



## **A Bill to Limit Military Humanitarian Operations**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1.** We position the following limits on the Presidential power of the United States of America. This act may be cited as the “Military Humanitarian Operations Act”.

**Section 2.** In this act the term “military humanitarian operations” refers to military operations involving the deployment of members or weapons systems of the United States Armed Forces where hostile activities are reasonably anticipated and with the aim of preventing or responding to a humanitarian catastrophe, including its regional consequences, or addressing a threat posed to international peace and security. The terms include -

- (1) operations undertaken pursuant to the principle of the “responsibility to protect” as referenced in United Nations Security Council Resolution 1674 (2006);
- (2) Operations specifically authorized by the United Nations Security Council, or other international organizations; and
- (3) Unilateral deployments and deployments made in coordination with international organizations, treaty-based organization, or coalitions formed to address specific humanitarian catastrophes.

(b) Operations Not Included - The term “military humanitarian operations” does not mean a military operation undertaken for the following purposes:

- (1) Responding to or repelling attacks, or prevents imminent attacks, on the United States or any of its territorial possessions, embassies, consulates, members of the United States Armed Forces, or United States citizens.
- (2) Direct acts of reprisal for attacks on the United States or any of its territorial possessions, embassies, consulates, members of the United States Armed Forces, or United States citizens.
- (3) Invoking the inherent right to individual or collective self-defense in accordance with Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations.
- (4) Military missions to protect or rescue United States citizens or military or diplomatic personnel abroad.
- (5) Carrying out treaty commitments to directly aid allies in distress.
- (6) Humanitarian missions in response to natural disaster where no civil unrest or combat with hostile forces is reasonably anticipated, and where such operation is for not more than 30 days.
- (7) Actions to maintain maritime freedom of navigation, including actions aimed at combating piracy.
- (8) Training exercises conducted by the United States Armed Forces abroad where no combat with hostile forces is reasonably anticipated.

**Section 3.** The President may not deploy members of the United States Armed Forces into the territory, airspace, or waters of a foreign country for a military humanitarian operation not previously authorized by the statute unless -

- (1) The President submits to Congress a formal request for authorization to use members of the Armed Forces for the military humanitarian operation; and
- (2) Congress enacts a specific authorization for such use of forces.

**Section 4.** If any provision of this Act is held to be unconstitutional, the remainder of the Act shall not be affected; all other laws in conflict with this act shall be repealed and considered void.

*Respectfully Submitted By Okoboji  
High School*

# **A Bill to Impose Term Limits on The United States Congress**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1.** We impose limits on the number of terms a member of the United States Congress may serve.

**Section 2.** A term limit is defined as a restriction on the number of times a congress member may hold office.

**Section 3.** Term lengths shall remain the same as they

are now. **Section 4.** The term limit shall be set for two

terms per person. **Section 5.** The number of terms shall

begin at time of enactment. **Section 6.** This bill shall

go into effect at the next election cycle.

**Section 7.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By Okoboji  
High School*

**A Bill to Ban Conversion Therapy in all 50 States**

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS LEGISLATURE

SECTION 1: Conversion therapy of any sort will hereby be illegal in all fifty states for all persons.

SECTION 2: Conversion therapy is defined as a psychological or spiritual treatment to change a person's sexuality to heterosexual. It includes any efforts to change behaviors or gender expressions or to discourage sexual or romantic attractions or feelings toward individuals of the same gender.

SECTION 3: The department of Health and Human Services will oversee implementation of this bill.

SECTION 4: This law will be effective upon passage.

SECTION 5: All laws in conflict will be declared null and void.

Submitted by Ames High School



## **A Bill to Limit Presidential First Use Nuclear Strikes**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- Section 1.** We limit the powers of the presidency to forbid first use nuclear strikes without formal approval from congress and a declaration of war.
- Section 2.** The term “first use nuclear strike” means an attack using nuclear weapons against any foreign body that is conducted without the President determining that the body has first launched a nuclear strike against the United States or an ally of the United States.
- Section 3.** Due to the following reasons we find ourselves more qualified to hold the power of initial nuclear weapon strikes.
- (1) An initial nuclear strike is a clear declaration of war against a foreign body. Whereas the Constitution gives and obligates Congress with the power to declare war the power to launch initial nuclear strikes shall solely be vested in the Congress of the United States of America.
  - (2) The framers of the Constitution understood the destruction of an individual holding too much power; therefore a power so great as a nuclear strike shall be distributed between the representatives in congress and not vested in a single individual.
- Section 4.** We declare it policy of the United States that the President may not use the Armed Forces of the United States to conduct a first use nuclear strike unless such strike is conducted pursuant a declaration of war by Congress that expressly authorizes such strike.
- Section 5.** If any provision of this Act is held to be unconstitutional, the remainder of the Act shall not be affected; all other laws in conflict with this act shall be repealed and considered void.

*Respectfully Submitted By Okoboji  
High School*

## The Clean Air Rehabilitation Act of 2017

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED

SECTION 1: The administrators of the U.S. Department of Commerce and U.S. Department of the Interior (referred to hereafter as Administrators) are directed to implement a “Cap and Trade” policy with caps and permits intended to limit and reduce the volume of greenhouse gas emissions produced by US corporations.

SECTION 2. Harmful greenhouse gases are here defined as nitrogen oxides, methane, carbon dioxide, hydrofluorocarbon gases, perfluorocarbons, and sulfur hexafluoride. A cap is defined as the maximum emission level of such harmful gases. A permit is defined as a supplemental set unit of allowable greenhouse gasses.

SECTION 3. The Administrators shall set a cap on the amount of greenhouse gas emissions by individual corporations, adjusted to the size of such corporations.

A. Markets caps and permits shall be annually reset and caps shall be lowered by a minimum of 5% every 2 years.

B. Permits may be granted when competitively auctioned and sold by the Department of Commerce to private corporations. Once purchased from the DOC, permits may be traded and resold among corporations.

C. When a market’s cap is not met and there is no need for an extension, the DOC has the ability to resell the unused permit.

SECTION 4. Development of specific cap and trade policies by DOC and DOI Administrators shall begin within six months of passage. Implementation of this legislation shall begin on June 04, 2019.

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

**A Bill to Require Mandatory Vaccines for all Students in Public School**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All public schools shall eliminate the exemptions from any existing specified immunization requirements based on personal beliefs. All students currently enrolled who have not had their required immunizations must obtain all immunizations within two months of the passing of this bill.

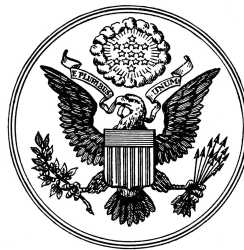
SECTION 2. Personal beliefs are defined as beliefs that a person personally believes as true. Religious beliefs are included in the definition of personal belief.

SECTION 3. The Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee the implementation of this law.

SECTION 4. This law shall take effect upon passage.

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

Submitted by Ames High School.



## **A Bill to Allow Better Healthcare for Americans**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1.** We enact the following as policy of the United States to better establish a health care system for Americans. This act may be cited as “The Better Health Care Act”.

**Section 2.**

- (1) Insurance can be sold across state lines
- (2) Individuals are allowed to buy prescription drugs from foreign nations as long as they have the proper certification that would allow them to buy them domestically
- (3) Imported prescription drugs cannot be taxed or tariffed
- (4) Individuals can buy and use non-FDA approved prescription drugs
- (5) Medicare can negotiation prescription drugs prices with domestic and foreign drug companies
- (6) Individuals and entities can join together in voluntary associations to gain



- more leverage (Association Health Plans)
- (7) Anybody, regardless of insurance plan, can hold a health savings account
  - (8) Exercise equipment, physical fitness programs, nutrition and dietary supplements are not categorized as “medical care” and can be payed for by health savings accounts.
  - (9) The maximum allowable annual contribution to health savings accounts is removed
  - (10) Insurance premiums are excluded from taxable income
  - (11) Employer payment plans are not tax exempt for employers and employees
  - (12) If any provision of this Act is held to be unconstitutional, the remainder of the Act shall not be affected; all other laws in conflict with this act shall be repealed and considered void.

*Respectfully Submitted By Okoboji  
High School*

## **A Bill to Provide Automatic Citizenship to all United States Nationals**

- 1) BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
- 2) SECTION 1. The United States will provide automatic citizenship for all U.S. nationals
- 3) SECTION 2. U.S. national is a person born in or having ties with “an outlying
- 4) possession of the United States” which is as of 2005, only American
- 5) Samoa and Swains Is and.
- 6) SECTION 3. The Department of Homeland Security will oversee the enforcement of the

- 7) bill.
- 8) A. This agency is comprises the USCIS (U.S. Citizenship and Immigration
- 9) Services), ICE (Immigration and customs Enforcement) and CBP
- 10) (Customs and Border Protection)
- 11) SECTION 4. This will take effect upon one year of passage.
- 12) SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void
- 13) *Respectfully Submitted By:* Des Moines East High School

## **A Resolution to Provide Additional Funding to the National Park Service**

1. **WHEREAS**, National Park attendance is at an all time high and funding to the
2. National Park Service is not enough to continue to operate; and
3. **WHEREAS**, National Parks offer unique environmental, educational,

social,

4. and recreational opportunities for both American residents and foreign
5. tourists; and
6. **WHEREAS**, Many of the nation's national parks are in need of funding for
7. upkeep and repair to the parks' infrastructure; and
8. **WHEREAS**, Giving the National Park Service additional funding will improve
9. the quality of the water, air, wildlife, and other items are important to the
10. health of the parks as well as aid in the formation of new national monuments;
11. now, therefore, be it,
12. **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that the National Park Service
13. should be allotted an extra 12 billion dollars at the end of fiscal year 2017.

*Respectfully submitted by Theodore Roosevelt High School*

## **A Bill to Motivate Inclusion of LGBT Sex Education in All 50 States**

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** All public schools in all 50 states will include information about the  
3 LGBTQ+ community and LGBTQ+ sex education in their sex  
4 education  
5 courses.
- 6 **SECTION 2.** LGBTQ+ is defined as any gender that is not cisgender or any  
7 sexuality  
8 that is not heterosexual. Sex education is defined as instruction on  
9 issues  
10 relating to human sexuality, emotional relationships and  
11 responsibilities,  
12 human sexual anatomy, sexual activity and reproduction, age of  
13 consent,  
14 reproductive health and rights, safe sex, birth control and will be  
15 included  
16 to include different sexualities and genders and safe sex for those  
17 orientations.
- 18 **SECTION 3.** States and territories are not required to abide by the terms outlined  
19 in  
20 this bill. However, should a state or territory elect not to abide by the  
21 terms in this bill, the United States House of Representatives will  
rescind  
that state's educational funding until such a time as that state or  
territory  
chooses to comply with all of the terms in this bill.
- SECTION 4.** The United States Department of Education shall oversee and carry  
out  
this legislation beginning in the 2018-2019 school year.
- SECTION 5.** Funding for this bill should amount to 10 billion dollars to be evenly  
divided between each state and will be taken from federal programs that  
spend more than 15% of their budget on non-vital projects. Non-  
vital

22 projects include projects that fail or cannot be used.

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

24 *Respectfully Submitted by Theodore Roosevelt High  
School*

## A Bill to Motivate Preschool Attendance

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** States will implement mandatory preschool for all children age four until  
that

3 child enters kindergarten. Children whose birthdays that coincide with  
the first

4 day of preschool must attend. Children that are ready to participate in

5 preschool programs earlier than four years old can be evaluated and  
invited to

6 participate in a preschool program. Public preschools will be provided for  
those

7 who do not choose to enroll in private preschool programs.

8 **SECTION 2.** Preschool is defined as an educational establishment or learning  
space

9 offering early childhood education and establishing basic knowledge  
in

10 reading, math, and science.

11 **SECTION 3.** States and territories are not required to abide by the terms outlined  
in

12 this bill. However, should a state or territory elect not to abide by  
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13 terms in this bill, the United States House of Representatives will  
rescind

14 that state's educational funding until such a time as that state or  
territory  
15 chooses to comply with all of the terms in this bill.  
16 **SECTION 4.** The United States Department of Education shall oversee and carry  
out  
17 this legislation beginning in the 2018-2019 school year.  
18 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and  
void.  
19 *Respectfully Submitted by Theodore Roosevelt High  
School*

## **A Bill to Improve Ecological Safety for Food Stability**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The use of neonicotinoid insecticides will be banned in the United States.

**SECTION 2.** Neonicotinoid - a systemic agricultural insecticide resembling nicotine  
Insecticide - a substance used for killing insects

**SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency will work with the Department  
of Agriculture to oversee and enforce this legislation

A. The use of the insecticides containing thiamethoxam, clothianidin  
and imidacloprid is banned.

- B. Any violators of this legislation will be subject to a \$5,000 fine for a first violation, increasing \$1,000 for subsequent violations.
- C. After the fourth violation of this legislation, a violator may be subject to five years imprisonment in addition to the fine.
- D. Manufacturers are barred from selling or exporting the same chemicals. Violations shall result in seizure of the chemicals and equipment and fines of \$100,000-\$1,000,000 depending on the amount of chemicals involved.

**SECTION 4.** This law will go into effect January 1, 2018.

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

*Introduced by Elise Sturgeon from Sioux City North High School*

## **A Resolution to Empower Private Space Contractors to Address the Threat of Orbital Debris**

1. **WHEREAS**, Decades of space exploration and research have left massive
2. amounts of debris orbiting the earth; and
3. **WHEREAS**, This debris poses a direct threat to current space infrastructure

4. that acts as a backbone of the global economy; and
5. **WHEREAS**, The only way to fix this problem is to remove these items from
6. orbit ; and
7. **WHEREAS**, NASA is currently focused only exploration and routine orbital
8. operations; now, therefore, be it
9. **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled make the following
10. recommendation that NASA should create a private contract for open to any
11. private company including but not limited to Space X, Boeing, and Blue Origin
12. to address the threat posed by space junk; and, be it
13. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, That this contract will require a prototype to designed
14. and built by 2019 and a system that could be operational by

2021. *Respectfully submitted by Theodore Roosevelt High School*



# **A Bill to Amend the Constitution to Repeal the 22nd Amendment**

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

## **ARTICLE 28**

8           **SECTION 1:** The twenty-second article of amendment to the  
9 Constitution of the United States is hereby repealed.

10          **SECTION 2:** This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been  
11 ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by  
12 conventions in the several States, as provided in the  
13 Constitution, within seven years from the date of the  
14 submission hereof to the States by the Congress.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by DM East High School.*

## The World's Greatest Healthcare Plan of 2017

### BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED

SECTION 1. The existing individual health insurance mandate is hereby repealed. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is amended by striking the entirety of Section 5000A.

A. The existing employer health insurance mandate is hereby repealed. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is amended by striking the entirety of Section 4980H.

SECTION 2. States are permitted to enroll uninsured residents in high deductible health plans. Individuals must be permitted to opt-out of this coverage.

SECTION 3. The US Department of Health and Human Services is directed to develop a risk adjustment mechanism for health insurance in the individual market, to be fully developed within 1 year of passage of this legislation.

SECTION 4. Individuals enrolling in health insurance who have not maintained continuous coverage over the previous 12 months are charged an additional 20% on premiums for each consecutive year without coverage, unless the individual is subject to similar state incentives to maintain coverage.

A. In the case of any individual who maintains continuous coverage there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by this section for any taxable year an amount equal to the sum of-

i. 1/12 of \$2,500 in any month the first day of which the taxpayer is covered by creditable coverage

ii. 1/12 of \$1,500 multiplied by the number of legal dependents

B. The tax credit in Subsection A of this section is not applicable to any individuals who maintain a health insurance plan which covers any form of abortion services.

SECTION 5. The existing tax on excess health benefits, commonly referred to as the Cadillac tax, is hereby repealed. Section 49801 of The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act shall not apply with respect to any month beginning more than thirty days after the passage of this legislation.

SECTION 6. This legislation shall be enacted on April 1st, 2018

SECTION 7. All laws in conflict are hereby declared null and void.

*submitted by Ankeny High School*

*Respectfully*

# A Bill to End the Cuban Embargo

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1           **SECTION 1.**    Terminate all embargoes against Cuba whether they be  
2           economic, commercial, financial, or otherwise .

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4           **SECTION 2.**    The Cuban Embargo is referring to the commercial,  
5           economic, and financial embargo imposed by the United States on Cuba.

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7           **SECTION 2A.**  Embargo is to be defined as an official ban on trade or other  
8           commercial activity with a particular country.

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10          **SECTION 3.**    The U.S. State Department will oversee the enforcement of  
11          lifting the embargo.

12          **SECTION 4.**    Implementation of this bill will be immediate.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dowling Catholic High School.*

# **A Bill to Reduce Drug Prices by Limiting Big Pharma Monopolies**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Existing loopholes in the Orphan Drug Act of 1983 shall be eliminated  
3 to increasing competition and decrease costs of prescriptions.

4 Benefits under the Orphan Drug Act can only be obtained once for any  
5 drug or biologic.

6 **SECTION 2.** Orphan Drug Act – according to the food and drug administration  
7 provides orphan status to drugs and biologics which are defined as  
8 those intended for the safe and effective treatment, diagnosis or  
9 prevention of rare diseases/disorders that affect fewer than 200,000  
10 people in the U.S.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Food and Drug Administration will oversee this legislation.

12 A. Any biologic or pharmaceutical that has been previously approved  
13 for consumer use for any disease in the United States shall not be  
14 eligible for Orphan Drug status for a different disease.

15 a. This includes any drug that been approved for treatment  
16 for another disease and is now being repurposed for  
17 treatment covered by the ODA.

18 B. Companies that have received benefits for non-qualifying drugs,  
19 shall

20 a. Lose their extended monopolies

21 b. Either repay the money to federal government

22 c. Or redirect the money previously paid to the development  
23 of new drugs for orphan diseases as defined by the FDA.

24 They shall have 2 years to demonstrate that they have met  
25 this requirement.

26 d. If they fail to demonstrate they have met this requirement,  
27 they shall have to repay the money with a \$10,000 fine

28 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall apply retroactively to January 1, 2010. Any extended  
29 patent protections or marketing rights given since this date shall be  
30 revoked.

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

