

SFCFL Grand Finals

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Congress Legislation

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A Bill to Abolish the Drone Program

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** A. Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) along with Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) shall be prohibited from usage by the United States military along with any entity under the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense
- B. The United States shall cease all transfer or sale of UAS or UAV equipment both in joint military cooperation or in exchange of goods, including military aid or arms sales to any foreign entity
- SECTION 2.** A. Unmanned Aerial Systems shall be defined as any military system established for the express purpose of operating a UAV, including a UAV itself, a ground-based controller, and a system of communications between the two
- B. Unmanned Aerial Vehicles shall be defined as any powered, aerial vehicle that does not carry a human operator, uses aerodynamic forces to provide vehicle lift, can fly autonomously or be piloted remotely, can be expendable or recoverable, and can carry a lethal or nonlethal payload
- SECTION 3.** A. The U.S. Department of Defense shall be charged with the destruction of all such current vehicles as well as the recycling of any spare parts from this dismantlement
- B. The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration shall be charged with cooperating beside the DoD to ensure the execution and regulation of these new standards
- C. Any military protocols involving drones shall be re-assessed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, following these new protocols and either re-written or suspended entirely. All deals falling under Section 1 (B) shall be reviewed by The Office of the United States Trade Representative, following these new protocols and either re-written or suspended entirely.
- SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with the legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted for Congressional Debate by Western High School

A Bill to Implement Ranked Choice Voting

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall eliminate first-past-the-post voting for
3 presidential primaries and implement a ranked-choice voting system.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. “First-past-the-post voting system” often known as a winner takes all
5 system shall be defined as one in which voters indicate on a ballot the
6 candidate of their choice, and the candidate who receives the most votes
7 wins.

8 B. A “ranked-choice voting system” (RCV) is an electoral system in
9 which voters rank candidates by preference on their ballots. If a
10 candidate wins a majority of first-preference votes, he or she is
11 declared the winner. If no candidate wins a majority of first-
12 preference votes, the candidate with the fewest first-preference
13 votes is eliminated. And the voters who voted said candidate they
14 primary vote now have their secondary candidate move to the
15 primary position, and the votes are recounted. This process is
16 repeated until a candidate has a majority of the votes

17 C. A “majority” shall be defined as 50.01% of the votes

18 **Section 3.** Individual states shall be responsible for the implementation of this
19 legislation.

20 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately upon passage

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Representative Knight

The Transgender Ease-of-Documentations (T.E.D.) Act of 2020

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All facilities that issue federal identification will provide free Gender Confirmation Request (GCR) applications to citizens by-request.

SECTION 2. A GCR application will contain a series of options for changing the applicant's name and gender displayed on all federally issued identification;

A. For a change of gender, applicants will choose from "Male", "Female", "Non-Binary", or a fill-in-the-blank "Other" category.

B. Applicants can only receive a change of first name under a GCR application. Changes to an applicant's last name will follow the previous guidelines set by their state of residency.

SECTION 3. The US Department of Transportation and the US Department of State will be responsible for administering and approving GCR forms.

A. In order for GCR applications to be approved, applicants must also provide:

a. A copy of their Social Security card,

b. A copy of their most recently issued driver's license or identification document, and

c. A report from a licensed therapist or mental health professional diagnosing the applicant with gender dysphoria.

SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect in FY2021.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jason Carles, Center for International Education



The Venezuelan Assistance Act of 2019

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. The United States shall remove selective sanctions from Venezuela.

3 B. The United States shall send 500 million dollars in humanitarian aid to
4 Venezuela.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. Selective sanctions shall be defined as restrictions on particular
6 products or financial flows.

7 B. Humanitarian aid shall be defined as food, water, and medicine.

8 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Departments of Treasury and State in conjunction with USAID
9 shall be responsible for implementation and oversight of this legislation.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect on October 1, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Alexis Lass, Western High School

A Bill to Implement a Firearm Owner Certification System to Decrease Gun Violence

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will institute a federal permitting
3 system requiring firearm purchasers nationwide to meet guidelines
4 established by law enforcement and healthcare professionals in order to
5 be certified as being fit to purchase and/or possess firearms.

6 **SECTION 2.** Permits are assurances issued by a government authority allowing a
7 licensee to buy, own, possess, or carry a firearm. Permits are specific to
8 firearm types and subtypes established by US criminal justice code §921.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Firearm Owner Certification System would be overseen by the
10 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

11 A. Guidelines for certification would be established by the Federal
12 Bureau of Investigation (FBI) with cooperation from the Substance
13 Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and
14 National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS).

15 B. State agencies will create and administer a firearm safety test to
16 certify applicants' knowledge of safe handling procedures.

17 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented by January 1, 2021

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

A Resolution to Ratify CIFTA to Decrease Arms Trafficking

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Illegal transactions concerning weapons, such as guns and ammunition,
2 continue to occur across borders in Northern and Southern American
3 countries; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Millions continue to be persecuted and killed by violence that is
5 facilitated by the illicit transfer of weapons transnationally; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** The constant instances of conflict have continued to destabilize Latin
7 American countries; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** The Convention Against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in
9 Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives, and Other Related Materials (CIFTA)
10 requires parties to criminalize the illegal manufacture, import, or export
11 of high-powered weapons; and
- 12 **WHEREAS,** CIFTA encourages cooperation and intelligence sharing on policy
13 initiatives to hinder the illegal trafficking of weapons; and
- 14 **WHEREAS,** Countries across Latin America who have been signatories and ratified
15 this treaty have seen decreases in their rates of gun-related crime and
16 violence; therefore, be it
- 17 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation to
18 ratify CIFTA.

A Resolution to Recognize Kurdistan as a Sovereign Nation

1 **WHEREAS,** The Kurdish are an independent ethnic group that make up the majority of the
2 residents of Kurdistan, a region within Western Asia divided between Syria, Iraq,
3 Iran and Turkey; and

4 **WHEREAS,** The Kurds have been suppressed by the regimes their ancestral lands fall under,
5 and have suffered human rights abuses and been denied education due to
6 ethnic conflict and discrimination; and

7 **WHEREAS,** Have shown interest in forming an independent democratic government in a
8 region of autocratic regimes to escape suppression by regional governments;
9 and

10 **WHEREAS,** The Kurdish Peshmerga has been instrumental in combating ISIS and other
11 terror organizations and the spread of the Syrian autocracy; and

12 **WHEREAS,** The United States has informally dealt with Kurds as a separate nation, and has
13 used their independent militias to further our agenda in the Middle East; now,
14 therefore, be it,

15 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States of America recognize
16 Kurdistan as a sovereign nation and support the development of a stable
17 democratic government of Kurdistan through developmental and diplomatic
18 aid.

A Resolution to Increase Funding for LIHEAP

- 1 **WHEREAS,** 1/3 of all households in the United States struggle to pay their energy
2 bills; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Energy poverty quickly leads to complete financial poverty due to unpaid
4 utility bills; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Fifteen percent of families who have their electricity cut off never have it
6 restored; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The risk of energy poverty is increasing as the price of residential power
8 has risen eighteen percent since 2006; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Over six million households receive funding from LIHEAP to assist with
10 energy bills, saving low income families upwards of \$371 yearly; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** Elimination of LIHEAP funding would reduce energy-secure households in
12 the US by seventeen percent; and
- 13 **WHEREAS,** Of the fifteen million homes eligible for energy assistance through
14 LIHEAP, only five and a half million were helped; now, therefore, be it
- 15 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the Low-Income Home Energy
16 Assistance Program be provided an additional billion dollars in funding to
17 improve energy access for low-income families.