**A Resolution to Promote the Agricultural Cultivation of Insects**

1. **WHEREAS**, current agricultural practices require excessive amounts of land, water, food sources
2. **WHEREAS**, current agricultural practices also produce a significant portion of the earth’s
3. greenhouse gases
4. **WHEREAS**, insects are being underutilized for their vast potential use in agriculture and for
5. human consumption
6. **RESOLVED**, that the Congress here assembled and the U.S. Department of Agriculture shall
7. 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**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS
2. **SECTION 1:** Conversion therapy of any sort will hereby be illegal in all fifty states for
3. all persons.
4. **SECTION 2:** Conversion therapy is defined as a psychological or spiritual treatment to
5. change a person’s sexuality to heterosexual. It includes any efforts to change behaviors or
6. gender expressions or to discourage sexual or romantic attractions or feelings toward
7. individuals of the same gender.
8. **SECTION 3:** The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee
9. implementation of this bill.
10. **SECTION 4:** This law will be effective upon passage.
11. **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**

1. Be It enacted by this Congress that:
2. **Section 1.** That the internet is to be re-classified as a utility service for the intent of Government
3. regulation; what regulations this entails shall be dictated and discussed by future legislation.
4. **Section 2.** Utility: defined as essential commodities or services, such as water, electricity,
5. transportation, or communication provided to the public by private business organizations.
6. A. Internet: The service which connects computers to other computers outside of local
7. networks; specifically any Wide-Area Network (WAN) service that is provided through
8. telecommunications and technology-networking companies.
9. **Section 3.** This re-classification shall be overseen by the FCC; future legislation shall default to
10. FCC oversight, and any other government agencies involved in this future legislation must
11. partner and cooperate with the FCC in their enforcement actions.
12. **Section 4.** This reclassification shall be implemented by January 1st, 2018; legislation regarding
13. future regulations shall be presented to and debated by this congress no later than September
14. 30th, 2018.
15. **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**

1. Let enacted by Congress that:
2. **Section 1.** The process of conversion therapy on LGBT+ youth shall become illegal and
3. classified as a form of child abuse.
4. **Section 2.** Conversion Therapy: any program, which, voluntarily or involuntarily, attempts to
5. change the sexual or gender orientation of any members that attend it.
6. A. Child abuse: As defined under The Federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment,
7. "Any recent act or failure to act on the part of a parent or caretaker which results in death,
8. serious physical or emotional harm, sexual abuse or exploitation," or "An act or failure to
9. act which presents an imminent risk of serious harm."
10. **Section 3.** This bill shall be over seen by the Children’s Bureau.
11. **Section 4.** This bill shall be nationally instituted no later than January 1st, 2018.
12. **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*

**LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL**

**DES MOINES, IOWA**

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

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| 123456789101112131415 |  BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**SECTION 1**. The United States of America will implement a revenue neutral carbon tax.**SECTION 2**. A revenue neutral carbon tax will be defined as a tax on each unit of greenhouse 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*

**The Drug Exportation Act of 2017**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED
2. **SECTION 1**: All confiscated shipments of illicit drugs shall be held by the United States government for sale and export to both government and private entities in any foreign nation in which the substance is legal.
3. **SECTION 2**: Illicit drugs are here defined as any sort of cannabinoid, opioid, stimulant, club dissociative or synthetic drug, or hallucinogen which has been restricted or deemed unlawful in the US.
4. **SECTION 3**: Any substance which has not been sold within six months of initial confiscation shall be destroyed.
5. **SECTION 4**: This legislation shall be enacted and funded by the US Drug Enforcement Agency.
6. **SECTION 5**: This legislation shall be enacted on August 28th, 2017.
7. **SECTION 6**: All laws in conflict are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted by Ankeny High School*

**The Fair Tax Act of 2017**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED
2. **SECTION 1**: Existing US federal income, corporate income, employment/self-
3. employment, estate, and gift taxes are hereby repealed. Subtitles A and B of the Internal
4. Revenue Code of 1986 are repealed.
5. **SECTION 2**: There is hereby imposed a tax on the use or consumption in the United
6. States of taxable property or services.
	1. The rate of tax is 23 percent of the gross payments for the taxable property or service in 2019.
	2. For years after 2019, the rate of tax is the combined sum of
		1. the general revenue rate of 14.91 percent
		2. the old-age, survivors and disability insurance rate, and
		3. the hospital insurance rate.
7. **SECTION 3**: The term “taxable property and services” means any purchased property
8. (including l households or any term or rents with respect to such property), but does not
9. include intangible property, property or services purchased for business, export, or
10. investment purposes, or state government functions.
	1. “Intangible property” includes copyrights, trademarks, patents, goodwill, financial instruments, securities, commercial paper, debts, notes and bonds, and other property deemed intangible at common law.
11. **SECTION 4**: The States are responsible for administering, collecting, and remitting the
12. imposed tax to the United States Treasury. The Secretary of the Treasury may administer
13. the tax imposed by this legislation in a State if such a State has regularly failed to remit to
14. the United States the taxes collected.
15. **SECTION 5**: Full implementation of this legislation shall occur on January 1st, 2019.
16. **SECTION 6**: All laws in conflict are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted by Ankeny High School*

**A Resolution to Confront Iran**

1. **WHEREAS**, the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran has proven itself to be
2. imperialist and repressive, and
3. **WHEREAS**, under current US policy the Iranian regime possesses the capability to
4. acquire nuclear weapons in the near future, and,
5. **WHEREAS**, previous US strategy has failed to adequately address and contain the
6. Iranian threat, and
7. **WHEREAS**, a more comprehensive and far-sighted strategy is necessary to protect the
8. interests of the US and its allies and to maintain stability in the region, therefore, be it
9. **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that in addition to diligently enforcing the
10. existing nuclear agreement until its completion, the US shall develop and present revised
11. terms for a subsequent accord which corrects the flaw of the current by removing sunset
12. provisions which give Iran a pathway to nuclear weapons, and by expanding US access to
13. Iranian military sites for effective verification, and, be it
14. **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the following shall henceforth serve as an outline for US
15. policy towards Iran:
16. **Economic Policy**: The US will implement economic policy with the intent of severely
17. weakening the finances of the Iranian regime and restricting its military and weapons
18. production capabilities. The US will develop and implement robust economic sanctions
19. targeting the Iran’s Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and other dominant forces in the
20. Iranian economy.
21. **Geopolitical Strategy**: The US will target and dismantle the Iranian regime’s terrorist
22. networks and influence operations, including its presence in Europe and the United
23. States, by working closely with European allies and with allied Sunni governments in the
24. region. The US will work to dismantle Iranian power in the middle east on a country-by-
25. country basis by providing support for anti-Iranian proxy and dissident forces in the
26. region.
27. **Ideological Offensive:** The US will act to support and strengthen Iranian pro-democracy
28. forces, and target the Iranian regime’s corruption and human rights abuses. US policies
29. should seek wherever possible to encourage Iranian regional allies to distance themselves
30. from the Iranian government and progress towards domestic democratization. U.S. policy
31. must have an ideological thrust which clearly affirms the superiority of U.S. and Western
32. values of individual dignity and freedom, and political democracy over the repressive
33. features of the Iranian regime.

*Respectfully submitted by Ankeny High School*

**The Fruit and Multiplication Act of 2017**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED
2. **SECTION 1**. All biologically female US citizens are hereby required to produce at least
3. one offspring before the age of 40.
	1. A party is exempt from the requirements of this section if a physician deems her
	2. incapable of child- bearing, or if pregnancy and/or childbirth would pose an
	3. immediate and extraordinary risk to her health and wellbeing, as determined by a
	4. physician.
4. **SECTION 2**: Failure to comply with this legislation shall result in imposition of a fine of
5. 1/18 of $150,000 per year for 18 years.
	1. Funds collected as fines under this section shall support a grant program for those
	2. affected by this legislation who are seeking artificial insemination as a means of
	3. compliance.
6. **SECTION 3**: The US Department of Health and Human Services shall see to implementation of this legislation.
	1. The US Department of Health and Human Services shall establish a grant
	2. program for IFV and other fertility treatments pursuant to Section 2A of this
	3. legislation.
7. **SECTION 4**: This legislation shall take effect upon passage. Fertile women aged 35 or
8. above at the time of passage are hereby exempt from the requirements of Section 1.
9. **SECTION 5**: All laws in conflict are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted by Ankeny High School*

**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 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 Biafra (IPOB);
3. 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 Nigeria
7. And the United States; and
8. **WHEREAS**, While the Nigerian state ought to stay united, the people of Briafa deserve
9. 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
13. remaining a part of Nigeria.

**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 corporate tax rate
4. 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 of
8. 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 Increase Public Investment in Geothermal Energy**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1**. $500 million shall be allocated toward the subsidization of the US
3. geothermal energy industry.
4. **SECTION 2**. Geothermal energy shall be defined as energy derived and generated from
5. heat stored in the Earth.
6. **SECTION 3**. The U.S. Department of Energy shall be charged with the implementation
7. of this legislation.
8. A. Funding for this legislation shall come from an increase in the federal gas tax
9. of 2 cents per gallon.
10. B. All additional or leftover funds shall be redirected to the National Highway
11. Trust Fund.
12. **SECTION 4**. This legislation shall go into effect FY 2019.
13. **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 residence in the US
4. 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 risk of losing
10. their residence. After 5 years, they will be eligible for full permanent residence status.
11. **SECTION 3**. The Department of State shall be charged with the implementation of this
12. legislation, the Department of Homeland Security shall be charged with vetting the
13. applicants.
14. **SECTION 4**. This legislation shall go into effect immediately upon passage.
15. **SECTION 5**. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.