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TFA Fall 2014 Item 1. A Resolution to Reduce Police Paramilitary Tactics

- 1 **WHEREAS,** the 1033 Program, created as part of the National Defense Authorization Act of 1997,
2 has militarized police forces across the nation by providing surplus military equipment
3 including helicopters, tanks, and military-grade weapons through low- or no-cost grants;
4 and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) teams and other paramilitary police units,
6 designed to be the last resort in hostage or high-risk situations, have increasingly
7 become the first option for a variety of traditional police duties; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** currently SWAT teams in the US violently smash into homes an average of 100-150
9 times each day to enforce laws against predominantly non-violent crimes; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** information giving rise to these raids is often based on unreliable and unverified
11 information from police snitches; and
- 12 **WHEREAS,** police department statistics indicate that as many as 1 in 10 of these “no knock”
13 paramilitary raids may be perpetrated at the wrong address; and
- 14 **WHEREAS,** any perceived noncompliance by occupants in these raids is typically met with
15 potentially lethal force; and
- 16 **WHEREAS,** these paramilitary style raids threaten the foundation of the 4th Amendment's search
17 and seizure protections; now, therefore, be it
- 18 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the 1033 Program should be abolished; and
- 19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the use of SWAT and other similar paramilitary police units should be
20 restricted to their original duties of hostage negotiation and interventions in situations
21 deemed to be of extreme danger.

Introduced by James E. Taylor High School

TFA Fall 2014 Item 2. A Bill to Enforce Green Regulations to Cross-state Power Companies

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Sulfur Dioxide and Nitrogen Oxide pollution originating from power plants will be
3 banned.

4 **SECTION 2.** Cross-state power companies will be those who utilize resources from other states to
5 produce electricity, or provide electricity to multiple states.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of the Interior will oversee the implementation of this Bill on the
7 national level.

8 A. To ensure success the Environmental Protection Agency will be in charge of
9 oversight on the local level.

10 B. Cross-state power companies will be provided \$800 million a year for 5 years to
11 convert to green technology, with the money coming from tax revenues within the
12 Energy Policy Act of 2005.

13 C. Additionally companies in violation will be required to purchase Bloom Energy
14 Servers to provide power for themselves.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect at the beginning of the fiscal year 2015.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by A&M Consolidated High School.

TFA Fall 2014 Item 3. A Resolution to Revitalize the European Phased Adaptive Approach to Protect NATO and Its Allies in Europe

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Phase IV of the European Phased Adaptive Approach (EPAA) has been canceled
2 by the United States; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Phase IV of the EPAA would have provided NATO and its European allies with
4 greater tactical ability to intercept and repel missile attacks from hostile
5 nations; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Increased military aggression by the Russian Federation in the 21st century
7 indicates a renewed need for strong missile defense capabilities in eastern
8 Europe in order to adequately protect NATO and its allies; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** increased use of X-band radar as part of U.S. missile defense strategy would
10 provide a more comprehensive level of protection from missile attacks against
11 NATO and its allies; now, therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States renew plans for Phase IV
13 of the EPAA; and, be it
- 14 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That Phase IV of the EPAA also includes deployment of X-band radars in Eastern
15 Europe.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Tascosa High School.

TFA Fall 2014 Item 4. A Resolution to Increase the Usage of Private Military Contractors in the Central African Republic

1 **WHEREAS,** in the past year, nearly one million people in the Central African Republic have
2 fled their homes amid brutal attacks and retaliation by warring factions; and;
3 **WHEREAS,** in recent years the United States' foreign policy has pivoted away from the
4 Middle East and towards Africa; and
5 **WHEREAS,** this conflict is creating political and social instability; and
6 **WHEREAS,** this instability is fostering genocide; and
7 **WHEREAS,** private military contractors can be an effective tool in stabilization without
8 direct American military intervention; now, therefore, be it
9 **RESOLVED,** that the Congress here assembled recommend the increased usage of private
10 military contractors in the Central African Republic in order to assist in critical
11 situations and help promote regional stability; and be it
12 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That if the role of the private military contractors in the area is not fulfilled or
13 executed properly, usage will be ceased immediately.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jasper High School

TFA Fall 2014 Item 5. 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;
2 and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** China is currently the United States' second-largest trading partner, its third-largest
4 export market, and its biggest source of imports; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** China's economic reforms and rapid economic growth, along with the effects of
6 globalization, have caused the economies of the United States and China to become
7 increasingly integrated; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** creating a Free Trade Policy will benefit both United States and China by removing the
9 tariff in trading and lowering the cost of imports and exports for both countries by 5%;
10 now, therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** that the Congress here assembled create a Free Trade Policy with China to improve
12 trading benefits and foreign relations with China to be effective immediately.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Richardson High School.

TFA Fall 2014 Item 6. A Bill to Increase Economic Investment in Pakistan

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government increase economic investment in Pakistan by
3 increasing both bilateral trade as well as investment into Pakistan's economic
4 infrastructure.

5 **SECTION 2.** Economic infrastructure shall be defined as any structure specifically designed to
6 improve Pakistan's economy.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Commerce will be charged with the implementation of this Bill.

8 A. A total of two billion dollars shall be invested into these systems within Pakistan
9 over a period of two years.

10 B. If investment is properly implemented and furthers both the US economy as well as
11 the Pakistani economy, the Department of Commerce will be charged with setting a
12 further investment rate.

13 **SECTION 4.** The initial investment shall begin within 6 months of this bill's passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lake Travis High School.

TFA Fall 2014 Item 7. A Resolution to Increase Investment in Advanced Nuclear Technology

- 1 **WHEREAS,** energy independence is currently a primary objective for the United States in
2 order to decrease dependence on foreign oil and curtail environmental
3 degradation; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** even the development of domestic oil resources is ultimately unsustainable as
5 fossil fuel reserves are not unlimited; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** nuclear power is extremely efficient and has minimal environmental harms; and
7 **WHEREAS,** nations such as China and India are already investing in new nuclear
8 technologies that have the ability to increase efficiency while also decreasing
9 the likelihood of meltdowns or accidents; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** increased investment in future generations of nuclear reactors has the potential
11 to reduce the timeframe to their implementation; now, therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** that the Congress here assembled substantially increase federal investment and
13 subsidization in the research and construction of 3rd and 4th generation nuclear
14 reactors; and, be it
- 15 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That Liquid Fluoride Thorium reactors be the primary focus of this investment.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hendrickson High School

TFA Fall 2014 Item 8. A Resolution to Raise the Federal Minimum Wage to Ten Dollars per Hour

1 **WHEREAS,** the federal minimum wage was established in 1968 to combat poverty and has
2 been adjusted several times for inflation; and

3 **WHEREAS,** if the federal minimum wage had kept up with inflation in the ensuing forty-six
4 years it would currently stand at \$10.74 per hour; and

5 **WHEREAS,** the current federal minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour is not adequate to support
6 oneself; and

7 **WHEREAS,** raising the minimum wage would affect the pay of 28 million Americans,
8 stimulate the economy, increase productivity and keep families off federal
9 welfare; now, therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED,** that the Congress here assembled increase the federal minimum wage to \$10.00
11 per hour

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Harker Heights High School

TFA Fall 2014 Item 9. A Bill to Reduce Prison Overcrowding & Assist in the Rehabilitation of Convicted Criminals

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Federal prisoners convicted for non-violent and/or victimless crimes be granted the
3 option to provide professional services for which they are qualified to the public free of
4 charge, and/or serve in the United States Military to reduce time off of their sentences.

5 **SECTION 2.** Time volunteered will determine time of sentence reduced.

6 **SECTION 3.** A. Inmates which test positive for any communicable diseases will not be permitted to
7 serve in the US Military.

8 B. Inmates convicted of violent crimes or demonstrating violent behavior during while
9 serving their sentences will not be permitted to participate in this program.

10 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect within twelve months of passage.

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

Introduced by Hallsville High School

TFA Fall 2014 Item 10. A Bill to Utilize Phage Therapy in Place of Therapeutic Antibiotics in Agriculture

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The use of therapeutic antibiotics in agriculture will hereby be eliminated with phage
3 therapy taking their place.

4 **SECTION 2.** Therapeutic antibiotics are defined by the FDA as antibiotics used exclusively for the
5 treatment of life threatening bacterial strains.

6 A. Many of these life threatening bacterial strains are becoming antibiotic resistant
7 forming a “superbug” that threatens humanity.

8 B. Phage therapy will be used in place of these antibiotics to prevent antibiotic
9 resistance and formation of a “superbug”.

10 **SECTION 3.** The FDA and CDC will oversee the implementation and enforcement of this legislation.

11 A. The CDC will focus on the rapid development of latent phage therapy
12 technologies that have existed since the early 1940s.

13 B. The FDA will focus on the implementation and guidelines of phage therapy use
14 in agriculture.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented by 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by James Bowie High School.

1 **TFA Fall 2014 Item 11. A Resolution to Amend the**
2 **Constitution to Limit Supreme Court Justice Terms**

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4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

10 **ARTICLE III Section 1**

11 **SECTION 1:** The Supreme Court Justices shall have limited terms of 10 years.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Southlake Carroll.

TFA Fall 2014 Item 12. A Bill to Subsidize Space-Based Solar Panels (SBSP) to Establish Renewable Energy Infrastructure with India

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States congress shall denote an initial five-year \$20 million
3 program to the US-based National Space Society to develop contributing
4 technologies and build a competent work force culminating in a roadmap
5 for a demonstration prototype

6 **SECTION 2.** This implementation will be conducted under the NSS-Kalam Initiative, a
7 joint partnership between the United States and India in order to
8 implement Space-Based Solar Panel technology.

9 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of State shall oversee the enforcement of this
10 legislation.

11 A. The Department of Energy will work with the National Aeronautics
12 Space Administration (NASA) oversee that this subsidy is effectively
13 used for the purpose of developing SBSP infrastructure

14 B. The US Secretary of State shall further engage with the Indian-based
15 International Space Society (ISS) to ensure similar development is
16 made.

17 **SECTION 4.** This subsidy shall be given in the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2015.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Plano Senior HS

TFA Fall 2014 Item 13. A Bill to Reinforce the Authority of the Federal Government in the War on Illegal Psychoactive Drugs

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall hereby withdraw 3% of all annual federal funding to specific states that
3 have legalized the usage of (in direct violation of Federal Law) any substance listed as
4 Schedule 1 within Section 202 of the Controlled Substances Act (including [but not
5 limited to] Marijuana).

6 **SECTION 2.** Congress shall authorize the DEA, the FBI, local and state law enforcement (within each
7 state), and the National Guard, with credible suspicion and court orders to appropriate
8 such action, search for and seize Marijuana in communities and businesses in states
9 which have legalized Marijuana for recreational use, regardless of state law.

10 **SECTION 3.** In the case of, after the passage of this bill, the FDA officially approves of the usage of
11 Marijuana as a reliable and useful medicine for combating Glaucoma, Cancer, AIDS, or
12 any other harmful disease or condition:

13 **A.** Marijuana shall be reclassified as a non-Schedule 1 substance
14 under the Controlled Substances Act; however Marijuana will still be banned
15 federally for recreational uses and shall not affect the implementation of
16 Sections 1 and 2 of this bill for such uses.

17 **B.** The Federal Government shall resume funding specified in
18 Section 1 of this bill to states which have legalized the usage of
19 marijuana for purely medical purposes.

20 **SECTION 4.** The Office of National Drug Control Policy, the DEA and the Administration of Federal
21 Assistance in association with other stated agencies shall oversee actions taken by this
22 bill in Sections 1 and 2, while the FDA will oversee research on the medical uses of
23 marijuana clarified in Section 3.

24 **SECTION 5.** This bill will be enacted by January 1, 2015.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Grapevine HS

TFA Fall 2014 Item 14. A Resolution to Ratify the Mine Ban Treaty

1 **WHEREAS,** Over 110 million land mines are currently deployed around the world;
2 and

3 **WHEREAS,** Over 1 million people around the world have been killed and injured by
4 anti-personnel landmines; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Several hundred thousand children are currently disabled due to injuries
6 sustained because of landmines; and

7 **WHEREAS,** The United States remains one of the largest producers of landmines and
8 retains one of the largest stockpiles of landmines; and

9 **WHEREAS,** The United States government recognizes mines as weapons of mass
10 destruction when used by individuals or organizations; and

11 **WHEREAS,** The United States continues to refuse to ratify Convention on the
12 Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-
13 Personnel Mines and on their Destruction (Mine Ban Treaty); now,
14 therefore, be it

15 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled ratify the Mine Ban Treaty; and, be it

16 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the definition of “weapon of mass destruction” be expanded
17 to include use of mines by governments and militaries.

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Tascosa High School.

TFA Fall 2014 Item 15. A Resolution to Reduce Foreign Aid for Israel to Stabilize the Middle East

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Israel has been the largest cumulative recipient of U.S. foreign assistance since
2 World War II; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** To date, the United States has provided Israel \$115 billion in bilateral assistance;
4 and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Per year the United States sends Israel 3.1 billion dollars in aid; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** The United States is the largest arms supplier to Israel, and this hinders
7 Middle East foreign policy; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** US aid has been counterproductive as weapons spur destabilization, undermine
9 peace, and lead to increased regional conflict; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** Large sums of aid have been an obstacle in proposed peace talks with Arab
11 states; and
- 12 **WHEREAS,** Billions of dollars sent have led to economic repercussions within the United
13 States and also entangle America in many regional conflicts; now, therefore, be it
- 14 **RESOLVED,** that the Student Congress assembled here reduce military aid to Israel
15 by 25% over the next ten year budget plan.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Plano West Senior High School

1 **TFA Fall 2014 Item 16. A Resolution to Decrease the**
2 **Sentencing of those Convicted of Federal Drug Crimes to**
3 **Decrease Overcrowding and Deescalate the War on Drugs**

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5 **WHEREAS,** Federal prisons are overcrowded with nonviolent first time drug
6 offenders; and

7 **WHEREAS,** the majority of offenders in federal prison are first time offenders who
8 were nonviolent before entering prison; and

9 **WHEREAS,** due to a lack of adequate security and safety, prisoners often become
10 more violent while incarcerated; and

11 **WHEREAS,** American taxpayers are paying billions of dollars to essentially train
12 formally nonviolent individuals to become hardened criminals; now,
13 therefore, be it

14 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation
15 to reduce the maximum and minimum sentencing of people convicted of
16 federal drug crimes; and, be it

17 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the congress conduct further research into the status of the
18 war on drugs and its success.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Douglas MacArthur High School.

TFA Fall 2014 Item 17. A Bill to Remove Tax Exemptions from Religious Institutions in the United States

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Tax exemptions through an IRS waiver of the 990 statement for religious
3 institutions will hereby be removed.

4 **SECTION 2.** By removing the 990 Statement waiver for religious institutions, the IRS
5 will affectively be able to audit religious institutions, as with any other
6 charitable organization, and thereby allow taxation of non-charitable
7 religious institutions.

8 A. Audits of religious institutions will be conducted in the same manner
9 as all other charitable institutions.

10 B. The audits will randomly analyze the religious institutions accounts
11 and financial information after the submission of the 990 statement.

12 **SECTION 3.** Enforcement of this legislation will be carried out by the United States
13 Internal Revenue Service

14 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect by the January 1st, 2015

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by James Bowie High School.

TFA Fall 2014 Item 18. A Bill to Repeal the USA PATRIOT Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Repeal the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate
3 Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (USA PATRIOT) Act of
4 2001, which helps deter and punish terrorist acts.

5 **SECTION 2.** The US Code of Federal Regulations defines terrorism as "...the unlawful
6 use of force and violence against persons or property to intimidate or
7 coerce a government, the civilian population, or any segment thereof, in
8 furtherance of political or social objectives." Section 802 of the USA
9 PATRIOT Act expanded the definition of terrorism to cover "domestic" as
10 opposed to international terrorism, expanding the type of conduct the
11 government can investigate as "terrorism."

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will be responsible for overseeing the
13 implementation of the bill under the following conditions:

14 A. Those previously detained under the USA PATRIOT Act will be given a
15 fair and speedy trial before an impartial jury in a US Federal Court.

16 B. Anti-terror surveillance will occur only under probable cause.

17 **SECTION 4.** Implementation of this bill is effective within six months of passage. The
18 Department of Justice has two months to warn all branches affected by
19 this bill.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Clark HS

TFA Fall 2014 Item 19. A Resolution to Reinforce Fourth Amendment Rights

1 **WHEREAS,** Under current federal law there exists a so-called "border search exception"
2 within 100 miles from any international border which allows searches and
3 seizures without probable cause or a warrant, regardless of the 4th Amendment;
4 and

5 **WHEREAS,** This 100 mile exception zone affects almost two-thirds of the population (197.4
6 million people) who live within 100 miles of the US border; and

7 **WHEREAS,** New York, Washington, Boston, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Miami, and dozens of other
8 major metropolitan areas fall under the so-called "*exemption*" zone; now, therefore,
9 be it

10 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled reduce the border search exception to within
11 5 miles of the United States border and require agents to make their searches
12 prudent and reasonable.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Southlake Carroll.

TFA Fall 2014 Item 20. A Resolution to Ban the Use of Waste-to-Energy Incineration

1 **WHEREAS**, Multiple health hazards come from Waste-to Energy including that of the
2 cancer causing, hormone altering chemical Dioxin; and

3 **WHEREAS**, The environmental impact outweighs the benefits and trash incinerator
4 would be 80 per cent larger than the existing garbage burning
5 facility; and

6 **WHEREAS**, It will cost over \$30.3 million to finance each Waste-to- Energy facilitator
7 now, therefore, be it

8 **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled ban Waste-to Energy incineration in the
9 United States.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Klein Oak High School.

TFA Fall 2014 Item 21. A Resolution to Limit the Amount of US Territory Permitted for Hydraulic Fracturing

1 **WHEREAS,** 32 out of the 50 states are currently used for hydraulic fracturing; and

2 **WHEREAS,** 360,000 acres of land has been identified as damaged due to hydraulic
3 fracturing; and

4 **WHEREAS,** The increase in the amount of land used for hydraulic fracturing has
5 caused an increase in environmental detriments as well as billions of
6 dollars being spent to reduce the negative impacts of this process; and

7 **WHEREAS,** decreasing the amount of available land for fracturing will contain the
8 problems created from this procedure and reduce the spending required
9 to diminish fracturing issues; now, therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled allow for 550,000 acres of land to be
11 available for hydraulic fracturing until the full effects of hydraulic
12 fracturing have been thoroughly evaluated.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Plano Senior High School.

TFA Fall 2014 Item 22. A Bill to End Presidential Signing Statements

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The President of the United States will no longer be able to attach a signing
3 statement to any piece of legislation he/she is signing that results in dilution or
4 opposition to the legislation being signed.

5 **SECTION 2.** Signing statements that support the legislation being signed may still be issued
6 by the President of the United States.

7 **SECTION 3.** The President of the United States (or the Justice Department) can initiate a
8 court challenge to any legislation the President of the United States has concern
9 with.

10 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect within two months of passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bellaire High School

TFA Fall 2014 Item 23. A Resolution to Ban the Use of Autonomous Weapons

1 **WHEREAS,** the development and use of remotely operated robotic weapons has
2 dramatically increased over the last decade; and

3 **WHEREAS,** research into artificial intelligence is being applied to weapons development for
4 the purpose of creating autonomous weapons that, once activated, can select
5 and engage targets without further intervention by a human operator; and

6 **WHEREAS,** the development of these types of weapon systems, which take human
7 decision-making out of the equation, violate the tenets of international
8 humanitarian law; and

9 **WHEREAS,** US commitment to developing these weapon systems could spur an
10 international arms race of unprecedented proportions; now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the development and/or use of
12 autonomous weapons by the United States should be banned;

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the United States, in conjunction with the United Nations,
14 should establish an international protocol against the development and use of
15 autonomous weapons systems.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by James E. Taylor High School

TFA Fall 2014 Item 24. A Bill to Embargo Russia

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States and the Russian Federation will officially cease all trade
3 relations.

4 **SECTION 2.** The United States will prohibit the exchange of goods and services to and
5 from the Russian Federation.

6 **SECTION 3.** The enforcement of this bill will be jointly managed by the Office of the
7 United States Trade Representative and the United States Customs and
8 Border Protection Agency. Violation of this bill will result in:

9 A. Confiscation of illegal goods; and

10 B. An appropriate fine.

11 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 1st, 2015.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Clark HS

TFA Fall 2014 Item 25. A Bill to Promote Entrepreneurship in the US

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Loans made to Small Businesses by commercial banks via the SBA 7(a) program
3 will have 25% of their interest payments subsidized by the federal government.

4 **SECTION 2.** The SBA Microloan program will be extended to immigrant entrepreneurs with
5 \$20,000 in existing capital for the explicit use of funding a business venture.

6 **SECTION 3.** A Small Business is defined in this context as having employment of between
7 500 and 1500 people as an average over three years as per the existing SBA
8 definition.

9 **SECTION 4.** An Immigrant Entrepreneur is defined as an individual who immigrated legally
10 to the United States within one year of applying to the Microloan program who
11 has also applied for a federal or state business license or permit within the same
12 timeframe.

13 **SECTION 5.** The US Small Businesses Administration(SBA) will oversee the implementation
14 of this bill through the following methods

15 A. All 7(a) and Mircolloan program requirements that do not conflict with this
16 bill will remain in place.

17 B. Additional funding will be provided to the Small Business Administration as
18 is necessary.

19 **SECTION 6.** This bill will be implemented by start of Fiscal Year 2015.

20 **SECTION 7.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by The Parish Episcopal School

TFA Fall 2014 Item 26. A Resolution to Help Secure Nigerian Schools

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Terrorist attacks on schools in Nigeria have been rising; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** The security concerns have led to a considerable drop in attendance and
3 in the quality of education; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** This effect on education is going to create a “lost generation” among
5 young Nigerians, which will ultimately harm Nigeria’s economic, political
6 and social growth; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The security infrastructure in Nigeria is not strong enough to effectively
8 defend these schools; now, therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled provide \$2 billion in aid to Nigeria to
10 help secure its schools; and, be it
- 11 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That if the funds are not used accordingly, the money allocated in
12 this bill will be frozen until it is used properly.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Anderson High School.

**TFA Fall 2014 Item 27. A Resolution to Allow Ex-Felons
Voting Rights**

1 **WHEREAS**, only twenty-two states as of now allow ex-felons the right to vote
2 after completion of sentences, parole, or probation; and

3 **WHEREAS**, ten percent of voting-age residents are not allowed to vote due to
4 previous records of imprisonment in a state penitentiary; and

5 **WHEREAS**, only two states in the United States, Maine and Vermont, allow
6 felons, who are still residing in a prison, to vote; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the number of American ex-felons who are denied voting rights is
8 increasing despite easing of barriers to voting for people with
9 criminal records; now, therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED**, that the Congress assembled here allow ex-felons the right to vote
11 immediately after their release from a state penitentiary.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Arlington High School

TFA Fall 2014 Item 28. A Bill to Provide Criminal Liability for Gun Owners

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A gun owner is criminally liable for any injury or death caused by a gun
3 they own unless it was being used for self-defense or it was contained by
4 a secure gun storage or safety device.

5 **SECTION 2. A.** Self-defense includes defense of oneself, others or property as
6 recognized under controlling law.

7 **B.** A Secure Gun Storage or Safety Device is defined in 18USC Sec. 922.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives will be
9 responsible for the enforcement of this act.

10 **A.** A Person whose gun causes bodily injury, whether accidentally or
11 intentionally, is liable for Aggravated Assault.

12 **B.** A Person whose Gun causes death, whether accidentally or
13 intentionally, is liable for Manslaughter

14 **SECTION 4.** This law will go into effect immediately.

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

16 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mayde Creek High School.*

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1 **TFA Fall 2014 Item 29. A Bill to Establish Congressional**
2 **Term Limits**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

4 **SECTION 1.** Congresspersons in the United States House of Representatives and
5 Senate will be limited to a maximum number of three (3) terms in office.

6 **SECTION 2.** The limit will apply to terms following a regular election cycle.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Commission will oversee the regulation of
8 Congressional term limits.

9 A. Terms served in the House of Representatives will not apply to the
10 limit of terms served in the Senate. Terms served in the Senate will
11 not apply to the term limit for serving in the House of
12 Representatives.

13 B. Partial terms spent by replacement Congresspersons filling vacancies
14 will not count towards the interim Congressperson's term limit for
15 the office held.

16 C. Current terms by Congresspersons will not count towards their term
17 limits.

18 **SECTION 4.** Implementation will occur on January 1, 2015.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Richardson High School.

TFA Fall 2014 Item 30. A Resolution to Expand the Monroe Doctrine

1 **WHEREAS,** The Monroe Doctrine was established and used in order to prevent
2 European countries from conquering and colonizing Latin America

3 **WHEREAS,** The Monroe Doctrine is still in effect today

4 **WHEREAS,** Many NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) countries are at risk of
5 losing their sovereignty to Russia

6 **WHEREAS,** Multiple regions of Ukraine, including Crimea, have been attacked by
7 Russia, and many, such as Moldova, Estonia, and Latvia are endangered
8 by the Russian overreach

9 **WHEREAS,** Many of these countries that are endangered either are member of
10 NATO or they are attempting to join NATO

11 **WHEREAS,** Russia seems ambivalent to the urgency of the current issue at hand, we
12 must strengthen our stance on the issue in order for them to quell
13 expansionist ideas

14 **WHEREAS,** Russia has shown expansionist policies in the past, such as the Georgian
15 War of 2008, another NATO ally

16 **WHEREAS,** The problem of Russia's expansionist desires can be stopped by the use
17 of stronger language

18 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled expand the Monroe Doctrine to any
19 NATO nation or any member of NATO's Membership or Individual
20 Partnership Plan.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Houston Lamar.