

1 **A Bill to Instate Proportional Representation for electing**
2 **legislators to the US House of Representatives**

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4BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

5**SECTION 1.** Legislators to the US House of Representatives shall be elected by state-
6 wide Proportional Representation in every State.

7**SECTION 2.** Proportional Representation is an electoral system in which people vote
8 for political parties and seats are given to those parties based upon the
9 percentage of the votes won.

10**SECTION 3.** Allocation of seats to legislators within political parties will be
11 determined by the parties. State legislatures shall have authority over all
12 processes and procedures related to this provision. Any intra-term
13 vacancies must be filled by a member of the same party.

14**SECTION 4.** Responsibility and right to enforce this bill is held by the US Justice
15 Department.

16**SECTION 5.** The single member district systems must be replaced by the first
17 congressional election after the 2020 census. States may switch prior to
18 this deadline, and any court finding one or more congressional district
19 maps to be unconstitutional may order implementation of a proportional
20 system as a remedy.

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

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1 **A Bill to require Chinese businesses to create joint ventures**
2 **with US companies.**
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4BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

5**SECTION 1.** Any business based in China that accesses US markets shall be required
6 to create a joint venture with a US company.

7**SECTION 2.** The joint venture must have at least a 25% asset control in the Chinese
8 branch and at least a 25% asset control in the American branch.

9**SECTION 3.** No joint venture seeking a US patent will be awarded a patent unless
10 they fully share all intellectual property rights held between both Chinese
11 and American branches.

12**SECTION 4.** Responsibility and right to enforce this bill is held by the Department of
13 Commerce.

14 A. Businesses that do not comply with sections 1-3 must pay a yearly
15 fine totaling 70% of the revenue they make from US markets.

16**SECTION 5.** All businesses must begin efforts to comply within 1 calendar year from
17 passing and must have full compliance within 5 calendar years from
18 passing. Any business not in full compliance of sections 1-3 by 5 calendar
19 years from the passing of the bill shall be subject to the fines described in
20 section 4.

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

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A Bill to Save the Sage Grouse

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. 75% of public land in priority Sage Grouse habitat shall be withheld from direct leasing to oil and mining corporations for a period of 15 years in the states of California, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Montana.

SECTION 2. Priority Sage Grouse habitat shall be defined as land used by the Sage Grouse for mating, feeding, and nesting.

SECTION 3. The minimum lease on public land for oil and mining corporations shall be raised to \$30 per acre in the states of California, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Montana.

SECTION 4. Royalty rates for the extraction of natural gas and minerals on public lands shall be increased to 25% in the aforementioned states.

SECTION 5. The Bureau of Land Management and the US Fish and Wildlife Service shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

SECTION 6. This bill shall go into effect on January 1, 2019

SECTION 7. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Submitted by Madison West

A Resolution to Provide Aid for Refugee Education

Be it Resolved that

WHEREAS, In 2015, 91% of primary-school aged children were enrolled in school worldwide according to UNICEF and 84% attended secondary school

WHEREAS, only 50% of refugees attend primary school, with the figure dropping to 22% for secondary school (UNHCR)

WHEREAS, The United States has not yet committed itself to welcoming refugees, with President Trump pledging to limit refugee caps to 45,000

WHEREAS, The United States has not yet committed itself to resolving conflict in North-Eastern Africa and Syria

WHEREAS, UNESCO explains that education has a multiplier effect on eradicating poverty and hunger, along with promoting gender equality. Without an education, it becomes easy for children to be exploited or forced into child marriages. Yet “Only 2% of funding in emergencies is dedicated to education” according to One

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that... the United States should commit ongoing funds to providing education in UN-Sponsored Refugee Camps.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, The United States should commit similar ongoing funds for research initiatives in education innovation for refugee children.

Submitted by Madison West

A Bill to Institute a Universal Basic Income to Reduce Poverty

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1 A universal basic income will be provided to all American citizens who make under 10,000 dollars a year over the age of 18 at the rate of 8,000 dollars a year

Section 2 A universal basic income is defined as a source of disposable income that the individual receiving it can use as they see fit.

Section 3 The U.S. Department of the Treasury will handle the implementation of this bill. To pay for this program, funds for Social Security and Medicaid will each be cut by 10 percent.

Section 4 This bill will take effect January 1st, 2019

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

Submitted by Madison West

A Bill to Aid HIV+ Mothers

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. The United States will send \$5 Billion in the form of Antiretroviral medicines over the course of 4 years to Swaziland, Lesotho, South Africa, and Zimbabwe.

Section 2. The distribution of such medicines shall be targeted towards presently or at risk of becoming pregnant individuals and their children. No US money shall be spent to distribute the medicines once delivered to the governments receiving aid and all local distribution of the medicines shall be the responsibility of the governments receiving the aid.

Section 3. Antiretroviral therapeutic medicines shall be defined as medications for the treatment of infection by retroviruses, primarily HIV.

Section 4. United States Agency for International Development and the State Department shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

SECTION 5. This law shall go into effect September 2018

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

A bill to require all business to have sexual harassment training

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Federal Government shall require all businesses subject to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to conduct annual and mandatory sexual harassment and gender equality training for all employees.

SECTION 2. Mandatory sexual harassment and gender equality training is defined as any program that works to eliminate sexual harassment, sexual assault, and gender inequality on a workplace level.

SECTION 3. The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) shall create and update model training materials available at no cost to the public. Further, the EEOC shall create a certification program for individuals wishing to offer services as trainers.

SECTION 4. The EEOC shall enforce this act in accordance with its procedures for Title VII.

A. Any company in non-compliance with these requirements at the time an act of gender discrimination occurs, shall be liable for ten times the damages awarded by a court finding a violation.

B. If an individual accused of engaging in gender or sexual based discrimination was not current in their training on the date a violation occurred, the employer shall be vicariously liable regardless of the employer's actual knowledge of the conduct.

SECTION 5. This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by James Madison Memorial High School.

A Bill to Protect Public Employees' Right to Strike

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. As the exercise of public employee collective bargaining is an exercise of free speech rights protected under the First Amendment, no State shall retaliate against, punish, or criminalize any public employee or public employee organization that carries out a strike, including the right to return to their prior position.

SECTION 2. For the purpose of this Act, “strike” is defined as a withholding of work during a period of time when an employee is not covered by an in-force collective bargaining agreement where the employees were able to freely bargain over wages, hours, and working conditions to the same extent allowed under the National Labor Relations Act.

SECTION 3. A. States with laws in contradiction to this Act, shall forfeit 5% of all workforce development funds provided by the Departments of Labor and Commerce.

B. Any employee or organization suffering harm as a result of participation in a strike, as defined in this Act, may file suit in Federal Court of appropriate jurisdiction under 42 USC 1983.

SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect upon passage, except that penalties under Section 3(A) shall not be imposed until January 1, 2020.

SECTION 5. All other laws that are in conflict are hereby declared null and void.

Drafted by the tournament and open for sponsorship from the floor