

B/R #1301 (SEMIS)

A BILL TO PROVIDE UNIFORM NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES

;

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Department of Transportation (DOT) shall form a taskforce that shall study and enact uniform national standards for the operation of autonomous vehicles no later than December 31, 2019.

SECTION 2. The DOT shall ensure that any standards proposed by the agency shall meet the following minimum criteria:

- A. Safety of the maximum number of individual, whether passengers or pedestrians, shall be prioritized;
- B. Technological functions of a vehicle must be deemed secure from hacking, and human override of an autonomous function must be available in a manner free from remote software interference;
- C. Specific technology or providers shall not be favored in order to encourage the maximum competition and choice among providers; and
- D. Space on federal highways in every state be made available for the testing of such autonomous vehicles.

SECTION 3. Any individual provision enacted by the taskforce may be overridden by a majority vote in both houses, and the proceedings for override shall be treated in the same manner as a regulation subject to the Congressional Review Act.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect immediately, and be deemed to expire on January 1, 2020.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this act are hereby declared null and void, except that any state may adopt standards deemed more protective of drivers and pedestrians applicable within the boundaries of that state.

Respectfully submitted,

Yale Tabulation Staff

B/R #1302 (SEMIS)
THE WAR POWERS ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Conflict Accountability Committee shall hereby be established and E. S.J. Res. 23 (Authorization for Use of Military Force) and 50 U.S.C. Chapter 33 (War Powers Resolution of 1973) shall hereby be repealed.

SECTION 2 A. The Conflict Accountability Committee shall consist of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate and the House of Representatives, and the Chairman and ranking member of the Committee on Foreign Relations, Armed Services, Appropriations, and Intelligence of both the Senate and House of Representatives.

B. Before deploying troops to a specified warzone, the President must submit a classified report to the committee detailing the location of the conflict, the estimated duration of the conflict, and the necessity of deployment. After the report has been submitted, the President may deploy troops to that area.

C. No later than 30 days following the deployment of troops to the specified warzone, the committee shall introduce a Resolution of Consent, which must be considered, debated, and voted upon within 30 days of the introduction of the resolution. After introduction of the Resolution of Consent, the classified report outlined in Section 1A shall be declassified to the remainder of Congress. If the Resolution of Consent fails, the President must withdraw troops from the specified warzone within 15 days.

D. The committee may introduce a Resolution of Objection if the committee believes troops need to be withdrawn at any point. If such a resolution is passed, all troops must be withdrawn from the location specified in the Resolution of Objection within 15 days. If a Resolution of Objection is passed, the President may not deploy troops to the location specified in the resolution for another 90 days.

E. The committee may introduce a Resolution of Consolation if they believe troops need to be deployed before the end of the 90-day wait time of the Resolution of Objection. If Congress passes such a resolution, the President may deploy troops to the location specified in the Resolution of Consolation immediately and at will.

SECTION 3. The Department of Defense shall oversee implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 4. The provisions of this legislation shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Yale Tabulation Staff

B/R #1303 (SEMIS)
A BILL TO IMPROVE MARINE SAFETY STANDARDS TO
IMPROVE THE WORKING CONDITIONS OF COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All commercial fishing vessels must meet the safety requirements
3 established in Section 604 of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010
4 And Section 305 of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of
5 2012 for all boats constructed after 2010, regardless of the original date of
6 construction.

7 **SECTION 2.** “Commercial fishing vessels” shall be defined as any maritime vehicle
8 which has the primary purpose of fishing in which the fish harvested,
9 either in whole or in part, are intended to enter commerce or enter
10 commerce through sale, barter or trade.

11 **SECTION 3.** The United States Coast Guard will oversee the enforcement of the bill
12 through the continuation of dockside safety inspections and biannual
13 inspection requirements.

14 A. Boats deemed not to meet these regulations will have their registration
15 and license for commercial fishing revoked.

16 B. Boats continuing to operate in violation of these regulations or without
17 a license will be seized and the owner and operators will be subject to
18 current penalties under the law for operating illegal fishing vessels.

19 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect January 1, 2020.

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

Respectfully submitted,

The Yale Tabulation Staff

B/R #1401 (FINALS)

A BILL TO PROMOTE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The National Security Agency and Department of Defense will establish a Division of Artificial Intelligence within the United States Cyber Command (“CYBERCOM”) focusing on the use of artificial intelligence to promote homeland security and detect threats against the county.

SECTION 2. A. The Division of Artificial Intelligence will house a team of personnel dedicated to researching advances in the use of artificial intelligence, establishing procedures for the use of artificial intelligence in homeland defense, and the creation of technological resources to provide for an artificial intelligence under the direction of the Department.

B. CYBERCOM shall hereafter be deemed a division of the Department of Defense. All personnel currently employed by the Department of Defense in the area of artificial intelligence research and operations shall be transferred to the division of artificial intelligence within Cyber Command

SECTION 3. A. A sum of \$1 billion will be allocated in the current fiscal year to pay for the implementation of this act.

B. If, after one hundred and eighty days after this act shall have become a law, the Secretary of Defense certifies that he is unable to properly staff the Division of Artificial Intelligence due to an inadequate pool of employees, the Department shall be authorized to contract with a company to provide the services called for in this act.

SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Yale Tabulation Staff

B/R #1402 (FINALS)
THE BELARUS SECURITY ACT OF 2017

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall hereby eliminate all tariffs on the exports of oil and natural
3 gas with the Republic of Belarus in exchange for increase military
4 cooperation.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. The United States, with the consent of the Belarus government, shall
6 send 1,500 troops to Belarus for the purpose of conducting troop-training
7 exercises to combat separatist groups in Belarus, as well as preparing for
8 any potential invasions.

9 B. United States troops will not serve in combat positions in any way,
10 shape, or form during troop training exercises unless attacked first.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State and Department of Defense shall jointly enforce
12 this legislation.

13 **SECTION 4.** A. The provisions of this legislation will go into effect immediately.
14 B. If Belarus does not submit the Membership Action Plan and resign
15 from the Collective Security Treaty Organization within one year from the
16 date of passage, the United States will withdraw all troops and will
17 reinstate tariffs on the export and imports of oil and natural gas to the
18 Republic of Belarus.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Yale Tabulation Staff

B/R #1403 (FINALS)
A BILL TO SANCTION UZBEKISTAN COTTON TO PREVENT FORCED LABOR

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will place sanctions on the Uzbek cotton industry,
3 preventing all US manufacturers from buying Uzbek cotton and retailers
4 from selling any products made with Uzbek cotton.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. Uzbek cotton is any cotton that is grown and harvested in the country
6 of Uzbekistan.

7 B. Sanctions refer to a total embargo on the purchase of or sale of Uzbek
8 cotton from any American entity or entity that does business in America.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of the Treasury will enforce these sanctions.

10 A. Entities purchasing Uzbek cotton or products containing Uzbek cotton
11 will be fined no more than \$1,000,000 per offending purchase and be
12 held in contempt of Congress.

13 B. Entities selling products with Uzbek cotton will be fined the total price
14 of the sale and be held in contempt of Congress.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect 30 days after its passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

The Yale Tabulation Staff