

A Bill to Invest in Alternative Energy

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The U.S shall increase investment in alternative energy by 20 billion dollars
2 annually.

3 **SECTION 2.** "Alternative Energy" shall be defined as Solar, Wind, and Hydroelectric
4 energy.

5 A. The department of energy shall have an additional 20 billion dollars allocated
6 annually specifically for the development of alternative energy infrastructure and
7 expansion of current plants or projects

8 B. 10 billion dollars shall be allocated annually to the Department of Energy in the
9 form of categorical grants for private companies for research and development in
10 alternative energy sources and technology

11 C. The U.S shall decrease Oil subsidies annually by 50% from 37.5 billion to 18.75
12 billion dollars and reallocate those funds to the grants given to the Department of
13 Energy

14 D. The U.S shall also decrease the U.S military's budget by 2.5%

15 E. Solar energy subsidies given to homeowners shall also be made permanent after
16 2021

17 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy, Department of the Interior, and Environmental
18 Protection Agency shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

19 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect at the beginning of the fiscal year 2018

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

21 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sebastian Avella of Nova High School*

A Bill to Limit U.S Carbon Emissions

Be it enacted by this Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League Student Congress here assembled that:

1 **Article I:** A Cap and Trade System will be created and managed on the national level.

2 A. Financial assistance will be opened to states to help implement the
3 Cap and Trade System.

4 B. Companies that do not comply with the Cap and Trade System will
5 pay a 10% increased corporate tax.

6 **Article II:** “Cap and Trade System” shall be defined as a system in which limits are placed
7 on Carbon Emissions for each business. Businesses may also sell their Carbon
8 Credits to increase their emissions but may not surpass the national limit.

9 **Article III:** This legislation shall be implemented six months after passage.

10 **Article IV:** The Department of Energy will work in conjunction with the Environmental
11 Protection Agency to oversee this legislation.

12 **Article V:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Sen. Bole

Dreyfoos School of the Arts

A Bill to Aid Venezuela

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. The United States will enact a progressive lifting of sanctions on
3 Venezuela.

4 B. The United States shall send 500 Million dollars each year, in 125
5 Million dollar installments on a quarterly basis, of Humanitarian and
6 Developmental aid to Venezuela.

7 **SECTION 2.** A. Humanitarian aid shall include but is not limited to food, water,
8 medical supplies, and basic necessities.

9 B. Developmental aid shall include but is not limited to developing
10 infrastructure for electricity, water supply, and transport.

11 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of State shall be responsible for the lifting of
12 sanctions as well as administering all installments of aid.

13 B. The Department of State shall evaluate which sanctions to lift on a
14 quarterly basis.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1st, 2018.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Gabrielle Cabeza of Western High School.

A Bill to Reform the Juvenile Justice System to Reduce Juvenile Recidivism

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All juveniles charged with a first-time crime of a misdemeanor shall
3 instead receive a civil citation in lieu of the misdemeanor charge.

4 **SECTION 2.** A juvenile shall be defined as a person who has not yet attained their
5 eighteenth birthday when the crime was committed.

6 A misdemeanor shall be defined as a crime that meets the
7 qualifications of a misdemeanor in the state it was committed.

8 A civil citation shall be defined as an alternative disciplinary program that
9 does not affect a juvenile's criminal record and requires the completion
10 of state-set conditions, including community service and participation in
11 state-run diversion program.

12 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Justice shall oversee the enforcement of the bill
13 along with the specific enforcement mechanism.

14 A. State-level Departments of Justice will be responsible for creating the
15 requirements of civil citations as well as the qualifications of
16 misdemeanors, subject to the approval of the U.S. Department of
17 Justice.

18 B. Any funds generated from the implementation of this bill, including
19 the reduction of jail, court, or legal costs to the state shall be returned
20 to the Justice Department budget to cover any costs incurred by this
21 policy.

22 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2018.

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

24

25 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Carlee Goldberg.*

A BILL TO COMBAT FAMINE IN AFRICA

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall dedicate a total \$500,000,000 towards
3 humanitarian assistance in South Sudan, Somalia, and Nigeria, split
4 between the three countries evenly, annually over the next 10 years. The
5 United States shall also deploy US ground troops in order to protect this
6 aid.

7 **SECTION 2.** Humanitarian aid shall be defined as food, water, and infrastructure.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense, along with USAID shall be responsible for
9 the implementation of this legislation.

10 A. The United States shall deploy a total 10,000 ground troops to protect
11 this aid in South Sudan, Somalia, and Nigeria.

12 B. The USAID forces, along with US troops will be used to deliver the
13 aid, in order to deliver directly to local communities.

14 C. This legislation shall be reviewed biennially, but will not expire until
15 October 1st 2028

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect on October 1st 2018.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Christopher Hamilton

The M.I.A.M.I Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The EB-5 merit-based immigration visa program is hereby repealed.
- 2 **SECTION 2.** “Repealed” shall be defined as the removal of green card status and
3 discontinuation of the EB-5 Visa program
- 4 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Homeland Security shall oversee the
5 implementation of this legislation
- 6 A. The United States Congress' Immigration Act of 1990 (IMMACT 90) will
7 have all individuals, in the country under EB-5 exclusively, remain on
8 green card status pending an immigration court date to determine any
9 risks to national security or fraud. If convicted, individuals will be
10 deported.
- 11 a. All those found not guilty shall be granted permanent legal
12 residence
- 13 B. For individuals who paid private firms for estates and those firms were
14 later convicted of fraud, those foreign individuals will be granted
15 compensation
- 16 C. The Federal Bureau of Investigations will utilize their forensic accounts
17 to determine any foreign conflict of interests. Private contractors will
18 be used if deemed necessary
- 19 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented immediately upon passage
- 20 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
- 21
- 22
- 23
- 24
- 25
- 26
- 27
- 28

A Bill to Fund Microloans in Latin America

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall give 500 million dollars to the Inter-
2 American Development Bank for the purpose of supporting its microloan
3 program in Latin America.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Inter-American Development Bank is a multilateral
5 financing organization with a goal of improving the economic status of
6 individuals in Central and Latin America.

7 **SECTION 3.** The United States Agency for International Development
8 will oversee the enforcement of the bill along with the specific enforcement
9 mechanism.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented on October 1, 2018.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Maya Levkovitz, Dreyfoos School of the Arts.

A Bill To Bolster Anti-Missile Defense

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** A. The United States shall annually reallocate 5 billion dollars from the
2 declared Military and Defense budget to the Missile Defense Agency
3 (MDA) so as to develop Anti-Missile Defense systems.
- 4 B. The Missile Defense Agency (MDA) shall utilize the additional funding to
5 research and develop Anti-Missile Defense systems corresponding to the
6 largest perceived threats.
- 7 **SECTION 2.** A. “Anti-Missile Defense” shall refer to any current or future system
8 designed or used in defense against guided enemy missiles.
- 9 **SECTION 3.** The Missile Defense Agency (MDA) will work in conjunction with the
10 Department of Defense (DOD) to enact this legislation.
- 11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately.
- 12 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate
by Christopher Matei, American Heritage School Plantation.*

A Bill to Aid Pakistan

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1

SECTION 1. The United States Federal Government shall allocate \$200 million to the Pakistani government with the purpose of developing intelligence to defeat Al Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent.

2

3

4

SECTION 2. The United States will send 250 troops to the region to advise and assist local forces in improving their ability to plan, lead, and conduct operations.

5

6

7

SECTION 3. The Department of Defense will oversee the enforcement of the bill.

8

9

A. The Department of Defense will conduct quarterly checkups to ensure that the aid is being used effectively.

10

SECTION 4. This bill shall go into effect on December 1, 2017.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jessica Uvino, Saint Thomas Aquinas.

The Guns for Grants Act of 2017

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. A minimum of five additional gun buyback locations shall be set up in
3 every state.

4 B. For every one percentage decrease in gun ownership per state, that
5 state will get an additional percentage of their federal funding in the form
6 of educational funds.

7 **SECTION 2.** A. Gun Buyback Locations are places where any person can turn in a
8 firearm and receive compensation.

9 B. The Data on gun ownership per state shall be taken from the Business
10 Insider Article "Gun Ownership by State" written on July 3rd of 2015.

11 C. Educational Funds shall be defined as categorical grants for education.
12 These grants can include but are not limited to public school funding and
13 school voucher programs.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall be tasked with educational funding
15 towards the states. The maximum percentage increase in federal funding
16 per state annually is 5%. When states have proof of the decrease in gun
17 ownership, leaders must contact the Department of Education in order to
18 receive their educational funding. A quarterly audit will be implemented
19 to determine if the DOE needs additional funding to satisfy the state
20 funding.

21 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented immediately after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bryce Rubens

A BILL TO REMEDY THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A one-cent-per-milligram excise tax shall be placed on all active opioids at the time of purchase by the consumer.

SECTION 2. A. The term "active opioid" means any controlled substance which is opium, an opiate, or any derivative thereof (e.g. oxycodone, hydrocodone).

B. The use of prescription opioids as an official treatment method for addiction, if confirmed by a doctor and rehabilitation counselor, shall be excluded from this excise tax.

C. Funds from the tax shall be earmarked for funding towards opioid relief efforts, such as naloxone, education, and rehabilitation.

SECTION 3. The Internal Revenue Service will work in conjunction with the Department of Health and Human Services.

SECTION 4. The provisions of this bill shall take effect on October 1st of 2017.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Luke Tillitski
Charlotte Latin*