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# A Bill to Equalize Redistricting in the States to Provide Non-Biased Congressional Elections

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2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:  
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4 **SECTION 1.** Committees of 5 people will be selected through non-partisan elections  
5 on a state by state basis to draw political districts whenever redistricting is necessary  
6 (following each census).

7 **SECTION 2.** Non-partisan shall be defined as not being supported or controlled by any  
8 political group through means of funding or name/title. Necessary shall be defined as  
9 whenever any congressional seats are gained or lost.

10 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be enforced by the Federal Election Commission, through  
11 monitoring campaign funds and the established complaint process.

12 1. One Committee shall be established per state upon need and shall be released of  
13 duty upon completion of the immediate redistricting task.

14 2. Committees shall have no more than two registered members of a single political  
15 party.

16 3. Committees shall be kept entirely separate from state legislatures as state  
17 legislatures have and currently participate in partisan bias known as  
18 "gerrymandering." No state representative shall be allowed to participate as a  
19 member of the committee.

20 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect prior to the 2020 Congressional election to  
21 immediately  
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1 counteract the effects of gerrymandering.

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

# A Bill to Alter the Tax code to Grant Further Tax Breaks to Wealthy Individuals to Incentivize Charitable Donations

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2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

3 **SECTION 1.** The United States Code, Title 26, subtitle b, Chapter 1, chapter A, part (ix), final  
4 paragraph shall be altered to state; “shall be allowed to the extent that the  
5 aggregate of such contributions does not exceed 66 percent of the taxpayer’s  
6 contribution base for the taxable year.” As opposed to the current 50%

7 **SECTION 2.** Charitable donations shall be defined by the General Rule found in the United  
8 States Code, Title 26, subtitle b, Chapter 1, sub-subtitle A

9 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) shall be over implementation and  
10 enforcement of this bill.

11 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

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# **A Bill to Discourage Payday Loans by Altering the Tax Code to Increase Income Tax on Payday Loan Companies**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Code Title 26 shall be altered to include a subtitle q which will  
3 state as follows “(q) Payday Loans (1) Taxation (A) All companies that present  
4 themselves as a Payday Loan company shall have increased income tax in  
5 proportion to their average interest rates. (i) Payday Loan companies are defined  
6 as a company that offers short term loans with extremely high interest rates that  
7 are meant to be paid off within a few weeks and/or on the borrowers next  
8 payday.”

9 **SECTION 2.** Payday loans will be defined by the definition given in the United States Code,  
10 Title 26, subtitle q, Chapter 1, subchapter A, part (i)

11 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) shall be over the implementation and  
12 enforcement of this bill.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

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## **A Bill to Reinstate the Fairness Doctrine**

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2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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4 **SECTION 1.** The Fairness Doctrine will be re-implemented by the FCC as a  
5 governing policy.

6 **SECTION 2.** The Fairness Doctrine shall be defined as the policy abolished by the  
7 FCC in 1987 that was primarily concerned with the news media  
8 providing a variety of viewpoints on any given topic.

9 **SECTION 3.** The FCC will oversee implementation of this legislation.

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11 A. Any necessary funding will be drawn from the budget of the  
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13 FCC.

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15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect three months after passage.

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

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# A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Extend the Term of Office to Four Years for Members of the United States House of Representatives

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

7 **ARTICLE --**

8 **SECTION 1:** The Term of Office for Members of the House of Representatives shall be  
9 extended as follows:

10 Four-year terms shall be implemented for the members of the United  
11 States  
12 House of Representatives through amending the Constitution for this  
13 purpose.

14 To do so, constitutional provision allows for proposal of an amendment  
15 either by

16 a two-thirds majority vote by the Congress in both the House of  
17 Representatives

18 and the Senate or by conducting a constitutional convention initiated by  
19 two-thirds of the State legislatures.

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



## Aerial Vehicles in the Campaign against Terror

1           **WHEREAS,**   Airstrikes in foreign countries often result in the destruction  
2           of civilian homes, property damage, injury, and death; and

3           **WHEREAS,**   Since 2009, the government stated that 473 strikes had  
4           been constructed; and

5           **WHEREAS,**   Have killed between 2,372 and 2,581 combatants, and  
6           between 64 and 116 noncombatants; now, therefore, be it

7           **RESOLVED,**   That the Congress here assembled that the usage of  
8           Airstrikes in The Campaign against Terror be reduced by decreasing the  
          \$4.5 billion budget allocated for drones in the Fiscal Year of 2017 by 20%  
          by the U.S. Department of Defense.

## A Resolution to deploy a missile defense system in Europe

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**WHEREAS,** The Taliban have posed a threat to the security of the Pakistani government and the nuclear weapons they possess; and

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**WHEREAS,** Iranian leadership has gone on record numerous times stating their opposition to the U.S. and Israel; and

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**WHEREAS,** Missile technology in the hands of radical groups can pose a threat to millions in Europe; and

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**WHEREAS,** Once launched, it is difficult to stop the ultimate destructive power of a

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missile, ballistic or otherwise, without an adequate defense system; now,

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therefore, be it

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**RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled continue with the deployment of an operational missile defense system based in Europe as soon as possible.

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## **A Resolution to Open Federal Lands to Limited Radioactive Material Mining Efforts**

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2 **WHEREAS**, Fossil Fuels account for approximately 65% of our energy production in  
3 the year of 2017; and

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5 **WHEREAS**, Nuclear power production has steadily grown over the past three decades,  
6 prompting a surge in the Uranium Mining sector; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, The United States Federal Government has recently completed reports on  
9 the uranium content of various sections of federal lands; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, The opening of these lands, such as the mining operations east of the Mississippi  
12 River, to the Uranium Mining sector would promote job growth, economic stability, and an  
13 emphasis on the development and usage of new nuclear reactors; and

14  
15 **WHEREAS**, The increase in use of nuclear reactors would contribute to U.S. efforts to  
16 reduce the country's carbon footprint, therefore, be it

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18 **RESOLVED**, That the United States Congress here assembled should open  
19 federal lands to limited radioactive material mining efforts with the goal of  
20 increasing long term economic and environmental benefits.  
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# A Bill to Ban Quantum Computing Research to Avoid the Creation of Dangerous Artificial Intelligence

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

1 **Section 1.** All Quantum Computing Research must cease by December 31st of 2020 and  
2 all research archived, with a copy provided to the government,

3 **Section 2.** Quantum Computing Research shall be defined as any research pertaining to  
4 creating a computer that makes use of the quantum states of subatomic  
5 particles to store information.

6 **Section 3.** A new Bureau named the Bureau of Technology will be created to assess  
7 threats such as quantum computing, to make recommendations to Congress  
8 for such things, as well as to regulate bans on dangerous technology. This  
9 Agency shall be fully staffed and functioning by December 31st of 2018. This  
10 Department shall be established by merging the technology sections of the  
11 Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the Office of Science and  
12 Technology Policy (OSTP), the National Science Foundation (NSF), the  
13 National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

14 **Section 4.** This ban shall be fully implemented by December 31st of 2023. Any  
15 company or business found conducting quantum computing research  
16 thereafter will be investigated and heavily fined.

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

# A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Elect the Presidency of the United States by Popular Vote

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2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

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

8 **ARTICLE --**

9 **SECTION 1:** The President and Vice President of the United States shall be elected as  
10 follows:

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12 Each State and The District constituting the seat of Government of the United States shall  
13 hold an election, on a day appointed by law by the Congress of the United States, in  
14 which their citizens, registered to do so, shall cast a single vote for President and Vice  
15 President jointly. Names of candidates may not be joined unless they shall have  
16 consented thereto and no candidate may consent to the candidate's name being joined  
17 with that of more than one other person. The election and the counting of votes shall be  
18 conducted by an organization of the Executive Branch appointed and empowered to do  
19 so by the Congress of the United States. A duty of this organization shall be to put the  
20 names of joined candidates who have gathered a certain number, as to be determined

1 by the Congress, of valid signatures of those eligible to vote, on the ballot. The  
2 candidates for President and Vice-President receiving the most votes across the  
3 entirety of the States and The District constituting the seat of Government of the United  
4 States shall be the President and Vice-President respectively.

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6 **SECTION 2:** This article shall not be construed as limiting the ability of States and The  
7 District constituting the seat of Government of the United States to establish by law,  
8 early voting, mail-in voting, or other forms of voting where the ballot is lawfully cast  
9 before the date established by Congress.

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11 **SECTION 3:** The number of signatures needed, which shall be set by the Congress, shall  
12 not exceed one Fiftieth of the population registered to vote or eligible to do so, which is  
13 to be determined by the most recent census. The signatories shall affix their signature  
14 in support of only one set of joined candidates, otherwise their signatures shall be  
15 invalid.

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17 **SECTION 4:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate  
18 legislation.

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## **A Resolution to Incentivize NASA to Fund Space Travel to Terraform Mars**

1 **WHEREAS**, global warming is a proven threat to the people of the Earth; and

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3 **WHEREAS**, pollution continues to be a growing problem world-wide; and

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5 **WHEREAS**, world population continues to grow, perhaps beyond our ability to sustain life; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, the United States, Russia, and China have already funded billions in space  
8 technologies; now, therefore, be it

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10 **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled partner with private space companies to

11 promote increased funding for space travel and the development a plan to move terraform

12 Mars in the next 100 years.

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## A Resolution to Include Election Day as a Federal Holiday

1   **WHEREAS,**    In 2008 the voter participation rate was 58.23%; and  
2   **WHEREAS,**    in 2012 only 54.87% voted in the Presidential election; and  
3                    most voters are not able to vote due to school and or work; and  
4   **WHEREAS,**    on Election Day, every vote matters and therefore everyone should have  
5                    a vote; and  
6   **WHEREAS,**    our future elections will depend on the votes from the people and;  
7   **WHEREAS,**    every election voter participation rate is decreasing drastically; now,  
8                    therefore, be it  
9   **RESOLVED,**   By the Congress here assembled that the United States government  
10                   include Election Day as a Federal Holiday across the United States in hope  
11                   to increase voter turnout for the presidential election.

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