A Resolution to Promote the Agricultural Cultivation of Insects

WHEREAS, current agricultural practices require excessive amounts of land, water, food sources

WHEREAS, current agricultural practices also produce a significant portion of the earth’s greenhouse gases

WHEREAS, insects are being underutilized for their vast potential use in agriculture and for human consumption

RESOLVED, that the Congress here assembled and the U.S. Department of Agriculture shall promote through education and financial incentives the agricultural cultivation of insects

Respectfully submitted by Ames H.S.

A Bill to Ban Conversion Therapy in all 50 States

**BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS**

**SECTION 1:** Conversion therapy of any sort will hereby be illegal in all fifty states for all persons.

**SECTION 2:** Conversion therapy is defined as a psychological or spiritual treatment to change a person’s sexuality to heterosexual. It includes any efforts to change behaviors or gender expressions or to discourage sexual or romantic attractions or feelings toward individuals of the same gender.

**SECTION 3:** The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee implementation of this bill.

**SECTION 4:** This law will be effective upon passage.

**SECTION 5:** All laws in conflict will be declared null and void.

*Submitted by Ames High School*

A Bill to Establish the Internet as a Regulated Utility

Be It enacted by this Congress that:

**Section 1.** That the internet is to be re-classified as a utility service for the intent of Government regulation; what regulations this entails shall be dictated and discussed by future legislation.

**Section 2.** Utility: defined as essential commodities or services, such as water, electricity, transportation, or communication provided to the public by private business organizations.

Internet: The service which connects computers to other computers outside of local networks; specifically any Wide-Area Network (WAN) service that is provided through telecommunications and technology-networking companies.

**Section 3.** This re-classification shall be overseen by the FCC; future legislation shall default to FCC oversight, and any other government agencies involved in this future legislation must partner and cooperate with the FCC in their enforcement actions.

**Section 4.** This reclassification shall be implemented by January 1st, 2018; legislation regarding future regulations shall be presented to and debated by this congress no later than September 30th, 2018.

**Section 5.** Any laws or legislation in conflict with this bill and hereby declared null and void.

*Submitted by Sioux City East High School*

**A Bill to Ban LGBT+ Conversion Therapy**Let enacted by Congress that:

**Section 1.** The process of conversion therapy on LGBT+ youth shall become illegal and classified as a form of child abuse.

**Section 2.** Conversion Therapy: any program, which, voluntarily or involuntarily, attempts to change the sexual or gender orientation of any members that attend it.

Child abuse: As defined under The Federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment, "Any recent act or failure to act on the part of a parent or caretaker which results in death, serious physical or emotional harm, sexual abuse or exploitation," or "An act or failure to act which presents an imminent risk of serious harm."

**Section 3.** This bill shall be over seen by the Children’s Bureau.

**Section 4.** This bill shall be nationally instituted no later than January 1st, 2018.

**Section 5.** Any legislation that is in conflict with this bill is hereby declared null and void.

*Submitted by Sioux City East*

**A BILL FOR HURRICANE TASK FORCE RELIEF**

1. Be it resolved by the Congress assembled here that:
2. Section 1: The U.S. federal government shall develop and train a
3. hurricane task force, which will respond immediately by following the
4. hurricane into the affected area(s).
5. Section 2: Said task force(s) will provide basic assistance to meet
6. the needs of residents in the affected area(s), such as food, water,
7. shelter, medicine, medical personnel, infrastructure clean-up and
8. rebuilding.
9. Section 3: Annual funding will be allocated for hurricane relief
10. based on projected estimates determined by Federal Emergency
11. Management Agency (FEMA). The budget for FEMA and
12. the hurricane task force relief fund will be reviewed each fiscal
13. year and adjusted accordingly for no damaging hurricanes or several in
14. a given year.
15. Section 4: FEMA’s hurricane task force relief organization will be
16. allowed to use funding for hiring locals in the area for clean-up of debris.
17. While FEMA is a disaster relief organization, the “Hurricane Relief Task
18. Force” will be trained for rapid response specifically to hurricane
19. devastation.
20. Section 5: The legislation will be overseen by the Department of
21. Homeland Security and FEMA.
22. Section 6: The legislation will go into effect immediately upon
23. passage.

 *Respectfully submitted by*

**LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL**

 **DES MOINES, IOWA**

**A RESOLUTION TO HELP SYRIAN REFUGEES**

1. WHEREAS, the refugee crisis caused by the conflict in Syria is the worst
2. the world has witnessed in a generation, generating more than 5 million
3. refugees in the region.
4. WHEREAS, the U.S. government is deeply committed to assisting the
5. Syrian people and has provided nearly $5.6 billion in humanitarian
6. Assistance since the start of the crisis, more than any other donor.
7. WHEREAS, the United States is one of 32 countries that have agreed to
8. accept referrals from UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for
9. Refugees, also known as The U.N. Refugee Agency) as part of its
10. international effort to secure permanent or temporary resettlement for
11. up to 10 percent of Syrian refugees.
12. WHEREAS, UNHCR has secured commitments from these countries to
13. admit more than 220,000 Syrians for permanent resettlement and
14. humanitarian admission.
15. **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CONGRESS ASSEMBLED HERE THAT:**
16. **The United States will exceed the goal of admitting 10,000 Syrian**
17. **refugees in fiscal year 2017 and admit 100,000 Syrian refugees in**
18. **fiscal year 2018**.

*Respectfully submitted by*

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**A Bill to implement a revenue neutral carbon tax to curb carbon emissions**

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| 1234567891011 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**SECTION 1**. The United States of America will implement a revenue neutral 15$ carbon tax rising3% real.**SECTION 2**. A revenue neutral carbon tax will be defined as a tax on each unit of green house gas emission created by burning fuel, while the revenue created goes back to the citizens of the United States. **SECTION 3.** All revenue created by the carbon tax will be rebated back to citizens in the form of lower income taxes of households whose combined income is lower than $100,000 a year.**SECTION 3.** The Environmental protection Agency will oversee the implementation of this legislation and the Department of the Treasury will oversee the collection and redistribution of revenue created.**SECTION 4.** This legislation will be in full effect by January 1st, 2020**SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void. |

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lance De Lacy, Bettendorf High School*