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Congress Legislation Packet

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A Resolution to Break Diplomatic Ties with Saudi Arabia

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The US currently ignores Saudi Arabia’s human rights abuses in favor of oil gains;
2 and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Saudi Arabia offers the US little else besides oil, which the US is slowly starting to
4 turn away from; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The United States’ relationship with Saudi Arabia has too much impact on other
6 Middle Eastern policy; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The US has a plethora of other important issues to deal with at home that
8 deserve more attention; now, therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled vote to sever diplomatic ties with Saudi
10 Arabia, until they agree to comply with the UN Universal Declaration of Human
11 Rights.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Brookfield East High School.

A Bill to Cap Annual Defense Spending to Reduce Government Waste

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States' annual defense spending will be capped at 300 billion dollars
3 for a five year period.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Defense (DoD) will carry out this action.

5 To ensure compliance the DoD will be subject to an audit by the Senate
6 Intelligence Committee at the end of each fiscal year.

7 Failure to stay within the permitted range will result in the bill being extended
8 for another year.

9 **SECTION 4.** The bill will go into effect upon the beginning of the next fiscal year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Brookfield East High School.

A Resolution to End US Involvement in the Syrian Civil War to Avoid Opening a Power Vacuum

1 **WHEREAS,** the US has been unnecessarily involved in yet another quagmire in Syria; and

2 **WHEREAS,** the US doesn't have a clear side in the conflict; and

3 **WHEREAS,** similar quagmires from the past have either solved nothing, or led to worse events;

4 and

5 **WHEREAS,** the US could save time, money, supplies, and possibly even lives by leaving the region;

6 now, therefore, be it

7 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the decision to cease funding of any and all

8 unilateral operations in the Syrian conflict that are not part of compliance with an

9 international coalition.

10 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Brookfield East High School.*

A Bill to end the Privatization of Prisons

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Because As of 2013 8.4% of United States prisoners are held in for-profit
3 institutions. The Corrections
4 Corporation of America has seen a 500% increase in the last 20 years, we the congress
5 vote to ban the privatization of Prisons.

6 **SECTION 2.** For- Profit Prison is by definition a prison who purpose is to make a profit.

7 **SECTION 3.** The government agency that will oversee this ban will be the department
8 of Justice.

9 **SECTION 4.** Implementation will happen immediately upon passage by the Congress.

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

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13 Humbly submitted by Bradley Tech HS.

A Resolution to give Reparations to African Americans

WHEREAS, The horror of slavery for Blacks did not end when slavery ended.
Instead, Blacks continued to be economically and socially brutalized after it
officially ended; and

WHEREAS, And the United States federal government was a beneficial of this horror,
collecting high taxes from those who gained from the force labor of Blacks; and

1 **WHEREAS,** we have a world where government efforts have turned Blacks into criminals,
2 locking them away, unjusting killing and dealing a devastating economic blow to
3 Blacks); and

4 **WHEREAS,** This criminalization of Blacks has destroyed them economically; now, therefore,
5 be it

6 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled give reparations to African Americans.

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8 Submitted by Bradley Tech High School

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A Bill to Enforce the 10-20-30 Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Commit 10 percent of Federal Resources to 20 percent of the population that has lived below the poverty line for the past 30 years or more.

SECTION 2.A. Poverty is the state or condition of having little or no money, goods, or means of support; conditions of being poor.

B. For 2017, the Federal poverty guideline is an annual income of \$24,600 for a family of four, however for Hawaii and Alaska it is slightly different because it is more expensive to live in.

C. Federal Resources will come from an increase of tax on all people earning an income of \$100,000 through \$450,000+ by 5%.

SECTION 3. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will oversee the enforcement of the bill.

SECTION 4. Implementation of this bill will take place on year after passage.

SECTION 5. All other laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted by
by Messmer High School*

A Bill to Apologize for Slavery and Jim Crow to the Minority

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1: There will be an apology sent to those that are descended from former slaves, apologizing for the enslavement of their ancestors. The average cost \$500,000 is to makeup. It will be termed is pencil pouch. The descents of the slaves will be figured out by another private county.

Section 2: A letter will be sent by the U.S. Department of Treasury apologizing, along with a voucher of the money that will be sent to help fund History Museums, Schools, and housing. This bill is to say sorry for the immoral treatment of those who were injusticely protected by the law. The person that is given the voucher will have two option, to send half of it to be funded or all of it to be used to fund programs like the ones recently stated. The voucher is given to the family of the descendants and will have a month to send in their response of how the money given shall be spilt or not.

Section 3: The U.S. Department of Treasury will oversee the enforcement of this bill.

Section 4: The implementation of this bill will begin the next day after it is finalized.

Section 5: All other laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall hereby null and void.

Introduced by Messmer High School

A Bill to Provide Limited Access to Abortion

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS THAT:

I. Section 1: The United States federal government should ban any form of abortion after eight weeks following consensual conception.

A. Consensual as in any form of non consensual sex.

B. This bill does not pertain to cases of incest or health crises resulting in early deaths of the child

II. Section 2: DEFINITIONS

A. Abortion shall be defined as the deliberate termination of a human pregnancy.

B. Consent shall be defined as a non forceful, unimpaired agreement of both sexual parties.

C. Ban shall be defined as refraining from funding of any programs supporting abortion, while criminalizing any providers or partakers of abortion beyond eight weeks.

1C. Partakers will be fined \$10,000 per child aborted

2C. Providers will be fined \$25,000 per abortion performed.

3C. Repeat offenders will face six months of jail time per abortion after five found cases of illegal abortion.

D. This law will not affect these individuals looking to receive an abortion:

1. Any non consensual individuals, as in one of the persons being raped.

2. Any cases of incest among the two sexual parties. Incest being limited to any blood relation between the two parties.

3. Any cases of the birth giver being below the poverty line. The poverty line shall be defined as \$11,770 for one persons and \$4,160 for each additional person, annually.

4. Any cases of certainty of the child dying within five months of birth.

III. Section 3: This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Health and Human Services.

IV. Section 4: This legislation will go into effect after three years of passage.

V. Section 5: All laws in conflict with this passage are hereby declared null and void.

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ronald Reagan High School

A Bill to Establish Legal Prostitution

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS THAT:

- I. **Section 1.** Legalized and Institutionalized prostitution shall be legal in the United States of America.
 - A. Prostitutes will be endowed the working benefits of 401k and Health Insurance (ACA).
 - B. Prostitutes will be eligible to earn additional working benefits.
 - C. The minimum age to qualify for prostitution will be 21 years.
 - D. All brothels are hereby legalized if under governmental supervision.
 - E. Prostitutes and brothels will be obligated to use protection seen fit by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Biweekly medical checks are mandated.
 - F. A 25% sales tax will be placed upon the sale of sex.
- II. **Section 2.** Prostitution will be defined as the engagement of sexual activity between two consenting adult parties, one of which parties receiving payment.
 - A. A brothel will be defined as an establishment where prostitutes work.
 - B. Both parties will be mandated to sign a waiver of liability.
 - C. Parties infected with an STI are not permitted to engage with a prostitute.
 - D. Prostitutes with STI are not permitted to engage with the Parties.
- III. **Section 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- IV. **Section 4.** This legislation shall go in effect upon passage.
- V. **Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this passage are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ronald Reagan High School

A Bill to Legalize Euthanasia

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS THAT:

- I. Section 1: The United States federal government shall legalize the act of euthanasia of terminally ill patients through the voluntary consumption of lethal medication as prescribed by a physician.
- II. Section 2: DEFINITIONS
 - A. Euthanasia shall be defined as the practice of intentionally ending life to relieve pain or suffering.
 - B. Terminally ill patients shall be defined as patients suffering from an incurable and untreatable disease which will lead to the death of the patient.
 - C. The act will only be considered legal if these criterias are met:
 1. The patient has made at least two verbal requests, separated by at least 7 days, as well as a formal written request signed by the patient in the presence of the prescribing physician and at least two witnesses.
 2. The patient has received a psychological examination and been determined to be mentally stable and capable of making unimpaired health care decisions.
 3. It is agreed upon by the prescribing physician and at least two consulting physicians that the prognosis is death, that there is no chance of recovery for the patient, and that there are no remaining options for treatment of the patient.
- III. Section 3: This legislation shall be overseen by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.
- IV. Section 4: This legislation shall go into effect upon passage.
- V. Section 5: All laws in conflict with this passage are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ronald Reagan High School

A Resolution to Reduce the Nuclear Arsenal of the United States

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WHEREAS, The proliferation of nuclear weapons are stifling to international relations; and

WHEREAS, this proliferation has lead to an unnecessary amount of nuclear weapons; securing the benefits of mutually assured destruction several times over, despite the virtual certainty that they will never be used again

and

WHEREAS, Conflicts currently faced by The United States cannot be resolved with the use of nuclear weapons,

WHEREAS, the financial resources required to maintain and/or replace nuclear weapons could be utilized in far better places in the Federal Budget, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled that steps should be taken to reduce our nuclear arsenal while preserving national security.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by West Bend East High School.

A Bill to Amend the Constitution to Change the Voting Age

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RESOLVED, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

ARTICLE --

SECTION 1: Amendment XXVII section 1 shall be amended to read:

The right of citizens of the United States, who are sixteen years of age or older, to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of age.

SECTION 2: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by West Bend West High School.

A Resolution to Provide Better Paternal Leave to Working Fathers

1 **WHEREAS,** Current federal legislation covering parental leave is
2 minimal; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Growing cultural changes in the U.S. lead to the father being
4 more responsible for child care of a newborn baby; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Companies show more support for maternity leave than
6 paternity leave; and

7 **WHEREAS,** The medical community encourages more direct father-child
8 interaction;

9 **BE IT RESOLVED,** Employers should increase the leave time for
10 paternity leave to be identical or equal to that of maternity; and, be it

11 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the amount of paid paternity leave that
12 companies offer should be increased; and, be it

13 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** Working fathers be allowed to extend their paternity
14 leave by banking vacation time.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by West Bend West High School.

Legislation Reserved for the Super Session follows.

IT MAY NOT BE INTRODUCED IN THE PRELIM SESSION.

A Bill to Protect a Government Employee's Right to Work

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. No person, as a condition of employment with an agency of the federal government, shall be required to join an association, union, organization, or other body which engages in collective bargaining.

SECTION 2. A. All current agreements between the federal government, or a body representing the federal government, and an organization representing employees of said government or body, which were reached by collective bargaining are hereby voided.

B. Individual agencies or departments may choose to renegotiate agreements collectively, or may choose to bargain with individual employees regarding salary and conditions.

C. Unless specifically noted in an employee agreement, all positions in the federal government shall be considered at-will, and employees may be subject to termination, federal civil rights protections notwithstanding.

SECTION 3. Each department and agency shall be responsible for their employees.

SECTION 4. This shall take effect sixty days after passage.

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

A Resolution to Define Ethics in Journalism

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Many reporters in the mainstream media rely on anonymous sources for
2 information; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Stories often could not be published without these anonymous sources;
4 and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** These sources are often leaked from inside of sensitive areas of the
6 government; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** This leaked information is difficult to corroborate and verify; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** The public often takes these reporters at their word, even though their
9 information comes from these anonymous sources; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** For its own protection, the government should have the ability to know
11 who is providing information about the inner workings of the various
12 branches and departments; and
- 13 **WHEREAS,** It is unfair for journalists to use sources which the government cannot
14 defend itself against; now, therefore, be it
- 15 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that journalists should adopt and adhere
16 to a set of ethics which compel them to refrain from the use of
17 anonymous sources and to reveal sources when requested by
18 governmental officials; and be it
- 19 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That all branches of government should have the right to refuse
20 to answer questions from, or hold press conferences in front of, any
21 media which does not follow the above recommendation.

A Bill to Withdraw From the North American Free Trade Agreement

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States is hereby withdrawn from the North American Free
3 Trade Agreement. All regulations related to NAFTA enforcement are
4 considered null and void.

5 **A.** United States-based companies which have manufacturing facilities in
6 Mexico or Canada which fail to repatriate by the deadline listed in
7 Section 2 shall have be taxed at a rate of 40% on all goods produced
8 in said facilities.

9 **SECTION 2.** By November 1, 2020, the United States will negotiate a new agreement
10 with the governments of Mexico and Canada related to international
11 economic development.

12 **SECTION 3.** The United States Trade Representative shall have responsibility for
13 negotiating the new trade agreements. If no agreement can be reached
14 by the deadline stipulated in Section 2, then all imports from each
15 country shall be subject to a 15% tariff.

16 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect sixty days after passage.

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

A Resolution to Expand NATO

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) was formed to protect
2 United States allies from the threat of the Soviet Union after World War
3 II; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** In the seventy years since its formation, NATO has formed a strong
5 barrier against Communist aggression; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** The fall of the Soviet Union did not bring about the end of Russian
7 ambition and aggression in Eastern Europe; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** The annexation of the Crimea demonstrated that Vladimir Putin is more
9 of a threat to Europe than any Soviet Premier ever was; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** NATO will need more military power to defend members against possible
11 Russian action; and
- 12 **WHEREAS,** Our current administration has shown deference to Russia; and
- 13 **WHEREAS,** Our current administration has made public statements indicating that it
14 would not support or defend certain NATO allies; now, therefore, be it
- 15 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that NATO should seek to expand
16 beyond its traditional borders and add new members who will assist the
17 current members with defending themselves against any Russian
18 intimidation or incursion.

A Resolution to Mediate in India/Pakistan Affairs

1 **WHEREAS**, India and Pakistan are closer to war than any point in the last 50 years; and

2 **WHEREAS**, the next war between the two countries may result in the deployment of
3 nuclear weapons; and

4 **WHEREAS**, President Trump has spoken to Pakistani Prime minister Sharif to offer his
5 support; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the attacks on the Indian military base at Uri were intended to get the
7 attention of the international community; and

8 **WHEREAS**, India's response to the attacks was out of proportion; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Obama administration resisted taking sides in the conflict; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that the United States Executive Branch
12 insert itself into the conflict between India and Pakistan by pressuring
13 India to reach an agreement with Pakistan on the disputed territory of
14 Kashmir.

A Bill to Formalize the Privacy Shield

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The agreement between the United States and the European Union to
3 provide equivalent privacy for personal data, shall be made permanent.

4 **SECTION 2.** The agreement, also known as the Privacy Shield, shall not be subject to
5 executive order.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission shall oversee enforcement of this
7 legislation. The FTC shall continue negotiations with the European Union
8 to ensure that all agreements meet the privacy standards of both parties.

9 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect upon passage.

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

A Bill to Protect Your Right to Repair

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All manufacturers of personal electronic devices sold in the United States
3 shall make publically available:

4 **A.** Detailed information about how to repair common damage to the
5 device.

6 **B.** Detailed information on components of the device which may need
7 to be replaced.

8 **SECTION 2.** Personal electronic devices may include cellular phones, tablets, personal
9 computers, and other like devices. Information related to repair and
10 components must be made available upon request to anyone with a
11 personal or commercial purpose for requesting such information.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Communications Commission will oversee implementation
13 and enforcement of this legislation. Failure to comply with the terms of
14 sections one and two will result in the Federal Communications
15 Commission and the Consumer Product Safety Commission issuing a
16 recall for all devices for which information is withheld.

17 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on January 1, 2018.

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

A Bill to Keep Your Data Uber-Safe

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All personally identifiable metadata gathered in the course of providing a
3 location-based service through a mobile application shall be saved for a
4 period of no longer than twenty-four hours. In no case shall metadata of
5 any kind which is acquired by a company providing location-based
6 services be stored for more than thirty days. This shall not apply to any
7 information required to be saved due to current regulation or pending
8 legal action.

9 **SECTION 2.** Metadata may include personally identifying information or data relating
10 to your location at the time before, during, or after services are provided.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission will oversee enforcement of this
12 legislation. Violations shall result in a fine of no less than \$10,000 per
13 affected consumer.

14 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on June 1, 2017.

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

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