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TFA Fall 2017 Item 1. A Bill to Increase Access to Supreme Court Oral Arguments

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Federal Rule 53 shall be abolished to allow for video recording of United
3 States Supreme Court oral arguments.

4 **SECTION 2.** Federal Rule 53 states that no USSC oral arguments may be recorded by
5 means of videotaping or other visual media.

6 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Justice shall be responsible for the
7 implementation of this bill.

8 **SECTION 4.** This law shall go into effect in October 2018.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by James Bowie

TFA Fall 2017 Item 2. The Bee Bill of 2017

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States will implement the following reforms in
2 order to protect declining populations of bees nationwide:

3 A. The United States shall ban the use, sale, and production
4 of all neonicotinoids.

5 B. All farmers that accept farming subsidies from the
6 federal government and harvest more than 200 acres of land are hereby
7 required to dedicate at least 1/10th of their cropland for the creation of bee
8 sanctuaries.

9 C. \$500 million shall be set aside yearly as subsidies to
10 assist city and state jurisdictions that wish to independently create bee
11 sanctuaries.

12 **SECTION 2.** A. Neonicotinoids will be defined as neurotoxins that
13 chemically resemble nicotine that are used as harmful pesticides.

14 B. Bee sanctuaries shall be defined as natural areas planted
15 with local pollinator-friendly plants with the intention of fostering the
16 maintenance of bee populations.

17 **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency, US Fish and Wildlife
18 Service, and Department of Agriculture will be in charge of implementing
19 the above reforms.

20 A. The above organizations shall work with state and local
21 jurisdictions to locate and designate land as potential bee sanctuaries.

22 B. The EPA and Department of Agriculture will be tasked
23 with ensuring that neonicotinoid usage is ended nationwide.

SECTION 4. This legislation will be enacted on January 1, 2018.

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

TFA Fall 2017 Item 3. A Bill to Support Net Neutrality

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will immediately support net neutrality for open access
3 to the internet.

4 **SECTION 2.** This bill will prevent broadband throttling to websites by ISP (Internet
5 Service Providers). ISPs will not be able to throttle competitor's websites
6 to its customers, and will not be able to charge a premium for access.
7 Any attempts to degrade internet access in any way will be prosecuted.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Communications Commission will oversee implementation of
9 this legislation.

10 A. ISPs will be prevented from throttling by FCC oversight. If they are
11 found to be blocking or limiting connections, they will be fined at the
12 highest legal level ruled fit.

13 B. The FCC will examine and monitor the DNS servers (Domain Name) of
14 ISPs.

15 **SECTION 4.** This will take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Concordia Lutheran High School

TFA Fall 2017 Item 4. More Opportunities for Nascent and Innovative Entrepreneurs and Startups Act (MONIES Act)

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall provide small business startup founders,
3 especially those in distressed areas, and their full-time employees with
4 relief on their federal direct student loans.

5 **SECTION 2.** "Small business startup," "founder," and "full time employee" are
6 defined in Section 21(o) (1) of the Small Business Act of 1953. "Distressed
7 area" is defined in Section 45D (e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
8 "Federal direct student loan" is defined in Section 455(r)(2) of the Higher
9 Education Act of 1965.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Small Business Administration will handle applications for loan
11 deferment or cancellation, and will work in conjunction with the
12 Department of Education to handle the processing of loans.

13 A. Any small business startup founder or full-time employee are able to
14 have their federal direct student loans deferred up to 3 years after
15 application.

16 B. Founders or employees of startups in distressed areas are able to
17 have up to \$20,000 of their federal direct student loans cancelled.

18 C. The Federal Direct Student Loan Program's annual budget shall be
19 increased by an additional 1.5% per year.

20 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 1st, 2018.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Plano Senior High School.

TFA Fall 2017 Item 5. A Resolution to Provide Adequate Funding for Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis

1 **WHEREAS,** the World Health Organization declared tuberculosis to be a global health
2 emergency in 1993; and

3 **WHEREAS,** approximately one-third of the world’s population carries the
4 tuberculosis bacteria, the number of people infected in 2015 rose by
5 1.6%, and people who have HIV are 20-30% more susceptible to
6 tuberculosis; and

7 **WHEREAS,** 5.6% of new tuberculosis cases are estimated to be drug-resistant, and
8 117 countries have reported the occurrence of “extensively drug-
9 resistant TB”; and

10 **WHEREAS,** US Global Health Funding for tuberculosis has seen a decrease since
11 2012; now, therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED,** that the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation
13 to substantially increase the allotted funding through USAID for
14 tuberculosis research specifically focusing on drug-resistant TB.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Granbury High School.

TFA Fall 2017 Item 6. A Resolution to Encourage Fetal Research to Save Lives

1 **WHEREAS,** Various states including Florida, Indiana, Kentucky, North Dakota, Ohio,
2 Oklahoma, and South Dakota have passed laws to either heavily restrict
3 or ban experimentation, research, and/or sale of aborted fetuses; and

4 **WHEREAS,** These research restrictions have greatly delayed areas of study such as
5 fetal tissue research, which could provide insight into diseases. Human
6 development and treatments for spinal cord injuries could help the
7 medical facilities around the nation save lives; and

8 **WHEREAS,** The restrictions set forth by these states have set back further
9 advancements in the medical field that could save lives of future
10 generations; and

11 **WHEREAS,** Fetal research is being obstructed by restrictive laws, and it is necessary
12 to improve knowledge of various areas of medical science; now,
13 therefore, be it

14 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled encourage fetal research on aborted
15 fetuses with the consent of the donor.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hereford High School.

TFA Fall 2017 Item 7. A Bill to Establish Fair Legislative Districts

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congressional districts shall be drawn exclusively by independent
3 redistricting commissions every ten years for federal elections.

4 **SECTION 2.** Independent Redistricting Commissions shall be defined as nonpartisan
5 groups of appointed officials that determine the boundaries of
6 Congressional districts. A Commission shall be considered to be
7 nonpartisan if under law the agency is required to provide services on a
8 nonpartisan basis, is required to maintain impartiality, and is independent
9 from legislative dealings during the redistricting period.

10 **SECTION 3.** State legislatures will appoint the members of said Commissions.

11 A. Four members of the majority party, four members of the minority
12 party, and one independent shall be appointed for the sole purpose
13 of drawing fair lines.

14 B. The Commission will publicly reveal Census information used in the
15 process.

16 C. The Department of Justice will oversee compliance and accountability
17 of districts.

18 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect immediately upon passage and will apply to any
19 Congressional election after the 2020 Census.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Seven Lakes High School.

TFA Fall 2017 Item 8. A Bill to Fully Fund the Border Wall

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Complete and total funding necessary to build the border wall along the southern border of the United States and the northern border of Mexico will be appropriated immediately.

A. Designs for the border wall will be submitted to the federal government for evaluation. Final choices on the design of a physical barrier as well as sensor systems will be made by the federal government.

B. Construction on the border wall will begin within six months of passage of this legislation and will continue to be funded until the border wall's construction is totally finished along our southern border.

SECTION 2. Border wall can include a physical barrier and/or sensors to detect illegal crossings of the United States southern border.

SECTION 3. The Department of Homeland Security will be charged with full implementation.

SECTION 4. Funding of the border wall will occur immediately upon passage of this legislation and will continue until construction is completed.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bellaire High School.

TFA Fall 2017 Item 9. A Bill to Defund Sanctuary Cities

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All Federal funding directed towards cities and counties whose law
3 enforcement agencies fail to comply with Federal immigration law shall
4 cease immediately.

5 **SECTION 2.** Federal funding shall be defined as any funds allocated directly by
6 Congress, or given by a Federal agency to a city or county. The Federal
7 Immigration Law (FIL) will be enforced by the DHS, ICE and USBP.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of the Homeland Security (DHS) shall work in
9 conjunction with the Department of the Treasury (DOT) to implement
10 all aspects of this bill.

11 A. The DHS and DOT will be responsible for identifying the cities and
12 counties not in compliance with Federal Immigration Law.

13 **SECTION 4.** This will go into effect immediately after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lamar High School.

TFA Fall 2017 Item 10. A Bill to Eliminate Non-vital Tariffs

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The US congress shall hereby set a limit on non-vital protective tariffs of up
2 to 100%.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Vital Protective Tariffs shall be defined as taxes on imports set to protect
4 American-based industries that are necessary for the maintenance of American well being
5 or those industries which can prove that the American Economy is reliant on their
6 product.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** The Congressional Budget Office in conjunction with the House Committee
8 on Energy and Commerce shall oversee the implementation of this bill.
- 9 A. Industries that are harmful to overall National well being as determined
10 by the EPA and FDA such as the Tobacco industry, shall be barred from
11 being considered Vital industries or from having Import Quotas set on
12 foreign industries that compete with them.
- 13 B. Confirmation of industries eligible to be deemed vital as to receive a
14 vital protective tariff will be decided by the aforementioned committee
15 and the CBO at the beginning of every fiscal year.
- 16 C. The limit on Vital protective tariffs shall be set at 300%
- 17 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect January 2nd, 2018.
- 18 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Alief Kerr High School.

TFA Fall 2017 Item 11. A Resolution to Condemn Israeli Settlements in Palestine

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Israel is currently constructing settlements in the West Bank and East
2 Jerusalem, areas set aside for a future Palestinian state; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** More than 300,000 settlers are encroaching on privately-held Palestinian
4 land; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The current Israeli settlements are damaging the prospects for a peaceful
6 solution to the current conflict in the region and the two-state solution;
7 and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** The United Nations has repeatedly declared Israeli settlements in
9 violation of international law; now, therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled condemn Israeli settlements in
11 disputed territories; and, be it
- 12 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled pass legislation to stop any
13 further American funding for the propagation of settlements.
- 14 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Memorial High School.*

TFA Fall 2017 Item 12. The Bank Security Protection Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Commercial banks insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance
2 Corporation will be prohibited from:
- 3 A. Acting as or being affiliated with investment banks;
 - 4 B. Engaging in the business of a securities or a swaps entity, including
5 dealing or making markets in securities, repurchase agreements, or
6 engaging in proprietary trading;
 - 7 C. Owning, sponsoring, or investing in a hedge fund, private equity fund,
8 or any other fund which takes on proprietary trading activities or
9 positions;
 - 10 D. Holding ineligible securities or derivatives;
 - 11 E. Engaging in either market-making or prime brokerage activities.

12 **SECTION 2.** A commercial bank is defined as a depository entity that
13 manages the deposit accounts of individuals, businesses, and uses money on
14 deposit to make loans to public. An investment bank is defined as a bank
15 that facilitates the buying of stocks, securities, bonds, and other investments,
16 as well as offering initial public openings.

- 17 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will be overseen and enforced by:
- 18 A. The Securities and Exchanges Commission which will ensure that
19 information regarding the prohibited actions in Section 1 of this
20 legislation will be provided to;
 - 21 B. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in order to survey
22 compliance.
 - 23 C. The Department of Justice will litigate against commercial banks and
24 investment banks found non-compliant by the Federal Deposit
25 Insurance Corporation.

26 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented at the start of Fiscal
27 Year 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Southlake Carroll High School

TFA Fall 2017 Item 13. A Bill to Provide a Path to Citizenship for Undocumented Residents

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The US Citizenship and Immigration Services will issue a blanket amnesty providing a path to
3 citizenship for undocumented immigrants currently residing in the United States under the
4 following guidelines:

5 **A.** There will be a 60 day registration period for individuals to apply for permanent resident
6 status.

7 **B.** Applicants will be required to provide documented proof of continuous residence in the
8 United States for a minimum of 5 years.

9 1. Proof of residence may include, but is not limited to, mortgage payment receipts, rent
10 receipts, utility payments, pay stubs, or school enrollment documents for minors.

11 2. Children under school age may be exempt from this requirement.

12 **C.** All applicants will be subject to background checks. Conviction of a felony may be grounds
13 for rejection of the residency application.

14 **D.** Granting of resident status will allow each individual to begin the residence requirement for
15 naturalization and US citizenship

16 **SECTION 2.** Immigrants granted resident status will be allowed to work in the US and will be eligible to receive
17 any benefits or services available to non-citizen legal residents.

18 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security will be responsible for the implementation and
19 enforcement of these provisions.

20 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect on January 1, 2018.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by James E. Taylor High School.

TFA Fall 2017 Item 14. A Bill to Put Boots on the Ground in Yemen to Effectively Combat the Houthi Rebels

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States military will be providing military support to the Yemen
3 government, by placing 15,000 U.S troops on the ground. The United
4 States will end support for the Saudi Air Coalition.

5 **SECTION 2.** The United States will place boots on the ground to gain back the major
6 cities of Yemen to establish a foothold in the region.

7 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Defense will oversee the enforcement of the bill.

8 A. The Department of Defense will monitor the spending to ensure
9 adequate use of funds.

10 B. The Department of Defense will oversee operations within Yemen.

11 **SECTION 4.** This will be enacted on February 9, 2018

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Grapevine High School

TFA Fall 2017 Item 15. A Resolution to Incentivize the Increase of Teacher Salaries to Benefit the Education System and Future Generations

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Teachers are currently underpaid and many times have to take on
2 multiple jobs to make ends meet and provide for themselves and their
3 children basic necessities; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Teachers talents are strained under such conditions and many would-be
5 teachers are discouraged from taking up the job because of the
6 detrimental financial situation; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Education is one of the building blocks of our society and shapes future
8 generations; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** The goal of our education system is harmed by the lack of financial
10 support given to teachers as it deters many great candidates from
11 applying for the job and many times takes away the current teachers
12 ability to focus solely on educating and improving the lives of new
13 generations; now, therefore, be it
- 14 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled commit to raising the salaries of
15 teachers to ultimately benefit future generations.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lovejoy ISD.

TFA Fall 2017 Item 16. Arms Accountability Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will implement the following reforms to improve the
3 transparency of international sales of arms and weapons.

4 **A.** Section 655 of the Foreign Assistance Act is amended to ensure the
5 following items are included in Annual Military Assistance Report:

6 a. Detailed data on commercial sales agreements and deliveries

7 b. Specifications on the total number of units exported to each
8 country

9 c. A revised version of commodity categories within the report
10 to remove current ambiguity.

11 d. A publically available version of the report that reports all
12 transfers except those deemed classified.

13 **B.** Submission of detailed data on transfers of small arms and light
14 weapons to the UN Arms Register is now required by all 50 states.

15 **SECTION 2.** Arms transfers and sales refer to the transfer of defense articles and
16 defense services by the U.S. government under the Foreign Assistance
17 Act of 1961 to another country.

18 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State will implement this legislation, and delegate
19 duties to other departments as it sees fit.

20 **SECTION 4.** This law will go into effect in Fiscal Year 2018.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Plano Senior High School.

TFA Fall 2017 Item 17. A Resolution to Move to a Single-Payer Healthcare System to Reduce Healthcare Costs in the United States

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States spends upwards of 17% of GDP on healthcare annually;
2 and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Over 29 million Americans currently lack healthcare coverage; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Chronic conditions, obesity, and infant mortality rates in the United States
5 are higher than in countries spending less on healthcare than the U.S.; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Private sector healthcare in the United States costs exceed single payer
7 systems via out-of-pocket and premium costs; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** United States private insurance has lower quality compared to tax funded
9 healthcare; now, therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation to
11 replace Medicare and Medicaid with a publicly funded national healthcare
12 program called Unicare; and, be it
- 13 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That Unicare would provide coverage for healthcare costs for all
14 citizens of the United States.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by W.A. Vines High School.

TFA Fall 2017 Item 18. A Resolution to Repeal the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty with Russia

- 1 **WHEREAS,** the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START) with Russia has no
2 discernible benefits for the citizens of the United States; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** the New START has hindered the United States in the protection and
4 security of its citizens; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** the treaty has devastating restrictions on the United States missile
6 defense options, such as provisions that limit and restrict certain types of
7 missiles and missile launchers that are used as targets in missile defense
8 tests; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** the New START leaves in place a large Russian advantage in nonstrategic
10 (tactical) nuclear weapons. This Russian advantage poses a significant
11 challenge for the U.S. in maintaining a credible extended deterrence pol-
12 icy for the benefit of its allies; and
- 13 **WHEREAS,** the treaty does not limit the use of rail-mobile intercontinental ballistic
14 missiles (ICBMs), for example the definitions of rail-mobile ICBMs and
15 rail-mobile launchers are not included; and
- 16 **WHEREAS,** the New START does not have any adequate verifiable means of checking
17 the quantity of weaponry possessed by Russia or the United States, and
18 weakens the verification standards governing the elimination of delivery
19 vehicles from the original START; and
- 20 **WHEREAS,** the treaty is not consistent with a broader policy for protecting and
21 defending the U.S. and its allies against strategic attacks; now, therefore
22 be it
- 23 **RESOLVED,** that the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation
24 to repeal the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Granbury High School.

TFA Fall 2017 Item 19. A Resolution for the United States to Withdraw from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (Iran Nuclear Agreement)

1 **WHEREAS,** The United States negotiated a treaty with Iran to decrease that nation’s
2 nuclear capabilities; and

3 **WHEREAS,** The Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (to be referred to as the Iran
4 Nuclear Agreement) merely slows the growth of Iran’s nuclear
5 capabilities; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Iran and North Korea share a common goal of possessing and threatening
7 to use nuclear weapons against the United States and our allies; and

8 **WHEREAS,** The United States Senate did not ratify the Joint Comprehensive Plan of
9 Action; now, therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled will withdraw the United States from
11 all of the provisions of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action
12 immediately upon passage of this resolution.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bellaire High School.

TFA Fall 2017 Item 20. A Resolution to Mediate the Nagorno-Karabakh Dispute to Prevent Further Conflict

1 **WHEREAS,** Armenia and Azerbaijan are currently on the brink of fighting over the
2 disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh, which has a large Armenian
3 majority yet is under Azerbaijani control; and

4 **WHEREAS,** This conflict could potentially lead to the deaths and displacements of
5 millions of citizens living within the region; and

6 **WHEREAS,** A conflict in the region will disrupt regional stability, create a new refugee
7 crisis, and give Russia an opportunity to expand its influence in the
8 Caucasus; now, therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled recommend that the State
10 Department mediate the growing conflict between Armenia and
11 Azerbaijan; and

12 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the United States provide monetary and humanitarian aid to
13 the two governments to increase the stability of the region.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Memorial High School.

TFA Fall 2017 Item 21. A Resolution to Increase Deployment of a Missile Defense System in the Yellow Sea

1 **WHEREAS,** North Korea is developing nuclear weapons; and
2 **WHEREAS,** North Korea has aggressively pursued the capability to
3 launch a nuclear strike on other nations and has threatened said nations
4 multiple times; and
5 **WHEREAS,** This has led to regional tensions and uncertainty and
6 increased the risk of nuclear war; and
7 **WHEREAS,** US allies are threatened by this state of affairs, and the US
8 has an obligation to protect them; and
9 **WHEREAS,** The US has the capability to protect the region with a
10 Missile Defense System placed in the Yellow Sea; now, therefore, be it
11 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following
12 recommendation that the US military ought to increase the deployment of
13 missile defense system in the Yellow Sea.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Garland High School.

TFA Fall 2017 Item 22. A Resolution to Establish a Safe Zone in Syria

1 **WHEREAS,** Conflict between varying parties in the Syrian Civil War has caused the
2 loss of lives and a refugee crisis; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Operations by Bashar al-Assad, Kurdish forces, Syrian rebel forces, and
4 ISIS have made Syria a war zone in which no one is safe, and action must
5 be taken to protect the people of Syria; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Current policy by the United States government needs to take a clear
7 stance against human rights abuses and the use of weapons of mass
8 destruction; now, therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED,** That the President of the United States be urged by this Congress to
10 establish a safe zone and no-fly zone in northern Syria; and, be it

11 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the US Department of State, in conjunction with the United
12 States Agency for International Development (USAID), distribute \$400
13 million of humanitarian aid per year for 5 years for medical aid, water
14 sanitation capabilities, shelter, and other necessities to the established
15 safe zone; and, be it

16 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the United States deploy 10,000 soldiers, request an
17 additional 10,000 soldiers from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization
18 NATO), and deploy intelligence and electronic warfare support to enforce
19 the safe zone and no-fly zone.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Southlake Carroll High School.

TFA Fall 2017 Item 23. A Bill to Fund Private Space Corporations for Asteroid Mining to Extract Resources from Interplanetary Asteroids for Deep Space Operations

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** NASA will provide contracts to private space corporations for the specific
3 purpose of asteroid mining.

4 **SECTION 2.** Asteroid Mining is the exploitation of raw materials from asteroids and
5 other minor planets, including near-Earth objects. Foreign Bodies are
6 unearthy bodies in outer space. Deep Space Operations refer to
7 exploration and mining operations conducted in outer space.
8 Interplanetary Asteroids are small rocky bodies that orbit our Sun.

9 **SECTION 3.** NASA will oversee the enforcement of this bill by controlling funding for
10 promising private corporations under their discretion.

11 **SECTION 4.** Implementation will be effective in June of 2018.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Clark High School.

TFA Fall 2017 Item 24. The Immigration Security Reform Act of 2017

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. The United States shall provide an additional \$250 million annually to
3 the Department of Homeland Security to expand and enhance both
4 physical and virtual border security infrastructure.

5 B. The Department of State shall be given \$100 million to provide a visa
6 screening program to background check all visa applicants for
7 international criminal behavior.

8 C. The Executive Office for Immigration Review shall receive an additional
9 \$50 million annually to prevent court backlog.

10 **SECTION 2.** A. "Physical border security" shall be defined as more secure fencing and
11 physical barriers to the border to prevent illegal crossings.

12 B. "Virtual Border Security" shall be defined as cameras, drones, sensors,
13 and other surveillance technologies to better detect and respond to
14 illegal crossings.

15 C. "International criminal behavior" shall be defined as involvement in
16 foreign drug cartels, terrorist organizations, or similar illegal
17 organizations.

18 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Justice
19 shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

20 A. Any local government in noncompliance with federal immigration
21 standards under this legislation or previous statutes shall no longer be
22 eligible to receive federal block grants.

23 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Spring Woods High School.

TFA Fall 2017 Item 25. A Resolution to Increase Charter School Accountability

1 **WHEREAS,** The charter school concept was created to utilize innovative practices in
2 order to maximize student achievement and to provide an alternative to
3 failing public schools for underserved populations; and

4 **WHEREAS,** A lack of consistent regulation has allowed the development of a charter
5 school private industry that puts profit above student achievement; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Charter schools often divert public education funds to schools run by
7 private industry with little transparency or accountability; and

8 **WHEREAS,** Fraud in the charter school industry has been widespread across the
9 country; and

10 **WHEREAS,** Many of these publicly funded schools have failed to improve academic
11 performance; and

12 **WHEREAS,** Many of these schools fail to address the needs of special needs
13 populations and/or refuse admission for these students; and

14 **WHEREAS,** Changes in federal education policy are expected to substantially expand
15 the use of charter schools across the nation; now, therefore, be it

16 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that federal guidelines should be
17 established for the regulation of charter schools which include standards
18 for academic performance, equal opportunity, non-discrimination,
19 student safety, financial transparency, and financial solvency.

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TFA Fall 2017 Item 26. Foreign Assistance Reform Act of 2017

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress finds that foreign assistance to nations engaged in systematic
3 corruption is antithetical to the goals outlined in the Foreign Assistance
4 Act Section 101.3(A) and therefore directs the Secretary of State
5 (hereinafter Secretary) to reform foreign assistance as outlined in
6 Sections 2 and 3 of this act.

7 **SECTION 2.** By January 1st of each year, the Secretary shall submit a report to the
8 President certifying which nations demonstrably engage in systematic
9 corruption. In compiling this report the Secretary shall take into account
10 multiple factors, including Transparency International's Corruption
11 Perceptions Index, the World Bank's Worldwide Governance Indicators,
12 and Global Integrity's Global Integrity Index, and other measures deemed
13 necessary by the Secretary.

14 **SECTION 3.** Nations identified by the Secretary under Section 2 of this Act are
15 ineligible to receive foreign assistance from the United States. The
16 President shall direct the heads of each cabinet level agency to end all
17 foreign assistance to nations identified by the Secretary under Section 2
18 of this Act. Exceptions shall only be given to:

- 19 A. Nations Identified by the Secretary as exiting conflict.
20 B. Nations identified by the United States Agency for International
21 Development's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance as eligible
22 for foreign aid to assist with disaster relief.

23 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect January 1, 2019.

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

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TFA Fall 2017 Item 27. A Bill to Limit the Speed of High Frequency Trades

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All High-Frequency Traders shall be prohibited from connecting to U.S. Stock Exchange servers in order to prevent the spoofing of supply and demand.

SECTION 2. A. High-frequency Trading (HFT) is a program trading platform that uses powerful computers to transact a large number of orders at speeds faster than a second. It uses complex algorithms to analyze multiple markets and execute orders based on stock market conditions.

B. Spoofing under the 2010 Dodd-Frank Act is defined as "the illegal practice of bidding or offering with intent to cancel before execution."

SECTION 3. Securities and Exchange Commission will oversee the enforcement of this legislation by fining all companies that fail to comply with these standards by claiming 5% of profits earned for the next 5 years.

A. If a company then fails to pay their fees, the fees will then be increased by a further 5%.

B. On a company's third offense that company's broker license will be revoked.

SECTION 4. Legislation will be implemented and enforced by October 1st 2019.

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

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TFA Fall 2017 Item 28. A Resolution to Increase Nuclear Energy Cooperation with the Peoples Republic of China

- 1 **WHEREAS**, The Peoples Republic of China lacks central and constructive nuclear safety
2 regulations; and
- 3 **WHEREAS**, The Peoples Republic of China is facing increased terrorist threats from
4 Uighur separatists; and
- 5 **WHEREAS**, The Peoples Republic of China lacks the proper safety needs to protect
6 against well-armed, well-funded, and well-organized terrorist groups; and
- 7 **WHEREAS**, The Peoples Republic of China plans to increase its reliance on nuclear
8 energy; and
- 9 **WHEREAS**, The Peoples Republic of China plans to float nuclear energy reactors into the
10 South China Sea; and
- 11 **WHEREAS**, Meltdowns of nuclear reactors in the South China Sea could cause collapse
12 of fisheries and kills at least 100 million people; now, therefore, be it
- 13 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that it should commit to increasing its
14 cooperation on nuclear energy facilities with The Peoples Republic of
15 China including but not limited to increasing its investments on research
16 into nuclear technology, providing a regulatory framework to manage
17 nuclear energy facilities, and sending nuclear energy experts to the
18 Peoples Republic of China.

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TFA Fall 2017 Item 29. The Immigrant Investor Act of 2017

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** The US Federal Government shall reform the EB-5 program as follows:
- A.** Raise the cap on EB-5 visas from 10,000 to 25,000.
 - B.** Increase the required investment needed to obtain the EB-5 visa to \$1.2 million (\$800,000 for a Targeted Employment Area) and the required job creation total to 25 American jobs.
 - C.** Add a new criterion granting automatic U.S. citizenship (after the 2-year waiting period) to those who invest \$2.5 million (\$1.6 million for a Targeted Employment Area) and create 50 American jobs.
 - D.** Combat investment fraud by mandating disclosure of all monetary transactions, creating an oversight committee on all USCIS Regional Centers, and banning any persons with criminal records from being a party working on the investment.
- SECTION 2.** EB-5 shall be defined as a program that allows entrepreneurs to apply for U.S. permanent residency through the investment in a job-creating commercial enterprise in the United States. Targeted Employment Area shall be defined as any rural area or an urban area with an unemployment rate at 150% the national average.
- SECTION 3.** The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) shall be tasked with the execution of this legislation.
- C.** Those found guilty of participating in fraudulent activities while working on an investment provided by the EB-5 program shall be fined \$2,000,000.
- SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented beginning fiscal year 2019.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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TFA Fall 2017 Item 30. A Resolution to Prioritize Education Reform

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Educational failures put the United States’ future economic success,
2 global influence, and national defense at risk; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** According to a new [Council on Foreign Relations report](#) on U.S. Education
4 Reform and National Security, “The United States invests more in K-12
5 public education than many other developed countries, yet U.S. students
6 remain poorly prepared to compete with global peers. The Program for
7 International Student Assessment, according to the 2009 PISA, U.S.
8 students ranked fourteenth in reading, twenty-fifth in math, and
9 seventeenth in science compared to students in other developed
10 countries”; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** Economic Growth and Competitiveness, Physical Safety, Intellectual
12 Property, U.S. Global Awareness, U.S. Unity and Cohesion are put at risk if
13 no one takes action; and
- 14 **WHEREAS,** U.S. concentration on soldier readiness once they become soldiers is
15 misguided in that potential soldiers need to be educationally prepared as
16 students; and
- 17 **WHEREAS,** Large groups of undereducated citizens interfere with the nation’s ability
18 to defend its global standing; now, therefore, be it
- 19 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled shall shift focus from military reform
20 to education reform.

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