

Castle Classic **ORANGE WAVE** Congress

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NOTE: NO walk-on legislation will be allowed at this tournament.

Additionally, to increase the legitimacy, seriousness and to elevate the level and quality of competition/debate, judges will be informed that they have the authority to remove competitors (aka DQ) who are attempting to play nonsense games that threaten the legitimacy and decorum of the Congress.

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A Bill to Increase Counter-Narcotics Aid to Colombia

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The More Investment for Sustainable Alternative Development (MIDAS)
3 and Areas for Municipal Level Alternative Development (ADAM) under
4 USAID shall be reestablished to aid United States counter-narcotic efforts
5 in the nation of Colombia.

6 **SECTION 2.** MIDAS and ADAM shall use funds to encourage farmers in Colombia to
7 produce sustainable and licit crops as an alternative to the harvesting of
8 illicit drugs.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State and USAID shall oversee the implementation of
10 this legislation

11 A. Foreign assistance to Colombia from the Department of State shall be
12 increased from the current level of 331.8 billion dollars in fiscal year
13 2013 to 453.2 billion dollars per year in fiscal years 2014 and 2015 (to
14 match fiscal year 2011 levels), with the additional appropriations
15 going to USAID for the implementation of this legislation.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect ~~December~~ 1st, 2013.

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

18 *Introduced by the League's Colorado Grande district.*

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A Bill to Return the United States to the Gold Standard

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A Congressional audit, with the assistance of the Secretary of the
3 Treasury and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System shall
4 determine the value of the United States gold reserve, as well as the
5 difference between that and the value of all United States currency.

6 **SECTION 2.** The Secretary of the Treasury shall purchase the difference in gold to
7 back currency not covered therein.

8 **SECTION 3.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect January 1, 2014.

9 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by the League's Golden Desert (NV) district.

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A Resolution to Remove Hamas from the Foreign Terrorist Organization List

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Hamas' label as a terrorist organization is harming relations between the United
2 States and Israel; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The United States needs to have full communications with all actors to mitigate
4 international crises; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Hamas' presence on the Foreign Terrorist Organizations has halted negotiation
6 with the United States; now, therefore, be it
- 7 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that Hamas be removed from the Foreign
8 Terrorist Organization list.

Introduced by the League's Puget Sound (WA) district.

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Fracturing Responsibility and Awareness of Chemicals Act of 2013

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Environmental Protection Agency is hereby granted the power to regulate
3 hydraulic fracturing:

4 A. Sections 322 and 323 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Pub.L. 109-58) are
5 hereby repealed.

6 B. Hydraulic Fracturing- Section 1421(d)(1) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42
7 U.S.C. 300h(d)(1)) is amended by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting:

8 b) Includes the underground injection of fluids or propping agents pursuant to
9 hydraulic fracturing operations related to oil and gas production activities;
10 but

11 c) Excludes the underground injection of natural gas for purposes of storage.

12 **SECTION 2.** Private firms involved in hydraulic fracturing shall disclose the chemical
13 constituents used in the fracturing process:

14 A. Section 1421(b) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300h(b)) shall be
15 amended as follows:

16 1. In subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1) insert before the semicolon,
17 “including a requirement that any person using hydraulic fracturing
18 disclose to the State (or the Administrator if the Administrator has primary
19 enforcement responsibility in the State) the chemical constituents (but not
20 the proprietary chemical formulas) used in the fracturing process.”

21 2. Add the following new paragraph at the end of thereof:

22 (4) The State (or Administrator) shall make the disclosure of chemical
23 constituents referred to in subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1)
24 available to the public.

25 **SECTION 3.** This Act shall go into effect July 1, 2013.

26 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by the League's Carolina West (NC) district.

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A Bill to Require a Biennial Budget

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Congress of the United States shall be required to create a budget
3 every two years; and should the Congress fail to do so all federal
4 employees shall go without pay until a budget can be created.

5 **SECTION 2.** Federal employees are defined as all persons under the employment of
6 the United States federal government. Budget is defined as an estimate
7 of income and expenditure for a set period of time

8 **SECTION 3.** The House of Representatives shall have this responsibility as established
9 by the Constitution of the United States.

10 **SECTION 4.** This will be implemented in the fiscal year of 2015.

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

Introduced by the League's Wind River (WY) district.

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A Bill to Extend Seaward Boundaries (Offshore Fairness Act)

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Section 4, Submerged Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1312) is herewith amended.

3 **SECTION 2.** The seaward boundary of each of the following States shall be a line, 3
4 marine leagues distant from the coast line: Alabama, Florida, Georgia,
5 Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of the Interior shall notify states of the right to request a
7 conveyance of the applicable interest of the U.S. in and to submerged
8 land, and transfer to the Governor of each aforementioned state the
9 authority to exercise powers and duties of the Secretary under the terms
10 of any existing interest, as long as the State:

11 A. Shall not impose burdens or requirements on an interest owner that
12 would be stricter than such under Federal law; and

13 B. Shall not impose administrative or judicial penalties or sanctions on
14 an interest owner that is more severe than such under Federal law.

15 **SECTION 4.** Submerged land within seaward boundaries shall be subject to federal oil
16 and gas mineral rights and considered part of the continental shelf for
17 purposes of the Outer Continental Shelf lands Act, the Gulf of Mexico
18 Security Act of 2006, and other laws applicable to the leasing of oil and
19 gas resources.

20 **SECTION 5.** This act shall not affect any Federal oil and gas lease in effect on the date
21 of any conveyance.

22 **SECTION 6.** States may exercise sovereign taxation powers within the seaward
23 boundaries.

24 **SECTION 7.** The Secretary of Commerce shall grant exclusive fishery management
25 authority to each affected state.

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

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A Resolution to Add a Surcharge on Plastic Shopping Bags

- 1 **WHEREAS**, Most plastic shopping bags are used only once; and
2 **WHEREAS**, Millions of plastic bags are clogging our landfills and do not biodegrade
3 over time; and
4 **WHEREAS**, These bags are also destroying wildlife and polluting oceans; and
5 **WHEREAS**, The process of creating plastic shopping bags creates harmful byproducts
6 and residual waste; and
7 **WHEREAS**, Plastic shopping bags are a convenience rather than a necessity, as there
8 are other eco-friendly, sustainable options for carrying purchases; now,
9 therefore, be it
10 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that a \$0.10 per bag surcharge be added
11 to all purchases using plastic shopping bags.

Introduced by Frederick High School