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## **A Resolution to Increase Funds for Prenatal Care in Prisons**

1     **WHEREAS**, The majority of states have failed basic prenatal care standards; and  
2     **WHEREAS**, prenatal care can be used to detect and prevent a wide variety of problems  
3             such as spina bifida, anencephaly and many others; and  
4     **WHEREAS**, children born with these conditions are significantly less likely to be  
5             adopted as those without the condition because of the financial  
6             commitment required to raise children with birth defects, therefore be it  
7     **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled increase funds for prenatal  
8             care in prisons, and  
9     **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That prisons will be subjected to a yearly review by  
10             The National Women’s Law Center.

## **A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Abolish the Anti-Commandeering Doctrine**

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

### ARTICLE --

**SECTION 1**: This Constitution, and the laws of the United States which shall be made in pursuance thereof; and all treaties made, or which shall be made, under the authority of the United States, shall be the supreme law of the land; and the judges and other public officials in every state shall be bound thereby, anything in the Constitution or laws of any State to the contrary notwithstanding.

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

## **A Bill to Incentivize Domestic Manufacturing**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1                   **SECTION 1.** The United States shall provide a 6 percent corporate income  
2                   tax reduction to companies in the manufacturing sector. In order to be  
3                   eligible for the incentive, all components of the product must be  
4                   manufactured in the United States.

5                   **SECTION 2.** The “manufacturing sector” shall be defined as the sector  
6                   that comprises establishments engaged in the mechanical, physical, or  
7                   chemical transformation of materials, substances, or components into new  
8                   products.

9                   **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service and Department of Commerce  
                     shall be responsible for implementing this legislation.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented beginning in 2020  
calendar tax year.

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

## **A Resolution to Grant Japan Military Independence**

**WHEREAS**, The United States restricted military involvement, movement, and force by Japan after World War II; and

**WHEREAS**, These sanctions do not allow Japan to provide military support to conflicts the United States is engaged in; and

**WHEREAS**, The United States is currently the sole provider of military force for the nation of Japan; and

**WHEREAS**, U.S. military members have engaged in crime and human rights abuses in Japanese communities; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the United States support Japan's use of "war as a sovereign right of the nation and the threat or use of force in settling international disputes" and the right of Japan to maintain "land, sea, and air forces as well as other war potential"; and, be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That this Congress shall establish a mutual defense relationship between the United States of America and Japan.

## **A Resolution to Strengthen Trade Relations with the United Kingdom**

1           **WHEREAS,** The United Kingdom’s exit from the European Union has  
2           created an international trade fiasco; and

3           **WHEREAS,** The eventual end of free trade between the United Kingdom  
4           and the European Union has presented an opportunity for free trade between  
5           the United States and the United Kingdom; and

6           **WHEREAS,** Pursuing closer economic relations with the United Kingdom  
7           can boost both the global economy and diplomatic relations independently  
8           of the European Union; and

9           **WHEREAS,** A free trade agreement would reaffirm the alliance between  
10          the United States and the United Kingdom; now, therefore, be it

11          **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled begin negotiations with  
12          the United Kingdom to establish a free trade agreement between our two  
            nations.

## **A Bill to Denuclearize Kashmir**

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

**SECTION 1.** The United States will offer \$50 million in non-lethal military aid to India per year that they disarm 20 nuclear warheads. Further, the United States will offer to fully cover the cost of dismantling the warheads.

**SECTION 2.** Dismantle shall be defined as fully disassembling a structure so it is no longer active. Non-lethal military aid will be defined as not a weapon, ammunition, or other equipment that is designed to inflict serious bodily injury or death.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense shall be responsible for the oversight of dismantling the nuclear weapons and distributing military aid.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented one year after passage.

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

## **A Bill to Combat Climate Change through State Governments**

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

**SECTION 1.** A.) The federal government shall annually subsidize 50% of the cost of renewable energy projects undertaken by state governments.

B.) States who fail to undertake a renewable energy project shall lose 10% of their federal highway funding for the following year. States whose majority of power usage already comes from renewable energy shall not be subject to this penalty.

C.) Subsidies and penalties from Sections 1 and 2 do not compound.

**SECTION 2.** Renewable energy is defined as sources of power that do not deplete the natural environment.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy will oversee the administration of subsidies and project monitoring. The Department of Transportation will oversee the administration of state highway funding.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect one year after passage.

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

## **A Bill to Regulate Cryptocurrencies**

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

**SECTION 1.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission shall regulate cryptocurrencies to bring stability to the market and minimize money laundering.

**SECTION 2.** A cryptocurrency is defined as a digital currency in which encryption techniques are used to regulate the generation of units of currency and verify the transfer of funds, operating independently of a central bank.

**SECTION 3.** The Security Exchange Commission will regulate cryptocurrency exchanges in order to protect investors, facilitate capital formation, and maintain orderly and fair markets.

**SECTION 4.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission shall oversee the implementation and enforcement of this bill.

**SECTION 5.** This Bill shall be implemented at the start of the 2020 fiscal year.

**SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

## **A Bill to Set an Ultimatum on Saudi Arabia**

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

**SECTION 1.** All Oil and Petroleum imports from The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia shall be embargoed until the Saudi Government officially accepts and implements the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

**SECTION 2.** Implementing the Declaration shall be defined as fully abiding by its contents.

**SECTION 3.** The US Department of Treasury shall enforce this embargo and oversee its implementation.

**SECTION 4.** This bill shall be enacted March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

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

## **A Bill to Deter Use of the Dark Web**

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

**SECTION 1.** Whoever downloads data from the Dark Web, uses the Dark Web as an individual or through a proxy, hosts a website on the Dark Web, or downloads software that would only be reasonably used to access the Dark Web shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.

**SECTION 2.** The Dark Web is the part of the web not indexed by search engines, or websites that are hosted on overlay networks that can only be accessed through specific software or authorization.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

**A.** This legislation shall not apply to whistleblowers, or individuals who expose information about public or private entities that they deem unethical.

**B.** The Department of Justice shall receive 50 million U.S.D. to use on the prosecution of Dark Web users.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

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

**A Bill to Establish a United Terrorism Task Force**

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

**SECTION 1.** A.) A special operations unit shall be established to combat terrorism worldwide.

The force shall be comprised of 10,000 operatives.

B.) The United States shall provide \$500 million in aid to each party that fulfills its quota of provided operatives, used for the purposes of improving security measures within member states of the UTT.

**SECTION 2.** Terrorism shall be defined as non-state actors that commit violent actions to harm human rights and target civilians with political intention. Operatives shall be defined as elite forces including combat troops and leadership personnel that have been trained and approved by the party providing said forces.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense shall oversee the creation of the taskforce. The Department of State shall oversee the sending of aid packages to member nations.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented one year after passage.

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

## **A Bill to Legalize Physician Assisted Suicide**

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

**SECTION 1.** Doctors be permitted to administer assisted suicide, or euthanasia, to their terminally ill patients, with their consent, in order to painlessly end their lives for the sake of eliminating unnecessary pain and suffering.

**A.** A request to administer or receive euthanasia must be approved by a trained physician and a legal guardian

**SECTION 2.** A terminally ill patient is defined as a patient that has been diagnosed with an incurable or irreversible illness.

**SECTION 3.** The implementation of this bill shall be overseen by the United States Department of Health and Human Services (USDHHS)

**SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented at the start of the 2020 fiscal year.

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

## **A Bill to Create an Opt-Out Organ Donation System**

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

**SECTION 1.** The National Organ Transplant Act of 1984 shall be amended to require states to have an opt-out organ donor system for Americans born in or after the year 2018.

**SECTION 2.** The Health Resources and Services Administration of the United States Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the implementation of this bill.

- A.** Opt outs will be submitted to the states in the same manner as opt-ins are currently submitted.
- B.** No existing Child Health and Human Development Extramural Research grants shall be renewed, nor any new grants be funded for any state not in compliance with this mandate.

**SECTION 3.** The implementation of this bill shall be overseen by the United States Department of Health and Human Services (USDHHS).

**SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented eight months after passage.

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

## **A Resolution to Recognize a Free State of Kurdistan**

**WHEREAS,** The United States does not recognize a State of Kurdistan; and

**WHEREAS,** The lack of official status limits the Kurds' ability to help international effort; and

**WHEREAS,** Historically the Kurdish people have been repressed and faced discrimination from regional governments; and

**WHEREAS,** The Kurdish people have had a cooperative rapport with America and American interests; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled recognize the right of Kurdish people to their own state, and actively pursue the establishment of an independent Kurdistan within the United Nations and among other International Organizations; and, be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the United State provide Kurdistan with economic and developmental assistance.

## **A Bill to Save the Bee Population**

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

**SECTION 1.** The United States shall ban the use of neonicotinoid in all agriculture in the United States to prevent the further decline of the bee population.

**SECTION 2.** Neonicotinoids are a class of neuro-active insecticides chemically similar to nicotine.

**SECTION 3.** The implementation of this bill will be overseen by the Environmental Protection Agency.

**A.** Farmers will be given a year in order to comply with this change.

**B.** After the initial grace period, penalty fees will be assessed based on the usage.

**SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented on January 1, 2020.

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