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A Bill to Fund the Deployment of Anti-Ballistic Missile Defense Systems to Japan

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** \$2.5 Billion shall be allocated for the purpose of funding the deployment
3 of either THAAD or Aegis Ashore units to Japan, pending Japanese state
4 approval.

5 **SECTION 2.** The money allocated should be enough for about 2 THAAD units or 3
6 Aegis Ashore units, whichever the Japanese government desires.

7 A. THAAD shall be defined as Terminal High Altitude Area Defense.

8 B. Aegis Ashore shall be defined as the land-based component of the
9 Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense System.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Political-Military Affairs shall be charged with
11 implementation of this legislation.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

A Resolution to Condemn the Nigerian Government's Treatment of the Biafran People

1 **WHEREAS,** The Nigerian government has been accused by Amnesty International of
2 having committed extrajudicial killings against the Indigenous People of
3 Biafra (IPOB); and

4 **WHEREAS,** The leader of the IPOB, British-Nigerian Nnamdi Kanu has been reported
5 missing since September 17; and

6 **WHEREAS,** A second Biafran civil war would be detrimental to the interests of
7 Nigeria and the United States; and

8 **WHEREAS,** While the Nigerian state ought to stay united, the people of Biafra
9 deserve some modicum of autonomy; now, therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled condemns any and all acts of
11 extrajudicial killings in Nigeria; and, be it

12 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That Biafra should be given more autonomy, whilst still remaining
13 a part of Nigeria.

A Resolution to Recognize Iraqi Kurdish Independence

1 **WHEREAS,** On September 25, the Iraqi Kurdish people voted overwhelmingly in favor
2 of independence; and

3 **WHEREAS,** The Iraqi Kurdish military, known as the Peshmerga, have been invaluable
4 in the fight against ISIS; and

5 **WHEREAS,** The United States ought to be committed to upholding the principles of
6 democracy and self-determination; and

7 **WHEREAS,** An independent Iraqi Kurdistan would provide the United States with
8 another key strategic ally in the Middle East; now, therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled formally recognizes the independence
10 of Iraqi Kurdistan in accordance with the September 25 referendum.

A Resolution to Ratify the Rome Statute

1 **WHEREAS,** The United States remains one of the only developed Western countries
2 to have not ratified the Rome Statute; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Being able to actively participate in the International Criminal Court (ICC)
4 is key to promoting US interests in the international community; and

5 **WHEREAS,** As a global superpower, the United States’ ratification of the Rome
6 Statute would substantially strengthen the ICC; and

7 **WHEREAS,** A strengthen ICC, with United States backing, would be able to more
8 effectively combat and prosecute war crimes; now, therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled officially ratifies the Rome Statute of
10 the International Criminal Court.

The Medicare for More Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A public option for health insurance shall be offered nationwide in
3 individual market exchanges.

4 **SECTION 2.** A public option shall be defined as a publicly funded health insurance
5 option for those under 65 that will compete against private insurers.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall be charged with
7 implementation of this legislation.

8 A. The public option shall be funded by a 0.03% financial transaction tax
9 on high frequency trading.

10 B. The Internal Revenue Service, in conjunction with the Securities
11 Exchange committee, shall be charged with implementing the
12 financial transaction tax.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect at the start of FY 2019.

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

A Bill to Lower the Federal Corporate Tax Rate

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal corporate tax rate for the largest tax bracket of corporations
3 shall be lowered from 35% to 20%. For all lower brackets, any federal
4 corporate tax rate on income shall be lowered by 10%

5 **SECTION 2.** The largest tax bracket of corporations shall be defined as corporations
6 with taxable income higher than \$18,333,333.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service shall be charged with the implementation
8 of this legislation.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect at the start of FY 2019.

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

A Bill to Abolish the Subminimum Wage

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The subminimum wage shall be raised to the current federal minimum
3 wage.

4 A. Whenever the federal minimum wage is increased, the subminimum
5 wage shall be increased to ensure it indefinitely equals the same
6 amount as the minimum wage.

7 **SECTION 2.** The subminimum wage shall be defined as the employment of student-
8 learners, tipped workers, or disabled workers at below the minimum
9 wage.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor shall be charged with the implementation of
11 this legislation.

12 A. Both the subminimum wage and the minimum wage shall be adjusted
13 to inflation on an annual basis.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect FY 2019.

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

The Unaccompanied Minor Immigration Act of 2017

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Undocumented immigrants who arrived to the United States from
3 Guatemala, Honduras, or El Salvador shall be eligible for temporary
4 residence in the US if they meet the following qualifications:

- 5 A. Must have arrived between January 1, 2014 and January 1, 2017.
6 B. Must have arrived as an unaccompanied minor.
7 C. No history of violent crime.

8 **SECTION 2.** Those who are given temporary residence under this legislation must
9 commit to attending school, joining the military, or obtaining a job under
10 risk of losing their residence. After 5 years, they will be eligible for full
11 permanent residence status.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State shall be charged with the implementation of
13 this legislation,

- 14 A. The Department of Homeland Security shall be charged with vetting
15 the applicants.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

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