



2016 State
Congressional
Debate
Legislation

(ELIMINATION sessions – SEMIS/FINALS)

A Bill to Stimulate the Urban Economy

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** \$1 billion will be reallocated from the Department of Defense budget to
3. establish the Urban Works Trust Fund.
4. **SECTION 2.** The Urban Works Trust Fund will be made available to cities across the
5. United States. Individual cities can apply for aid from the Urban Works Trust Fund and receive
6. grants in the form of stimulus packages. These packages shall be spent exclusively on urban
7. development and job creation.
8. **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Labor will oversee the establishment of an
9. Urban Works Trust Fund Board.
10. **A.** The Urban Works Trust Fund Board will have complete decision-making power
11. over which cities are given grant money.
12. **B.** Cities that have been accepted to receive grants must contribute 1% of their total
13. tax revenue to the Urban Works Trust Fund annually.
14. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect January 1, 2017.
15. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Decrease the Corporate Tax Rate

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The United States corporate tax rate will decrease by 3% every year for the next three
3. (3) years to an average rate of 25%.
4. **SECTION 2.** The corporate tax shall be defined as the amount of tax imposed on corporate
5. income. The corporate tax rate shall be defined as the percentage companies pay in income taxes
6. annually. The tax will decrease 3% annually throughout all tax brackets. At the end of the three year
7. cycle, the maximum tax rate shall be set at 30% and the minimum tax rate set at 6%.
8. **SECTION 3.** The US Treasury Department shall enforce the bill through the Internal Revenue
9. Service.
10. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect on January 1, 2017.
11. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this bill shall hereby be declared null and void.

A Resolution to Combat Terrorism by Creating an International No Travel List

1. **WHEREAS,** Terrorists often commit acts of terror outside of their home area ;and
2. **WHEREAS,** Public forms of transportation (Planes, Trains,Boats) are often used do to ease
3. of use and ability to travel long distances ; and
4. **WHEREAS,** These acts of terror cause damage, both physical and psychological, to the
5. nation attacked and can happen to any nation; and
6. **WHEREAS,** The United States No-Fly list helps prevent acts of terror in the United States
7. of America ; now, therefore, be it
8. **RESOLVED,** That the United States Congress here assembled make the following
9. recommendation to the United Nations for an international no travel list; and,
10. be it
11. **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this list will be composed of people that are known and/or
12. suspected to have connections to public terrorist groups submitted to a UN
13. created group that manages the list and recommends additions to the
14. list.

A Bill to Let It Go

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The United States shall grant independence to Puerto Rico by ceding it
3. unto itself during a transitional period of five years..
4. **SECTION 2.** “Cede” shall be defined as formally surrender.
5. **SECTION 3.** This bill shall be enforced by the U.S. State Department.
6. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect January 1st, 2022.
7. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Reserve Energy Jobs

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will reserve 15,000 jobs for the next fiscal year
3. in the solar power sector for those laid off from the gas sector.
4. **SECTION 2.** These reserved jobs shall be defined as installers, designers, engineers, salespeople and
5. managers.
6. **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Labor and the United States Department of Energy.
7. **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect at the start of the next fiscal year.
8. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Prevent Sexual Assault on Campus

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2. **SECTION 1.** The officials of post secondary schools shall refer allegations of sexual assault on
3. campus to the local criminal justice system within twenty-four hours of learning of the alleged crime,
4. as well as maintaining the current college adjudication process. Sexual assault refers to unwanted
5. sexual behaviors involving force, threats, or incapacitation. The Department of Justice shall allocate
6. sufficient funds to train police personnel in all college localities in the best practices for interviewing
7. victims and investigating accusations of sexual assault.

8. **SECTION 2.** The Department of Justice shall establish a Sexual Assault Victims Hotline to report
9. mistreatment or negligence by college or police officials. Any post secondary school that does not
10. comply with this legislation may be fined up to five percent of its operating budget for each year that
11. it does not comply.

12. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education and the Department of the Treasury shall enforce this
13. legislation.

14. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect one year from the date of passage.

A Bill to Equalize Education

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The Foundation Level for state education funding shall be set to \$15,000 per
3. year.
4. **SECTION 2.** The Foundation Level shall be defined as the minimum amount of per pupil
5. funding that a school district shall receive from state funding in addition to
6. local resources.
7. **SECTION 3.** This bill will be overseen by the Illinois State Board of Education.
8. **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented in FY 2017.
9. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Resolution to Turn from Negative to Positive

1. **WHEREAS**, Japan is currently in the midst of a severe economic downturn; and
2. **WHEREAS**, Despite Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's economic reforms, the Bank of Japan has turned to instituting negative interest rates to attempt to improve Japan's economy; and
3. **WHEREAS**, This action has caused the value of the yen to drop and has the potential to further disrupt vital money markets; and
4. **WHEREAS**, Increased investment in Japan's economy can revitalize money flow and curb deflation; and
5. **WHEREAS**, The United States and Japan have had a long-standing history of mutual political and economic support; now, therefore, be it
6. **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled increase imports from Japan and encourage American companies to invest in Japan until such time that the Bank of Japan institutes positive interest rates and Japan shows stable economic growth.

A Resolution To Develop An Alliance With Nigeria

1. **WHEREAS,** Nigeria has an exorbitant amount of untouched mines and possible new
2. forms of energy; and
3. **WHEREAS,** Nigeria has valuable resources such as petroleum, natural gas, iron, coal,
4. limestone, lead, zinc, and arable land; and
5. **WHEREAS,** Nigeria is a major country in Africa that is a hub for trade, has impressive
6. finance, and considerable influence ; and
7. **WHEREAS,** Nigeria would help the United States economy flourish while expanding
8. its own economy; and
9. **WHEREAS,** The United States will be gaining deeper insight on Africa while creating a
10. strong alliance ; now, therefore, be it
11. **RESOLVED,** That the United States Congress here assembled make the
12. recommendation to immediately initiate economic and political ties with
13. Nigeria.

A Bill to Hire at Home

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **Section 1.** All employers are hereby required to recruit and hire American workers before they can
3. hire a worker on an H1-B visa. Employers may not displace any American workers with workers on
4. an H1-B visa.
5. **Section 2.** The H1-B is a non-immigrant visa that allows U.S. employers to temporarily employ
6. foreign workers in specialty occupations.
7. **Section 3.** The U.S. Department of Labor shall be responsible for the implementation of this bill.
8. **Section 4.** This bill shall take effect on January 1, 2017.
9. **Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.