



2014 State
Congressional
Debate
Legislation

(preliminary sessions)

A Bill to Update the Tax Code

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** States shall hereby be endowed with the power to levy sales taxes for
3. online sales of companies with a physical presence inside their state.
4. **SECTION 2.** Online sales shall be defined as any purchase made outside of a retail
5. location via online commerce.
6. **SECTION 3.** The International Revenue Service will oversee this bill, so that:
7. **A.** Any company grossing less than \$1 million in sales nationwide shall
8. be exempt from any potential sales tax.
9. **B.** States shall not be allowed to tax companies outside of their borders.
10. **SECTION 4.** This bill will come into effect on January 1, 2015.
11. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Economics,

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A Bill to Make Retirement Contributions Tax Exempt to Encourage Saving

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Traditional retirement contributions will not be taxed when the funds are
3. withdrawn if the individual is at least 70 years old. The penalty for withdrawing funds
4. early will now apply up to the age of 70 and will be increased to 20%. The contribution
5. limits for Traditional Individual Retirement Accounts are eliminated.
6. **SECTION 2.** A traditional retirement contribution is defined by banks as a pre tax
7. contribution to a Traditional Individual Retirement Account. Currently, these
8. contributions are taxed after they are withdrawn from the retirement fund.
9. **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service will be in charge of the implementation of
10. this legislation.
11. **SECTION 4.** The legislation will go into effect January 1, 2015.
12. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Economics,

Dhruv Luthra

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A Bill to Open the Banks for Legal Cannabis

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** No bank or depository institution will be punished under civil or criminal
3. federal law for holding funds derived from medical or recreational cannabis dispensaries
4. in states or jurisdictions in which the respective dispensary is legal.
5. **SECTION 2.** Nothing in “Section 1” of this legislation prohibits either civil or criminal
6. action to be taken against banks holding funds derived from the sale of medical or
7. recreational marijuana in contexts where it is illegal under the respective state or local
8. jurisdiction nor does “Section 1” imply any change in federal drug policy with regards to
9. cannabis.
10. **SECTION 3.** This policy will be enacted by the Department of Justice.
11. **SECTION 4.** This policy will be effective immediately upon passage.
12. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Economics,

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A Resolution to Cease the Outsourcing of Jobs to Foreign Countries

1. **WHEREAS**, in the early 2000s, multinational companies based in the United States sent
2. their labor force overseas; and
3. **WHEREAS**, United States citizens have been forced into an era of debilitating job loss
4. and economic hardship; and
5. **WHEREAS**, the near ten percent of U.S. citizens still unemployed are forced to find
6. multiple jobs at barely minimum wage to make ends meet;
7. now, therefore, be it
8. **RESOLVED**, that the Congress here assembled make the following
9. recommendation for solution; by insisting U.S.-based multinational companies return
10. their labor force to the United States; and, be it
11. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, the United States will inaugurate a tax reform for companies
12. that return their workforce to U.S. shores beginning in 2015.

Respectfully submitted to the Committee on Economics.

Jacob Adams

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A Bill to Bring Corporations Back to America

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **Section 1:** The United States will lower the corporate tax to a flat 10%,
3. **Section 2:** A corporation is a legal entity organized under the corporate or company laws
4. of some jurisdiction. Corporate tax or company tax refers to a tax imposed
5. that is taxed at the entity level in a particular jurisdiction.
6. **Section 3:** The Internal Revenue Service will implement this legislation.
7. **Section 4:** This legislation will go into effect on January 1, 2014
8. **Section 5:** All laws in conflict with this Legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted to the Economics Committee,

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A Bill to Aid the Japanese

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The United States shall allocate \$20 million USD to aid in the cleanup
2. of the Fukushima nuclear power plant.
3. **SECTION 2.** The Fukushima nuclear plant was severely damaged as a direct
4. result of the earthquake and tsunami on March 11, 2011. Cleanup
5. shall be defined as anything that needs to be sealed or fixed
6. to prevent further radioactive leakage. It is further defined as removal
7. of any contaminated waste which remains from the disaster.
8. **SECTION 3.** This bill shall be overseen the Department of Defense (DoD), the
9. Department of State (DoS), and the United States Agency for
10. International Development (USAID) in cooperation with the
11. Japanese central government and the Japanese Energy Ministry.
12. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented immediately upon passage.
13. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this bill shall be hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted to the Committee of Foreign Affairs,

Brendan Lee

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A Resolution to Put a Red Light on Human Trafficking

1. **WHEREAS**, Human trafficking violates the human rights of victims, who are
2. coerced into forced labor, sexual slavery, and organ donation,
3. amongst other activities; and
4. **WHEREAS**, Human trafficking is increasingly prevalent in today's globalized
5. society; and
6. **WHEREAS**, International efforts to resolve human trafficking have been
7. ineffective in curbing the problem; now, therefore, be it
8. **RESOLVED**, that the United States Congress here assembled shall cut
9. importation with any country, by 50%, that does not reduce its human
10. trafficking violations, by at least 50% of the 2014 reported rate, by 2019.

Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Foreign Affairs.

Melissa Tran

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A Resolution to Save the World

1. **WHEREAS**, a major asteroid struck Russia in February 2013, without a proper warning
2. system, and
3. **WHEREAS**, at least 10,000 asteroids being tracked that could threaten earth, which
4. comprises less than 1% of all total asteroids that could threaten earth, and
5. **WHEREAS**, an asteroid that could do significant damage to the United States could be
6. less than a day away without any advance warning, and,
7. **WHEREAS**, the likelihood of an asteroid strike on earth is 4-5 times more likely than
8. previously thought, and
9. **WHEREAS**, asteroid strike are entirely preventable and predictable, and
10. **WHEREAS**, the technology to detect all possible dangerous asteroids is relatively
11. inexpensive, now, therefore, be it
12. **RESOLVED**, by this United States Congress here Assembled that:
13. The United States government will form a coalition of nations to raise the
14. remainder of the \$500,000,000 needed to build and launch the Sentinel
15. Space Telescope being developed by the B612 foundation.

Respectfully Submitted to the Committee on Foreign Affairs,

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A Bill to Aid Proactively

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The United States shall send aid to Jamaica for the purpose of
3. strengthening their public infrastructure.
4. **SECTION 2. A.** The United States shall provide 300 million dollars to the
5. Jamaican government for the purpose of strengthening and/or rebuilding public
6. infrastructure to meet provisions regarding seismic activity as outlined in the
7. International Existing Building Code as set by the International Code Council.
8. **B.** Any funds remaining after seismic activity standards are met
9. may be placed in an emergency disaster relief fund created by the
10. Jamaican government to be used in the case of a natural disaster.
11. **C.** Funds allocated in this bill shall come from an increase to the
12. total operational FY2015 budget of the United States Agency of
13. International Development.
14. **SECTION 3.** This bill shall be overseen by the United States Agency of
15. International Development and the Department of the Treasury.
16. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect October 1, 2014.
17. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
18. and void.

Respectfully submitted to the Committee on Foreign Affairs,

Mary McNicholas

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A Bill to Transition into Taintless Towns

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will offer subsidies on American
3. imports for any European nation in exchange for their written agreement for establishing a
4. minimum of 10 Transition Towns in their respective territories.
5. **SECTION 2.** “American imports” refers to any American-made goods that are exported to
6. Europe. “Transition Town” refers to participation in the Transition Town movement, which
7. seeks to reduce carbon emissions and improve the overall environment.
8. **SECTION 3.** This bill will be overseen by the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate
9. Change.
10. **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect immediately upon passage.
11. **SECTION 5.** All other laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be
12. declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted to the Committee on Foreign Affairs,

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A Bill to Eliminate the Asian Carp Infestation to Optimize the Health of our Rivers

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** A taskforce will be created to eliminate the infestation of Asian
3. Carp in the rivers and lakes of the United States.
4. **SECTION 2.** \$500 Million will be allocated for the creation and operation of this
5. taskforce per year for a period of 3 years.
6. **SECTION 3.** The taskforce will be under the direction of the United States
7. Department of the Interior.
8. **A.** The Task Force will have the authority to conduct operations in
9. any body of fresh water bordering one or more states.
10. **B.** It can also conduct operations in bodies of water contained
11. completely within a single state, upon permission from
12. government of the state in question.
13. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will enter into effect June 1, 2014.
14. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
15. and void.

Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Public Welfare,

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A Bill to Mandate Foreign Language to Create Global Citizens

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** All elementary schools in the state of Illinois will be mandated to
3. incorporate at least one foreign language into their curriculum for all grades.
4. **SECTION 2.** Foreign language classes will offer a specialized curriculum based on a
5. language that is not spoken in the native country.
6. **SECTION 3.** This bill shall be enforced by the Illinois State Board of Education.
7. **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect in a school's 2014-2015 school year.
8. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted to the Committee for Public Welfare,

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A Bill to Lower the Cost to Educate a Nation

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Congress shall subsidize up to half of a student's tuition. The money to
3. fund this shall come from raising the income tax across all brackets by 4% and by
4. reallocating one- third of the current Department of Defense budget.
5. **SECTION 2.** Tuition shall be defined as the net individual cost of education excluding
6. room and board.
7. **SECTION 3.** This bill shall be enforced by the Department of Education and the
8. Internal Revenue Service.
9. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on August 1st, 2016.
10. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this bill are hereby null and void.

Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Public Welfare,

David Weicker

Alex Beck

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A Bill to End Poverty by Reducing Bureaucracy

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** All current federal welfare programs are hereby abolished. The funding
3. for these programs shall be reallocated to the purposes of Section 2.
4. **SECTION 2. A.** The Department of the Treasury shall send all American adult citizens
5. sufficient income to equal the federal poverty guidelines as measured by
6. pre-tax cash income.
7. **B.** Employed adults whose earnings are below the poverty level shall
8. receive supplemental income to equal the federal poverty guidelines.
9. **C.** Adults who are incarcerated in a federal or state prison are not eligible
10. for this program.
11. **D.** Social Security recipients are not eligible for this program.
12. **SECTION 3.** The Department of the Treasury shall implement this legislation.
13. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect one year from the date of passage.
14. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted to the Committee on Public Welfare,

Michael Miller

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A Bill to Buy Better Students

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** All students thirteen years or older will earn scholarships for participating
3. in after school activities.
4. **SECTION 2. A.** All after school activities that will count for the scholarship fund must
5. be approved by the local school board. Students who meet the requirements will earn \$5
6. for their scholarship fund for each hour they are at school (or under the direct supervision
7. of activity sponsors) participating in the activity. Each student's earnings are limited to
8. \$900 per school year. The summer after a school year is included for that year.
9. **B.** The scholarship fund may be used to attend college, technical, or
10. vocational school. The school board may deposit the funds in a bank savings account, and
11. it may earn interest. The local school board will address the scholarship check directly to
12. said institutions. If students do not enroll in said institution(s) within 10 years after their
13. last year of high school, the funds can be used by the school district as it sees fit.
14. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee the enforcement of this bill.
15. Funding for this bill will be allocated from the Department of Defense's discretionary
16. budget.
17. **SECTION 4.** This Bill shall be enacted on January 1, 2015.
18. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted to the Committee on Public Welfare,

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A Resolution to Provide Stability for College Athletes

1. **WHEREAS**, NCAA athletic guidelines limit student mobility, safety, and scholarship
2. achievement, and
3. **WHEREAS**, College athletes continuously obtain physical injuries, lose
4. scholarships, and are forced to pay for medical attention, and
5. **WHEREAS**, NCAA restrict students from having jobs, and forcing athletes to
6. pay for expenses accrued by the athlete or endure hardship;
7. now, therefore, be it
8. **RESOLVED**, by the United States Congress here assembled that College Athletes
9. should form a union to renegotiate scholarship opportunities and pay,
10. have access to sound medical treatment, and be granted more lenient
11. transfer opportunities.

Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Public Welfare,

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