

Congress Docket
Poland Regional High School
January 21, 2017

1) A RESOLUTION TO CUT AID TO PAKISTAN

1. **WHEREAS**, the U.S. has given Pakistan almost \$2 billion USD in foreign aid and,
2. **WHEREAS**, the United States has deployed more drones for warfare in Pakistan
3. than in any other country,
4. **WHEREAS**, the military in Pakistan may have formed an alliance with ISIS;
5. Therefore be it **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled work to terminate
6. military aid and weapons sales to the nation of Pakistan.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by ELHS, Maine District

2) A Bill to Abandon the “One China Policy”

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1:** The State Department is hereby ordered to re-establish diplomatic
2. relations with the Republic of China henceforth be known as Taiwan.
3. **SECTION 2:** The U.S. Embassy shall be erected in Taipei with a construction budget
4. of \$1 million USD.
5. **SECTION 3:** U.S. Military personnel shall be stationed in Taipei to supervise the transition.
6. **SECTION 4:** The Department of Defense and State Department shall oversee this
7. piece of legislation
8. **SECTION 5:** This legislation shall be made effective January 28, 2020.
9. **SECTION 6:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by ELHS, Maine District

3) A Resolution to Ban State-Run Lotteries

1. **WHEREAS**, The lottery is addictive and can contribute to gambling problems;
2. **WHEREAS**, The lottery disproportionately targets the poor;
3. **WHEREAS**, and Governments should not be in the business of gambling
4. **WHEREAS**, States have not used revenue from lottery games responsibly and lottery money
5. does not really benefit education;
6. **RESOLVED**, That the United States Congress look for ways to ban state-run lotteries.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sen. Baldacci, Bangor HS, Maine District

4) A Bill to Re-impose the Arms Embargo on Bahrain

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The United States government is prohibited from selling or transferring tear
2. gas, small arms, light weapons, ammunition for small arms and light weapons, humvees, and
3. other weapons used for crowd control to Bahrain until the Department of State certifies that
4. Bahrain has fully implemented all 26 recommendations set forth in the 2011 Bahrain
5. Independent Commission of Inquiry report.
6. **SECTION 2.** The 2011 Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry report listed
7. recommendations to help the country of Bahrain improve its human rights record.
8. **SECTION 3.** The Department of State will oversee the enforcement of this bill.
 - A. Within a year of this legislation's passage, the State Department will report to Congress if Bahrain has met all 26 BICI recommendations.
9. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2017.
10. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sen. Baldacci, Bangor HS, Maine District

5) A Resolution to Encourage NATO to Remove U.S. Nukes from Turkey

1. **WHEREAS**, The United States currently has nuclear weapons in Turkey that are being put
2. at risk, as the country is unstable, and
3. **WHEREAS**, The nuclear weapons serve no strategic purpose, because both the U.S. and
4. Turkey don't have certified aircraft to carry the weapons, and
5. **WHEREAS**, Keeping the nukes in Turkey could greatly harm the security of the U.S. and
6. the world, and
7. **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled recommend to NATO that they remove
8. U.S. nukes from Turkey.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Senator Baldacci, Bangor HS, Maine District

6) A Bill to Preserve the Security of the American Power Grid

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** A sum of two billion dollars will be appropriated towards strengthening the
2. nation's power grid to minimize the damage from any source of electromagnetic pulse.
3. **SECTION 2A.** "Electromagnetic pulse" will be defined as a short burst of electromagnetic
4. energy that can arise from a variety of sources, such as lightning strikes, nuclear explosions,
5. or solar storms.
6. **SECTION 2B.** "Solar storm" will be defined as an eruption of magnetically charged
7. plasma from the sun's interior into space.
8. **SECTION 3.** Funding for this legislation will be taken from the U.S. Department of
9. Energy, which will oversee the implementation of this bill.
10. **SECTION 4.** This law shall take effect immediately upon passage.
11. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Senator Shedd, CEHS, Maine District

7) A Bill to Ban the Online Sale of Flamethrowers

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The XM42 and the X15 models of flamethrowers, as manufactured by the
2. company *XMatter*, as well as any other handheld flamethrower, shall be banned from being
3. purchased via online sales.
4. **SECTION 2A.** “Flamethrowers” shall be defined as a weapon that sprays out burning fuel.
5. **SECTION 2B.** “Online sales” shall be defined as the purchase of goods and services through
6. the internet.
7. **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms and the Department of Justice
8. shall jointly enforce this legislation.
9. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately upon passage.
10. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Senator Shedd, CEHS, Maine District

8) A Bill to Arm the Kurds

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The US shall hereby supply \$1.5 billion in arms, ammunition, military vehicles,
2. and maintenance supplies for armored vehicles to the Iraqi Kurds’ peshmerga. Operational
3. and intelligence support will also be provided.
4. **SECTION 2.** The “peshmerga” shall be defined as the armed forces fighting on behalf of the
5. Kurdish people in Northern Iraq.
6. **SECTION 3.** The Department of State and Department of Defense shall oversee the
7. enforcement of this legislation.
8. **SECTION 4.** This law shall go into effect immediately upon passage.
9. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by The National Speech and Debate Association

9) A Bill to Further Support Millennium Development Goals

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1. SECTION 1. A.** The United States shall hereby commit an additional \$2 billion toward
- 2.** accomplishing Millennium Development Goal of providing universal access to primary
- 3.** education.
- 4. B.** MDG2 funding shall be redistributed in the following proportions: 50% to Sub-
- 5.** Saharan Africa, 20% to Southern Asia, 15% to the Middle East, and 15% to Southeastern
- 6.** Asia.
- 7. SECTION 2. A.** “Millennium Development Goal 2” shall be defined as the UN objective
- 8.** to achieve universal primary education by the end of 2015.
- 9. B.** The nations encompassed by “Sub-Saharan Africa, Southern Asia, the Middle East,
- 10.** and Southeastern Asia” have been defined by the United Nations Development
- 11.** Programme.
- 12. SECTION 3.** The US Agency for International Development shall be in charge of
- 13.** overseeing the enforcement of this legislation.
- 14. SECTION 4.** This law shall go into effect immediately upon passage.
- 15. SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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10) A Bill to Invest in Affordable Higher Education

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1. SECTION 1.** \$200 billion will be invested over the next ten years to establish free-to-attend
- 2.** community colleges throughout the United States.
- 3. SECTION 2.** All publicly owned and operated community colleges in the United States shall
- 4.** be required to lift all costs from the students. Those who fail to do so will no longer receive
- 5.** federal funds.
- 6. SECTION 3.** The Federal Department of Education, in cooperation with state Departments
- 7.** of Education, shall be responsible for building and maintaining these institutions. The
- 8.** Federal Department of Education shall provide annual stipends to state governments based
- 9.** on the quantity and impact of the state's institutions.
- 10. SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.
- 11. SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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