

# 2017 Middle School Legislative Docket

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## A Bill to Increase Funding for Refugee Microfinance Programs

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** \$300 million in additional aid will be allocated to the United Nations  
3 Refugee Agency and the United Nations Relief and Work Agency  
4 microfinance programs to support the economic stabilization and  
5 integration of Syrian Refugees in their regional host countries.

6 **SECTION 2.** A. "Regional host countries" will be defined as Jordan, Lebanon, and  
7 Turkey.

8 B. "Microfinance Programs" will be defined as programs that extend  
9 credit and complementary financial services to households,  
10 entrepreneurs, and small-business owners.

11 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of State shall oversee the implementation  
12 of this legislation.

13 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect immediately upon passage.

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

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## A Bill to Reprioritize Aid to Colombia

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** \$450 million will be allocated to funding Peace Colombia annually for the  
3 next 10 years. The focus will be on humanitarian assistance.

4 **A.** \$200 million will be allocated to the Economic Support Funds (ESF).

5 **B.** \$25 million will be allocated to Nonproliferation, Antiterrorism,  
6 Demining, and Related Programs (NADR).

7 **C.** \$125 million will be allocated to International Narcotics Control and  
8 Law Enforcement (INCLE).

9 **D.** \$75 million will be allocated to the Defense Budget Counter-Drug  
10 Programs.

11 **E.** \$25 million will be allocated to Foreign Military Financing (FMF).

12 **SECTION 2.** "Peace Colombia" will be defined as an increased aid package to  
13 Colombia with the goal of helping the transition to peace and  
14 implementing the peace accords.

15 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of State, United States Agency for International  
16 Development, and the Department of Defense will jointly oversee the  
17 enforcement and implementation of this legislation.

18 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect immediately upon passage.

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

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## A Bill to Advance the U.S. - India Partnership

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Under the joint jurisdiction of the Department of State and Department  
3 of Defense, the Arms Export Control Act will be amended to extend  
4 special foreign military sales status to India and institutionalize an annual  
5 defense policy dialogue to coordinate with the Ministry of Defense for  
6 the Government of India on

7 A. Combined military planning for missions such as disaster relief,  
8 maritime domain awareness, and other missions deemed to be in the  
9 national security interests of both countries

10 B. Defense procurement planning to include humanitarian assistance  
11 and border maintenance and control

12 **SECTION 2.** “Special foreign military sales” status is a state classification of security  
13 assistance authorized by the Arms Export Control Act (AECA).

14 A. The funding for provided weapons shall come from the India’s  
15 national funds and shall be subsidized on a per purchase basis

16 B. India has become an instrumental partner in delivering humanitarian  
17 and disaster relief in the Asia-Pacific region as the Indian Air Force has  
18 used United States-origin C-130 and C-17 aircraft to evacuate Indian,  
19 American, and third-country nationals and send relief supplies.

20 **SECTION 3.** The President shall include India on the list of countries eligible for the  
21 strategic trade authorization exception under section 740.20(c) (1) of title  
22 15, Code of Federal Regulations

23 A. If India utilizes US military hardware and software in a manner that is  
24 not conducive to US strategic interests, subsidies provided shall be  
25 voided and India shall be responsible for the full cost of its purchases.

26 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect in January 2018

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

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## A Bill to Allow Mining for Economic Development

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The order of January 9, 2012, prohibiting new mining claims on selected  
3 land is hereby rescinded.

4 **SECTION 2.** Public Law 59-209 shall not be considered to apply to any lands which  
5 were protected by the 2012 order. Additionally, Public Law 101-426,  
6 Section 5 (a), is hereby amended to read “shall receive \$10,000, if-.”

7 **SECTION 3.** The future disposition of the lands in question shall be as follows:

8 A. All land covered by the 2012 order which is held by the federal  
9 government shall be placed under the authority and control of the  
10 state in which borders the land resides.

11 B. If the land in question is held by a private party or is controlled by a  
12 Native American Nation, the person or Nation shall be provided  
13 compensation in the sum of \$1000 an acre for the rights to said land,  
14 at which point it shall be placed under the authority and control of  
15 the state as in Section 3A.

16 **SECTION 4.** The Department of the Interior shall be responsible for determining  
17 which land is applicable to Sections 1 and 2, and shall provide  
18 compensation for land as provided in Section 3. Compensation for land  
19 shall be appropriated through the Department’s FY18 budget.

20 **SECTION 5.** This shall take effect upon passage.

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

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## A Bill to End the Used Nuclear Fuel Stalemate

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Energy is hereby instructed to complete and open  
3 Yucca Mountain as the national geologic repository for spent nuclear fuel  
4 as dictated in the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982. In parallel with the  
5 efforts to open Yucca Mountain, the Department of Energy is instructed  
6 to begin the licensing and construction of the Texas Waste Control  
7 Specialist “WCS” site for the interim storage of spent nuclear fuel. This  
8 legislation also authorizes all land, water, and transportation rights that  
9 are required to open these facilities.

10 **SECTION 2.** Spent nuclear fuel is the left over control rods from the nation’s  
11 commercial nuclear sector, and not the U.S. weapons complex.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy in conjunction with the Nuclear Regulatory  
13 Commission are responsible with implementing this legislation. The  
14 Department of Transportation and in the Department of the Interior are  
15 responsible for granting the land, water, and transportation rights.  
16 A. This legislation requires that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
17 licenses Yucca Mountain and the WCS site, if they meet requirements  
18 terms of public safety and technical feasibility for 10,000 years.  
19 B. The Treasury must allow the access to the Nuclear Waste Fund to  
20 fund the opening of Yucca Mountain and the Waste Control Specialist  
21 Site.

22 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go immediately into effect.

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

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## A Bill to Implement a Carbon Emission Reduction Plan

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Environment Protection Agency's "Clean Power Plan" is hereby  
3 reviewed and removed. In lieu of this clean air initiative, there will be a  
4 rising carbon tax that starts at \$40 per ton, and is returned to the Social  
5 Security Administration to offset the inevitable budget shortfall.

6 **SECTION 2.** This carbon tax will be applicable to the following sectors: manufacturing,  
7 energy production, mass transportation, agriculture and waste.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency, the Social Security Administration,  
9 the Department of the Treasury, and the Council on Environmental  
10 Quality shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

11 A. After ten years, the carbon tax rate will rise to \$45 pending  
12 Congressional authorization.

13 B. Without Congressional reauthorization, this legislation will expire by  
14 the year 2030.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect January 1, 2019.

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

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## A Bill to Establish a Public Health Insurance Option

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall establish, and offer  
3 through the Exchanges, a public health insurance option.

4 **SECTION 2.** The public health insurance option shall be made available through the  
5 Exchanges, and shall comply with all requirements established under the  
6 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act applicable to health plans  
7 offered through the Exchanges, including requirements related to  
8 benefits, benefit levels (bronze, silver, and gold plans), provider  
9 networks, notices, consumer protections, and cost-sharing.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services is responsible for  
11 enforcing the provisions of this legislation.

12 A. The Secretary shall establish geographically adjusted premium rates  
13 at a level sufficient to fully finance the costs of health benefits  
14 provided, as well as administrative costs and an appropriate amount  
15 for a contingency margin. Receipts and disbursements attributable to  
16 the operation of the public health insurance option shall be  
17 maintained in an account in the Treasury of the United States.

18 B. The Secretary shall establish payment rates for reimbursing health  
19 care providers for providing the benefits covered by the public health  
20 insurance system through a negotiated agreement with health care  
21 providers, as well as the conditions of participation for health care  
22 providers under the public health insurance option.

23 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect on January 1, 2019.

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

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Drafters, as adapted from H.R.635, 115<sup>th</sup> Congress ([https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-  
congress/house-bill/635](https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/635))*



## A Bill to Require Paid Leave to Maintain the Health of the United States of America

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. All places of employment will annually provide full time employees 10  
3 days of paid sick days commensurate with their annual salary. In addition  
4 all places of employment will provide full time employees 30 consecutive  
5 workdays of paid child rearing leave commensurate with their annual  
6 salary. Part time employees will receive 50% of sick days and/or child  
7 rearing leave as full time employees.

8 B. Documentation of illness must be provided within two weeks of  
9 returning to work from the illness. Documentation of childbirth or  
10 adoption must be provided to the employer within two weeks of the start  
11 of child rearing leave.

12 **SECTION 2.** A. Annual salary shall be defined as the monetary compensation paid to  
13 an employee for a full year of employment.

14 B. Full time employee is defined as an employee that averages 130 hours  
15 or more in a month.

16 C. Documentation of illness must be provided from a state certified  
17 medical professional. Birth certificate, adoption certificate and  
18 document from a midwife, doctor, or hospital will be the forms of  
19 documentation accepted for child rearing leave.

20 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be enforced by the U.S. Department of Labor

21 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect at the beginning of the 2019 fiscal year.

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

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## The Student Equality Act of 2017

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, no school  
3 shall deny a student access to a bathroom that corresponds to his or her  
4 gender identity.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. Every school district shall adopt a plan that allows for a student to  
6 access a bathroom and locker room, when necessary, in a manner  
7 tailored to the needs of the school district. A school district may  
8 alternatively provide sufficient access to unisex bathrooms in order to  
9 comply with the provisions of this section.

10 B. For the purposes of this Act, the term “school” shall be defined as any  
11 public elementary or secondary school.

12 **SECTION 3.** Within one year of the effective date of this law, the Department of  
13 Education shall require all school districts to file a report demonstrating  
14 compliance with this Act. Any school district that fails to report its  
15 progress or, in the opinion of the Secretary of Education, has failed to  
16 comply with this Act shall not receive any federal education funding  
17 starting in the school year next preceding the report’s due date.

18 **SECTION 4.** This act shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

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## A Bill to Modernize the National Labor Relations Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Section 14 of the National Labor Relations Act (29 U.S.C. 164) is amended  
3 by striking subsection (b). Section 10 of the National Labor Relations Act  
4 (29 U.S.C. 160) is amended by adding at the end the following: “(n) A  
5 person alleging an unfair labor practice by an employer in violation of  
6 section 8(a)(3) may bring a civil action in the appropriate district court of  
7 the United States against the employer for such violation.”

8 **SECTION 2.** A civil action of the type described in section 10(n) must be brought  
9 within 180 days after the date of the violation. The court may grant any  
10 relief appropriate under section 706(g) of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 or  
11 section 1977A(b) of the Revised Statutes of the United States, including a  
12 reasonable attorney’s fee (including expert witness fees).

13 **SECTION 3.** The National Labor Relations Board will be responsible for enforcing the  
14 provisions of this legislation.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect six months after passage.

16 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.  
17 Nothing in this Act shall be construed to diminish or impair the rights of  
18 an employee under any valid collective bargaining agreement.

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## Priority Employee National Savings Investment Option Now ("PENSION") Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Every United States citizen 18 years of age or older shall have an account  
3 created for the purposes of establishing retirement savings.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. For every person employed by a private-sector employer or public-sector  
5 entity, a default contribution of 3% of annual salary shall be deposited into a  
6 person's account on a schedule based on an individual's payroll periods.  
7 B. A person may choose to increase or decrease the contribution rates, and such  
8 a person may opt-out of contributing entirely. All contribution shall be deducted  
9 from an employee's paycheck pre-tax and shall not be considered income for  
10 the purpose of an individual's taxable income.

11 C. Any person who does not work in a setting that allows for payroll deduction  
12 may otherwise contribute up to \$25,000 per year. Such contributions shall not  
13 be treated as income for the purposes of an individual's taxable income.

14 D. The Department of the Treasury shall create a management system that  
15 allows an individual to control the investment options of their account, allowing  
16 for a range of investment options for which to invest a person's account. The  
17 Department shall also set a default option of safe investments that will  
18 automatically be considered the investment strategy of an account when an  
19 alternative strategy is not selected

20 E. No state or local government may require a system of automatic savings  
21 deductions comparable to this Act.

22 **SECTION 3.** The Department of the Treasury, in conjunction with the Department of Labor  
23 and the Office of Personnel Management, shall be responsible for implementing  
24 this legislation.

25 **SECTION 4.** This act shall go into effect one year from the date that this bill becomes law.

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

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## The Human Genome Editing Act of 2017

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Human Genome editing in all instances (from laboratory research  
3 through preclinical testing and clinical trials to clinical application) will be  
4 subject to the following stipulations.

5 A. The use of genome editing as a laboratory tool in human somatic cells  
6 and tissue samples will be pursuant to current regulatory practices.

7 B. The use of genome editing as a laboratory tool in human germline cell  
8 samples will not be permitted in any instance.

9 C. The use of genome editing in somatic cells in human beings will not  
10 be permitted for purposes of enhancement — changes that go  
11 beyond mere restoration or protection of health.

12 D. The use of genome editing in somatic cells in human beings will only  
13 be permitted in clinical trials or therapies for the purposes of  
14 treatment and prevention of disease or disability.

15 E. The use of genome editing in germline cells in human beings will not  
16 be permitted in any instance.

17 **SECTION 2.** All terms are defined according to Appendix E of the National Academy of  
18 Sciences and National Academy of Medicine Consensus Report, *Human*  
19 *Genome Editing: Science, Ethics, and Governance*.

20 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will enforce this  
21 legislation.

22 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

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

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