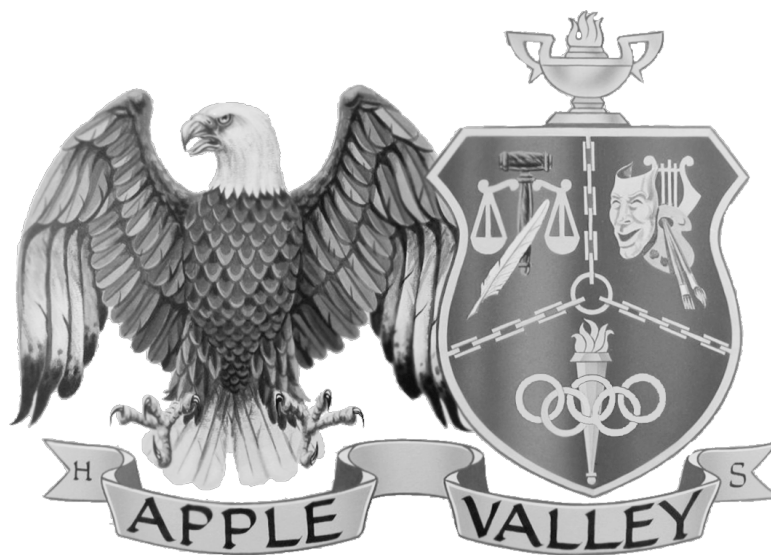


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**A BILL TO RE-LOCATE OUR MILITARY INSTALLATIONS  
ABROAD TO BETTER COMBAT TERRORISM**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

1 **SECTION 1.** The Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Japan shall hereby cease operation. A

2 Marine Corps base shall be built in Nasarawa, Nigeria.

3 **SECTION 2.** The five groups of the United States Air Force 18th Combat Wing, currently

4 based out of Kadena Air Base shall be re-located to Yokota Air Base. By 2020

5 all operations out of Kadena Air Base shall cease, and all personnel and

6 equipment shall be re-located. The new Marine Corps base in Nasarawa,

7 Nigeria shall host 4,500 Marine Corps personnel and family, whose duty it shall

8 be to secure the areas of Nasarawa, Kaduna, Plateau, and Federal Capital

9 Territory (FCT) from insurgent activities in the area. Additionally, the Marines

10 shall be charged with the task of proving logistical, air, ground, and

11 communication support to the United States and Coalition forces in the area.

12 The Marines shall work in conjunction with the Nigerian 7 Division Army,

13 deployed in the region to maintain peace, order, and civility.

14 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be enforced by departments within the Department of

15 Defense.

16 A. The discontinuation of the Kadena Air Base shall be overseen by the

17 Department of the Air Force.

18 B. The creation of the Marine Corps Base in Nigeria shall be overseen by the

19 Department of the Navy.

20 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Grayslake North HS.*

## **A Bill to End the Welfare Restrictions for Released Felons**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government will end restrictions placed on  
3 felons barring them from receiving welfare after they are released from  
4 prison. Any state that refuses to end these restrictions will lose all federal  
5 funding for their correctional systems.

6 **SECTION 2.** A) Released felon will be defined as a person who has been convicted  
7 of a felony and then released on parole or upon the completion of  
8 their sentence.

9 B) Welfare will be defined as any government-funded public assistance  
10 for low-income or disadvantaged people.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Justice Department, Department of Agriculture, and any and all other  
12 relevant agencies will implement this legislation.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Des Moines Roosevelt.*

## A Resolution to Combat Human Trafficking

1 **WHEREAS**, Human trafficking has allowed for the dehumanization of men, women, and children  
2 across the globe; and

3 **WHEREAS**, This modern form of slavery has become not only prevalent in underdeveloped  
4 states, but also in our own country; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Thousands of people are trafficked into the United States each year; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Free trade allows for easier transport, trafficking, and exploitation of individuals;  
7 now, therefore, be it

8 **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for the  
9 United States government to propose diplomatic talks with representatives of all  
10 countries with which the United States engages in free trade, in order to amend  
11 their free trade agreements to include clauses to bilaterally combat human  
12 trafficking.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Trinity Preparatory School.*

## THE DOMESTIC PROSPERITY AND GLOBAL FREEDOM ACT TO EXPEDITE THE EXPORTATION OF LNG

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill enacts the complete text of The Domestic Prosperity and Global  
3 Freedom Act (H.R. 6) including the following provisions:

4 **A).** Requires that any application for the authorization to  
5 construct and operate liquid natural gas export facilities for which  
6 a notice has been published in the Federal Register before March  
7 6, 2014, shall be decided upon by the Federal Energy Regulatory  
8 Commission thirty [30] days after consultation with the  
9 Department of Energy.

10 **B).** Amends the Natural Gas Act to set as a condition for approval  
11 of any authorization to export LNG that the DOE Secretary require  
12 the applicant to disclose publically the specific destination or  
13 destinations of any such authorized liquid natural gas exportation.

14 **C).** Authorizes any nation with which there is a free trade  
15 agreement or who is a member of the WTO shall have access to  
16 US natural gas markets.

17 **SECTION 2.** LNG export terminals will be defined as facilities whose specific  
18 designation is to liquefy natural gas and be the terminal in which it will be  
19 transferred onto a registered liquid natural gas carrier ship for  
20 exportation.

21 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy, The US Department of Treasury, and the  
22 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will be responsible for the  
23 implementation of today's legislation.

24 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented ninety [90] days after being signed into law.

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

*Introduced by Lake Highland High School.*

## The Shut Down the Shutdowns Act of 2015

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The full text of The Shut Down the Shutdowns Act (H.R. 1776) is hereby  
3 enacted.

4 **SECTION 2.** The SDSA provides that in the event that Congress fails to pass a federal  
5 budget before the end of the fiscal year or similar deadline, existing levels  
6 of funding for all government agencies and programs will be extended  
7 until such a time that a new budget is passed.

8 **SECTION 3.** The House Appropriations Committee and Rules Committee will be  
9 responsible for enforcing this legislation.

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

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lake Highland High School.*

## **A BILL TO REDUCE PRISON POPULATIONS**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This legislation shall endorse an early federal release program for inmates  
3 who have been diagnosed with a treatable mental illness in which these  
4 prisoners will be transferred to short-term federal mental health  
5 treatment facilities.

6 **SECTION 2.** A. "Early federal release program" shall remain defined as described in  
7 the Early Release Procedures Under 18 U.S.C § 3621(e)1b and eligibly  
8 requirements will remain defined as in Early Release Procedures Under  
9 18 U.S.C § 3621(e)5.

10 B. "Treatable mental illness" shall be defined as disorders that affect  
11 mood, thinking, and behavior.

12 C. "Short-term" shall be defined as a treatment program less than six  
13 months long.

14 D. "Federal mental health treatment facilities" shall be defined as centers  
15 for mental health recovery.

16 **SECTION 3.** 5% of the Federal Bureau of Prisons's budget shall be used to enforce this  
17 piece of legislation.

18 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect eighteen months after passage.

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

*Introduced by Chanhassen High School.*

## A Bill to Regulate Autonomous Vehicles

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This legislation shall regulate autonomous vehicles to the same degree  
3 non-autonomous vehicles are regulated by the federal government.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. "Regulate" will be defined as any regulation the federal government  
5 currently has on non-autonomous vehicles.

6 B. This includes, but does not limit: liability of manufacturers,  
7 environmental impacts, and representation of product capabilities.

8 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of Transportation will oversee and enforce this  
9 legislation.

10 B. Failure to comply with this legislation will result in a \$150,000 fine for  
11 the manufacturers of the vehicles.

12 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect within two years of passage.

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

*Introduced by Chanhassen High School.*



## A Bill to Help the Sick

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The United States will create a Medical Voucher Program to pay for
3. medical costs for persons with pre-existing medical conditions.
4. **SECTION 2.** Medical vouchers will be distributed as electronic credit accessible only
5. to pay for services received for treatment of pre-existing medical
6. conditions.
7. A. Pre-existing medical conditions are any medical illness or disability
8. that an individual had before receiving or obtaining health insurance.
9. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee the
10. implementation of this act.
11. **SECTION 4.** The vouchers created by this act will be funded through a 40% reduction
12. in defense spending.
13. **SECTION 5.** This bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.
14. **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced by Evanston Township High School*

## **A Bill to Study Reparations for African Americans**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall appropriate \$8 million to
3. enact the Commission to Study Reparations for African Americans.
4. **SECTION 2.** The Commission will examine the lingering effects of discrimination and
5. slavery on African Americans and recommend appropriate ways for the
6. federal government to educate others and suggest appropriate remedies.
7. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee the
8. commission.
9. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.
10. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced by Evanston Township High School*

## A Bill to Reform the Phase-In Rate of the EITC

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The phase-in rate of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) shall be  
3 increased by 5% for all American tax filing residents who meet the  
4 Internal Revenue Service's (IRS) eligibility standards.

5 **SECTION 2.** The "phase-in rate" shall be defined as the percentage increase in the  
6 EITC given to eligible participants according to the IRS parameters.  
7 "Eligibility standards" as defined by the IRS include, but are not limited  
8 to, income, number of children, and custodial status.

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

11 **SECTION 4.** The bill will go into effect July 1, 2017.

12 **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 Resolution to Support Turkmenistan to Defend the Stability of Central Asia**

1 **WHEREAS,** The Islamic State and Russian Federation have both been expanding their  
2 spheres of influence in the Middle East and Eastern Europe/Central Asia,  
3 respectively; and

4 **WHEREAS,** Turkmenistan has not yet fallen victim to Islamic State sponsored  
5 terrorism and/or Russian destabilization campaigns; and

6 **WHEREAS,** It is however very vulnerable to both of these regional threats, due to its  
7 geographic position and cultural ties to both the Islamic world and the  
8 former Soviet Union; and

9 **WHEREAS,** It is in the interest of the United States to support a stable and safe  
10 Turkmenistan by funding Turkmen border security to stem the possible  
11 flow of Islamic State influences, and support the Turkmen government to  
12 prevent possible Russian sanctioned regime change; now, therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled allocate \$300 million to support the  
14 Turkmen government to ISIL and Russian influences from destabilizing  
15 the country.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by New Trier Township High School.*

## A Resolution to Negotiate Nuclear Stockpile Reduction

1 **WHEREAS,** China, Russia, and the US are responsible for the majority of the world's  
2 nuclear weapons; and

3 **WHEREAS,** These nuclear weapons/facilities pose serious threats if misused,  
4 attacked or handled poorly; and

5 **WHEREAS,** The United States has led previous efforts to successfully decrease  
6 Nuclear Stockpiles domestically, and abroad; now, therefore, be it

7 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled enters into negotiations with Russia  
8 and China to reduce nuclear stockpiles significantly.

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