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# TFA Spring 2015 Item 1. A Resolution to Engage in Covert Operations in Somalia

- 1   **WHEREAS,**    Somalia is increasingly unstable and is being overrun by terrorists who  
2                    have routed the government which cannot control anything outside of  
3                    the capital, Mogadishu; and
- 4   **WHEREAS,**    Al-Shabaab has prevented stability and is undermining the fledgling  
5                    government of Somalia; and
- 6   **WHEREAS,**    Monetary Aid to the Somali government will not help, and large scale  
7                    military intervention has failed in the past; and
- 8   **WHEREAS,**    in recent years the United States' foreign policy has shifted away from  
9                    the Middle East and towards Africa; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,**    The U.S. can gain a pivot to Africa through the stabilization of Somalia  
11                   and fulfill foreign policy objectives in advancing the War on Terror; now,  
12                   therefore, be it
- 13 **RESOLVED,**   That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation  
14                   to engage in covert operations in Somalia using American Special Forces  
15                   units.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lake Travis High School.*

**TFA Spring 2015 Item 2. A Resolution to Prohibit Further Use of the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2002***

1. Whereas, The No Child Left Behind Act of 2002 (NCLB) is the most recent
2. duplication of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of
3. 1965 (ESEA), which approved federal spending on programs
4. to support K-12 schooling.
5. Whereas, The No Child Left Behind Act of 2002 was passed under Former
6. President George W. Bush's administration.
7. Whereas, Since being passed, this act has limited the teaching abilities of
8. educators and restricted the learning environment for students:
9. Whereas, Standardized tests belittle the interaction between teachers and
10. their students in the classroom.
11. Whereas, By imposing standards we are essentially depriving the student's
12. mind of their essential intellectual freedom. Studies show that
13. standardized tests oversimplify knowledge and do not test higher-
14. level thinking skills.
15. Whereas, The effects of learning cannot are be measured by standards
16. testing, therefore be it
17. Resolved, By Congress here assembled that the United States abolish the No
18. Child Left Behind Act of 2002; and, be it
19. Further Resolved, That individual states have command over matters of their
- educational system.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Coronado High School*

## **TFA Spring 2015 Item 3. A Resolution for the United States to Increase Bilateral Relations with Nigeria**

1   **WHEREAS,**    Nigeria has a vast amount of natural resources such as oil, natural gas,  
2                    tin, iron ore, coal, limestone, lead, zinc, arable land; and

3   **WHEREAS,**    Nigeria has a vast amount of untapped mines and renewable energy  
4                    resources; and

5   **WHEREAS,**    Nigeria is a major, influential country in the continent of Africa; and

6   **WHEREAS,**    The United States involvement in Nigeria would create an upsurge in the  
7                    Nigerian economy as well as the United States economy; and

8   **WHEREAS,**    The United States involvement in Nigeria would allow the United States  
9                    to have a clearer understanding of and an enhanced stronghold in Africa  
10                  as a whole; and

11 **WHEREAS,**    Nigeria is a regional hub for trade and finance; now, therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED,**    That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation  
13                    for solution that the United States increase bilateral relations with  
14                    Nigeria immediately.

15   *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Northland Christian School*

# TFA Spring 2015. Item 4 A Resolution to Subsidize Mexican Oil to Diversify the United States' Energy Imports

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   the United States is excessively dependent on oil exports from the Middle  
2                    East; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**   as of late, instability within the Middle East makes our dependency upon  
4                    their energy industry potentially harmful; and
- 5   **WHEREAS,**   the United States needs an alternative source of energy in order to avoid  
6                    falling into an energy crisis; and
- 7   **WHEREAS,**   the Mexican oil industry has recently made critical reforms to the energy  
8                    industry within the country; and
- 9   **WHEREAS,**   effective production and numerous cost-benefit changes have made  
10                  Mexican oil one of the most suitable alternatives to current energy  
11                  exports; and
- 12   **WHEREAS,**   by investing in energy diversification, the United States will be able to  
13                  reduce its oil dependency on the Middle East and secure domestic  
14                  stability; and
- 15   **WHEREAS,**   subsidization in the form of tariff reductions on Mexican oil products  
16                  would allow for the promotion of advantageous economic and social  
17                  policy between both parties; and, therefore, be it
- 18   **RESOLVED,**   The United States will reduce tariffs on all Mexican oil imports by 25% to  
19                  facilitate bilateral trade between the United States and Mexico.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jasper High School.*

## TFA Spring 2015. Item 5 A Bill to Install a Maximum Price on College Tuition

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All colleges will have a price ceiling of 39,000 for private schools and  
3 30,000 on tuition and fees.

4 **SECTION 2.** Tuition shall be defined as the cost of instruction for a school or  
5 university and the fees shall be defined as any fee that the college  
6 requests at the entry of the year excluding room and board.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee the implementation of the bill.  
8 A. Any school that goes over the cost of the maximum price will face a  
9 fine of 10% of their total profits

10 **SECTION 4.** The implementation of this bill will begin at the start of the 2016-2017  
11 school year.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lamar (Houston) High School.*

# TFA Spring 2015. Item 6 A Bill to Permit Physician Assisted Suicide

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** It shall not be an offence for a registered medical practitioner to assist in  
3 the death of a person if the following conditions are satisfied:

4 (a) a person has made a request to die;

5 (b) in the opinion of a registered medical practitioner and a qualified legal  
6 practitioner, the person is competent to make such a request;

7 (c) in the opinion of two registered medical practitioners, one of whom has not been  
8 involved in the care of the person, that person is

9 (i) terminally ill; or

10 (ii) in extreme physical or mental suffering.

11 **SECTION 2.** A request for assistance in dying for the purposes of Section 1 may be  
12 made verbally or in writing.

13 **SECTION 3** The immunity provided by Section 1 extends to any person supplying the  
14 means for the assisted suicide and any person acting under the direction  
15 of the registered medical practitioner.

16 **SECTION 4** No registered medical practitioner or any person acting under his or her  
17 direction shall be obliged to assist in the death of any person.

18 **SECTION 5.** This law will go into effect upon passage.

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

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

# TFA Spring 2015 Item 7 A Bill to Restructure U.S. Trade with China

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States of America will effectively resolve trade disputes with  
3 The People's Republic of China

4 **SECTION 2.** Secretary of State John Kerry and American Ambassador to China Max  
5 Baucus will work with their respective counterparts in China towards  
6 creating a mediation board that will overlook trade negotiations between  
7 the two countries.

8 **SECTION 3.** This mediation board will ensure viable solutions amicable to both  
9 countries regarding the following issues:

- 10 A. Destructive currency manipulation tactics by both governments
- 11 B. A tariff increase determined by the board on imported Chinese solar  
12 panel goods
- 13 C. Mandate that China's illegal export restrictions align with the  
14 International Law

15 **SECTION 4.** If stipulated disputes are not resolved by June 2015, then the United  
16 States will cease any trade related activities with the People's Republic of  
17 China until that country re-instates promising negotiations

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 Spring 2015 Item 8. A Bill to Promote Prompt Payment of Child Support Obligations to Protect the Children of America

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Any individual convicted under 18 USC § 228 for failure to pay legal child  
3 support obligations is required to register within six months of conviction  
4 with the Department of Justice Criminal Division for publication on The  
5 National Child Support Offender Registry (hereinafter The Registry).

6 **SECTION 2.** Individuals registered under The Registry are required to regularly update  
7 personal information with The Registry including:

8 A. A passport style photograph taken and submitted no later than  
9 February 1<sup>st</sup> of each year the individual is listed in The Registry.

10 B. Updated address information within 30 days of changing addresses.

11 **SECTION 3.** Information contained on The Registry shall be published on the Internet  
12 and shall be accessible to the public.

13 **SECTION 4.** Individuals convicted under 18 USC § 228 shall remain listed in The  
14 Registry until the child for whom legal child support obligations were  
15 required reaches the age of 30.

16 **SECTION 5.** Failure to register as required under this act shall result in a fine of up to  
17 \$10,000 and/or imprisonment for not more than three years.

18 **SECTION 6.** The Department of Justice Criminal Division is charged with constructing  
19 and maintaining The Registry and with administering criminal penalties.

20 **SECTION 7.** This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2016.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Tascosa High School.*

# TFA Spring 2015 Item 9. A Bill to Militarize the US-Mexican Border to Combat Illegal Immigration and Drug Trafficking

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The US-Mexican Border will be armed with military operations to combat  
3 rising illegal immigration and drug trafficking crime rates.

4 **SECTION 2.** Militarization includes arming, securing, and actively regulating the US-  
5 Mexican border with military tactics as well as the reenactment of the  
6 Secure Fence Act of 2006 under the implementation of the military.

7 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agency will oversee the  
8 implementation of this Bill on the national level.

9 A. To ensure success, the U.S. Border Patrol will work with the US  
10 military forces stationed at the border to regulate implementation on  
11 the local level.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on August 1st, 2015.

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

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15 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Seven Lakes High School*

## TFA Spring 2015 Item 10. A Resolution to Utilize Stratospheric Sulfate Aerosols

- 1 **WHEREAS,** the problem of climate change is not being adequately addressed with  
2 substantive measures resulting in an alleviation of the symptoms of  
3 climate change; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** the use of stratospheric sulfate aerosols will provide a buffer of at least  
5 20 years of the major symptoms of climate change to begin appearing in  
6 excess; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** the use of stratospheric sulfate aerosols is over 100 times cheaper per  
8 year than reducing the CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations by the same amount by means  
9 of carbon reduction measures in the energy sector; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** \$60 billion dollars of funding per year for 5 years will be received by the  
11 National Academy of Sciences for their appropriation in private or public  
12 investment as they deem appropriate with supervision of funds to ensure  
13 proper usage overseen by the National Science and Technology Council;  
14 now, therefore, be it
- 15 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled assign funding to be used for  
16 stratospheric sulfate aerosols to ensure that the tangible effects of  
17 climate change can be felt at the appropriate time.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bellaire High School.*

# TFA Spring 2015 Item 11. A Bill to Lift the Embargo Against Cuba to Strengthen Global Trade

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The trade embargo against the Republic of Cuba shall be eliminated, travel  
3 restrictions shall be lifted, and this Congress endorses extending a  
4 membership invitation for Cuba to join the North American Free Trade  
5 Agreement.

6 **SECTION 2.** The embargo includes all Cuban assets control regulations, and the  
7 President of the United States shall be granted fast-track authority  
8 exclusively for the purpose of negotiating Cuban membership in NAFTA.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Treasury Department will oversee the enforcement of this bill through  
10 the following methods:

11 **A.** The Cuban Assets Control Regulations and the Helms-Burton Act will  
12 be repealed.

13 **B.** The President shall be encouraged to remove Cuba's status as a U.S.  
14 enemy, as well as pursue NAFTA inclusion

15 **C.** Tariffs shall be imposed on all goods imported from Cuba starting at a  
16 rate of 30%, then reducing by 2% annually, and the Office of the U.S.  
17 Trade Representative shall re-examine trade between the countries  
18 every five years to adjust tariff rates.

19 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect immediately following passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Parish Episcopal School.*

## TFA Spring 2015 Item 12. A Resolution to Encourage a Pathway to Taiwanese Independence

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   Tension between China and Taiwan has intensified recently due to  
2                   democratic protests in Hong Kong; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**   Longstanding disputes between China and Taiwan could become a  
4                   flashpoint of violence and pull the entire region into chaos, creating far-  
5                   reaching economic effects; and
- 6   **WHEREAS,**   Increased military activity by the People’s Republic of China in the South  
7                   China Sea is cause for concern; and
- 8   **WHEREAS,**   Taiwan has increased its military activity since the crackdown of the  
9                   democratic protests in Hong Kong, for which many Taiwanese people  
10                  supported; and
- 11   **WHEREAS,**   The question of Taiwanese autonomy has caused deep tensions between  
12                  the island and Mainland China; now, therefore, be it
- 13   **RESOLVED,**   That the Congress here assembled recommends that the President of the  
14                  United States foster talks between Taiwan and the People’s Republic of  
15                  China with the immediate goal of de-escalation of tensions; and, be it
- 16   **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this Congress would support reclassification of recognition of  
17                  the Republic of China (Taiwan) by the Secretary of State; and, be it
- 18   **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the President shall have the long term goal of diplomatically  
19                  aiding in a solution that grants Taiwan more autonomy while not  
20                  displeasing China, to prevent conflicts of a similar nature in the future.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cypress Creek High School.*

# TFA Spring 2015 Item 13. A Bill to Reclassify the Internet as a Utility

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The F.C.C. should reclassify the transmission component of broadband  
3 Internet access as a telecommunications service under Title II of the  
4 Telecommunications Act.

5 **SECTION 2.** The F.C.C. is the Federal Communications Commission. Title II is the  
6 statutory basis for common carrier regulation which prevents unjust or  
7 unreasonable discrimination.

8 **SECTION 3.** The F.C.C. will oversee the enforcement of the bill along with the specific  
9 enforcement mechanism.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

11 **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 Spring 2015 Item 14. A Bill to Expand the Cybersecurity Framework to Prevent Critical Infrastructure Damage

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Mandate the implementation of the Cybersecurity Framework by all  
3 public and private businesses that work with critical infrastructure. All  
4 businesses must disclose their cyber security information to the National  
5 Institute of Standards and Technology.

6 **SECTION 2.** The Cybersecurity Framework is a flexible set of industry standards that  
7 help organizations manage their cyber risk, consisting of both references  
8 and guidelines for risk assessment. Critical infrastructure is all the assets,  
9 systems, and networks, whether physical or virtual, so vital to the United  
10 States that their incapacitation or destruction would have a debilitating  
11 effect on security, national economic security, national public health or  
12 safety, or any combination thereof.

13 **SECTION 3.** The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), the federal  
14 technology agency under the Department of Homeland Security, will  
15 oversee the implementation of this bill.

16 A. The NIST will implement fines and penalties to organizations and  
17 businesses who fail to comply with these regulations.

18 **SECTION 4.** The regulations will go into effect starting January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Clark High School*

## TFA Spring 2015 Item 15. A Resolution to Grant Citizenship to Immigrants Giving Birth to a Child in the United States

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Over 12 million people living in the United States are undocumented; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** Half of the nation's undocumented immigrants have lived here for at least 13
- 3 years and as many as 4 million of these illegal immigrants have U.S. born children
- 4 who, regardless of their parents' status, are automatically citizens; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Under the current system, those living in the United States after an illegal entry
- 6 will face many obstacles before actually receiving a green card through the child
- 7 citizen ; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Before the parent may use the child citizen as a basis for their own citizenship,
- 9 the child must be 21 years of age; now, therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled recommend the granting of a rapid path to
- 11 citizenship to undocumented citizens who are the biological parents of a United
- 12 States citizen.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Granbury High School*



1                   **TFA Spring 2015 Item 16. A Bill to Pass the Academic**  
2                   **Partnerships Lead Us to Success Act**

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4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

5 **SECTION 1.** The Academic Partnerships Lead Us to Success (A-PLUS) Act will be passed.

6 **SECTION 2.** The A-PLUS Act would provide states with an opportunity to opt out of the No  
7 Child Left Behind (NCLB) law and instead their NCLB funding will be given to the  
8 states in the form of block grants.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee the implementation of this bill on a  
10 national level as the bill deals with a federal law.

11                   A. Under A-PLUS, if two of three state entities (such as a state's governor,  
12                   legislature, and state commissioner or superintendent) sign a declaration of  
13                   intent to opt out of NCLB, then the U.S Department of Energy must grant the  
14                   state flexibility in how they spend the block grants.

15                   B. States must still abide by federal civil rights laws and show a narrowing of  
16                   achievement gaps.

17 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect at the beginning of 2015.

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

19 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Richard King High School*

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## TFA Spring 2015 Item 17. A Resolution to Level the Collegiate Playing Field

- 1   **WHEREAS,**    Student loan debt currently exceeds \$1.2 trillion; and
- 2   **WHEREAS,**    A college degree is no longer a reasonable guarantee of employment  
3                    post-graduation; and
- 4   **WHEREAS,**    Despite a national focus on education, public funds are increasingly being  
5                    used to subsidize athletic programs over their academic counterparts;
- 6   **WHEREAS,**    Collegiate athletic spending across all conferences exceeds academic  
7                    spending by a ratio of 3:1 to over 12:1; and
- 8   **WHEREAS,**    The prioritization of athletics over academics demonstrates not only a  
9                    lack of proper priorities but also drains resources from investment in  
10                   education; now, therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,**   That the Congress here assembled mandate that public higher education  
12                   institutions increase academic spending to reach a balance where athletic  
13                   spending exceeds academic spending by no more than a ratio of 2:1; and,  
14                   be it
- 15 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That as academic spending is increased, institutions focus on  
16                   programs that allocate funding to the fields of science, technology,  
17                   engineering, and math.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hendrickson High School*

## TFA Spring 2015 Item 18. A Resolution to Redirect Government Funding to Invest in Domestic Infrastructure.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Infrastructure in the United States has become severely ignored and will  
3 continue to deteriorate if not addressed.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Defense will take a mandatory 20% cut from the  
5 proposed \$495.6 billion budget for the 2015 fiscal year and for those  
6 funds to be directed to investment in domestic infrastructure.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Congressional Budget Office in alliance with state governments will  
8 be in charge of the distribution of these funds.

9 A. Programs and buildings in need of funding will be determined by the  
10 Congressional Budget Office after being evaluated.

11 B. State governments will look over the implementation of such funds  
12 and the federal government will oversee that such funds are being  
13 used properly.

14 C. If funds are not being used correctly, the federal government will  
15 cease funding.

16 **SECTION 4.** This will take effect at the beginning of the 2015 fiscal year

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Spring Woods High School.*

## TFA Spring 2015 Item 19. A Resolution to Declare War on ISIS

1 **WHEREAS,** the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) started as a splinter group of al  
2 Qaeda and has been dissociated by al Qaeda as being too extreme for  
3 even al Qaeda; and

4 **WHEREAS,** the aim of ISIS, which is to create an Islamic state across Sunni areas of  
5 Iraq and Syria, has promoted ISIS members to kill dozens of people at a  
6 time and carry out public executions; and

7 **WHEREAS,** it is a multilateral duty of powerful nations to quell violence worldwide;  
8 now, therefore be it

9 **RESOLVED,** that the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation  
10 for war to be declared upon regions ruled by ISIS as soon as this  
11 resolution is passed.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Judson High School of Converse, TX.*

# TFA Spring 2015 Item 20. A Bill to Fund the Mars Direct Plan to Begin the Exploration of Mars

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** \$50 billion over 12 years will be appropriated to fund the Mars Direct  
3 plan.

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5 **SECTION 2.** The Mars Direct Plan is defined as a mars exploration plan using 2 direct  
6 launches from earth to send first, a earth return vehicle powered by  
7 propellant produced from Carbon Dioxide in the Martian atmosphere and  
8 later, a crew habitat and crew. The plan is considered to be he plan of the  
9 same name described in the book The Case for Mars by Robert Zubrin,  
10 and on the website and attached report of the Mars Society.

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12 **SECTION 3.** This funding will be added to the National Aeronautics and Space  
13 Administration's budget, and will be used it to ramp up their existing  
14 efforts.

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16 A. This funding is guaranteed for the 12 year period, and must not be cut  
17 off unless in case of grievous and intentional misuse.

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19 B. The first mission is loosely targeted for 2024, not including first a  
20 single test lunar mission and Martian sample return mission using the  
21 same technology, after which in phase 2 \$3.5 billion dollars a year  
22 would be used to continue the program.

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24 C. The mission will be launched with NASA's 2<sup>nd</sup> generation Space launch  
25 system, and funding from the bill may be appropriated towards the  
26 system and used to fast track its development. Funding may also go  
27 towards the space science division for the sample return mission.

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29 D. Technologies necessary to the program may not receive funding from  
30 this bill, and all funding will be cut from that technology if the  
31 Government accounting office finds that funds have been sent  
32 elsewhere.

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34 **SECTION 4.** The funding will start immediately and will decrease to phase 2 levels  
35 after the first successful mission has been flown.

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

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39 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by A&M Consolidated High School*

# TFA Spring 2015 Item 21. A Bill to Promote Construction of Fiber Optic Networks

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) shall provide a credit equal to state sales  
3 taxes for purchase or installation of fiber optic Internet lines; this "sales tax  
4 holiday" shall be in effect for such time as defined in §4.

5 **SECTION 2.** Fiber optic Internet lines transmit computer data, video and voice signals, etc.,  
6 through laser-generated light carried in bundles of ultrapure, transparent fiber.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy (DOE) shall implement this program through  
8 certificates of energy industry to verify companies collecting or spending more  
9 than 50% of revenue/expenditure on exploration, retrieval, research,  
10 production, and/or distribution of energy:

11 A. Companies may apply for such certificates, to be renewed annually, with  
12 documentation provided by DOE to the IRS for tax reporting purposes.

13 B. Certificates may not be bought, sold, or change ownership once received.

14 C. If companies change ownership, they must reapply.

15 D. Companies misusing certificates or falsifying records shall be penalized by  
16 offense, not to exceed fines of up to \$10 million, revocation of certificate,  
17 future barring of application, and/or revocation of other tax credits, bonds,  
18 and government grants.

19 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect on January 1, 2016, and will sunset December 31, 2025.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cypress Creek High School.*

## TFA Spring 2015 Item 22. A Resolution to Require US Police Forces to Use Body Cams and Release Video Footage from Body Cams

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   Police officers are not consistently using and releasing video footage from  
2                   body cams; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**   between 2003 and 2009 at least 4,813 people died in the process of  
4                   being arrested by local police in the US; of the deaths classified as law  
5                   enforcement "homicides," 2,876 deaths occurred of which 1,643 or  
6                   57.1% of the people who died were "people of color"; and
- 7   **WHEREAS,**   this conflict is causing mistrust of Police forces and increasing retaliation,  
8                   and
- 9   **WHEREAS,**   Police officers are failing to appropriately use the recording equipment;  
10                  and
- 11   **WHEREAS,**   Police officers are not required to release video footage once it becomes  
12                  an investigation; now, therefore, be it
- 13   **RESOLVED,**   That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation  
14                  to require US Police Forces to use body cams and to release video  
15                  footage from body cams immediately following a shooting incident or  
16                  other investigation has been requested.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Clark HS*

# TFA Spring 2015 Item 23. The Kurdistan Recovery and Assistance Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will provide the following to the  
3 Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG):

4 a. 450 million dollars in Infrastructural Aid over 3 years given annually

5 b. 150 million dollars in the form of Foreign Military Financing over 3 years  
6 given biannually

7 c. United States Specialized Armed Forces

8 **SECTION 2.** Infrastructural Aid shall be defined as aid with the purpose of subsidizing  
9 Kurdish Business, build government facilities, and repairing of basic  
10 utilities.

11 Foreign Military Financing shall be defined as grants to help a country  
12 purchase weapons and defense equipment.

13 United States Specialized Armed Forces shall be defined as a limited  
14 number of highly trained forces to train and assist the Peshmerga Fighters.

15 **SECTION 3.** a. The Department of State shall oversee the transaction of the  
16 infrastructural aid and Foreign Military Financing.

17 b. The Department of Defense shall be responsible for:

18 The implementation of placing troops in Kurdistan and determining which  
19 Special Armed Forces will best fit to be placed in Kurdistan.

20 **SECTION 4.** This Act will be taken into effect immediately after passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Plano Senior HS*



## TFA Spring 2015 Item 24. A Bill to Fund Genetic Health Research

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will fund research for Induced  
3 Pluripotent Stem Cells (iPS/iPSC.)

4 **SECTION 2.** Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells will be defined as a type of pluripotent  
5 stem cell capable of giving rise to several different specialized cell types  
6 that can be generated directly from adult cells without the creation of an  
7 embryo.

8 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will be  
9 allocated 50 Million Dollars annually to fund Induced Pluripotent Stem  
10 Cells research.

11 A. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) will oversee the results of the  
12 research and decide whether or not sustainable progress has been  
13 achieved.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented one year after passage. If sustainable  
15 progress has not been made within 7 years, all funds for research into  
16 Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells will be discontinued.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jasper High School.*

## TFA Spring 2015 Item 25. A Resolution to Provide South Sudan with \$500 Million in Humanitarian Assistance to Ensure South Sudanese Stability

- 1 **WHEREAS,** South Sudan continues to be dominated by conflict, gross human rights  
2 abuses, and ongoing instability; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** More than one million South Sudanese citizens have been forced to flee  
4 their homes; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** An estimated five million people in South Sudan are in urgent need of  
6 humanitarian aid; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The United Nations estimates that seven million of South Sudan's ten  
8 million people are in need of food aid; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Many South Sudanese families lack basic necessities of life like water,  
10 sanitation, and food; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** South Sudan is crucial for regional stability; and
- 12 **WHEREAS,** The United States government has made South Sudan one of its foreign  
13 policy priorities in Africa; and
- 14 **WHEREAS,** Ongoing violence in South Sudan perpetuates this humanitarian crisis;  
15 now, therefore, be it
- 16 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled provide \$500 million in humanitarian  
17 assistance to South Sudan after 2014.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Plano West Senior High.*

## TFA Spring 2015 Item 26. A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Guarantee the Right To Vote

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

### 7 **ARTICLE --**

8 **SECTION 1:** All citizens of the United States, who are eighteen years of age or older,  
9 shall have the right to vote in any public election held in the jurisdiction in which the  
10 citizen resides. The right to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States,  
11 any State, or any other public or private person or entity, except that the United States  
12 or any State may establish regulations narrowly tailored to produce efficient and honest  
13 elections.

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15 **SECTION 2:** Each State shall administer public elections in the State in accordance with  
16 election performance standards established by the Congress. The Congress shall  
17 reconsider such election performance standards at least once every four years to  
18 determine if higher standards should be established to reflect improvements in  
19 methods and practices regarding the administration of elections.

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21 **SECTION 3:** Each State shall provide any eligible voter the opportunity to register and  
22 vote on the day of any public election.

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24 **SECTION 4:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate  
25 legislation.

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

# TFA Spring 2015 Item 27. A Bill to Reform the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1986 to Treat Substance Abuse as an Illness

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** If a person is diagnosed to be addicted to an illegal substance, rather than  
3 imprison them, he/she will be entered into a rehabilitative center.

4 **SECTION 2.** An illegal substance is defined within this bill as any of the drugs listed  
5 under the DEA's Drug Schedules.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Drug Enforcement Administration will oversee the implementation of  
7 this bill, with the assistance of the Department of Health and Services.

8 A. Any person arrested and found to be under the influence of an illegal  
9 substance will be taken immediately to a local physician.

10 B. The construction of rehabilitative centers will begin with the passing  
11 of this bill.

12 C. Two billion dollars will be taken from the Department of Defense to  
13 fund this program; additionally the sum of \$8,000 per patient will be  
14 removed from prison funds annually.

15 **SECTION 4.** Integration of current inmates with addiction into rehabilitative centers  
16 will begin on January 1, 2016; integration must be complete by January 1,  
17 2018.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Seven Lakes High School.*

# TFA Spring 2015 Item 28. A Bill to Phase Out Fossil Fuel Subsidies

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All governmental subsidies for fossil fuels will completely cease by Fiscal Year  
3 2018.

4 **SECTION 2.** Fossil fuel subsidies are defined as financial assistance (including but not limited to  
5 tax breaks, deductions, and royalties) to producers of fossil fuels.

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

8 **A.** Royalties for fuel production on federal lands will increase from 12.5 % to 25 % of  
9 total sales, with the increase implemented by the end of FY 2015.

10 **B.** Tax deductions to fossil fuel producers will end in FY 2018, so as to begin the shift  
11 and transition to renewable energy sources. Tax deductions for fossil fuel companies  
12 covered under the 2004 American jobs creation act will cease, but non-fossil fuel  
13 producers are exempt from the phasing out of such subsidies.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2015.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Alief Kerr High School.*

**TFA Spring 2015 Item 29. A Bill to Further the Terms of the United States-Liberia Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) to Increase Trade and Investment**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2. Section 1. The U.S.-Liberia Trade and Investment Framework Agreement  
3. (TIFA), signed in February 2007, established dialogue to address  
4. bilateral trade and investment issues and to improve economic  
5. engagement between the United States and  
6. Liberia as according to a United States Trade Representative.

7. Section 2. Through furthering the terms of the TIFA, the United States will  
8. benefit through trade with the resource rich country of Liberia and  
9. Liberia's economy will improve as well.

10. Section 3. Economic trade and investment through a strong partnership  
11. proves beneficial, because Liberia is richly endowed with water,  
12. mineral resources, forests, and a climate favorable to agriculture

13. Section 4. Nevertheless, Liberia's poor in human capital, need for  
14. infrastructure, and lack of stability calls for action not disregard.

15. Section 5. The Department of Commerce will be charged with the  
16. implementation of this bill.

17. A. A total of one billion dollars shall be invested within  
18. Liberia to strengthen its economical standing an promote  
19. and increased amount of trade activity.

20. B. If investment is properly implemented and furthers the US  
21. economy and Liberia's, Congress shall then be charged  
22. with increasing the investment rate for the next 10 years.

23. Section 6. The initial investment shall begin within a year of this bill's  
24. passage.

25. Section 7: All laws that conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null  
26. and void.

**TFA Spring 2015 Item 30. A Resolution to Invest in Girls' Education to Stabilize Africa and Fight Terrorism**

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   Terrorists target educated girls – from Boko Haram militants attacking a  
2                   girls' school in Nigeria in 2014, to the Pakistani Taliban shooting Malala  
3                   Yousafzai in the head at age 15 because of her advocacy for girls'  
4                   education in 2012, to the Afghan Taliban repeatedly and recently  
5                   throwing acid on the faces of girls who dare to seek an education; and  
6   **WHEREAS,**   Because for every 1% increase in the share of the population aged 15 to  
7                   24, the risk of civil war increases by 4%, curbing birth rates tends to lead  
8                   to stability, as well as a boosted economy, raised living standard a  
9                   promoted cycle of development; and  
10 **WHEREAS,**   One robust Nigeria study found that for each additional year of primary  
11                  school, a girl has 0.26 fewer children; now, therefore, be it  
12 **RESOLVED,**   That the Student Congress here assembled recommend USAID allocate  
13                  \$10 million to the Campaign for Female Educate (Camfed); and, be it  
14 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled recommend the House  
15                  Committee on Foreign Affairs advance the International Violence Against  
16                  Women Act of 2013 (H.R.3571) to the US House of Representatives.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bellaire High School.*