

A Bill to Require Labeling of Genetically Engineered Food

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Retailers, suppliers, and manufacturers must label raw and packaged
3 foods produced through any form of genetic engineering as “Genetically
4 Engineered Foods”.

5 **SECTION 2.** According to the National Library of Medicine, genetically engineered
6 foods have had foreign genes (genes from other plants and animals)
7 inserted into their genetic codes. The labels will be mandatory on all
8 genetically engineered food items that are manufactured after the
9 passage of this piece of legislation.

10 **A.** Labels must be no less than 10% of the front-facing side of the
11 package.

12 **B.** Food items that do not come in packages must have clearly labeled
13 stickers and a disclaimer on signage at stores.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Drug Administration will be in charge of implementing all
15 changes this law creates and will work with all major manufacturers to
16 oversee this law’s enforcement.

17 **A.** The Federal Drug Administration would also oversee consistency and a
18 structure to the labeling process.

19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect 3 months after it’s passage.

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

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A Resolution to Encourage An End to the European Union’s Membership Enlargement Talks

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The European Union has currently been in talks to enlarge its
2 membership; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** concerns of illegal immigration throughout the Union’s borders have not
4 yet been fully addressed; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** the commitment of certain candidate member countries to free
6 democracies have not been fully established; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** any potential enlargement of the Union’s borders could pose national
8 security risks to both the United States and the E.U
- 9 **WHEREAS,** several of the candidate members have not proven to be allies with
10 European and American ideals; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** the link between the United States and the European Union is one of vital
12 economic importance; and
- 13 **WHEREAS,** the economic situation of all 28 E.U. member states has yet to be
14 resolved; and
- 15 **WHEREAS** the European Union’s GDP growth isn’t reaching it’s potential; and
- 16 **WHEREAS,** any potential Union enlargement could threaten the bilateral trade talks
17 between the United States and the European Union, therefore, be it
- 18 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled support an end to the E.U.
19 membership enlargement talks.

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A Bill to Mandate Internet Service Providers Provide Information on Users using the Tor Browser

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Internet Service Providers will provide law enforcement agents with all
3 information relating to network, Internet, and data usage they have on
4 their consumers who use the “Tor Project” browser, regardless of
5 whether an investigation is currently being conducted on that consumer.

6 **SECTION 2.** The “TorProject” browser, or Tor, is a free online software used by many
7 constituents, for both illegal and legal purposes, to ensure that their
8 online activities remain private.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Bureau of Investigation will have the ability to access and
10 search this information without a court order

11 A. This piece of legislation will function by expanding the National
12 Security Letters.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect 6 months after passage.

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

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A Bill to Establish Free Trade with the European Union

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The US shall host a meeting in New York, New York and invite relevant
3 American and European officials in order to draft and offer a finalized
4 free trade agreement to the European Union.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Free Trade Agreement” shall be defined as the reduction of trade
6 barriers and the creation of a more stable and transparent trading and
7 investment environment between two countries.

8 **SECTION 3.** This event shall take place by June 1st, 2015 and the Office of the United
9 States Trade Representative shall be responsible for having
10 representatives present to aid in drafting the terms of the agreement and
11 presenting a finalized free trade agreement to the European Union by
12 January 1st, 2016.

13 **SECTION 4.** Free trade shall commence by January 1st, 2017 if the EU accepts the
14 terms of the agreement.

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

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A Bill to Impose Retention Requirements

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Managers who put together securitizations shall hereby be required to
3 maintain a 5% financial interest in the loans underlying the securities.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. “Managers” shall be defined as either an individual that is responsible
5 for the creation of a securitization.

6 B. “Securitizations” shall be defined as pools of various types of
7 contractual debt that are divided into various rated tranches and sold to
8 investors, including but not limited to Mortgage Backed Securities (MBS)
9 and Collateralized Debt Obligations (CDO).

10 **SECTION 3.** A. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Office of the Comptroller
11 of the Currency, and the Federal Housing Finance Agency shall be in
12 charge of enforcing compliance with this new legislation.

13 B. Fines for non-compliance shall be equal to no less than 20% of the
14 value of the securitization for which this law is being violated.

15 **SECTION 4.** This law shall go into effect at the start of the fiscal year 2016.

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

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A Resolution to Tax the Rich

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Income inequality has reached unprecedented levels and more wealth is
2 concentrated within the top 1% of earners than ever before; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** For fear of political repercussions, prominent members of the
4 government have shied away from pushing for higher tax rates; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Inequality actually perpetuates the notion that social mobility is on the
6 decline and therefore reduces drive within the workforce; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Existing entitlement programs are not sustainable in the long-term; now,
8 therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled increase tax rates for the top bracket
10 of income earners (single-filers making more than \$400,000 and couples
11 filing jointly making more than \$450,000) and eliminate tax credits and
12 deductions which make it possible for wealthy citizens to have effective
13 tax rates near 0%.

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A Resolution to Report the Unemployed

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) collects data concerning the
2 employment status of workers throughout the country; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The official unemployment rate is currently reported as the percentage of
4 civilians who have actively sought a job in the past four weeks and still
5 have not found work, referred to as U3; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Such statistics are deceptive in underreporting the quantity of
7 discouraged workers and the number of civilians who are
8 underemployed; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** The BLS currently collects and reports on this data through its U5 statistic
10 which includes traditional unemployment, discouraged workers, and
11 those marginally attached to the workforce, but does not consider it to
12 be the official unemployment measure of the United States, be it
- 13 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled order the Bureau of Labor Statistics to
14 abandon U3 as the official unemployment rate of the United States and
15 instead adopt U5 as its official unemployment statistic.

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A Resolution to Reform the 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:** The Senate of the United States shall be elected through a mutual
9 preference voting system. Citizens will rank candidates from most preferred to least
10 preferred. If no candidate receives a majority of most preferred votes, then the ballots
11 cast for the candidate receiving the least amount of most preferred votes will be
12 reassigned to the next preferred candidate. This process will repeat until one candidate
13 receives a majority of votes in a given state.

14 **SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
15 legislation.

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A Resolution to Restore Justice to the Justice System

- 1 **WHEREAS,** States are currently permitted to hold elections for judges, and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** Elected judges readily admit that their decisions can be swayed by
- 3 campaign contributions and concerns surrounding impending elections,
- 4 and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Judges should not be swayed by the whims of popular opinion or political
- 6 concerns, and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Judges hold an inordinate amount of power and influence in the
- 8 execution and enforcement of laws, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled discourage states from allowing
- 10 elections for judicial officeholders on the local and state level.

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A Bill to Make the Punishment Fit the Crime

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will repeal federal mandatory
3 minimum sentences for drug offenses.

4 **SECTION 2.** Mandatory minimum sentences refers to the minimum sentences
5 imposed for drug-related crimes as outlined in 21 USC 841.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will be responsible for the enforcement of this
7 act. The Department of Justice will propose sentencing guidelines to
8 replace mandatory minimums before any changes to criminal law take
9 place. Further, the Department of Justice will be directed to work with
10 states that impose mandatory minimum sentences to rewrite their laws.

11 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect by January 1, 2016 at the latest.

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

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