

## **A Bill to Empower Ukraine**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** Five hundred(500) million dollars will be allocated to the procurement and distribution of military aid to Ukrainian military forces.

**SECTION 2.** “Military aid” shall be defined as ordnance, military equipment, military vehicles, and firearms.

**SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Defense shall oversee the implementation of this piece of legislation.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect on September 1, 2016

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Leland High School (Jurrien Le)*

## **A Bill to Increase the Availability of Funds for Medical Research**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** Twenty(20) billion dollars will be allocated for the express purpose of funding grants for the purpose of furthering medical research.

A. The medical research grants provided will last for five years, with a three month grace period to apply for the renewal of the grant.

B. Reallocation of the funds provided by the grant to other related avenues of medical research is permitted.

**SECTION 2.** Medical research will be defined as laboratory research dedicated to the treatment of infectious and terminal diseases.

**SECTION 3.** The National Institute of Health will be given the authority over the distribution and allocation of the funding.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented at the beginning of the fiscal year 2016.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Leland High School (Jurrien Le)*

## **A Resolution to call a worldwide moratorium on research using gene-editing in the human genome**

**WHEREAS,** Researchers in China have recently used a gene-editing technology called CRISPR/Cas9 to modify the genome of a nonviable human embryo

**WHEREAS,** Advances in gene-editing technology with the CRISPR/Cas9 made the process of gene-editing easy to use and effective, thereby opening the possibilities of germ-line genome modification for clinical applications in humans

**WHEREAS,** There are currently no international standards guiding the use of gene-editing techniques in the human genome

**WHEREAS,** Some countries has less regulation on science, and specifically on the use of gene modification in human embryos

**RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for a call an international moratorium on research using gene-editing technologies in human embryos

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the recommendation for the U.S. to place further trust in scientific bodies such as the National Academy of Sciences.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Leland High School*

## **A Bill to promote Arctic Exploration**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** Ten(10) billion dollars will be allocated for the express construction of ten(10) icebreaker ships by 2020.

**SECTION 2.** . The new icebreaker ships will be used for the purposes of mineral exploration and mapping of new territories opened up by the retreat of the Arctic sea ice. Furthermore, the icebreaker ships will maintain the open seas to provide opportunities for global commerce and scientific research, facilitate search-and-rescue activities, and maintain regional peace and stability

**SECTION 3.** The U.S Coast Guard will be given the authority over the construction and maintenance of the ships.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented at the beginning of the fiscal year 2016.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Leland High School*

# A Bill to Combat the Islamic State

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The United States will provide \$1 billion in military aid to the Iraqi government to train and equip Iraqi Security Forces to fight the terrorist organization known as the Islamic State, and will allocate \$500 million to the United States military for the purpose of combating the Islamic State.

**SECTION 2.** The United States shall combat the Islamic State in the following ways:

- A. The use of drone strikes will be authorized in combatting the Islamic State.
- B. The United States will deploy 2,000 additional military advisors to train Iraqi troops and conduct joint counterterror operations.
- C. 1,500 US Navy Seals will be deployed to Iraq to combat the Islamic State.
- D. 10,000
- E. If military aid to Iraq is not used solely for the purpose of countering the Islamic State, the United States will suspend all military aid.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense will oversee this legislation.

**SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect immediately.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jason Huang, the Harker School*

## **A Bill to Reduce Corn Subsidies to Protect the Health of the American People**

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:  
2 **SECTION 1.** The federal government reduce the subsidies of the corn agriculture  
3 business by \$1 billion.  
4 **SECTION 2.** Agricultural subsidies shall be defined as payments by the federal  
5 government to producers of agricultural products for the purpose of managing the  
6 supplies of agricultural commodities, and influencing the cost and supply of such  
8 commodities.  
9 **SECTION 3.** The USDA and the United States Department of Health and Human  
10 Services, hereby known as the HHS, will oversee all provisions of this bill.  
11 **A.** The USDA will oversee the transfer of national subsidy funds from corn  
12 subsidies to community nutrition programs, such as the Community Food  
13 Systems program.  
14 **B.** The HHS will oversee the USDA's implementation of the bill and aid in  
15 community nutrition programs.  
16 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect within one year of passage.  
17 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Presentation High School.*

**A Resolution to Remove the Clause “Under God” from the Pledge of Allegiance to Open Patriotism to All**

**WHEREAS**, the current Pledge of Allegiance violates the First Amendment of the freedom of religion by promoting the idea of a God;

**WHEREAS**, the phrase “Under God” was first used not in the original version of the Pledge of Allegiance but was added in the 1950s from pressure from Christian lobbying groups;

**WHEREAS**, the phrase “Under God” is a religious phrase which violates the Establishment Clause of the Constitution;

**WHEREAS**, it also unfairly disfavors atheists as it keeps them from showing their patriotism appropriately and does not appropriately protect their minority rights against majority rule as wished by the Founding Fathers;

**RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation that the phrase “under God” be removed from the Pledge of Allegiance; and, be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the new Pledge of Allegiance will be as follows: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Presentation High School.*

# A Resolution to Raise the Course Requirement for Mathematics and Science in Californian Public High Schools

**WHEREAS,** The current requirement is two courses in mathematics and two courses in science, with each course having a duration of one year; and

**WHEREAS,** High school graduates are unprepared for the higher admission requirements for post-secondary education; and

**WHEREAS,** Increased science and mathematics requirements would prepare high school graduates for successful employment, post-secondary education, or both that require different and more technically sophisticated skills including the application of mathematics and science skills and concepts; and

**WHEREAS,** High school graduates must be competent, capable citizens in our technology-dependent, democratic state; and

**WHEREAS,** This resolution would encourage STEM education in Californian high schools; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the California Assembly here assembled make the following recommendation to increase the course graduation requirement for mathematics and science from two courses each to three courses each.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Presentation High School.*

## **A Resolution to Ban Drones**

**WHEREAS,** Unmanned aerial vehicles, or drones, have become one of the most commonly used military weapons used by the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** Use of drones has led to the loss of thousands of innocent lives; and

**WHEREAS,** Drones can be used to potential to spy on the general public, a violation of privacy; and

**WHEREAS,** Most countries are using or developing drones; now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States should pursue a treaty in the United Nations that would create a total global ban on military and civilian drones.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cupertino High School.*

## **A Bill to Institute a Federal Carbon Tax**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** Carbon emissions are taxed at a cost of \$10.00 per ton of carbon dioxide emitted from the burning of all fossil fuels with the price paid at the point of retail consumption. The tax rate of a ton of CO<sub>2</sub> shall increase yearly by 5 dollars over the next 10 years.

**SECTION 2.** To maintain 100% tax revenue neutrality, this bill is enacted, all personal and corporate income tax rates shall decrease by \$10. Personal and corporate income tax rates shall continue to decrease by 5 dollars annually over the next 10 years. A future congress shall determine whether or not to continue the tax shift in 2025.

**SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) shall oversee the implementation of this bill

- A. This legislation shall go into effect immediately after passage.
- B. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cupertino High School.*