CONGRESS LEGISLATION

REGION 9 CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

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Orders of the Day

1. This body shall act as a federal body.

2. One chair shall be elected every hour and shall appoint a timekeeper based on their own decision. Judges will be instructed to value a student’s time as chair as they would one speech.

3. Students will use the docket proposed by the tournament director. The docket should consist of selections from the UDCA-approved list. Students are responsible for printing their own copies of the docket.

4. Speeches shall last three minutes.

5. A mandatory two-minute questioning period will automatically follow each sponsorship speech and each 1st negative speech; all other speakers will have a one-minute questioning period.

6. Speeches shall alternate affirmative, negative, affirmative, etc.

7. Points of order and personal privileges shall not count off the speaker’s time.

8. Amendment debates shall be limited to ten minutes, not to count off the original time of the main motion. When the ten minutes have passed, previous question will automatically be in order. Speakers on amendments shall be allowed three minutes of speaking time with a one minute questioning period and amendment speeches will count towards priority. Students proposing amendments are not guaranteed an “author/sponsor” speech. Any student may give the sponsorship speech, though strict priority must be followed.

9. All amendments shall be written and submitted to the Parliamentarian (or chair if there is no Parliamentarian) before they are to be considered. No amendments to amendments will be considered.

10. Objection to consideration will have a one-on- one debate. The objector will speak, followed by the sponsor. Each speech will last one minute, after which Previous Question is automatically in effect on the motion for objection to consideration. The sponsor’s speech in defense will not count against his/her priority. Each congressperson will be limited to one objection to consideration motion/speech during the entire time convened which will count towards priority.

11. Motions for previous question cannot be made until after the first negative speech.

12. Strict Priority will be followed at all times and priority will carry over throughout the tournament. This does not include a Bloodbath round.

13. Obstructionists cannot be removed without permission from the tournament director.

14. Orders of the day are NOT debatable or amendable.



**A Resolution to Ensure Hospitals Are Stocked to the Brim**

Whereas, American hospitals cumulatively use millions of saline-solution bags weekly; and

Whereas, The factory of the largest supplier of these bags was wrecked in Hurricane Maria; and

Whereas, Factories on American soil are producing faulty commodities; and

Whereas, The industry, as a whole, has been taken over by an investigation by the U.S.

Department of Justice

Whereas, These saline bags are running dangerously low- both for Americans and our nearest

allies; therefore be it

Resolved that the Congress here assembled allow the importation of saline and other intravenous

solutions from foreign countries; and be it

Further Resolved that the United States obtain approximately 1.5 times what we normally

utilize as backlog to avoid exhaustion.

**A Resolution to Decrease the usage of Airstrikes by Unmanned Aerial Vehicles in the Campaign against Terror**

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| 1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10 | **WHEREAS**, Airstrikes in foreign countries often result in the destruction of civilian homes, property damage, injury, and death; and  **WHEREAS**, Since 2009, the government stated that 473 strikes had been constructed; and  **WHEREAS**, Have killed between 2,372 and 2,581 combatants, and between 64 and 116 noncombatants; now, therefore, be it  **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled that the usage of 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**

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Once launched, it is difficult to stop the ultimate destructive power of a  
missile, ballistic or otherwise, without an adequate defense system; now,  
therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled continue with the deployment of an  
operational missile defense system based in Europe as soon as possible.  
Introduced for Congressional Debate by \_\_\_\_\_\_.

**A Bill to Fund CRISPR**

Section 1. A. $50 million shall be given to the research and improvement of Clustered

Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats (CRISPR).

B. This money will be taken from the U.S. Military Budget (FY 2019)

Section 2. This funding will be allocated to projects already underway at the time of

implementation.

Section 3. The Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Defense shall

oversee the implementation of this legislation.

Section 4. This legislation will be implemented October 1, 2019.

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

**A Bill to Alter the American Antiquities Act of 1906 to**

**Restrict the Power of the President in Appointing National Monuments**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of the American Antiquities Act of 1906 be amended to create

measurable restrictions on the maximum size of the appointment of one

single monument, but not limit the number of monuments that many be

appointed by a single president.

SECTION 2. Measurable restrictions shall be defined by the number of acres the

proposed monument covers. The maximum size shall be defined as

500,000 acres at time of designation.

SECTION 3. The Secretaries of the Interior, Agriculture, and War shall oversee the

enforcement of this bill when advising the President about a certain

proposed monument. They shall do this by:

A. Ensuring the proposed area does not exceed the maximum size.

B. And that the proposed area does in fact contains objects as detailed

in the American Antiquities Act of 1906 Section 2.

SECTION 4. This shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

**A Bill to Reclassify Electronic Cigarette Products**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Electronic cigarette products shall be classified as a Schedule V drug under the DEA and all tobacco products shall be classified as a Schedule III drug under the DEA.

SECTION 2. Electronic cigarettes will be defined as a device that has the shape of a cigarette, cigar, or pen and is not made or derived from tobacco. It uses a battery and contains a solution of nicotine, flavorings, and other chemicals, some of which may be harmful.

SECTION 3. The Drug Enforcement Administration shall oversee the manufacturing of all e-

liquids, e-cigarette products, and tobacco products.

SECTION 4. This legislation will be enacted upon passage.

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

**A Bill to WASH Away the Water Worries of West Africa**

Section 1. A. The United States will renew their involvement in the West Africa Water Supply,

Sanitation, and Hygiene Program (WA-WASH) for seven more years (2018-2025).

B. The United States will increase their funding to the program from $24 million to

$35 million.

Section 2. “Western Africa” will include Northern Ghana, Burkina Faso, and Niger

Section 3. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) will oversee the

implementation of this legislation.

Section 4. This legislation will be implemented on January 1, 2018

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

**A Resolution to Limit Grain Production and Allocation**

Whereas, Almost 40% of the calories produced by the world’s crops are being used for

animal feed; and

Whereas, Only 12% of those calories ultimately contribute to the human diet; and

Whereas, More than 90 million acres of land in the United States are planted to corn, with

the majority of the crop grown in the Heartland region; and

Whereas, Most of the crop is used as the main energy ingredient in livestock feed; and

Whereas, Millions of people in the United States could be fed if land used to grow crops

for livestock were given over to crops for human consumption, therefore, be it:

Resolved by the Congress here assembled that: No more than 15% of the corn production

produced by American farms will be used for consumption by livestock.

**A Bill to Halt Arms Sales to Saudi Arabia**

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

2.        SECTION 1. The United States shall halt future arms sales to the Kingdom of Saudi

3.        Arabia.

4.        SECTION 2. Arms sales shall be defined as the trade or sale of weaponry and

5.        ammunition, including tanks and nuclear weapons.

6.        SECTION 3. The state department and department of defense are responsible for the

7.        enforcement of this legislation.

8.        SECTION 4. This bill will go in effect after the passing.

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

**The Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act of 2017**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. The complete text of the Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act of 2017 (S. 1917) is

hereby enacted.

Section 2. Sections 101-109 of ‘Sentence Reform’ and Sections 201-212 of ‘Corrections Act’

shall apply to:

A. Any offense that was committed before the date of enactment of this legislation ,

if a sentence for the offense has not been imposed as of such date of enactment.

B. In the case of a defendant who, before the date of enactment of this legislation,

was convicted of an offense for which the penalty is amended by this section and

was sentenced to a term of imprisonment for the offense, a term of imprisonment

may be reduced if:

1. The instant violation was for a drug trafficking offense that did not involve

a violation of clause (ii) or (iii) of section 924(c)(1)(A) of title 18, United

States Code.

2. The defendant has not otherwise been convicted of any serious violent

felony.

3. The sentencing court, after considering the factors set forth in section

3553(a) of title 18, United States Code, the nature and seriousness of the

danger to any person, the community, or any crime victims, and the

post-sentencing conduct of the defendant, finds a reduction is consistent

with this section.

Section 3. The Department of Justice shall be responsible for the oversight and implementation

of this legislation.

Section 4. This legislation shall take effect on March 1, 2018.

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

**A Bill to Remove Race and Ethnicity Questions from all Legal Documents**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1.Questions of one’s race or ethnicity shall be removed from all legal

3 documents

4 SECTION 2. Definitions

5 a. “Race and ethnicity questions” are any question or statement asked for one’s

6 ethnic or racial background.

7 b. “Legal Documents” refers to any items of information for purposes involving

8 documentation by state or federal governments

9 SECTION 3. All institutions requesting or recording information will oversee the

10 enforcement of removing race and ethnicity questions from all respective

11 documents.

12 SECTION 4. This bill will go in effect January 1, 2019

13 SECTION 5. All laws in conflict to this bill are hereby null and void