contribute to the human diet; and

Whereas, More than 90 million acres of land in the United States are planted to corn, with the majority of the crop grown in the Heartland region; and

Whereas, Most of the crop is used as the main energy ingredient in livestock feed; and

Whereas, Millions of people in the United States could be fed if land used to grow crops for livestock were given over to crops for human consumption, therefore, be it:

Resolved by the Congress here assembled that: No more than 15% of the corn production produced by American farms will be used for consumption by livestock.

A Bill to WASH Away the Water Worries of West Africa

Section 1. A. The United States will renew their involvement in the West Africa Water Supply, Sanitation, and Hygiene Program (WA-WASH) for seven more years (2018-2025).

B. The United States will increase their funding to the program from \$24 million to \$35 million.

Section 2. “Western Africa” will include Northern Ghana, Burkina Faso, and Niger

Section 3. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

Section 4. This legislation will be implemented on January 1, 2018

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

A Bill to Fund CRISPR

Section 1. A. \$50 million shall be given to the research and improvement of Clustered

Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats (CRISPR).

B. This money will be taken from the U.S. Military Budget (FY 2019)

Section 2. This funding will be allocated to projects already underway at the time of implementation.

Section 3. The Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Defense shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

Section 4. This legislation will be implemented October 1, 2019.

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

A Bill to Limit Firearm Modifiers

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** It shall be unlawful for any person in or affecting interstate commerce to
3 manufacture, possess, or transfer any part that functions to (1) increase
4 the rate of fire of a semiautomatic rifle or (2) reduce the noise or light
5 emitted when a firearm is fired.

6 **SECTION 2.** In accordance with the timeline set forth in Section 4, the United States
7 government shall establish one collection facility in each Congressional
8 district and shall provide a cash rebate for the fair market value of any
9 confiscated item turned in by an American citizen.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives ("ATF") shall be
11 responsible for implementing the provisions of this legislation.

12 **SECTION 4.** The manufacture and sale of any item restricted by Section 1 shall be
13 unlawful immediately upon the passage of this legislation. The ATF shall
14 set up collection centers within thirty (30) days of the passage of this
15 legislation. Collection centers shall close one (1) year from their opening
16 date, after which point, it shall be unlawful to possess any item restricted
17 by Section 1.

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

The PRO Sports Act of 2017

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. No organization or entity shall be treated as tax-exempt if:

- A.** It is a professional sports league, organization, or association, a substantial activity of which is to foster national or international professional sports competitions.
- B.** Has an annual gross receipts in excess of \$10 million.

Section 2. “Professional sports league” is defined as a professional body which governs the competition of its teams.

Section 3. The Internal Revenue Service shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

Section 4. This legislation will be implemented February 1 of 2018.

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

A Resolution to Intervene in Burma

- WHEREAS,** The Burmese military regime is committing acts of genocide against the Rohingya; and
- WHEREAS,** The United States stands firmly against ethnic cleansing and other crimes against humanity; and
- WHEREAS,** The international community has failed to effectively act in this crisis; and
- WHEREAS,** The United States recognizes that aside from the humanitarian implications of this crisis, such acts of genocide destabilize the region and may spur future threats to national security; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled authorize the President to use military force to end the ethnic cleansing of the Rohingya in Burma.

A Bill to Fund School Vouchers

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. An additional \$20 billion in funding shall be allocated for distribution to
3 the states. This fund shall be distributed to each state proportionally
4 based on the number of residents living below the poverty line.

5 B. In order to receive a portion of this fund, states must use it to finance a
6 school voucher program for students living in poverty.

7 **SECTION 2.** "School voucher program" shall be defined as a program that makes state
8 funding available to families to send their children to private primary and
9 secondary educational institutions. "Students living in poverty" shall be
10 defined as any student qualifying for a free or reduced lunch program.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall oversee the implementation of this
12 legislation.

13 **SECTION 4.** Funding shall be allocated on October 1, 2019. States must elect whether
14 they wish to receive funds by September 1, 2019.

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