

Congress Docket
Lincoln Academy, October 14, 2017

1) A Bill to Stop Religious Institutions From Being Exempt From Federal Taxes

1. **Whereas** religious institutions have been proven through actions of Pastor Joel Osteen and
2. others that the greater of the population isn't taken into consideration and
3. **Whereas** due to the First Amendment stating Congress shouldn't make a law respecting
4. religion.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

5. **SECTION 1.** All religious institutions will no longer be exempt from federal taxes
6. **SECTION 2.** Religious institutions being churches, synagogues, mosque, and all other
7. places of religious worship.
8. **SECTION 3.** IRS will oversee the enforcement of the bill along with the specific
9. enforcement mechanism.
10. **SECTION 4.** Starting the next tax cycle, March 15, 2018
11. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln Academy, Maine District

2) A Bill to Lower the Federal Corporate Tax Rate

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The federal corporate tax rate for the largest tax bracket of corporations
2. shall be lowered from 35% to 20%. For all lower brackets, any federal corporate tax
3. rate on income shall be lowered by 10%
4. **SECTION 2.** The largest tax bracket of corporations shall be defined as corporations

5. with taxable income higher than \$18,333,333.
6. **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service shall be charged with the implementation
7. of this legislation.
8. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect at the start of FY 2019.
9. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by NSDA released items

3) The Unaccompanied Minor Immigration Act of 2017

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** Undocumented immigrants who arrived to the United States from Guatemala,
2. Honduras, or El Salvador shall be eligible for temporary residence in the US if they meet the
3. following qualifications:
 - A. Must have arrived between January 1, 2014 and January 1, 2017.
 - B. Must have arrived as an unaccompanied minor.
 - C. No history of violent crime.
4. **SECTION 2.** Those who are given temporary residence under this legislation must commit to attending school, joining the military, or obtaining a job under risk of losing their residence. After 5 years, they will be eligible for full permanent residence status.
5. **SECTION 3.** The Department of State shall be charged with the implementation of this legislation and the Department of Homeland Security shall be charged with vetting the applicants.
6. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately upon passage.
7. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by NSDA released items

4) A BILL TO BAN PRIVATE PRISONS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** Private prisons are hereby banned. The privatization of prisons by both the
2. takeover of existing public facilities as well as the building and operation of new and
3. additional prisons by for-profit companies is also banned.
4. **SECTION 2.** Private prisons, also known as for-profit prisons, are defined as places in
5. which individuals are physically confined or incarcerated by a third party that is contracted
6. by a government agency.
7. **SECTION 3.** The Federal Bureau of Prisons will oversee the enforcement of the bill.
8. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect immediately.
9. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bangor High School, Maine District

5) The Compassionate Access, Research Expansion, and Respect States Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The United States government shall allow states to set their own medical
2. marijuana policies.
3. **SECTION 2.** The government shall reclassify marijuana as a Schedule 2 drug in the Drug
4. Enforcement Agency's five category drug classification system.
5. **SECTION 3.** The U.S. shall remove the CBD strains, used to treat epilepsy and seizure
6. disorders, from the federal definition of marijuana.
7. **SECTION 4.** The federal government shall allow doctors working for the Department of
8. Veterans Affairs in states where medical marijuana is legal to recommend it for certain

9. condition.

10. **SECTION 5.** The government shall permit financial services and banking for marijuana

11. dispensaries.

12. **SECTION 6.** Public or private research that sanctioned by the government shall be

13. exempted from federal criminal laws concerning the use or possession of marijuana.

14. **SECTION 7.** The Drug Enforcement Agency shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

15. **SECTION 8.** This law shall go into effect on January 1, 2018.

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

Respectfully submitted by Bangor High School, Maine District

6) A Bill to Reduce Gun Violence

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The United States shall amend the federal criminal code to make it a crime to

2. knowingly import, sell, manufacture, transfer, or possess a semiautomatic assault weapon or

3. large capacity ammunition feeding device (H.R. 4269, 114th Congress).

4. **SECTION 2.** A semiautomatic assault weapon utilizes a portion of the energy of a firing

5. cartridge to extract the fired cartridge case and chamber the next round and requires a

6. separate pull of the trigger to fire each cartridge. A large capacity ammunition feeding device

7. is a magazine, belt, drum, feed strip, or similar device, including any such device joined or

8. coupled with another in any manner, that has an overall capacity of, or that can be readily

9. restored, changed, or converted to accept, more than 10 rounds of ammunition; and does not

10. include an attached tubular device designed to accept, and capable of operating only with .22

11. caliber rimfire ammunition.

12. **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms will oversee the enforcement

13. of the bill.

14. **SECTION 4.** This law shall go into effect on January 1, 2018.

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

Respectfully submitted by Bangor High School, Maine District

7) A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Abolish the Electoral College

1. **WHEREAS,** The Electoral College allows a President to be elected without a majority of

2. Voters; and

3. **WHEREAS,** The Electoral College allows electors to disregard the will of the people; and

4. **WHEREAS,** A democracy should be based off of the will of the majority; now, therefore, be

5. It **RESOLVED,** that by a vote of 2/3 of these Houses and ¾ of the State Legislatures that the

7. Following amendment be added the to the Constitution:

AMENDMENT XXVIII

8. **SECTION 1:** The Electoral College is hereby abolished.

9. **SECTION 2:** On a date designated by Congress, voters shall vote for the President and Vice

10. President on a singular ballot.

11. **SECTION 3:** The winner of the election will be the one who receives the most amount of

12. Votes.

13. **SECTION 4:** The Department of Justice shall establish voter eligibility and voting

14. procedures which must be implemented in all states.

15. **SECTION 5:** Congress shall have the right to enforce this amendment with appropriate

16. Legislation.

17. **SECTION 6:** All laws in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by SHS, Maine District

8) A Bill to Fight Fraudulent Fishing

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The United States Government shall allocate 500 million dollars to address
2. seafood mislabeling and the importation of illegally caught fish.
3. **SECTION 2.** The money shall go towards an increase in inspectors on staff for the NOAA.
 - A. It shall also go to initiating rule makings as needed to make seafood in American markets verifiably legal and safe.
 - B. “Seafood” is defined as any form of sea life regarded as food by humans.
 - C. “Mislabeling” shall be defined as labeling wrongly, incorrectly, or misleadingly.
4. **SECTION 3.** The EPA, NOAA, and the Department of Commerce shall oversee the
5. execution of this legislation.
6. **SECTION 4.** This law shall take effect immediately upon passage.
7. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cape Elizabeth HS, Maine District

9) A Resolution to Reform the Head Start Program

1. **WHEREAS**, the current Head Start Program has proven ineffective; and
2. **WHEREAS**, funding to the Head Start Program is relatively low; and
3. **WHEREAS**, affordable preschool is necessary for the wellbeing of low income children;
4. now, therefore, be it
5. **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled, that legislation shall be enacted to increase
6. funding to the Head Start Program as a portion of the budget of the Department of the
7. Education, also reapportioning funds from other federal departments for the Head Start
8. Program if necessary.

Introduced by Kennebunk High School, Maine District

10) A Bill to Fund the Deployment of Anti-Ballistic Missile Defense Systems to Japan

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1. SECTION 1.** \$2.5 Billion shall be allocated for the purpose of funding the deployment of
- 2.** either THAAD or Aegis Ashore units to Japan, pending Japanese state approval.
- 3. SECTION 2.** The money allocated should be enough for about 2 THAAD units or 3 Aegis
- 4.** Ashore units, whichever the Japanese government desires.
 - A.** THAAD shall be defined as Terminal High Altitude Area Defense.
 - B.** Aegis Ashore shall be defined as the land-based component of the Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense System.
- 5. SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Political-Military Affairs shall be charged with implementation
- 6.** of this legislation.
- 7. SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately upon passage.
- 8. SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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