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Congressional Debate Docket – Preliminary Sessions

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A - A Bill to Support Nigeria’s Military to Combat Boko Haram

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1.  A. The United States Department of Defense shall inspect military purchases by the Federal Republic of Nigeria, and if able to determine the purchase is appropriate, have the option to reimburse purchases.

B. The United States Department of Defense send additional members of the National Guard and Special Operation Forces to Nigeria to provide military training and consultation to Nigeria’s military.

SECTION 2.  Military training shall focus on the use of decisive action, and specifically focus on counterinsurgency tactics.

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

A. $500 million USD shall be allocated for this bill, and any remaining shall go back into the general budget.

B. The Department of Defense shall provide a report on the progress of this legislation at least once per fiscal year, and if it is determined that human rights abuses have been committed by Nigeria’s military, all funding shall be scaled down over a period of 6 months.

SECTION 4.  This bill shall go into passage on October 1st, 2015.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Brophy College Preparatory.
WHEREAS, Climate change, caused by emissions, is affecting countries around the world; and

WHEREAS, Climate change will result in decreases in health and economic productivity, and affect every nation on the planet; and

WHEREAS, The United States and China are operating together on setting new emissions standards; and

WHEREAS, Chinese and American emissions standards, at 26%-28% reduction, are higher than many standards set in the original Kyoto Protocol; and

WHEREAS, Creating an international framework would pressure other nations to cut back on emissions as well; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled create a new special committee to create an international framework to reduce climate emissions; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the emission standard put forward by the aforementioned special committee shall be set at 18% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Brophy College Preparatory.
C - A Bill to Protect Public Communications

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. Municipalities hereby may not be blocked from providing or expanding communications networks.

Section 2. Communications networks shall in this legislation be defined as cable networks, broadband networks, and telecommunication networks.

Section 3. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) shall oversee and execute this legislation.
- The FCC must oppose local legislation influenced by lobby organizations which restrict municipalities from providing or expanding communications networks.
- The FCC shall not subsidize municipal communications networks in any way.
- The FCC shall not place any restrictions on public or private businesses providing communications networks for the purpose of protecting municipal communications networks.

Section 4. This legislation will take effect 6 months after passage.

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

Introduced by Chandler Preparatory Academy
D - A Bill to Create an Infrastructure Authority to Facilitate Economic Growth

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States Congress shall establish an Infrastructure Bank as a corporation facilitating funding of infrastructural projects.

SECTION 2. The IB will provide direct loans and loan guarantees to facilitate infrastructure projects that are both economically viable and of regional or national significance.

SECTION 3. The US Department of Commerce and Federal Reserve shall dually be granted the powers and the funds necessary to build the bank, choose its board, and monitor its progress yearly until fifteen years after this bill’s passage.

SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect two months after its passage. If after fifteen years a joint committee from the DOC and the Federal Reserve find that this bank has on balance caused more economic harm than help, this bill shall be nullified, and the bank will cease operation, unless specifically authorized otherwise by this Congress.

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

Introduced by Chandler Preparatory Academy
WHEREAS, the Pentagon has falsified numbers in their budget in order to meet up with the treasury’s reports; and

WHEREAS, this has led to 8.5 trillion dollars simply disappearing; and

WHEREAS, the United States government should have complete knowledge of all of its budget appropriations; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Student Congress here assembled increase restrictions upon the Pentagon and the budget of the Department of Defense; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That Congress look into more effective measures at reporting and measuring costs of the Pentagon

Respectfully submitted by Chandler Preparatory Academy
F - A BILL TO ENHANCE THE MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL PARKS

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

SECTION 1. Provided consent by State, all federally owned natural parks shall be given over to State ownership in the respective State that the land lies within. If the land is located within several states, then the land will be divided between the States in accordance with the relevant States' borders.

SECTION 2. Natural parks are reservations, museums, forests, or any other like establishment with the purpose of preserving nature and promoting recreational activities.

SECTION 3. The Federal Bureau of Land Management and National Park Service shall be in charge of distributing federally owned land to the respective States. By accepting the land outlined in Section 1 of this legislation, States shall abide by the following conditions:

A. If a state does not have a Bureau of Land Management and State Natural Park Service then the Federal Bureau of Land Management and National Park Service in conjunction with the state legislatures shall organize such agencies.

B. If a State does not have the necessary funding to manage the land then states shall receive funding equal to the funds that land previously received.

C. Land given to states may only be used for the same purposes of recreation and the preservation of nature.

D. No State can make a law that harms the natural environment of the lands outlined by Section 1.

E. States may raise revenue from these lands.

SECTION 4. This bill shall go into effect on the 6th of April, 2015.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Tempe Preparatory Academy
G - A BILL TO REDUCE UNNECESSARY MILITARY HEALTH CARE SPENDING

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Military retirees who are under the age of 62 shall be ineligible to receive benefits from TRICARE Prime.

SECTION 2. TRICARE Prime is a health maintenance organization style plan available to active duty personnel, retirees from the Active Component, retirees from the Reserve Component age 62 and older, and their eligible family members.

SECTION 3. The Department of Defense shall be in charge of enforcing this legislation.

A. Any military retiree currently under the age of 62 will have 2 months after the passage of this legislation receive benefits from TRICARE Prime. At the end of 2 months, those military retirees will have their TRICARE Prime benefits terminated.

B. Members who are currently above the age of 62 and receiving TRICARE Prime benefits will be unaffected.

C. When a retiree turns 62, he or she will be eligible to receive TRICARE Prime benefits.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall go into effect on the 1st of October 2015.

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

Introduced by Tempe Preparatory Academy
H - A Resolution to Increase the Use of Public Transportation

WHEREAS, Public transportation has reduced pollution levels when compared to that of private vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Previous attempts at subsidizing public transportation have not proportionally increased use, rather, car use has increased in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Production and disposal of cars, as well as their usage, emits air pollution such as greenhouse gases and toxins; and

WHEREAS, Public transportation has a smaller environmental impact in terms of emissions per person, lessens congestion on roads, and is an efficient method of transportation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for higher fuel taxes to reduce private vehicle use; and,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That funding specifically for the establishment and maintenance of a public transportation system is given to areas currently without, and without a development plan for an established public transportation system.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by BASIS Flagstaff High School.
I - A Resolution to Protect Unarmed U.S. Citizens

WHEREAS, Numerous unarmed citizens have been recently killed by police; and

WHEREAS, The majority of these cases have not resulted in indictments of the officers; and

WHEREAS, It is widely believed the majority of these incidents have been racially charged, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation that any police officer who uses lethal force specifically directed towards an U.S. citizen they know to be unarmed will be charged with manslaughter no matter the situation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by BASIS Flagstaff
J - A BILL TO LOWER THE NATIONAL AGE TO PURCHASE AND CONSUME ALCOHOL TO 18 YEARS OLD.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The National Minimum Drinking Age Act of 1984 will be amended to lower the age of consumption and purchase of alcohol to 18 years old.

SECTION 2. The National Minimum Drinking Age Act of 1984 regulates the minimum age of consumption and purchase to 21 years.

SECTION 3. The Food and Drug Administration will oversee the implementation of this bill.

SECTION 4. This bill will take effect at the beginning of the year 2016

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

Respectfully submitted by BASIS Flagstaff High School
K - A Bill Approve the Charlotte’s Web Medical Hemp Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Controlled Substances Act shall be amended to allow “therapeutic hemp” and “cannabidiol” as was introduced in the Charlotte’s Web Medical Hemp Act of 2014.

SECTION 2. The Charlotte’s Web Medical Hemp Act of 2014 is defined as HR 5226 introduced by Representative Scott Perry of Pennsylvania. “Therapeutic Hemp” is defined as the plant Cannabis sativa L. and any part of such plant, whether growing or not, with a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of not more than 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis.

SECTION 3. The Food and Drug Administration will be in charge of enforcing this law.

SECTION 4. This legislation will be take effect the first of January 2016.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Gilbert Classical Academy
L - A Bill to Raise the Minimum Wage

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Federal Minimum Wage shall be raised from $7.25 per hour to $9 per hour.

SECTION 2. The Federal Minimum Wage shall be defined as the lowest wage which an employer in any state may pay an employee with the exception of tipped workers whose minimum wage shall be $4 per hour.

SECTION 3. The Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor will ensure that all states enforce the new $9 per hour as the lowest wage to pay a worker.

SECTION 4. This legislation will be take effect the first of January 2016.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Gilbert Classical Academy
M - A Constitutional Amendment to Require a Balanced Budget

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A Constitutional Amendment shall be sent to the states to require that “The federal government have a balanced budget beginning the year 2020 except in exceptions of national emergency.”

SECTION 2. A Balanced Budget shall be defined as a budget where the spending of the government be no more than the income of the government. A “National Emergency” shall be defined as a time when the United State government would require additional spending the events of natural disaster, war, and recession. A 2/3 vote of both houses of Congress would be required to declare such a national emergency.

SECTION 3. The various states shall receive this amendment to have it passed by 2/3 of state legislatures by the date of July 1st 2016.

SECTION 4. This legislation will be take effect immediately.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Gilbert Classical Academy
N - A Bill to Repeal the Alien Tort Statute

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

2. SECTION 1. The Alien Tort Statute, Title 28 U.S. Code § 1350, is hereby repealed.

3. SECTION 2. The aforementioned section reads: “The district courts shall have

4. original jurisdiction of any civil action by an alien for a tort only,

5. committed in violation of the law of nations or a treaty of the United

6. States.”

7. SECTION 3. This law will take effect immediately upon passage.

8. SECTION 4. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mountain View High School.
O - A Resolution to Create a Free Trade Policy with China to Improve Trading Benefits and Foreign Relations

1 WHEREAS, total US-China trade rose from $5 billion in 1981 to an estimated $559 billion in 2013; and

2 WHEREAS, China is currently the United States’ second-largest trading partner, its third-largest export market, and its biggest source of imports; and

3 WHEREAS, China’s economic reforms and rapid economic growth, along with the effects of globalization, have caused the economies of the United States and China to become increasingly integrated; and

4 WHEREAS, creating a Free Trade Policy will benefit both United States and China by removing the tariff in trading and lowering the cost of imports and exports for both countries by 5%; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, that the Congress here assembled create a Free Trade Policy with China to improve trading benefits and foreign relations with China to be effective immediately.

Submitted by Mesquite High School
P - A Bill to Ensure US Alliances in the Caucasus

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1.  50% of all US aid to the Azerbaijani government shall be redirected to NGOs to support the people of Azerbaijan until the government can appropriately support its democracy by holding an internationally verified free election, freeing all political prisoners, and granting basic freedoms and remaining accountable to the people.

SECTION 2.  The US will send advisors and overseers to Georgia in order to advise the government on military, civil justice, and democracy matters. $100 million will be allocated through NGOs and community organizations in order to develop infrastructure and allow for Euro-Atlantic Economic Integration. Any cooperation between the Georgian and Russian militaries shall result in an aid cut of $200 million.

SECTION 3.  The Department of State will oversee this bill under advisement from the Departments of Defense and Justice.

SECTION 4.  This bill will go into effect in FY 2016.

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

Introduced by The Harker School
A Bill to Provide Just Asylum to Refugees

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All asylum applications in the US must be evaluated and responded to within a maximum timeframe of 1 year. All applications of those who have worked with US military personnel will be expedited to a response in a minimum of 6 months with minimalized security screening, provided the applicant can obtain verification from a current or formerly active service member who was present in the region at the time of service. Section 207 (e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act will be amended to allow exceeding the immigration quota without consequence if circumstances necessitate.

SECTION 2. Refugees from Russia, Belarus, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Libya, and those in UNRWA-verified Palestinian refugee camps fleeing instability or persecution will be classified as Priority Two applications or higher.

SECTION 3. The Department of State will implement this bill with the advisement from the Departments of Defense and Justice.

SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect in FY 2016.

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

Introduced by The Harker School
BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All persons not accepting offers for witness protection under the Organized Crime and Control Act of 1970 shall be under 24-hour domicile surveillance before, during and after federal trials.

SECTION 2. Surveillance shall be defined as any exterior examination of personal living spaces. The length of the witness surveillance shall be for the duration of time in which said witness’s life or person remains in jeopardy as determined by the Attorney General.

SECTION 3. This legislation will be enforced by the Department of Justice and executed by the Marshals Service.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall go into effect on the 1st of January 2016.

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

Respectfully submitted by Phoenix Country Day School
S - A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The TransCanada Corporation is authorized to construct, operate and maintain the Keystone XL Pipeline.

SECTION 2. This bill deems the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement regarding the pipeline issued by the Secretary of State fully satisfies any and all laws requiring federal consultation or review.

SECTION 3. The State Department in conjunction with the Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration will oversee enforcement of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on the 1st of February 2015.

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

Respectfully submitted by Phoenix Country Day School
BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall halt all deportations of illegal aliens who have children who are US Citizens or legal permanent residents. Additionally, these individuals will have the ability to receive work permits.

SECTION 2. The Deferred Action Against Childhood Arrivals (DACA) order shall be expanded to include the parents of lawful permanent residents of the United States.

SECTION 3. The Bureau of Immigration Services will oversee the implementation of this bill.

SECTION 4. This bill will take effect on June 1, 2015.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Desert Vista High School.*
U - A Bill to Follow President Obama’s Lead on Climate Change

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A. The United States will provide $3 billion dollars to the United Nations’ Green Climate Fund.

B. The United States will cut carbon emissions by 26-28% from 2005 levels by 2025.

SECTION 2. In order to decrease emissions by 26-28% from 2005 levels by 2025, the United States will:

A. Fully or partially subsidize the construction of 10 new nuclear plants.

B. Construct electric vehicle charging stations throughout the nation.

C. Provide new incentives to automobile makers to lower the cost of hybrid and electric vehicles.

SECTION 3. The Environmental Protection Agency shall enforce this legislation.

SECTION 4. This law will take effect on July 1, 2015.

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

Introduced by Desert Vista High School.
V - A RESOLUTION TO CEASE FLUORIDATION TO US WATER SUPPLIES

WHEREAS: Fluoride is being added to drinking water across the United States; and

WHEREAS: Fluoride is a known carcinogen and poison that has been linked to bone degradation, Fluorosis, Arthritis, Alzheimer’s, and female infertility problems. And is extremely unethical and fails to solve for tooth decay; and

WHEREAS: As of 2008, 72.4% of US citizens receive fluoridated water and Low income and minority citizens suffer more from Fluorosis; now, it is extremely unethical and vile to target the impoverished of our nation

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THIS CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED that Fluoridation be banned in the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that current fluoridated water supplies shall be diluted in order to protect its citizens.

Submitted by Sam Barlow High School
W - A Bill to Provide Ukraine with Lethal Aid

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. The United States of America will provide Ukraine with lethal aid to help the country protect its sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Section 2. Lethal Aid shall be defined as military aid that has the potential to inflict serious injury/death to the enemy.

Section 3. The United States Department of Education shall determine the type of aid to be provided and how much money to be spent.

Section 4. This bill shall be enacted by January 1st, 2016.

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

 Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sam Barlow High School
X - Fair Wage Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1: The United States hereby increases the federal minimum wage for non-exempt positions to the federal minimum wage laws to $10.10 an hour over the next 3 years and automatically increases the federal minimum wage in conjunction with U.S. economic inflation rates yearly.

SECTION 2: “Non-exempt” positions are determined by the Department of Labor. Inflation data is to be set by the Department of the Treasury.

SECTION 3: Department of Labor will be responsible for the enforcement of this bill

SECTION 4: Legislation will take effect immediately.

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

Submitted by Hamilton High School
Y - Immigration Reform Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1: Any non-violent illegal immigrant who have met qualifications is granted legal status and allowed to apply for Naturalized US Citizenship.

SECTION 2: Non-violent illegal immigrant is defined as a person who has not committed a violent crime in the US or their respective country of origin. Qualifications is defined as someone who arrived in the US as a minor, and/ or, has been in the US for at least 5 years, and/ or is a parent or sibling of a child born in the US during any given time period even after the enactment of this law. Legal status is defined as USCIS’s definition of a “Green Card holder”.

SECTION 3: The Department of Homeland Security is responsible for the enforcement of this bill.

A. Funding for this bill will come from a half a percent reduction in the Department of Defense budget in order to pay for processing of said immigrants and administrative costs

B. Any unused funds will be directed to the DHS budget to improve border security

SECTION 4: This bill take effect on the following fiscal year once signed into law.

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

Submitted by Hamilton High School
Z - Clean America Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

SECTION 1: The United States shall regard any coal plants built after the enactment of this law and hydraulic fracturing site illegal structures, and enforce a carbon limit, determined by the EPA, tax on all businesses. Federal tax dollars regarding infrastructure are now tied with a renewable energy quotas to foster the development of green energy in combination with “green grants”. A Jobs Training Program (JTP) will be created to equip those who will lose jobs to enter the Green Energy Sector.

SECTION 2: Coal Plants are defined as structures that either process coal and/ or burn coal to produce energy. Hydraulic Facturing sites are defined as areas that contain one or more pieces of machineries that use “fracking” to extract resources. Carbon Limit Tax is defined as a tax imposed on businesses who violate emission limits set by the EPA. Energy Quotas are the amount of energy produced by renewable sources. Jobs that qualify under the JTP are direct jobs losses such as coal miners. Green Grants are tax breaks to renewable energy producers.

SECTION 3: The EPA will be given responsibility to enforce this law

A. Funding from the Carbon Tax will be used for enforcement, Green Grants and JTP

B. If Carbon Tax funding is inadequate. Funds will be withdrawn from the DOD budget not exceeding one percent from the following fiscal year.

SECTION 4: This bill take effect on the following fiscal year once signed into law.

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

Submitted by Hamilton High School
The elimination round dockets will be posted later this week.