**Session 1: Controversial relations**

**A Resolution to Stop US Funding of Israeli Settlements in Palestine**

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| 1.  2. | **WHEREAS,** | Israel is currently constructing settlements in the West Bank and East Jerusalem, areas set aside for a future Palestinian state; and |
| 3.  4. | **WHEREAS,** | More than 300,000 settlers are encroaching on privately-held Palestinian land; and |
| 5.  6. | **WHEREAS,** | The current Israeli settlements are damaging the prospects for a peaceful solution to the current conflict in the region; and |
| 7.  8. | **WHEREAS,** | The United Nations has repeatedly declared Israeli settlements in violation of international law;; now, therefore, be it |
| 9.  10. | **RESOLVED,** | By the Congress here assembled to condemn Israeli settlements and pass a legislation to stop any further US funding for these settlements. |

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**A Bill to Close the Prisoner Detention Center at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1**. The prisoner detention center at Guantanamo Bay housing enemies of the United States is hereby closed. All prisoners eligible for transfer to other countries shall be deported immediately.

**Section 2**. A periodic review board will be established to determine the legal future of prisoners not yet evaluated. Detainees deemed unfit to deport will be transferred to United States’ Supermax detention facilities while they undergo due process and judicial proceedings. Any prisoner moved to United States soil will receive a full and complete trial to determine their guilt.

**Section 3.** The Department of Defense will be responsible for closing the prison, transferring or deporting the prisoners, and housing any prisoner that is not deported in an adequate detention center.Any funds necessary to transfer or detain Guantanamo Bay prisoners shall be reallocated from the Department of Defense budget designated to house the prisoners at Guantanamo Bay.

**Section 4.** Upon passage, prisoners will no longer be detained at this facility.

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

**Session 2: Save the Children**

**A Resolution to Enforce the Probable Cause Standard to Combat the School-to-Prison Pipeline**

1. **WHEREAS**, The number of students funneled into the school-to-prison pipeline due to
2. faulty search standards is egregiously high; and
3. **WHEREAS**, Minority students are targeted and incarcerated consistently at a higher
4. rate than white students, in that 61% of students incarcerated are black or
5. Latino; and
6. **WHEREAS**, The incarceration of these minority students prevents them from
7. continuing their education; and
8. **WHEREAS**,These minority students are more likely to suffer unemployment and
9. become involved in more serious crime; therefore, be it
10. **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled implement the probable cause standard
11. in all United States public schools in place of the reasonable suspicion
12. standard in order to decrease the number of students funneled in the
13. school-to-prison pipeline; and, be it
14. **FURTHER RESOLVED,**That the Department of Education will work alongside the
15. Department of Justice to ensure this standard will be implemented in all
16. public schools.

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**A Bill to Change School Start Times**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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| 1.  2.  3. | **SECTION 1.** | All public elementary, middle and high schools across the United States shall start the school day at 9:30AM and shall end at the same time as they usually do. |
| 4.  5.  6. | **SECTION 2.** | In order to make time for the later start of the school day, each class will be shortened by the same amount of time. This will be calculated by each school individually. |
| 7. | **SECTION 3.** | This bill will be enforced by the U.S. Department of Education. |
| 8. | **SECTION 4.** | This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2018. |
| 9. | **SECTION 5.** | All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void. |

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**Session 3: Domestic Relations**

**A Resolution to Make Puerto Rico the 51st State**

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| 1.  2. | **WHEREAS,** | the commonwealth of Puerto Rico is bankrupt and devastated by Hurricane Maria; and |
| 3.  4. | **WHEREAS,** | the United States can vastly improve Puerto Rico’s dire situation by granting it statehood; and |
| 5.  6.  7. | **WHEREAS,** | Puerto Rican residents have been US citizens since 1917 so they receive many of the same benefits and protections from the U.S. government, with just a few differences; and |
| 8.  9. | **WHEREAS,** | 97% of the Puerto Rican electorate chose “Statehood” on the June 2017 referendum; now, therefore, be it |
| 10.  11. | **RESOLVED,** | By the Congress here assembled that the United States grant full statehood to the U. S. territory of Puerto Rico. |

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# A Resolution to Repeal the Jones Act

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**WHEREAS**, The Merchant Marine Act of 1920, also known as The Jones Act, is an archaic law originally intended as a protective measure against German encroachment on the US shipping industry following World War 1; and

**WHEREAS**, The Jones Act’s requirement to use only American-owned businesses and American-made ships in domestic shipping has created a tremendous financial burden, particularly on US island territories; and

**WHEREAS**, The Jones Act has increased the cost of consumer goods and necessities by as much as 40% in US territories like Puerto Rico; and

**WHEREAS,** The law has had a detrimental effect on Puerto Rico’s economyin particular, with a 2010 university study indicating an impact of $537 million per year on the island economy as a direct result of this law; and

**WHEREAS**,The restrictions created by the Jones Act greatly delay our ability to provide aid to our US territories in response to natural disasters; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled repeal the Jones Act.

**Session 4: Bad Behavior**

**A Resolution to Sanction China for North Korean Behavior**

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| 1.  2.  3.  4. | **WHEREAS,** | On Tuesday, November 28, 2017 North Korea fired an intercontinental ballistic missile test that went straight up about 2,800 miles into space, which is the highest missile test in North Korean history — going more than ten times higher than the International Space Station. |
| 5.  6.  7. | **WHEREAS,** | North Korea has failed to stop testing nuclear weapons and strategic misses even after President Trump has put the country back on a list of state sponsors of terrorism; and |
| 8. | **WHEREAS,** | China is North Korea's largest trading partner; and |
| 9.  10. | **WHEREAS,** | North Korea imports 85% of its good from China and exports 83% of its products to China; and now, therefore, be it |
| 11.  12.  13. | **RESOLVED,** | By the Congress here assembled that increasing trade sanctions against import of Chinese goods be imposed until such time as North Korean suspends the testing of such weapons. |

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# A Resolution to Sanction Myanmar to Reduce Violence to the Rohingyas

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**WHEREAS**, The Rohingya Muslims are being actively persecuted in Myanmar and the government is refusing to recognize them as one of the country’s ethnic groups; and

**WHEREAS**, 1.1 million Rohingya Muslims are currently living in southeast Asia and over 500,000 Rohingya Muslims have fled to Bangladesh and around 1,000 may have been killed in Myanmar, meaning that a continuation of the persecution may lead to more deaths and add to the immigration crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rohingya rights to practice their own religion, study, travel and marry have been restricted. They cannot get a citizenship as a Rohingya Muslims, which makes it so they cannot enter certain professions such as law or medicine; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled sanction Myanmar to reduce violence to the Rohingyas.

**Section 5: Consumables**

**A Resolution to Make Lunch Healthy Again**

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| 1.  2. | **WHEREAS,** | Finland, Estonia, and Sweden have had enormous success providing free school meals to public school children; and |
| 3. | **WHEREAS,** | The rates of childhood obesity in the US have hit 17%; and |
| 4.  5. | **WHEREAS,** | Corporations have taken advantage of school cafeterias to promote their unhealthy products; and |
| 6.  7. | **WHEREAS,** | School meals determine the future dietary habits of students; now, therefore, be it |
| 8.  9. | **RESOLVED,** | By the Congress here assembled that public schools shall provide free healthy meals to students. |

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**A Resolution to Prevent Pharmaceuticals Increasing the Price of Prescriptions Without Notice**

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| 1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10 | **Section 1**, Pharmaceutical companies and drug manufacturers shall be prohibited from increasing the price of any drug covered by any federal program more than 16% in any 2 year period without first giving 60 days notice to the office of the Surgeon General and the office of the Secretary of Health and Human Services.  **Section 2**, Pharmaceutical companies and drug manufacturers shall be required to justify in writing the reasons for the price increase.  **Section 3**, Failure to meet sections 1 and 2 above shall trigger a fine in the amount of 10% of one year of the offending company’s gross revenues for any drug that has price increase violating section 1 and 2 above.  **Section 4**, All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void. |

**Session 6: Service**

**A Bill to Make Volunteering a Graduation Requirement**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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| 1.  2. 3. | **SECTION 1.** | All students enrolled in high schools across the United States shall be required to engage in “volunteering activities” for at least one hour a week for each year of enrollment. |
| 4.  5.  6.  7.  8.  9.  10.  11. | **SECTION 2.** | Volunteering Activities shall include:   1. Service learning 2. Skills-based volunteering 3. Environmental volunteering 4. Community work 5. Aiding approved religious institutions   The student’s selected volunteering activity shall require school approval before the student begins the program. |
| 12. | **SECTION 3.** | This bill will be enforced by the U.S. Department of Education. |
| 13. | **SECTION 4.** | This legislation will take effect on September 1, 2018. |
| 14. | **SECTION 5.** | All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void. |

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**Immigrant National Service Act of 2017**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1**. Upon completion of a tenure of optional national service, participant immigrants into the United States of America will receive full citizenship.

**Section 2**. National service will either refer to military service, disaster relief work, or government work in under-developed areas. Citizenship refers to being a member of the US that is entitled to all the civil rights and

protections thereof and owes allegiance to the US.

**Section 3.** The Department of Homeland Security will oversee the enforcement of the bill, and they will provide the option of service in US embassies or to immigrants trying to enter the country.

1. To receive their full citizenship, the immigrants must be in service in for a period of 2 years.
2. The immigrants will be provided food and lodging during their service along with $8 and hour.
3. Families will require both parents to work their service years. All dependents will receive required lodgings and food with their guardians as well.

**SECTION 4.** The legislation will go into effect on January 2019.

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