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## A BILL TO WITHDRAW FROM NAFTA

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

2 **Section 1:** The United States shall withdraw from the North American Free Trade  
3 Agreement.

4 **Section 2:** Tariffs shall revert to the tariff rate set by the World Trade Organization.

5 **A.** Tariffs shall be phased in over the course of the next calendar year.

6 **B.** The United States Department of Commerce shall oversee the  
7 implementation of tariffs.

8 **C.** The Office of the United States Trade Representative may appeal any  
9 disadvantageous rates to the World Trade Organization.

10 **Section 3:** The Office of the United States Trade Representative shall demand  
11 compensation from the Mexican and Canadian governments to eliminate  
12 trade deficits.

13 **Section 4:** The Office of the United States Trade Representative shall meet with the  
14 corresponding Canadian and Mexican representatives to discuss the  
15 potential of a new deal.

16 **Section 5:** Following five calendar years after passage of this legislation, the United  
17 States Department of Commerce shall reconvene to evaluate the impact  
18 of withdrawal.

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

## A BILL TO PROTECT SMALL FARMING OPERATIONS

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **Section 1:** A. Current farming subsidies and financial aid made available through the  
3 federal government will be reallocated to prioritize commercial farms  
4 with incomes below the 75th percentile for their agricultural product or  
5 those in immediate financial crisis due to exigent circumstances.

6 B. Government agencies responsible for monitoring trade practices and  
7 prosecuting monopolistic practices shall be tasked with close scrutiny  
8 of agricultural businesses, including but not limited to those involved in  
9 the production and distribution of seeds, herbicides, pesticides, and  
10 those purchasing agricultural products from farming operations.

11 **Section 2:** The Department of Agriculture will implement all parts of Section 1a. The  
12 Federal Trade Commission will work with the Department of Agriculture to  
13 monitor the potentially monopolistic practices of agribusiness firms.

14 **Section 3:** This bill shall be implemented on January 1, 2020.

15 **Section 4:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

## A BILL TO BAN SEMIAUTOMATIC ASSAULT WEAPONS

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

2 **Section 1:** Section 922 of Title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding the  
3 following: "It shall be a crime to knowingly import, sell, manufacture,  
4 transfer, or possess a semiautomatic assault weapon or large capacity  
5 ammunition feeding device. The above shall not apply to any current or  
6 retired law enforcement officer, including sworn campus law  
7 enforcement."

8 **Section 2:** **A.** A "semiautomatic assault weapon" is any repeating weapon that  
9 utilizes a portion of the energy of a firing cartridge to extract the fired  
10 cartridge case and chamber the next round, and requires a separate  
11 pull of the trigger to fire each cartridge.  
12 **B.** A "large capacity ammunition feeding device" is any accessory which  
13 has a capacity of more than ten rounds of ammunition without requiring  
14 manual reloading of the weapon.  
15 **C.** These definitions shall not apply to any firearm that is permanently  
16 inoperable, an antique, or manually operated by bolt, pump, level, or  
17 slide action. Any transfer or sale of any item listed above must be  
18 reported to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms for  
19 registration and must be accompanied by a federal background check.

20 **Section 3:** This shall take effect one year after passage.

21 **Section 4:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

## A BILL TO PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF INDEPENDENT SPECIAL COUNSELS

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

2 **Section 1:** A special counsel appointed by the Attorney General, or any other official  
3 appointed by the Attorney General who exercises a similar degree of  
4 independence from the normal Department of Justice chain of command,  
5 may be removed from office only by the personal action of an Attorney  
6 General who has been confirmed by the Senate, or, if the Attorney  
7 General is recused from the matter, the most senior Department of  
8 Justice official who has been confirmed by the Senate and is not recused  
9 from the matter.

10 **Section 2:** A special counsel or other appointed official may be removed only for  
11 misconduct, dereliction of duty, incapacity, conflict of interest, or other  
12 good cause, including violation of policies of the Department of Justice.

13 **Section 3:** If a special counsel or other appointed official is provided with written  
14 notice of removal, he or she shall have ten days to file an appeal of  
15 removal. Such appeal shall be heard by a panel of three judges from a  
16 federal Court of Appeals. The decision of the judges may be appealed to  
17 the Supreme Court.

18 **Section 4:** This law shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

## A BILL TO COMBAT CORRUPTION IN THE NORTHERN TRIANGLE

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

2 **Section 1:** Not later than 180 days after the enactment of this bill, the Secretary of  
3 State shall submit to the appropriate committees of the House and  
4 Senate a strategy to dismantle systemic corruption in the Northern  
5 Triangle. The strategy shall include the following elements:

6 **A.** Enhanced cooperation with local prosecutors, revenue, and customs  
7 authorities of each Northern Triangle country regarding individuals  
8 within the Northern Triangle that are known violators of the Foreign  
9 Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act, or the Global Magnitsky Human  
10 Rights Accountability Act.

11 **B.** Exchange of information relevant to senior government officials in any  
12 of the Northern Triangle countries that are known to have received  
13 campaign funds that are the proceeds of narco-trafficking or other illicit  
14 activities, or who are known to have facilitated acts of grand corruption.

15 **Section 2:** The Northern Triangle consists of the region of Central America that  
16 encompasses the countries of Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador.

17 **Section 3:** The Secretary of State shall make a report after an additional 90 days  
18 about the total amount of foreign aid provided to each country under the  
19 Central America Regional Security Initiative since fiscal year 2008.

20 **Section 4:** This law shall take effect on October 1, 2019.

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

## A BILL TO REINSTATE THE INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE MANDATE

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

2 **Section 1:** Individuals are required to maintain health insurance for themselves and  
3 their dependents with no more than one two-month lapse in coverage per  
4 year.

5 **Section 2:** Section 1 may be satisfied by providing proof of insurance with a filed  
6 income tax return. Failure to satisfy Section 1 will result in a tax of 2.5% of  
7 gross income per person or \$695 per person, whichever is greater.

8 Individuals who can demonstrate that purchasing coverage would prove  
9 an unmanageable financial burden or those with sincerely held religious  
10 objections to health insurance are exempt from fines in this legislation.

11 **Section 3:** This legislation will be enforced by the Internal Revenue Service. The  
12 Department of Health and Human Services shall be responsible for  
13 defining the minimal acceptable elements of health insurance coverage  
14 that will satisfy each individual's obligation in Section 1.

15 **Section 4:** This legislation will go into effect January 1, 2020.

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

## A BILL TO IMPOSE A PRICE CEILING ON HIV/AIDS AND INSULIN PHARMACEUTICALS

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

2     **Section 1:**     The profit margin of life-saving HIV/AIDS medicines and Insulin shall not  
3                         exceed 50 percent above the cost of production.

4     **Section 2:**     “Life-saving HIV/AIDS medicines” shall be defined as “prescription  
5                         pharmaceuticals, including experimental drugs, which have the potential  
6                         to extend the life of an individual diagnosed with HIV/AIDS.” “Cost of  
7                         production” shall be defined as “the monetary expenses a company had  
8                         to incur to create the pharmaceutical.”

9     **Section 3:**     The Food and Drug Administration and Federal Trade Commission shall  
10                        be responsible for enforcing this legislation.

11    **Section 4:**     These changes shall be implemented on January 1, 2020.

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



## **A RESOLUTION TO REJOIN THE PARIS CLIMATE ACCORD**

- 1     **WHEREAS,** 175 countries have signed the Paris Climate Accord; and
- 2     **WHEREAS,** the Paris Climate Accord is seen as the planet's best chance at mitigating
- 3             climate change; and
- 4     **WHEREAS,** it is critical that the United States take a leadership role on climate
- 5             change; and
- 6     **WHEREAS,** despite widespread opposition, President Donald Trump unilaterally
- 7             withdrew the United States from the agreement; now, therefore, be it
- 8     **RESOLVED,** by the congress here assembled that the United States should rejoin the
- 9             Paris Climate Accord.

**A RESOLUTION TO JOIN THE  
UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL MIGRATION AND REFUGEE COMPACT**

- 1     **WHEREAS,** many countries of the world are facing a migration and refugee crisis; and
- 2     **WHEREAS,** there needs to be a global strategy for the handling of migration and
- 3             refugees; and
- 4     **WHEREAS,** the United States has experienced its own difficulties satisfactorily
- 5             addressing the issue of migration and refugees; and
- 6     **WHEREAS,** the United States may be able to provide the leadership necessary to
- 7             design and implement a global strategy regarding migration and refugees;
- 8             now, therefore be it
- 9     **RESOLVED,** by the congress here assembled that the United States should join the
- 10            United Nations Global Migration and Refugee Compact.

## **A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE KURDISTAN AS A SOVEREIGN STATE**

1     **WHEREAS,** over ten million Kurdish people have been oppressed in their indigenous  
2                     homeland in Iraq and Syria for centuries; and

3     **WHEREAS,** since 2005, Kurdish people have acted as an independent state,  
4                     unrecognized by the United Nations, while fighting alongside US and Iraqi  
5                     soldiers in Iraq and Syria; and

6     **WHEREAS,** the Kurdish people have been attacked by the Turkish and Iraqi  
7                     governments in past years, resulting in thousands of deaths and millions  
8                     of refugees fleeing the region; and

9     **WHEREAS,** a 2017 independence referendum with 72% turnout voted 93% in favor of  
10                    creating an autonomous Kurdistan; and

11    **WHEREAS,** the United States should support a people that desire and deserve  
12                    independence; now, therefore, be it

13    **RESOLVED,** by the congress here assembled that the United States government will  
14                    recognize the Iraqi and Syrian Kurdistan as a sovereign state.

## A BILL TO REQUIRE MAIL-IN BALLOTS FOR ALL FEDERAL ELECTIONS

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **Section 1:** All federal elections will be conducted by mail-in ballots. Ballots will be  
3 mailed to registered voters two to three weeks prior to the election and  
4 will be returned by the specified election date to be counted. Ballots  
5 postmarked after the election date will not be accepted.

6 **Section 2:** Each state's election commission shall be responsible for the  
7 implementation of this legislation.

8 **A.** States may choose to maintain physical ballot drop-off locations.

9 **B.** Each state will be responsible for implementing a signature-matching  
10 process to verify the identities of those casting votes.

11 **Section 3:** States will be required to supply voters with mail-in ballots starting with  
12 the federal elections of 2020.

13 **Section 4:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

## **A BILL TO REGULATE AND REGISTER CRYPTOCURRENCY**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **Section 1:** All forms of cryptocurrency and alternative digital currency available to  
3 United States citizens must be registered with the Securities and  
4 Exchange Commission.

5 **Section 2:** "Cryptocurrency" shall be defined as "digital assets that work as a  
6 medium of exchange, including but not limited to Bitcoin and Litecoin."

7 **Section 3:** The Securities and Exchange Commission will be responsible for  
8 enforcing this legislation and regulating the currencies.

9 **Section 4:** This legislation will take effect January 1, 2020.

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

## **A RESOLUTION TO PERMIT THE MILITARIZATION OF JAPAN**

1       WHEREAS, the region of eastern Asia is in a state of instability; and  
2       WHEREAS, this instability has put regional allies of the United States in increased  
3               danger; and  
4       WHEREAS, the nation of Japan is prohibited by treaty from developing its own  
5               substantial military forces; and  
6       WHEREAS, a militarized Japan would be equipped to address the needs of its  
7               population and the region as a whole; now, therefore, be it  
8       RESOLVED, by the congress here assembled that the United States should no longer  
9               hold Japan bound to any restrictions on its military forces except those  
10              prescribed by international law; and be it further  
11       RESOLVED, that the United States should diplomatically encourage Japan to develop  
its  
12              own military.