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This publication is a *docket* of all legislation that can be considered at the National Congress. Each chamber sets its own *agenda* at the beginning of the preliminary, semifinal and final sessions. There is **no** alpha or omega designation. Legislation submitted by districts was vetted anonymously through a committee of 11 coaches to determine the 37 items included below, balanced from among six geographic regions. A student whose district legislation is on the docket gets first right of refusal for authorship privilege.

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Educate the Pakistani People Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Grants will be created and administered by the Secretary of State to send
3 teachers and aid to build schools in suitable areas of Pakistan, to educate
4 all male and female citizens.

5 **SECTION 2.** \$100 million shall be reallocated from Department of Defense funds for
6 the purposes of these grants.

7 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall take effect with the 2014 fiscal year.

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

Introduced by the League's Kentucky District.

A Bill to Fix the Healthcare Industry

1 Be it enacted by this Student Congress here assembled that:

2 **SECTION 1.** The following limitations will be imposed:

3 A) The amount of noneconomic damage in a medical malpractice lawsuit be set
4 at \$750,000.

5 B) The amount of punitive damages be set to three times the amount awarded
6 of the compensatory award.

7 **SECTION 2.** The limits on interstate transactions in the health care industry be removed on a
8 national scale, allowing for citizens to buy insurance across state lines.

9 **SECTION 3.** A new health tax credit will be provided based off of the following criteria:

10 A) \$2,000 for an individual or \$3,500 for a couple or family

11 B) The phase-out for the tax credit occurs at \$90,000 for an individual and
12 \$170,000 for a family

13 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this law are null and void.

14 **SECTION 5.** This plan will go into effect six months after passage.

15 **SECTION 6.** The United States Department of Health and Human Services' Office for Civil
16 Rights will oversee the enforcement of this bill.

17 *Introduced by the League's Northern Ohio district.*

A Resolution to Shut Down the School of the Americas

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The School of the Americas (aka WHINSEC) has educated and trained
2 numerous students that went on to become human rights violators and
3 criminals; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** The School of the Americas (SOA) a school for the training of Latin
5 American soldiers originally created in Panama in 1946 was relocated to
6 the United States after the then president of Panama Jorge Illueca
7 declared it was “the biggest base of destabilization of Latin America”; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Several countries like Bolivia, Argentina, Uruguay, Ecuador, and
9 Venezuela have pulled forces from this school because as Nicaraguan
10 President Daniel Ortega states, “The SOA is a symbol of death, a symbol
11 of terror”; and
- 12 **WHEREAS,** The Pentagon released SOA training manuals in 1996 under pressure
13 from the public, which advocated execution, torture, and extortion, yet
14 no independent investigation was ever begun as a result of this and the
15 school continues to train to this day; and
- 16 **WHEREAS,** American taxpayers pay an average of 18 million dollars each year to
17 fund a program that has been proven to produce many oppressive
18 human rights violators; now, therefore, be it
- 19 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled recommend the complete closing of
20 the School of the Americas, so as to prevent the breeding of further
21 corrupt individuals and to protect human rights worldwide.

Introduced for by the League’s Pittsburgh (PA) district.

A Bill to End the Use of the “Stop-Loss Policy”

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The use of the “stop-loss” policy in order to lengthen a service member’s
3 active duty service will cease.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Stop-loss” shall be defined as the involuntary extension of an active duty
5 service commitments in order to retain them beyond their initial end of
6 term of service and up to their contractually agreed end of obligated
7 service as interpreted from Title 10, United States Code, Section 12305(a)
8 and Paragraph 10(c) of DD Form 4/1.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense will enforce this bill. The Department of
10 Veteran Affairs can request to review deployments and extensions in
11 order to ensure that the Department of Defense is in compliance

12 A. The Department of Defense will lose \$100,000 from its fiscal year
13 budget if found extending the initial end of term of service without
14 the consent from the service member.

15 B. The Department of Veteran Affairs will gain \$100,000 to its fiscal year
16 budget for every extension of the initial end of term of service
17 without the consent from the service member that they can prove
18 through a preponderance of the evidence.

19 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect by January 1, 2014.

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

21 *Introduced by the League’s Louisiana district.*

A Bill to Ratify the International Criminal Court

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court is herewith ratified.

3 **SECTION 2.** The United States will uphold its obligations as a state party to the Rome
4 Statute and will not act or fail to act in such a way as to hinder
5 investigations of genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity, and
6 crimes of aggression within its territory or by its nationals in foreign
7 states.

8 **SECTION 3.** The United States will continue its working relationship with the
9 International Criminal Court.

10 **SECTION 4.** The actions herein will be enacted by September 1, 2013.

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

Introduced by the League's Ozark (MO) district.

A Bill to Reform Congressional Pay Raises to Reflect Performance

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The method of congressional pay raises shall be reformed to require specific
3 benchmarks to be reached in order to reflect performance in office.

4 **SECTION 2.** The terms in this bill are defined as:

5 **A.** Congressional performance shall be determined by the increase or decrease in
6 gross domestic product (GDP), the increase or decrease in unemployment rate,
7 the collection of public opinion through a vote, and participation in legislative
8 processes.

9 **B.** GDP shall be defined as the market value of all final goods and services of a
10 country.

11 **C.** The unemployment rate shall be defined as the percentage of the labor force
12 that is currently unemployed but actively seeking employment.

13 **D.** Participation in legislative processes shall be defined as the ratio of votes to
14 passes on congressional legislation.

15 **SECTION 3.** The agency providing oversight shall be the Congress of the United States in
16 conjunction with the Department of the Treasury.

17 **A.** Violation of this law shall result in the dismissal of any advocated pay,
18 including any raises, brought forth during the time frame the aforementioned
19 violation occurred.

20 **B.** A pay raise shall be granted when 3 out of the following requirements are
21 met: the unemployment rate is lower than 6 percent when averaged yearly,
22 the GDP growth is greater than 3 percent within the fiscal year, a vote by
23 citizens in favor of the performance of Congress held on a biennial basis, and
24 participation in at least eighty percent of all congressional votes within a
25 session.

26 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented at the start of the upcoming congressional term.

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

28 *Introduced by the League's Tennessee district.*

A Resolution to Ban Drones

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Unmanned aerial vehicles, also known as drones, have become one of
2 the most commonly used military weapons; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Use of drones has led to the loss of thousands of innocent lives; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Drones have the potential to spy on the general public, a violation of
5 privacy; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Most countries are using or developing drones; now, therefore, be it
- 7 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States should pursue a
8 treaty in the United Nations that would result in a total global ban on
9 military and civilian drones.
- 10 *Introduced by the League's Sunflower (KS) district.*

A Resolution to End the Cuban Embargo

1 **WHEREAS,** The Cuban embargo has been in place since 1959 and Cuba is no closer to
2 being a democracy; and

3 **WHEREAS,** A lift of the embargo could allow for U.S. companies to find new markets
4 in Cuba; and

5 **WHEREAS,** This could put domestic pressure on the Cuban government to increase
6 the quality of living for Cubans; and

7 **WHEREAS,** The embargo has always been a cause of strained Cuban relations; and

8 **WHEREAS,** This could allow for access to Cuba's natural resources; and

9 **WHEREAS,** 67% of Americans favor lifting the travel restrictions on Cuba; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the United States embargo
12 against Cuba be hereby lifted, along with any other economic sanctions
13 against the country.

14 *Introduced by the League's South Kansas district.*

A Bill to Discontinue Military Aid to the Government of Israel

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will discontinue all military aid given annually to the Israeli
3 government.

4 **SECTION 2.** The United States Government will end its approximately \$3.1 billion of annual
5 military aid to the Israeli Government and its people in order to avoid costly and
6 detrimental Israeli conflicts and to protect American interests in the Middle East.

7 **SECTION 3.** The government agencies enforcing this legislation will be the:

8 --Department of Defense (DoD)

9 -U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)

10 -U.S. State Department

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented immediately upon passage.

12 **SECTION 5.** The Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 in relation to American aid to Israel as well as
13 all other laws in conflict with this legislation shall hereby be declared null and
14 void.

15 *Introduced by the League's Three Trails (KS) district.*

A Bill to Amend the USA PATRIOT Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Title II, Section 206, commonly known as “the roving John Doe wiretap,”
3 of the USA PATRIOT Act shall be amended to require the naming of a
4 specific target, mirroring longstanding and similar criminal laws that
5 permit roving wiretaps.

6 **SECTION 2.** Title II, Section 215 of the USA PATRIOT Act shall be amended in a way
7 that Congress must ensure that any “tangible item,” as by the definition
8 of “tangible item” already portrayed in Section 215, collected with
9 Section 215's power has a meaningful connection to suspected terrorist
10 activity.

11 **SECTION 3.** This bill shall take effect upon passage.

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

13 *Introduced by the League’s Northern Lights (MN) district.*

A Bill to End Dumping on Native American Land

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government should institute a permanent
3 moratorium on dumping nuclear and/or toxic chemicals on lands under
4 Native American jurisdiction.

5 **SECTION 2.** Moratorium is defined as a total end to. Land under Native American
6 jurisdiction is to be defined as any land directly or indirectly controlled by
7 Native Americans.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Interior will be in charge of enactment and
9 enforcement.

10 **SECTION 4.** Implementation will begin immediately. Any radioactive and/or toxic
11 chemicals currently on or in lands under Native American control will be
12 mandated to be removed within a six month timeframe from the
13 implementation of this bill.

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

15 *Introduced by the League's Rushmore (SD) district.*

A Resolution for Universities to Pay Student Athletes

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Student athletes currently receive no monetary compensation for the
2 play outside of academic scholarship; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** monetary compensation is banned by the NCAA, the governing body of
4 college athletics; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** student athletes have no means to pay for their cost of living without
6 violating NCAA rules; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** NCAA punishment over student athlete compensation has resulted in
8 severe loss of revenue, such as SMU in 1987; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** student athletes risk career ending injury on any given play; now,
10 therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled urge the NCAA to eliminate rules
12 banning payment to student athletes for their play; and, be it
- 13 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That payment will be determined by the University on a player-to-
14 player basis in order to promote better quality of life for the athletes.

Introduced by the League's LBJ (TX) district.

A Bill to Save the United States Education System

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Education in the United States will only be compulsory through the 8th
3 grade. After that grade level is completed, students will have the option
4 to continue on their current educational path or enroll in a vocational
5 program.

6 **SECTION 2.** The current educational path will be defined as the academic path,
7 intended for students who plan to attend a higher institution of learning.
8 Vocational program will be defined as training that provides practical
9 skills needed to perform in a particular occupational field,

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will be responsible for facilitating this plan.

11 A. The Department of Education will receive 30 billion dollars annually
12 to implement and sustain this program.

13 B. All states that implement this program will receive a 5% increase in
14 funding for transportation.

15 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Education will have two years to develop the
16 vocational program alternatives and three years to implement the
17 programs in states that have accepted the plan. This bill will go into full
18 effect in five years after its passage.

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

Introduced by the League's Lone Star (TX) district.

A Resolution to Supersede French Action in Mali

1 **WHEREAS,** French military intervention in Mali has been insufficient to resolve the crisis that
2 currently plagues the country; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Spillover from Mali has already threatened vital infrastructure and interests in
4 Western Africa; and

5 **WHEREAS,** The safety and stability of the people of Mali and surrounding countries are at
6 great risk; and

7 **WHEREAS,** Vital interests of the US and France are at stake; now, therefore, be it

8 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled supersede French action and take
9 over existing operations in Mali in order to stabilize and assist the people and
10 government; and, be it

11 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the US promote infrastructure development in Mali to promote
12 economic growth for recovery.

13 *Introduced by the League's North Texas Longhorns district.*

A Resolution to Promote Foreign Investment In India

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States had a trade surplus with India ranging from \$10-16
2 billion prior to the 2008 financial crisis; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** India is one of the fastest developing countries on the globe today; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** US dependence on China has become too large and is giving China too
5 much power over the US economy; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** India's equity market is one of the most stable in the globe today and will
7 be able to bear an influx of US bonds; now, therefore, be it
- 8 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled promote foreign investment in India,
9 the world's largest democracy.
- 10 *Introduced by the League's Space City (TX) district.*

A Bill to Enact National Voting Standards

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Federal Elections Commission (FEC) is tasked with creating
3 standardized election practices.

4 **SECTION 2.** The standardized election practices must include and adhere to the
5 following:

6 A. Creating a standardized ballot to be used in all states.

7 B. Creating a national voter registration database.

8 C. Creating an optional national voter identification card.

9 **SECTION 3.** Any State with voter identification laws must accept the national voter
10 identification care as a valid form of identification for the purposes of
11 voting.

12 **SECTION 4.** No State may charge a voter more than the actual costs to provide
13 documents needed for the issuance of a national voter identification
14 card.

15 **SECTION 5.** The FEC will reimburse voters in States requiring voter identification for
16 all actual costs of obtaining documents needed for the issuance of a
17 national voter identification card.

18 **SECTION 6.** The FEC shall submit a budget proposal to Congress no later than six
19 months from the passage of this bill.

20 **SECTION 7.** The FEC may, after issuing a warning, withhold federal election assistance
21 grants to States not adopting the standardized practices by the State's
22 first Congressional or Presidential primary election in 2016.

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

24 *Introduced by the League's Southern Wisconsin district.*

A Resolution to Ask the Pentagon to Abandon the New Distinguished Warfare Medal

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The new Distinguished Warfare Medal (DWM) will be given to those
2 involved in drone and cyber security warfare; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The DWM is of higher distinction than the Purple Heart and Bronze Star;
4 and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The DWM promotes the message that drone and cyber security warfare
6 is valued over actual combat; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The DWM demotes those who have faced battle and whose lives have
8 been affected by injury or PTSD; now, therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled ask The Pentagon to abandon the new
10 Distinguished Warfare Medal.

Introduced by the League's Rocky Mountain – South (CO) district.

A Bill to Increase Counter-Narcotics Aid to Colombia

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The More Investment for Sustainable Alternative Development (MIDAS)
3 and Areas for Municipal Level Alternative Development (ADAM) under
4 USAID shall be reestablished to aid United States counter-narcotic efforts
5 in the nation of Colombia.

6 **SECTION 2.** MIDAS and ADAM shall use funds to encourage farmers in Colombia to
7 produce sustainable and licit crops as an alternative to the harvesting of
8 illicit drugs.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State and USAID shall oversee the implementation of
10 this legislation

11 A. Foreign assistance to Colombia from the Department of State shall be
12 increased from the current level of 331.8 billion dollars in fiscal year
13 2013 to 453.2 billion dollars per year in fiscal years 2014 and 2015 (to
14 match fiscal year 2011 levels), with the additional appropriations
15 going to USAID for the implementation of this legislation.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect on October 1st, 2013.

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

18 *Introduced by the League's Colorado Grande district.*

A Resolution to Aid Syria

1 **WHEREAS,** The Syrian civil war has waged for nearly two years, claimed over 60,000
2 lives, created over 600,000 refugees, and is slated to cost over \$60 billion
3 in repairs; and

4 **WHEREAS,** Syrian refugees endure harsh standards of living, weaken the home
5 nation from which they fled, and place economic and societal strains on
6 the countries that accept them; and

7 **WHEREAS,** Quickly rebuilding Syria would allow many refugees to return and help
8 develop their country; and

9 **WHEREAS,** Failure to do so would result in a more chaotic Syria and destabilized
10 Middle East.

11 **RESOLVED,** That the United States will give substantial economic aid to Syrian
12 refugee camps and Syrian infrastructure development.

13 *Introduced by the League's Hoosier Heartland (IN) district.*

A Resolution to Retract the United States Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) Contraceptive Mandate

1 **WHEREAS,** No government should tell religious organizations either what to believe
2 or how to put their beliefs into practice; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Freedom of religion is an inalienable right granted by the First
4 Amendment; and

5 **WHEREAS,** No religious institution should be penalized for refusing to go against its
6 beliefs; and

7 **WHEREAS,** Institutions developed by religious groups to implement their core beliefs
8 in education, in care of the sick, and in other tasks should also be
9 protected; and HHS mandate prevents free exercise of religion; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED,** That the HHS mandate that religious institutions, with only a narrow
12 religious exception, must provide access to certain contraceptive
13 benefits, even if medications or procedures are contrary to their beliefs,
14 be retracted.

15 *Introduced by the League's Hoosier Heartland (IN) district.*

A Bill to Return the United States to the Gold Standard

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A Congressional audit, with the assistance of the Secretary of the
3 Treasury and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System shall
4 determine the value of the United States gold reserve, as well as the
5 difference between that and the value of all United States currency.

6 **SECTION 2.** The Secretary of the Treasury shall purchase the difference in gold to
7 back currency not covered therein.

8 **SECTION 3.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect January 1, 2014.

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

Introduced by the League's Golden Desert (NV) district.

A Bill to Eliminate Strip Mining and Mountain-Top Removal to Prevent the Further Destruction of Coal Rich Ecosystems

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All forms of destructive mining such as strip mining and mountain-top removal
3 are henceforth abolished in the name of protecting our coal rich ecosystems.

4 **SECTION 2.** Destructive mining is any form of mining that causes massive deforestation,
5 pollution of local water sources, or any other severe environmental harm.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will oversee the implementation of
7 this policy.

8 A. Eliminating the use of these mining methods is of the utmost importance to
9 the ecosystems. These methods use outrageous deforestation, pollute local
10 water sources, and cause landslides, among other consequences.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation would be enforced beginning January 2014.

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

13 *Introduced by the League's West Oklahoma district.*

A Bill to Support the Surgeon General's National Strategy for Suicide Prevention [Suicide Prevention Act]

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Surgeon General of The United States of America shall be allocated the
3 amount of 500 Million dollars [500,000,000] annually for the next five years
4 and shall be directed to distribute said funds in the form of awards and
5 grants to not-for-profit suicide prevention programs in support of the
6 Surgeon Generals new "National Strategy for Suicide Prevention".

7 **SECTION 2.** The recipients of these grants may include, but shall not be limited to, non-
8 profit organizations, such as the Jason Foundation and the American
9 Association of Suicidology, that are dependent upon the support of
10 donations and outside funding.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Office of the Surgeon General shall enforce this program under the
12 direction of the Assistant Secretary of Health within the Department of
13 Health and Human Services.

14 A. Congress shall conduct hearings and perform a review of the
15 effectiveness of this program during the fourth [4th] year of this
16 program's existence.

17 B. This program of awarding grants shall sunset at the end of Five [5] years
18 if Congress declines to enact legislation to extend the program.

19 **SECTION 4.** This program shall go into implementation January 14, 2014.

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

21 *Introduced by the League's Idaho Mountain River district.*

A Resolution to Remove Hamas from the Foreign Terrorist Organization List

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Hamas' label as a terrorist organization is harming relations between the United
2 States and Israel; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The United States needs to have full communications with all actors to mitigate
4 international crises; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Hamas' presence on the Foreign Terrorist Organizations has halted negotiation
6 with the United States; now, therefore, be it
- 7 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that Hamas be removed from the Foreign
8 Terrorist Organization list.

Introduced by the League's Puget Sound (WA) district.

A Bill to Invest in Geothermal Energy

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States government shall invest in geothermal energy through
3 supporting private energy companies. \$5,000,000,000 will be invested
4 over a period of ten years with \$500,000,000 being invested every year.

5 **SECTION 2.** Private energy companies shall be defined as any companies that devote
6 at least 60% of their investments and/or capital towards geothermal
7 energy production.

8 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Energy shall oversee the implementation of this
9 legislation.

10 A. The House Ways and Means Committee shall be given the task to
11 allocate funding to the private energy companies.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect by January 1, 2014.

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

14 *Introduced by the League's Western Washington district.*



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A Bill to Regulate The Trade of Derivatives

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The sale and purchase of credit based derivatives or any financial instruments
3 resembling such, is hereby prohibited.

4 **SECTION 2.** Credit based financial derivatives created prior to the enactment of this
5 legislation shall be considered exempt from the provisions thereof.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Security and Exchanges Commission along with the Commodities Future
7 Trading Commission shall be responsible for the enforcement of the provisions
8 of this legislation in accordance with the existing mandates and areas of domain
9 for these respective agencies.

10 **SECTION 4.** Penalties for violating this legislation shall be the sole determination of the
11 respective agencies specified in section 2. Levied fines shall not exceed 10% of
12 the derivatives created in violation of this legislation.

13 **SECTION 5** This law shall take effect at the start of Fiscal Year 2014

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

15 *Introduced by the League's Florida Manatee district.*

A Bill to Help African Farming

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1. A.** The United States Government shall grant an additional \$300 million
3 to the budget of USAID for the use of implementing and training on the
4 use of drip irrigation systems in the continent of Africa.

5 **B.** USAID will decide the areas that are most in need of this aid and will
6 allocate the resources as necessary.

7 **SECTION 2. A.** Africa - The second largest continent, a southward projection of the
8 Old World landmass divided roughly in half by the equator and
9 surrounded by sea except where the Isthmus of Suez joins it to Asia

10 **SECTION 3. A.** This bill will be enforced by the Department of State

11 **B.** This bill will be enforced by USAID

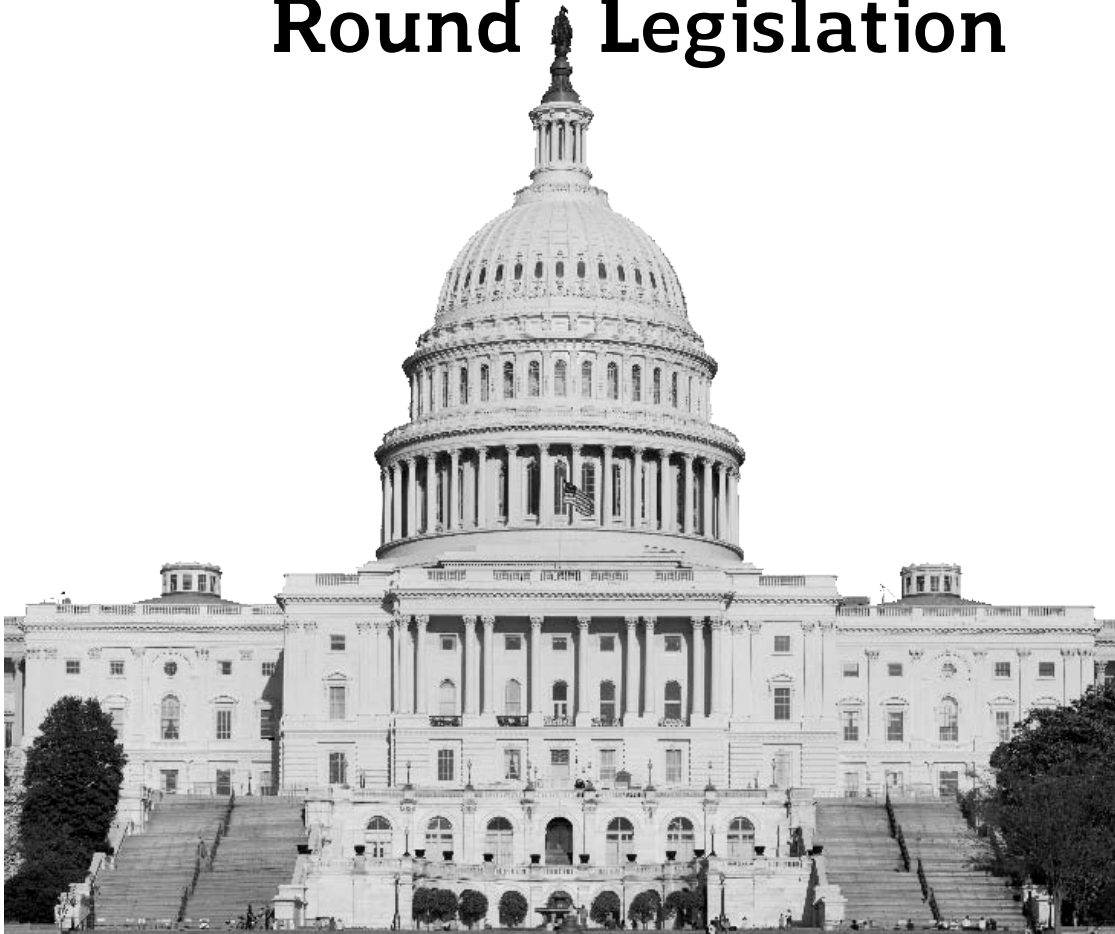
12 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect within six months of passage.

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

14 *Introduced by the League's Montana district.*



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A Bill to Repeal Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** In order to end the de factor embargo on Congolese minerals, Congress
3 shall repeal section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and
4 Consumer Protection Act, dealing with conflict minerals.

5 **SECTION 2.** Conflict minerals are defined as cassiterite, columbite-tantalite, gold,
6 wolframite and potentially other minerals that the US Secretary of State
7 may designate.

8 **SECTION 3.** Congress shall oversee the repealing of this section.

9 **SECTION 4.** This law will take in effect within one month of passage

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

11 *Introduced by the League's New Jersey district.*

A Bill to Rebuild United States-Mali Relations

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States rebuilds relations with Mali by providing nation-
3 building support.

4 **SECTION 2.** Relations will be rebuilt by reinstating military aid and increased funding
5 to USAID for humanitarian programs and malaria research.

6 **SECTION 3.** A. Military aid will be defined as troop deployment, weapon trade, or
7 direct funding to the Malian government when/if it has been
8 reestablished following the scheduled July 31, 2013 election, for
9 maintaining control over the Malian territory and for counterinsurgency
10 efforts.

11 B. USAID will be contributed for improving health services, increasing the
12 quality of basic education, and accelerating efforts of the Presidential
13 Malaria Initiative (PMI) by increasing the availability of quinine
14 supplements as a basic preventative measure.

15 **SECTION 3.** A. The United States Department of Defense will be responsible for the
16 allocation of military aid after careful assessment of the state of the
17 Malian military and conversations with European and African countries
18 with a military presence in Mali.

19 B. The USAID Administrator will have the responsibility of determining
20 feasible options for reallocating and increasing USAID.

21 **SECTION 4.** This bill is to be enacted by July 1, 2014.

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

23 *Introduced by the League's New York State district.*

A Bill to Ban the Usage of Private Military Contractors

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Private Military Contractors may no longer be utilized by the US Department of
3 Defense.

4 **SECTION 2.** The prohibition includes but is not limited to Private Military Contractors
5 engaging in the following activities: combat missions, recognizance missions,
6 provision of protective services, security advice and planning, prison
7 administration, interrogation, and intelligence gathering.

8 **SECTION 3.** A. The Congressional Arms Service Committee shall oversee the enforcement of
9 this legislation.

10 B. The Congressional Armed Forces Committee will make cuts to the Department
11 of Defense budget by the specific amount spent on missions that continue to
12 utilize Private Military Contractors.

13 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect within one year of passage.

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

15 *Introduced by the League's North Coast (OH) district.*

A Bill to Mandate Smart Trigger Locks

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Firearms sold in or shipped to addresses in the United States and used for
3 civilian purposes shall be required to have smart trigger locks.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Smart trigger locks” are those that utilize electronic code from a ring
5 worn by an individual or fingerprint matching to unlock the trigger on a
6 firearm.

7 **SECTION 3.** The United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives
8 will ensure that all firearms in the United States utilize smart trigger
9 locks. United States Customs and Border Protection will ensure that all
10 firearms shipped to the United States utilize smart trigger locks.

11 A. Manufacturers and vendors found in compliance will be given ninety
12 days to comply. Should such a business fail compliance a second time
13 the U.S. government shall seize the assets of the business.

14 B. An individual who possesses a noncompliant firearm shall be given
15 thirty days to demonstrate compliance by appearing with the
16 firearm(s) in violation to a federal law enforcement office. Failure to
17 comply may result in the filing of weapons trafficking charges.

18 **SECTION 4.** New firearms must meet the requirements of this legislation by January
19 1, 2014. Existing firearms that are less than fifty years old must be
20 retrofitted to meet the requirements of this legislation by January 1,
21 2016.

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

23 *Introduced by the League’s Florida Panther district.*

A Bill for a New Star Wars Initiative

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Weapons of extra-Mesospheric assets must be used only for defensive
3 measures, whether those measures are against foreign powers, domestic
4 threats, environmental dangers, or internal disruption.

5 **SECTION 2.** All attached armaments must be non-nuclear, non-antimatter, nor any
6 other associated description of a weapon class that may have a
7 devastating impact on the Earth's surface. No weapon system may be
8 deployed that does not comply with international military treaties or
9 laws. No weapon can be classified as a weapon of mass destruction
10 (WMD).

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense shall oversee weaponization under guidance
12 and advice of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

13 **SECTION 4.** Financing shall be appropriated for the project from the Fiscal Budget as
14 Congress deems adequate for the weaponization.

15 **SECTION 5.** Completion of the project will take no fewer than two (2) years and no
16 more than five (5) years as to ensure a balance between safety and
17 necessity.

Introduced by the League's Georgia Southern Peach district.

Fracturing Responsibility and Awareness of Chemicals Act of 2013

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Environmental Protection Agency is hereby granted the power to regulate
3 hydraulic fracturing:

4 A. Sections 322 and 323 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Pub.L. 109-58) are
5 hereby repealed.

6 B. Hydraulic Fracturing- Section 1421(d)(1) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42
7 U.S.C. 300h(d)(1)) is amended by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting:

8 b) Includes the underground injection of fluids or propping agents pursuant to
9 hydraulic fracturing operations related to oil and gas production activities;

10 but

11 c) Excludes the underground injection of natural gas for purposes of storage.

12 **SECTION 2.** Private firms involved in hydraulic fracturing shall disclose the chemical
13 constituents used in the fracturing process:

14 A. Section 1421(b) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300h(b)) shall be
15 amended as follows:

16 1. In subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1) insert before the semicolon,
17 “including a requirement that any person using hydraulic fracturing
18 disclose to the State (or the Administrator if the Administrator has primary
19 enforcement responsibility in the State) the chemical constituents (but not
20 the proprietary chemical formulas) used in the fracturing process.”

21 2. Add the following new paragraph at the end of thereof:

22 (4) The State (or Administrator) shall make the disclosure of chemical
23 constituents referred to in subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1)
24 available to the public.

25 **SECTION 3.** This Act shall go into effect July 1, 2013.

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

Introduced by the League's Carolina West (NC) district.

A Bill to Reform U.S. Income and Capital Gains Tax

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Congress will reform the US ordinary income and long term
3 capital gains tax rates.

4 **SECTION 2.** The current ordinary income tax brackets and the qualifications to pay them will
5 shift in the following ways:

6 **A.** Those currently qualified to pay the existing 10%, 15%, and 25% ordinary
7 income tax rates will begin paying 8%, 13%, and 23% rates, respectively.

8 **B.** Those currently qualified to pay the existing 28% and 33% ordinary income
9 tax rates will merge to pay a 31% ordinary income tax rate.

10 **C.** Those currently qualified to pay the existing 35% and 39.6% ordinary income
11 tax rates will begin paying 37% and 42% rates, respectively.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Current long term capital gains tax brackets and the qualifications to pay
13 them will shift in the following ways:

14 **A:** Those paying the new 8% and 13% ordinary income tax rates will continue to
15 pay a 0% long term capital gains tax rate.

16 **B.** Those paying the new 23% and 31% ordinary income tax rates will pay a 15%
17 long term capital gains tax rate.

18 **C.** Those paying the new 37% and 42% ordinary income tax rates will pay a 25%
19 long term capital gains tax rate.

20 **SECTION 4.** In accordance with Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution,
21 the United States Congress has the power of taxation, and reserves the rights to
22 take the actions outlined in this bill.

23 **A.** The Internal Revenue Service will continue to collect taxes, in accordance
24 with the reforms presented in this bill.

25 **B.** The Joint Committee on Taxation will continue investigating the operation,
26 effects, and administration of internal revenue taxes, and make reports of
27 the investigations and make recommendations on the tax code.

28 **SECTION 5.** This law will take effect Fiscal Year 2014.

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

Introduced by the League's Central Minnesota district.

A Resolution to Remove Life Tenure for Federal Court Justices

1 **WHEREAS,** The length of a justice's term has increased from an average of 10 years to over
2 30 years in some instances; and

3 **WHEREAS,** The founding fathers could not foresee that an increase in longevity would
4 imperil the rotation essential to an office in a representative government; and

5 **WHEREAS,** The Constitution does not outline judicial qualifications; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Presidents often appoint judges from within their own political parties or with
7 similar political ideals; and

8 **WHEREAS,** A limited term would erase the political premium of appointing justices at a
9 young age to increase one's influence over the court system; now, therefore, be
10 it

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

ARTICLE --

17 **SECTION 1:** Judges, both of the supreme and inferior courts, shall hold their
18 offices for a term of up to 18 years. This amendment shall not
19 prohibit a judge from serving subsequent terms in each level of the
20 court.

21 **SECTION 2:** All judges who hold office, at the date of ratification by the states,
22 are not subject to the requirements of this amendment.

23 *Introduced by the League's Tall Cotton (TX) district.*

A Bill to Ban Prescription Drug Advertisements

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All direct to consumer (DTC) advertisements for prescription medications in the
3 United States are hereby declared illegal.

4 **SECTION 2.** Each violation of this legislation is subject to a \$250,000 fine requiring payment
5 within the fiscal year said violation occurs.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in conjunction with the Food and
7 Drug Administration (FDA) shall enforce this legislation.

8 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect within 12 months of passage.

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

10 *Introduced by the League's Capitol Valley (CA) district.*

A Bill to Reform Social Security

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI) federal program
3 be amended to encompass the following provisions:

4 A. The current retirement age to receive full Social Security benefits
5 shall be adjusted at no more than ten (10) and no less than eight (8)
6 years before the average life expectancy as determined by the Center
7 for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The current retirement age
8 shall be increased from 65 to 67-years-of-age in 2020 for all citizens
9 born after 1952 and further increased to 70-years-of-age in 2025 for
10 all citizens born after 1954. The minimum age retirement shall
11 increase from 62 to 64-years-of-age in 2020 and to 67-years-of-age in
12 2025. The minimum age retirement shall not exceed more than three
13 years prior to the standard retirement age at any time.

14 B. The Social Security payroll tax, as determined by the Federal
15 Insurance Contributions Act tax (FICA), shall be increased from the
16 current 6.2% to 7.2% at a rate of 1/20 percent annually for twenty
17 (20) years.

18 C. The current Social Security tax cap, adjusted annually for inflation,
19 shall be increased to include the first five million (\$5,000,000) of
20 taxable income.

21 D. Any and all funds borrowed from the Social Security trust fund must
22 be voted on by a 2/3 majority in both houses of Congress and be
23 subject to an open declarative ballot for all voting members.

24 **SECTION 2.** The Social Security Administration shall oversee the implementation of
25 this legislation and shall delegate enforcement powers to the Office of
26 the Inspector General.

27 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall go into effect at the beginning of the 2020 FY and be
28 in effect until 2045 whereupon a full review of this legislation's
29 effectiveness shall be conducted to determine future continuity.

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

31 *Introduced by the League's Utah-Wasatch district.*

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A Resolution to Create an Emerging Technologies Terrorism Task force

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Technological advancements are being used in cyber-warfare; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** This modern technology, while ideally being used to create a better world, can
- 3 have negative and widespread implications; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Developing computer technologies and communication tools are rarely
- 5 monitored for their possible use for illegal activities; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** These computer technologies and communication tools have the potential to
- 7 become even more dangerous due to the ease of acquisition; now, therefore, be
- 8 it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** By this Congress that: An independent task force the commission of evaluating
- 10 emerging technologies and the possible utilization by terrorists be created and
- 11 put into action by Jan 1, 2014; and, be it
- 12 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this task force be allowed to operate internationally and shall report
- 13 to a Congressional oversight committee consisting of members of Dept. of
- 14 Defense, Homeland Security, and CIA.
- 15 *Introduced by the League's Hole in the Wall (WY) district.*

A Bill to Require a Biennial Budget

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Congress of the United States shall be required to create a budget
3 every two years; and should the Congress fail to do so all federal
4 employees shall go without pay until a budget can be created.

5 **SECTION 2.** Federal employees are defined as all persons under the employment of
6 the United States federal government. Budget is defined as an estimate
7 of income and expenditure for a set period of time

8 **SECTION 3.** The House of Representatives shall have this responsibility as established
9 by the Constitution of the United States.

10 **SECTION 4.** This will be implemented in the fiscal year of 2015.

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

Introduced by the League's Wind River (WY) district.



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Student Loan Relief Act of 2013

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Subparagraph (D) of section 455(b)(7) of the Higher Education Act of
3 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087e(b)(7)) is amended to extend the 3.4% interest rate
4 on Federal Direct Stafford loans to loans first disbursed to undergraduate
5 students between July 1, 2011, and July 1, 2016.

6 **SECTION 2.** This bill shall take effect upon passage.

Adapted from S.707 and H.R.1595-113th Congress (2013-2014) for National Congressional Debate by the Stennis Center for Public Service Leadership [Note: This is a timely topic, and if the United States Congress passes this bill and the President signs it before June 20, assume it has not, and debate on its original intent].

A Bill to Extend Seaward Boundaries (Offshore Fairness Act)

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Section 4, Submerged Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1312) is herewith amended.

3 **SECTION 2.** The seaward boundary of each of the following States shall be a line, 3
4 marine leagues distant from the coast line: Alabama, Florida, Georgia,
5 Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of the Interior shall notify states of the right to request a
7 conveyance of the applicable interest of the U.S. in and to submerged
8 land, and transfer to the Governor of each aforementioned state the
9 authority to exercise powers and duties of the Secretary under the terms
10 of any existing interest, as long as the State:

11 A. Shall not impose burdens or requirements on an interest owner that
12 would be stricter than such under Federal law; and

13 B. Shall not impose administrative or judicial penalties or sanctions on
14 an interest owner that is more severe than such under Federal law.

15 **SECTION 4.** Submerged land within seaward boundaries shall be subject to federal oil
16 and gas mineral rights and considered part of the continental shelf for
17 purposes of the Outer Continental Shelf lands Act, the Gulf of Mexico
18 Security Act of 2006, and other laws applicable to the leasing of oil and
19 gas resources.

20 **SECTION 5.** This act shall not affect any Federal oil and gas lease in effect on the date
21 of any conveyance.

22 **SECTION 6.** States may exercise sovereign taxation powers within the seaward
23 boundaries.

24 **SECTION 7.** The Secretary of Commerce shall grant exclusive fishery management
25 authority to each affected state.

26 **SECTION 8.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby null and void.

Adapted from S.681 and H.R.1430-113th Congress (2013-2014) for National Congressional Debate by the Stennis Center for Public Service Leadership.

A Resolution to Urge the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to Extend Swap Lines with the People's Bank of China

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Trade relations between the United States and People's Republic of China
2 have strengthened, despite disputes between each country's actions
3 regarding their economic, social, and international trading practices; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** While the United States and China have increased economic ties from \$5
5 billion in 1981 to \$503 billion by 2011, their "rocky marriage" trade
6 relationship has endured challenges, including more than 12 trade
7 dispute settlement cases in 2012 against China to the World Trade
8 Organization (WTO), and six cases filed by China against the United
9 States; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** The WTO was wrestled by the United States to include China as a new
11 member with the expectation that WTO membership would encourage
12 the Chinese government to fix trading practices and integrate their
13 market into the global economy; and
- 14 **WHEREAS,** The United States could facilitate the WTO's dispute resolution
15 mechanism to address major trade issues with China, such as China's
16 currency manipulation, allowing the WTO to monitor China's economy
17 and trade practices; now, therefore, be it
- 18 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled urges the Board of Governors of the
19 Federal Reserve System to establish a foreign-currency liquidity swap line
20 with the People's Bank of China in order to bridge the monetary
21 differences between the countries.

Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the Stennis Center for Public Service Leadership.

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Limit the Number of Terms a Member of Congress May Serve

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

ARTICLE --

7 **SECTION 1:** No person who has served three terms as a Representative
8 shall be eligible for election to the House of
9 Representatives. For purposes of this section, the election
10 of a person to fill a vacancy in the House of
11 Representatives shall be included as one term in
12 determining the number of terms that such person has
13 served as a Representative if the person fills the vacancy
14 for more than one year.

15 **SECTION 2:** No person who has served two terms as a Senator shall be
16 eligible for election or appointment to the Senate. For
17 purposes of this section, the election or appointment of a
18 person to fill a vacancy in the Senate shall be included as
19 one term in determining the number of terms that such
20 person has served as a Senator if the person fills the
21 vacancy for more than three years.

22 **SECTION 3:** No term beginning before the date of the ratification of
23 this article shall be taken into account in determining
24 eligibility for election or appointment under this article.

Adapted from H.J.Res.41-113th Congress (2013-2014) for National Congressional Debate by the Stennis Center for Public Service Leadership.

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Require a Two-Thirds Vote on the Raising or Lowering of the Debt Ceiling

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

ARTICLE --

7 **SECTION 1:** All legislation for raising or lowering the federal
8 government's budget debt ceiling shall require the passage
9 of a two-thirds majority vote in the House of
10 Representatives and in the Senate.

11 **SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
12 appropriate legislation.

Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the Stennis Center for Public Service Leadership.

Rail Appropriation Investment Legislation (RAIL Act of 2013)

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All corporations operating freight trucks in the United States with trailers
3 of at least two axels and eight wheels shall be levied an annual tax of two
4 hundred dollars per each trailer used. The Internal Revenue Service shall
5 collect these taxes.

6 **SECTION 2.** Revenue from these taxes shall be used to stimulate corporations
7 operating freight rail services in the United States. The Secretary of
8 Transportation (the "Secretary") shall determine an equitable means for
9 disbursing funds based upon volume and track infrastructure needs.

10 **SECTION 3.** This bill shall take effect beginning with reporting of taxes for FY2014.

11 **SECTION 4.** The Secretary shall report to Congress in 2017 the impact of this
12 legislation on increasing use of rail to transport goods.

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

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