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2019 PRELIMINARY ROUNDS LEGISLATION

A Resolution to Ratify the USMCA

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- 1 **WHEREAS,** The NAFTA agreement in its current form continually disadvantages
2 United States workers and industries; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The current policies outlined within NAFTA have continually led to
4 both job loss and wage suppression within the United States
5 workforce; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** In spite of NAFTA’s inherent flaws, free-trade agreements throughout the
7 western hemisphere have the potential to benefit the American
8 economy; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** The U.S. presidential administration, as well as Mexico and Canada, have
10 signed an act reforming the flawed policies of NAFTA, to which U.S.
11 Congressional ratification remains the only obstacle to its
12 implementation; and
- 13 **WHEREAS,** Without the implementation of said act, the Trump administration will
14 likely choose instead to end NAFTA entirely; now, therefore be it
- 15 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled, that the U.S.-Mexico-Canada
16 Agreement will hereby receive congressional ratification.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Kentucky district.

A Bill to Provide Development Aid to the Northern Triangle

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) shall
3 distribute one billion dollars of development aid to non-governmental
4 organizations (NGOs) operating within the Northern Triangle to stabilize
5 the region and improve the lives of local people.

6 **SECTION 2.** The Northern Triangle shall be defined as the following countries:
7 Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador. Development aid shall be defined
8 as agricultural, economic, educational, and medical aid.

9 **SECTION 3.** USAID shall be charged with implementation of this legislation.

10 A. USAID shall create a proposal process for NGOs and award grants
11 based on past performance, technical approach, personnel, corporate
12 capability, and management plans.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented over the span of five years, with
14 two hundred million dollars allocated each year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Carolina West district.

A Resolution to Pardon Nonviolent Drug Offenders

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- 1 **WHEREAS,** Prisons are overcrowded with nonviolent drug offenders; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** Many nonviolent offenders are subject to mandatory minimums; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** A criminal record makes finding a job much harder; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Minority communities have been targeted by draconian drug laws; now,
- 5 therefore, be it
- 6 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the President to pardon all federal
- 7 nonviolent drug offenders; and, be it
- 8 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That all governors pardon all their respective state’s nonviolent
- 9 drug offenders.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the New England district.

A Bill to Fund the PREPA Plan to Rebuild the Electrical Grid of Puerto Rico

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall appropriate \$17.6 billion to fund the PREPA Plan
3 to rebuild the electrical grid of Puerto Rico.

4 **SECTION 2.** PREPA stands for Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority. Rebuilding
5 includes replacing and modernizing the current grid.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Defense will oversee
7 and enforce the contracting, expenditure, and accounting for this project.

8 **SECTION 4.** The funds will be earmarked and/or made readily available after the
9 passage of this bill.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the East Kansas district.

A Bill to Pass S.3542 “Too Big to Fail, Too Big to Exist Act” to Preserve the U.S. Economy for All Americans

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The passage of this legislation constitutes the passage of *S.3542 - A bill to*
3 *break up large financial entities* or the, “Too Big to Fail, Too Big to Exist
4 Act.”

5 **SECTION 2.** “*S.3542 - A bill to break up large financial entities*” shall be defined as a
6 bill introduced by Senator Bernard Sanders (I-VT) that breaks up the
7 largest financial institutions that have profited from the misfortune and
8 misdirection of Americans for decades.

9 **SECTION 3.** The United States Congress has the authority to implement and enforce
10 this piece of legislation.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect by fiscal year 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Valley Forge district.

A Resolution to Rejoin Iran Nuclear Deal

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- 1 **WHEREAS,** President Trump’s decision to pull out of the Iran Nuclear deal has
2 increased tensions with Iranian President Hassan Rouhani and
3 surrounding Middle Easter states; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) reported last year that
5 Iran has complied with the Iran Nuclear Deal and continues to work
6 towards non-proliferation; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The large number of US allies remain a part of the Iran Nuclear Deal; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Iran’s renewed partnership with Russia increases the likelihood of
9 regional violence; now, therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled encourages President Trump to rejoin
11 the Iran Nuclear Deal in order to redeem the Iranian people’s trust in
12 addition to advocating for non-proliferation and incentivizing Iran to
13 comply.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Florida Manatee district.

A Bill to Limit Presidential Authority Authorized by the National Emergency Act

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The following sections of the National Emergency Act be repealed:

- 3 1. 42 U.S.C. § 7410 (f)
- 4 2. 42 U.S.C. § 1320b-5 and 21 U.S.C. § 360bbb-3
- 5 3. 10 U.S.C. § 2808 (a)

6 **SECTION 2.** 1. 42 U.S.C. § 7410 (f) states that the Governor of a State may petition the President to
7 suspend any part of Clean Air Act implementation plan or any requirement under 42
8 U.S.C. § 7651j (concerning excess emissions penalties or offsets) for up to 4 months.

9 2. Sections 42 U.S.C. § 1320b-5 and 21 U.S.C. § 360bbb-3 state that Secretary of Health
10 and Human Services may waive confidentiality, certification, sanctions, and other
11 provisions as necessary to supply public health services and may authorize the use of an
12 unapproved drug, device, or biological product, or an unapproved use of an approved
13 drug, device, or biological product.

14 3. 10 U.S.C. § 2808 (a) states that the Secretary of Defense, without regard to any other
15 provision of law, may undertake military construction projects, and may authorize
16 Secretaries of the military departments to undertake military construction projects, that
17 are necessary to support such use of the armed forces.

18 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be enforced by the Department of Defense, the Department of Energy, and
19 the Department of Homeland Security.

20 **SECTION 4.** Upon passage, these powers will be stricken down immediately.

21 **SECTION 5.** Any standing emergencies justified under the above provisions will be declared null and
22 void, and associated funding streams will be eliminated henceforth.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Kansas Flint Hills district.

National Red Flag Authorization

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Any individual that exhibits potentially violent behavior towards another
3 or themselves can have access to any firearm removed for a period of
4 time to be determined by a judge.

5 **SECTION 2.** Violent behavior can include, but is not limited to: verbal threats,
6 threatening posts on social media, stalking, attempts at self-harm, and
7 arrestable offences using weapons.

8 **SECTION 3.** A petition to review an individual’s risk to harm themselves or others may
9 be issued by the immediate family or the police to the court. The court
10 will hold an expedited hearing within 48 hours to review the petition.

11 A. If the court finds there is verifiable risk, a temporary order will be
12 issued for 14-21 days. The individual will be barred from purchasing
13 any firearms and must turn over any firearms in their possession.

14 B. Final orders will be determined by the court through a hearing to
15 include all parties. If the final order extends the firearm ban, it will
16 last for no more than one (1) year.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect six months after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Wind River district.

A Resolution to End the Deportation of Green Card Holders

A Resolution to End the Deportation of Green Card Holders

1 **WHEREAS,** Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs), also known as Green Card Holders,
2 have passed the necessary background checks to enter our nation and
3 stay here permanently; and

4 **WHEREAS,** Under current law LPRs can be deported, with 68% of them being
5 deported for minor, nonviolent crimes and misdemeanors; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Many LPRs don't even know that they can be deported, causing them to
7 live in a false state of security; and

8 **WHEREAS,** Citizen children of LPRs are either ripped away from their parents, or
9 forced to live in a foreign country; and

10 **WHEREAS,** The only difference between an LPR and a citizen is a \$725 application
11 fee, something few families can afford; now, therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled, that Lawful Permanent Residents will
13 no longer be deportable under federal law.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Heart of Texas district.

A Resolution to Shift Middle East Military Policy as to Account for Geopolitical Realities**A Resolution to Shift Middle East Military Policy as to Account for Geopolitical Realities**

1 **WHEREAS,** Current middle east military policy is fundamentally failing to achieve its
2 stated goals; and

3 **WHEREAS,** the conduct and enactment of said policy has proven to be more counter-
4 productive than helpful; and

5 **WHEREAS,** the size and strength of terrorist groups has not waned or substantially
6 decreased since the implementation of these policies; and

7 **WHEREAS,** the current authorized use of military force effectively provides a blank
8 check to the executive branch; and

9 **WHEREAS,** the foreign policy of the united states ought to reflect both our moral
10 values and geopolitical realities; now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the Student Congress here
12 assembled make the following recommendation that the Authorized Use
13 of Military Force, or AUMF, passed on September 14th 2001 is repealed;
14 and, be it

15 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Congress, in the wake of the AUMF's repeal, prioritizes
16 finding peaceful policy solutions in the Middle East.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the West Los Angeles district.

A Resolution to Decriminalize Voluntary Active Euthanasia to Ensure Societal Welfare

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1 **WHEREAS,** the federal government currently criminalizes the act of active euthanasia; and

2 **WHEREAS,** states have developed differing policies on active euthanasia; and

3 **WHEREAS,** voluntary active euthanasia is defined as “intentionally administering

4 medications to cause the patient's death at the patient's request, on the

5 conditions that the patient is certified by medical professionals to be

6 competent, has been fully informed regarding the procedure by a medical

7 professional, and gives full consent”; and

8 **WHEREAS,** voluntary active euthanasia is only used when the patient is a terminally ill

9 individual defined as “an individual certified by a medical professional as having

10 an illness or physical condition which can reasonably be expected to result in

11 death in 24 months or less after the date of the certification”; and

12 **WHEREAS,** the differing policies among states creates a need for cohesive federal policy;

13 and

14 **WHEREAS,** voluntary active euthanasia is found to improve societal welfare; now,

15 therefore, be it

16 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that voluntary active euthanasia is

17 decriminalized to ensure the societal wellbeing of the people.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Colorado Grande district.

A Resolution to Federally Remove Philosophical Vaccination Exemptions

A Resolution to Federally Remove Philosophical Vaccination Exemptions

1 **WHEREAS,** 17 states currently allow vaccination exemptions based on personal
2 philosophical beliefs; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Recent outbreaks of preventable diseases, such as measles, hurt the lives
4 of American children and families; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Scientific research directly contradicts anti-vaccination bias; and

6 **WHEREAS,** The federal government needs to interfere with local state-level affairs
7 and ensure that all children have a right to appropriate health care and a
8 society free of preventable illness; and now, therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States Federal
10 government ban state-level vaccination exemptions.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Rocky Mountain South district.

A Resolution to Halt Military Aid to Egypt

A Resolution to Halt Military Aid to Egypt

1 **WHEREAS,** The United States relationship with Egypt was created only to bring Egypt
2 on the United States' side during the Cold War; and

3 **WHEREAS,** The United States receives miniscule amounts of military aid and support
4 from Egypt in the status quo; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Under President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, Egypt's economy is at a halt, and
6 there is very little hope that economic sustainability can be maintained in
7 Egypt; and

8 **WHEREAS,** Many atrocious human rights violations occur within Egypt; now,
9 therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States cut its military aid
11 with the country of Egypt.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the South Carolina district.

A Bill to Fix Social Security

A Bill to Fix Social Security

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A number of steps shall be taken in order to fix Social Security.

3 **SECTION 2.** "A number of steps" shall refer to the following;

4 a) Increase the payroll tax rate to 13.6%

5 b) Lift the payroll tax earnings cap to \$400,000

6 c) Adjust the program's inflationary measure from the CPI-W to the
7 Chained CPI

8 d) The new minimum benefit will be set at 25%

9 e) The current Social Security benefits taxation threshold (\$25,000
10 for an individual or \$32,000 for couples) shall be raised to \$50,000
11 and \$100,000 respectively.

12 **SECTION 3.** The IRS and The Social Security Administration will be responsible with
13 carrying out implementation, as well as congress with ensuring changes.

14 **SECTION 4.** Will be put into action Fiscal Year 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Southern Minnesota district.

A Bill to Repeal the Dickey Amendment to Research Gun Violence

**A Bill to Repeal the Dickey Amendment to
Research Gun Violence**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Dickey Amendment is hereby repealed. The Centers for Disease
3 Control and Prevention shall spend \$50 million of its 2019 budget
4 researching gun violence.

5 **SECTION 2.** The Dickey Amendment is defined as part of H.R. 3610 that mandates
6 that no Centers for Disease Control and Prevention funding be used for
7 research gun violence.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shall enforce this
9 legislation. The amount of funding for fiscal years 2020 and beyond shall
10 be determined by the CDC.

11 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be enforced immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Northern Ohio district.



NATIONAL CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE

2019 SENATE SEMIFINAL & HOUSE QUARTERFINAL ROUNDS LEGISLATION

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Mandate Independent Redistricting Commissions

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Mandate Independent Redistricting Commissions

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

7 **ARTICLE --**

8 **SECTION 1.** Every state shall be required to establish independent commissions which shall be
9 empowered to draw boundaries for Congressional and state legislative districts. Such
10 commissions shall consist of an equal number of members of the two largest political
11 parties in the state and a number of independents that is one fewer than the number of
12 slots allocated to each major party. These commissions shall prioritize drawing districts
13 based on contiguity, compactness and equalizing the number of eligible voters per
14 district. To adopt any legislative map, a majority of each party group and the
15 independents must agree to said legislative map.

16 **SECTION 2.** States that fail to establish independent commissions as identified above will have the
17 size of their congressional delegation reduced by one-fourth, rounded up, in any such
18 election in which no commission is in place.

19 **SECTION 3.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Magnolia District

A Bill to Tax Labor Automation

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All companies utilizing automation to reduce or offset labor
3 costs shall be taxed in order to fund a universal basic income. The rate of
4 taxation shall be one third of the gross salary for the jobs lost to
5 automation and will be paid by the company in question for up to five
6 years. These funds will be used for job training as well as a universal basic
7 income for displaced employees.

8 **SECTION 2.** Labor automation is defined herein as the process of utilizing technology
9 in place of human labor to carry out various tasks and professions.

10 **SECTION 3.** A universal basic income is defined herein as a guaranteed income for
11 certain citizens of the United States valued at \$1000 per month. This
12 universal basic income would be distributed to those whose jobs are lost
13 to automation.

14 **SECTION 4.** Government agencies that will hereby be appointed to the enforcement
15 of this legislation and preside over case by case deliberations include:

- 16 A. United States Department of Commerce
- 17 B. United States Department of Labor
- 18 C. United States Department of the Treasury

19 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Debate by the California Coast district.

A Bill to Implement Ranked Choice Voting on a National Level to Promote Fair Elections

A Bill to Implement Ranked Choice Voting on a National Level to Promote Fair Elections

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Voters will rank their top three choices of candidates in order of
3 preference for all federal elections.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. Ranked Choice voting (RCV) is a preferential system of voting.

5 B. If a candidate wins a majority of first-preference votes, he or she will
6 be declared the winner of the election.

7 C. If no candidate wins a majority of first-preference votes, the
8 candidate with the fewest first-preference votes will be eliminated, lifting
9 the second-preference choices indicated on those ballots.

10 D. A new tally will be conducted to determine if any candidate has won
11 a majority of the adjusted votes.

12 E. The process will be repeated until a candidate has an outright
13 majority.

14 **SECTION 3.** A. The Federal Election Committee will oversee implementation.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented before the 2020 presidential election. Any
16 districts that do not use ranked choice voting in federal elections must re-
17 do the vote.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rocky Mountain North district.

A Bill to Provide Mandatory Minimum Paid Maternity and Paternity Leave

**A Bill to Provide Mandatory Minimum Paid Maternity
and Paternity Leave**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government shall hereby establish a mandatory
3 minimum paid and job-protected paternal and maternal leave of 20
4 weeks per year following the adoption or birth of a child.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Maternal and paternal” shall be defined as relating to mother and
6 father. “Paid leave” shall be defined as time away from work during
7 which employees receive compensation.

8 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Labor shall oversee implementation of this bill.

9 A. Failure to comply will result in a fine equivalent to 5% the
10 establishment’s annual income and shall increase by 2% for every
11 infraction after.

12 B. Employees are to give a 30-day notice to employers if birth or
13 adoption is foreseeable.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go in to effect at the start of fiscal year 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Tall Cotton district.

A Bill to Cease Sale of Weaponry to Saudi Arabia

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will no longer sell or provide
3 weaponry to Saudi Arabia.

4 **SECTION 2.** Sell is defined as to give up property to another for something of value,
5 such as money.

6 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Political-Military Affairs (PM)
7 will oversee the implementation of the cease in sales. All instances of
8 weapon sales to Saudi Arabia, both directly and indirectly, shall be
9 investigated by non-partisan organizations and all complicit actors in the
10 sale of weaponry to Saudi Arabia will be given life sentences with
11 opportunity for appeal and bail.

12 **SECTION 4.** This cease of sale of weapons to Saudi Arabia will be implemented June
13 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Central Texas district.

A Bill to Appropriately Represent Prison Populations for the Purposes of Redistricting

A Bill to Appropriately Represent Prison Populations for the Purposes of Redistricting

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Districts shall no longer be allowed to count prisoners in their census
3 populations for the purpose of redistricting unless said prisoners are fully
4 enfranchised to vote in all elections.

5 **SECTION 2.** Districts shall be defined as the wide variety of small polling areas, such
6 as election districts, precincts, or wards, that state and local governments
7 create for the purpose of administering elections.

8 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be enforced jointly by the U.S. Census Bureau and
9 the Federal Election Commission.

10 A. The responsible agencies will conduct audits of each redraw district to
11 regulate compliance with this policy.

12 B. If a district has violated this policy, the district will be mandated to
13 forfeit all seats gained maliciously by manipulating the voting
14 population by including prisoners.

15 **SECTION 4.** This law will be effective immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Florida Panther district.

A Resolution to Urge the United Nations to Expand Permanent Membership of the Security Council of the United Nations

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- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United Nations Security Council is comprised of 15 member nations
2 with 5 of these nations being permanent members; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** These 5 permanent member nations hold the power of “veto”, thus
4 effectively being able to block any action; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The 5 permanent member nations are the United States, Great Britain,
6 France, Russia, and China; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The Southern Hemisphere is not represented; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Entire continents are not represented; therefore, now, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled to urge the United Nations to expand
10 permanent membership status on the Security Council to India, Nigeria,
11 South Africa, and Brazil with the same “veto” power that current member
12 nations possess.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Deep South district.



NATIONAL CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE

2019 HOUSE SEMIFINAL ROUNDS LEGISLATION

A Resolution to Support the “Right to be Forgotten” and Control Personal Data

A Resolution to Support the “Right to be Forgotten” and Control Personal Data

1 **WHEREAS,** ongoing changes to technology, society, and legal precedent have eroded
2 expectations and protections of privacy; and

3 **WHEREAS,** the collection and commodification of people’s personal information and
4 data, often without consent, has increased exponentially recently; and

5 **WHEREAS,** data safety by private firms has been compromised multiple times; and

6 **WHEREAS,** people’s lives are being permanently affected by petty crimes, social
7 media mishaps, and deliberate attempts to slander a person online; and

8 **WHEREAS,** individuals should have the right to view and remove the data that a
9 company has on them; and

10 **WHEREAS,** companies should not discriminate against individuals whom refuse to
11 give their personal information; and

12 **WHEREAS,** companies should not require personal data to be collected and be
13 transparent about personal data that is collected; and

14 **WHEREAS,** other governments have already begun to codify, and support laws and
15 policies aimed at correcting these practices; now, therefore, be it

16 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the Right to be Forgotten should be
17 recognized by the United States Federal Government as a human right.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Sunflower district.

A Bill to Repeal the Hague Invasion Act

A Bill to Repeal the Hague Invasion Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The American Servicemembers' Protection Act of 2002, also known as the
3 Hague Invasion Act, is hereby repealed.

4 **SECTION 2.** The American Servicemembers' Protection Act is defined as Title II of
5 Public Law 107-206, which provides for the withdrawal of U.S. military
6 assistance from countries ratifying the Rome Statute, restricts U.S.
7 participation in United Nations peacekeeping operations that do not
8 grant United States persons immunity from prosecution, and authorizes
9 the U.S. military to use any means necessary to bring about the release of
10 any personnel being detained or imprisoned by, on behalf of, or at the
11 request of the International Criminal Court.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense, the State Department, and the U.S.
13 Ambassador to the United Nations shall oversee the implementation of
14 this legislation.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect on January 1st, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Puget Sound district.

A Resolution to Prohibit Former Congress Members from Becoming Lobbyists

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Becoming Lobbyists**

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Partaking in lobbying after leaving office inspires corruption and
2 increases special interest groups' hold on the legislative assembly; and
3 **WHEREAS,** 38.5% of Congress members that did not seek reelection in the 2018
4 midterms became lobbyists; and
5 **WHEREAS,** The political system is already corrupted by large campaign contributions
6 and the great amount of influence K Street has over politicians; and
7 **WHEREAS,** Allowing former office holders to make a fortune off of their access to
8 current members of Congress further destabilizes American democracy;
9 now, therefore, be it
10 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that all those who serve in Congress
11 from this date forward be prohibited from taking part in any lobbying
12 activity after their retirement from the House or Senate.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Pittsburgh district.

The Immigration Security Reform of 2019

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

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

20 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect in the Fiscal Year 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Space City district.

The Refugee Assistance Act of 2019

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The following will occur upon passage:

3 **A.** The United States shall send \$25 billion in the form of humanitarian
4 aid to Lebanon and Jordan to build institutional support for refugees.

5 **B.** The United States shall admit and resettle a minimum of 20,000
6 refugees per calendar year from Syria, Lebanon, and Jordan for a
7 period of at least five years.

8 **SECTION 2.** Humanitarian aid shall be administered in the form of infrastructure such
9 as water and electrical improvements, the building of homes, schools,
10 and hospitals, and food assistance.

11 **SECTION 3.** The implementation and enforcement of this legislation shall be overseen
12 by the United States Department of State, the Office of Refugee
13 Resettlement, and the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

14 **A.** The funding for this legislation shall be diverted from the Department
15 of Defense budget for fiscal year 2020.

16 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Arizona district.

A Bill to Increase Infrastructure Investment to Increase Nationwide Productivity

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Through a combination of measures listed below, the US Budget and Appropriations
3 Committee will implement infrastructure investment measures as further enumerated.

4 **SECTION 2.** This implementation of this Bill shall be overseen by the House and Senate Budget
5 Appropriations Committees

6 A. As such, the following infrastructure shall be prioritized in the following order;

7 a. Fixing or reconstructing actively deteriorating but essential public utilities
8 (roads, bridges, buildings. Etc.)

9 b. Broadband Internet Infrastructure and Cellular Towers

10 c. The Smart Grid Plan (as enumerated by the Department of Energy, with
11 implementation overseen by a newly created “Smart Grid” subcommittee

12 d. Alternative Energy Sources

13 B. The House and Senate Appropriations Committee shall draw funds for these
14 infrastructure improvements from the following sources

15 a. The Mandatory Transportation Budget (60 Billion)

16 b. The Discretionary Transportation Budget (an average of 30 Billion)

17 c. The Energy and Environment Budget (40 Billion)

18 **SECTION 3.** This bill shall come into effect at the onset of the FY 2021 budget appropriations process

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Tennessee district.

A Bill Regarding the Pharmaceutical Negotiations Powers Act

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Secretary of Veterans Affairs as well as the Secretary of Health and
3 Human Services shall now have the power to act as representative
4 entities of their respective agencies, and in that action, shall negotiate
5 drug prices with companies that manufacture and/or distribute
6 Pharmaceuticals.

7 **SECTION 2.** This piece of legislation will override §(6)(b) of Section 222 of the Medicare
8 Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act, which prohibits
9 the respective secretaries of both the DHHS and the DVA. Both brand
10 name and generic drug manufacturers and/or distributors must offer
11 Medicaid, Medicare, and VA marketplaces lower prices, if the price of a
12 given product's rises in excess of double the national inflation rate.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of
14 Veterans Affairs shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect at the start of the 2021 fiscal year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Nebraska South district.

2019 American-African Ally Act

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall match China’s government investment dollar for
3 dollar in Africa with a cap of 100 Billion USD per year. The aid shall go
4 towards improving infrastructure in Africa. Shall the aid be determined to
5 be ineffective, the US government shall allocate funds to approved
6 NGO’s.

7 **SECTION 2.** Infrastructure shall de defined as basic public services, including but not
8 limited to: renewable energy, roads, bridges, dams, sewage, railroads,
9 and phone lines.

10 **SECTION 3.** The United States Agency for International Development (USAID),
11 Department of Education (DoE), Department of State, Department of
12 Defense, Department of Health and Human Services, and the Department
13 of Treasury shall be responsible for approving appropriate NGO’s. The
14 appropriations for the aid shall come from the approved 2019
15 Department of Defense budget as well as additional funds. The
16 Congressional Budget Office as well as the US Government Accountability
17 Office shall determine the functionality of the aid.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the North Coast district.



NATIONAL CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE

2019 SENATE FINAL ROUNDS LEGISLATION

A Resolution Expressing the Sense of the Senate that the United States and the United Kingdom Should Sign a Free Trade Agreement

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- 1 **WHEREAS,** on March 5, 1946, Sir Winston Churchill delivered the Iron Curtain speech in
2 Fulton, Missouri, solidifying the Special Relationship between the United
3 States and the United Kingdom; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** since the end of World War II, the United States and the United Kingdom
5 have been beacons of freedom to the world, standing together in the fight
6 against tyranny; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** the Special Relationship between the United States and the United Kingdom
8 has enabled economic prosperity and security cooperation for both
9 countries for more than 70 years; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** on June 23, 2016, the people of the United Kingdom voted in support of a
11 referendum to leave the European Union; and
- 12 **WHEREAS,** the United Kingdom is an important trading partner with the United States,
13 with \$232,000,000,000 in goods traded between the two countries in 2017;
14 and
- 15 **WHEREAS,** on October 16, 2018, the United States Trade Representative expressed the
16 intention of the President to negotiate a free trade agreement between the
17 two countries after the United Kingdom leaves the European Union; and
- 18 **WHEREAS,** the constitutional power of making treaties with foreign nations includes
19 both the legislative and executive branches; now, therefore, be it
- 20 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States should have a close
21 and mutually beneficial trading and economic partnership with the United
22 Kingdom which will not include or benefit other members of the European
23 Union.

Introduced by the National Speech & Debate Association; adapted from S.Res. 137, as introduced in the 116th Congress

John S. McCain Opioid Addiction Prevention Act

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Section 303 of the Controlled Substances Act is amended by adding the
3 following: The Attorney General shall not register or renew the registration of a
4 practitioner who is licensed under State law to prescribe controlled substances
5 in schedule II, III, or IV, unless the practitioner submits to the Attorney General,
6 for each such registration or renewal request, a certification that the
7 practitioner, during the applicable registration period, will not prescribe any
8 schedule II, III, or IV opioid, other than an opioid prescription described below,
9 for the initial treatment of acute pain in an amount in excess of the lesser of a
10 seven day supply or the maximum amount permitted for prescription under
11 applicable state law.

12 **SECTION 2.** The term *acute pain* means pain with abrupt onset and caused by an injury or
13 other process that is not ongoing; and may or may not include chronic pain;
14 pain being treated as part of cancer care; hospice or other end-of-life care; or
15 pain being treated as part of palliative care.

16 **SECTION 3.** The Drug Enforcement Agency as well as the various states' Attorneys General
17 shall oversee enforcement of this legislation

18 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect 90 days after passage.

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

Introduced by the National Speech & Debate Association; adapted from S. 724, as introduced in the 116th Congress

Digital Accountability and Transparency to Advance Privacy Act of 2019

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Within one year of the effective date of this act, all covered entities must
3 adhere to, or have an affirmative plan to reasonably adhere to, the
4 following:

- 5 **A.** Provide clear notice of all data gathering practices in an easily
6 accessible and conspicuous place for consumers to read;
- 7 **B.** Provide individuals with a clear affirmative opt-in notice prior to any
8 information gathering;
- 9 **C.** Designate one individual as a Privacy Protection Officer for the
10 covered entity who shall educate employees on compliance with all
11 privacy policies, shall serve as a contact between the entity and
12 enforcement authorities, and will conduct regular audits to ensure
13 compliance with policies.

14 **SECTION 2.** A “Covered Entity” is any organization, website, group, or business that
15 collects, processes, stores, or discloses covered data. This shall not apply
16 to any entity that collects data from fewer than 3,000 individuals
17 annually.

18 **SECTION 3.** Violations of this act may be turned over to the various states’ Attorneys
19 General for criminal and civil penalties as proscribed by the laws of that
20 state.

21 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect upon passage.

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

Introduced by the National Speech & Debate Association; adapted from S. 583, as introduced in the 116th Congress

Prevention of Arms Race Act of 2019

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** No funds may be appropriated or otherwise made available for the
3 procurement, flight testing, or deployment of a United States shorter- or
4 intermediate-range ground launched ballistic or cruise missile system with a
5 range between 500 and 5,500 kilometers until the Secretary of Defense, in
6 concurrence with the Secretary of State and the Director of National
7 Intelligence, submits a report and offers a briefing to the appropriate
8 committees of Congress.

9 **SECTION 2.** The report and briefing shall include the following:

- 10 **A.** a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from a NATO or Indo-Pacific ally
11 that commits it to host deployment of any such missile on its own territory,
12 **B.** confirmation that the United States has not rejected any diplomatic offer,
13 **C.** identification of what types of technologies and programs the United States
14 would need to pursue to offset the additional Russian capabilities, and at
15 what cost
16 **D.** identification of the ramifications of a collapse of the INF Treaty on the
17 ability to generate consensus among States Parties to the NPT Treaty ahead
18 of the 2020 NPT Review Conference, and assesses the degree to which the
19 Russian Federation will use the United States unilateral withdrawal to sow
20 discord within the NATO alliance.

21 **SECTION 3.** The appropriate committees of Congress are the Committee on Foreign
22 Relations and the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of
23 Representatives.

24 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced by the National Speech & Debate Association; adapted from S. 312, as introduced in the 116th Congress

Secure 5G and Beyond Act of 2019

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
3 President, in consultation with the Chairman of the Federal Communications
4 Commission, the Administrator of the National Telecommunications and
5 Information Administration, the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Director of
6 National Intelligence, the Attorney General, and the Secretary of Defense, shall
7 develop and submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a strategy
8 **A.** to ensure the security of 5th and future generations mobile
9 telecommunications systems and infrastructure within the United States;
10 **B.** to assist mutual defense treaty allies of the United States, strategic partners
11 of the United States, and other countries, when in the security interests of
12 the United States, in maximizing the security of 5th and future generations
13 mobile telecommunications systems and infrastructure inside their
14 countries; and
15 **C.** to protect the competitiveness of United States companies, privacy of
16 United States consumers, and integrity of standards setting bodies against
17 political influence.

18 **SECTION 2.** The strategy shall include a description of historical United States economic and
19 security interests regarding next generation technologies and a description of
20 permissible suppliers of such technologies, as well as a description of which
21 suppliers shall not be deemed acceptable for security and economic interests.

22 **SECTION 3.** The Senate Majority Leader shall determine the appropriate committees to
23 receive the report of the recommended strategy.

24 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced by the National Speech & Debate Association; adapted from S. 893, as introduced in the 116th Congress



NATIONAL CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE

2019 HOUSE FINAL ROUNDS LEGISLATION

Expressing the Sense of the House that there is a Need to Rebuild the Navy

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1 **WHEREAS,** the United States naval buildup completed prior to World War II was quintessential to
 2 the success of the Nation and its allies and ensured victory in that and subsequent wars;
 3 and
 4 **WHEREAS,** the Navy has too few platforms to wage warfare in the 21st century against a myriad of
 5 potential adversaries; and
 6 **WHEREAS,** adversaries of the United States are increasing the sizes of their fleets and building their
 7 anti-ship capabilities; and
 8 **WHEREAS,** the United States is a maritime nation and must maintain a Navy that is capable of
 9 detering and, if necessary, waging war against nation states and non-state actors alike
 10 with overwhelming force in a swift and decisive manner; and
 11 **WHEREAS,** the fleet is not sufficiently sized to deter adversaries while maintaining continuous
 12 presence in contentious regions with deployments of naval forces in regions where the
 13 United States has demonstrated national interests; and
 14 **WHEREAS,** China is investing heavily in a naval buildup, and President Xi Jinping expects China to be
 15 a global power by 2050 and is attempting to construct a military to surpass as the
 16 United State; and
 17 **WHEREAS,** Russia is also actively modernizing its fleet and increasing military activity in the Arctic;
 18 and
 19 **WHEREAS,** the United States is the primary protector of international freedom of navigation laws,
 20 which necessitates persistent presence in the contested waters of the South China Sea,
 21 operations to limit piracy off the Horn of Africa, and abiding demonstrations of interest
 22 to ensure safe commercial transport throughout the world; now, therefore, be it
 23 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that we recognize the need for the Navy to increase its
 24 long-term capabilities and recommends the following force structure by the year 2050:
 25 12 Ballistic missile submarines; 100 nuclear powered attack submarines; 15 aircraft
 26 carriers; 156 Large and small surface combatants; 8 Polar surface combatants; 38
 27 Amphibious ships; 54 Combat Logistics Force ships; 14 Expeditionary Fast Transports; 6
 28 Expeditionary Support Base ships; and 23 Command and support ships.

Introduced by the National Speech & Debate Association; adapted from H.Res. 99, as introduced in the 116th Congress

The FairTax Act of 2019**The FairTax Act of 2019**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The following sections of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 are repealed:

3 **A.** Subtitle A (relating to income taxes and self-employment taxes)

4 **B.** Subtitle C (relating to payroll taxes and withholding of income taxes)

5 **C.** Subtitle B (relating to estate and gift taxes)

6 **D.** Subtitle H (relating to financing of Presidential campaign elections).

7 **SECTION 2.** A sales tax of 23 percent shall be placed on all gross payments for taxable
8 property or service, but shall not be placed on previously taxable wages.

9 **A.** All taxes shall be collected by the vendor and transmitted to the taxable
10 authority within each individual state, which shall then transmit the sales
11 tax to the Department of the Treasury.

12 **B.** A family unit may apply for a yearly refund of their sales tax if their annual
13 income is less than the annual poverty level as determined by the
14 Department of Health and Human Services.

15 **SECTION 3.** The Department of the Treasury will oversee the collection and enforcement of
16 this sales tax.

17 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect in fiscal year 2021.

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

Introduced by the National Speech & Debate Association; adapted from H.R. 25, as introduced in the 116th Congress

Cyber Deterrence and Response Act of 2019

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The President, acting through the Secretary of State, shall designate as a critical
3 cyber threat actor—

4 **A.** Any foreign person, agency, or state that the President determines to be
5 knowingly responsible for or complicit in, or have engaged in, directly or
6 indirectly, state-sponsored cyber activities that are reasonably likely to
7 result in, or have contributed to, a significant threat to the national security,
8 foreign policy, or economic health or financial stability of the United States

9 **B.** each foreign person that the President has determined to have knowingly,
10 significantly, and materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial,
11 material, or technological support for, or goods or services to or in support
12 of, any activities described in subparagraph (A) by a foreign person or
13 agency or instrumentality of a foreign state designated as a critical cyber
14 threat actor under subparagraph (A)

15 **SECTION 2.** Not later than 7 days after designating a foreign person, agency, or state as a
16 critical cyber threat actor, the President shall transmit classified or unclassified
17 information to the appropriate congressional committees.

18 **SECTION 3.** For state and agency actors, the following sanctions apply:

19 **A.** The immediate withdrawal or limitation of all humanitarian and non-
20 humanitarian aid under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

21 **B.** A directive to each international financial institution to use the voice and
22 vote of the United States to oppose any loan that would benefit said state.

23 For foreign persons, the following sanctions apply:

24 **A.** Immediate ineligibility for visas, admission, or parole, and immediate
25 revocation of any current visas.

26 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect ninety days after passage.

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

Introduced by the National Speech & Debate Association; adapted from H.R. 1493, as introduced in the 116th Congress

Ethics in Public Service Act

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Within 30 days of taking office, each appointee in every executive agency shall
3 be required to sign an ethics pledge as a condition of employment.

4 **SECTION 2.** The pledge shall include the following clauses, enforceable by law:

5 **A.** I will not accept gifts from registered lobbyists or lobbying organizations for
6 the duration of my service.

7 **B.** I will not participate in any particular matter involving specific party or
8 parties that is directly and substantially related to my former employer or
9 clients.

10 **C.** I will not engage in any lobbying activities for a period of 2 years following
11 the end of my appointment, or to lobby any executive branch official for the
12 remainder of the Administration.

13 **D.** Any hiring or other employment decisions I make will be based on the
14 candidate's qualifications, competence, and experience.

15 **SECTION 3.** The President shall have the authority to waive this pledge for any official when
16 the President determines it is in the public interest to grant such a waiver.

17 **SECTION 4.** This shall apply any executive agency as defined in section 105 of title 5, United
18 States Code.

19 **SECTION 5.** This shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced by the National Speech & Debate Association; adapted from H.R. 209, as introduced in the 116th Congress

United States and Republic of Korea Alliance Support Act

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** None of the funds made available to the Department of Defense for fiscal year
3 2019 may be used to reduce the total number of members of the United States
4 Armed Forces serving on active duty who are deployed to the Republic of Korea
5 below 22,000 unless the Secretary of Defense submits a report to the
6 appropriate congressional committees regarding:

- 7 **A.** the effect of such reduction on preserving deterrence on the Korean
8 Peninsula;
- 9 **B.** the anticipated reaction of North Korea to such reduction;
- 10 **C.** the effect of such reduction on increasing incentives for the Republic of
11 Korea to develop an independent nuclear deterrent;
- 12 **D.** the effect of such reduction on the long-term military and economic
13 partnership between the United States and the Republic of Korea and the
14 United States and Japan, respectively; and
- 15 **E.** the effect of such reduction on the military balance between the United
16 States and the People’s Republic of China and between the United States
17 and the Russian Federation.

18 **SECTION 2.** No drawdown shall be permitted until the Secretary of Defense certifies that
19 such a reduction supports and is consistent with the most current national
20 defense strategy under section 113 of title 10, United States Code.

21 **SECTION 3.** The appropriate congressional committees shall include the Committee of
22 Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Armed Services in the House of
23 Representatives, and the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee
24 on Armed Services of the Senate.

25 **SECTION 4.** Indicate the implementation date/timeframe.

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

Introduced by the National Speech & Debate Association; adapted from H.R. 889, as introduced in the 116th Congress