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A Bill to Repeal the Defense of Marriage Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) will be repealed.

3 **SECTION 2.** DOMA defines marriage as a legal union between one man and one
4 woman

5 **SECTION 3. A.** The Executive Branch through the Department of Justice will be
6 responsible for enforcement

7 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect within six months of passage.

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

A Resolution to End the Assassination of Enemies of the State

1 **WHEREAS**, The assassination of enemies of the United States of America undermines
2 foundational values such as due process, law, order, and the sovereignty of
3 nations; and

4 **WHEREAS**, The United States of America has participated in extra legal and high
5 profile assassinations, such as the killing of Al Qaeda leader Osama Bin
6 Laden; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Such actions undermine democratic principles of justice, provide a platform
8 for criticism of the United States that can be used to justify acts of terror,
9 and undermine the credibility of the United States in the eyes of the
10 international community; now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that The United States should try
12 Enemies of the State in a court of law, rather than engage in political
13 assassination.

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A Bill to Abolish the Environmental Protection Agency

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill will consolidate the Department of Energy and the Environmental
3 Protection Agency into a single, new agency called the Department of
4 Energy and Environment (DOEE).

5 **SECTION 2.** The Mission of the EPA is to conduct environmental research, provide
6 assistance...[in] combating environmental pollution, and assist the
7 Council on Environmental Quality in developing and
8 recommending...new policies for environmental protection...to the
9 President.

10 **SECTION 3. A.** The executive branch will be Responsible for Enforcement

11 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect within six months of passage.

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

Resolution to End Birthright Citizenship

1 **WHEREAS**, Immigration is an issue of national security; and

2 **WHEREAS**, Birthright citizenship has been abused by undocumented immigrants
3 provide themselves with de facto citizenship through the birth of their
4 children; and

5 **WHEREAS**, These children and their parents are a strain on the economy, have engaged
6 in criminal activity through illegal entry, or overstay in the United States;
7 and

8 **WHEREAS**, birthright citizenship provides an incentive for undocumented immigrants
9 to come to the U.S. and have children; now, therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that, the Constitution of the United States
11 should be amended to ban birthright citizenship

A Bill to End Military Aid to Israel

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This legislation will end military aid to State of Israel

3 **SECTION 2. A.** The United States provides military assistance to U.S.

4 friends and allies to help them acquire U.S. military equipment and

5 training. There are three main programs.

6 **B.** Foreign Military Financing is a grant program that enables

7 governments to receive equipment from the U.S. government or to access

8 equipment directly through U.S. commercial channels.

9 **C.** The International Military Education and Training program offers

10 military training on a grant basis to foreign military officers and personnel.

11 **D.** Peacekeeping funds are used to support voluntary non-U.N. operations

12 and training for an African crisis response force and for the Afghanistan

13 National Army.

14 **SECTION 3.** The House International Relations and Senate

15 Foreign Relations Committees have primary congressional responsibility

16 for authorizing foreign aid programs

17 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect within six months of passage.

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

9 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that, the United States should send
10 military resources to democratic movements in Syria in order to support
11 resistance against the Syrian Government.

A Bill to Abolish Tax Exempt Status for Religions

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This legislation will end the tax exempt status of religious institutions

3 **SECTION 2.** TITLE 26--INTERNAL REVENUE CODE; Sec. 501 Exemption from

4 tax on corporations, certain trusts, etc.; **(c)** List of exempt organizations;

5 **(3)** Corporations, and any community chest, fund, or foundation,

6 organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific,

7 testing for public safety, literary, or educational purposes, or to foster

8 national or international amateur sport competition... or for the prevention

9 of cruelty to children or animals

10 **SECTION 3.** Department of the Treasury will be responsible for enforcement.

11 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect within six months of passage.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, The Government of Malaysia has an ongoing record of human rights
4 abuses; and

8 **WHEREAS**, This action may be in violation of the terms of the United Nations
9 Universal Declaration on Human Rights; now, therefore, be it

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A Bill to Mandate Second Language Acquisition

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This legislation will federally mandate mandatory second language classes

3 in all schools K-12 receiving federal funding.

4 **SECTION 2.** Language programs in any and all languages other than spoken English,

5 including American sign would meet this requirement.

6 **SECTION 3. A.** The United States Department of Education is responsible for the

7 development, implementation, and enforcement of this legislation.

8 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect within six months of passage.

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

9 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that The United States shall declare an
10 end to the War on Terror and begin the immediate and complete
11 withdrawal of troops from Iraq and Afghanistan.

A Bill to Abolish Mandatory Minimum Sentencing For Drug Offenders

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This legislation will end federal mandatory minimum sentencing

3 guidelines for drug offences

4 **SECTION 2.** "mandatory minimum" refers to the minimum sentence a person convicted

5 of a crime must receive under federal sentencing guidelines.

6 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Justice is responsible for the

7 implementation and enforcement of this legislation.

8 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect within six months of passage.

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

A Resolution Declaring the United States a Post-Race Society

- 1 **WHEREAS**, The United States is committed to the freedom and equality of all citizens
2 regardless of race; and
- 3 **WHEREAS**, Programs designed to benefit citizens of a particular ethnic group, promote
4 resentment and ethnic solidarity instead of treating people as individuals;
5 and
- 6 **WHEREAS**, The goals of such legislation were the promotion of a colorblind society
7 and those goals have been accomplished; now, therefore, be it
- 8 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that move to end all affirmative action
9 legislation based on race.

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Amendment Form

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Submitting Legislator:	Session:	Chamber: ☐ Senate ☐ House	#:

Specific wording _____

1/3 Second: _____ Tally Votes: ____Pass ____Fail

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Table of Frequently Used Parliamentary Motions							
Type	Motion	Purpose	Second Required?	Debatable?	Amendable?	Required Vote	May Interrupt?
Privileged	24. Fix time for reassembling	To arrange time of next meeting	Yes	Yes-T	Yes-T	Majority	Yes
	23. Adjourn	To dismiss the meeting	Yes	No	Yes-T	Majority	No
	22. Recess	To dismiss the meeting for a specific length of time	Yes	Yes	Yes-T	Majority	No
	21. Rise to a question of privilege	To make a personal request during debate	No	No	No	Decision of the Chair	Yes
	20. Call for orders of the day	To force consideration of a postponed motion	No	No	No	Decision of the Chair	Yes
Incidental	19. Appeal a decision of the chair	To reverse a decision	Yes	No	No	Majority	Yes
	18. Rise to a point of order or parliamentary procedure	To correct a parliamentary error or ask a question	No	No	No	Decision of the Chair	Yes
	17. Division of the chamber	To verify a voice vote	No	No	No	Decision of the Chair	Yes
	16. Object to the consideration of a question	To suppress action	No	No	No	2/3	Yes
	15. Divide a motion	To consider its parts separately	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	No
	14. Leave to modify or withdraw a motion	To modify or withdraw a motion	No	No	No	Majority	No
	13. Suspend the rules	To take action contrary to standing rules	Yes	No	No	2/3	No
Subsidiary	12. Rescind	To repeal previous action	Yes	Yes	Yes	2/3	No
	11. Reconsider	To consider a defeated motion again	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	No
	10. Take from the table	To consider tabled motion	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
	9. Lay on the table	To defer action	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
	8. Previous question	To force an immediate vote	Yes	No	No	2/3	No
	7. Limit or extend debate	To modify freedom of debate	Yes	Yes	Yes-T	2/3	No
	6. Postpone to a certain time	To defer action	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
	5. Refer to a committee *	For further study	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
	4. Amend an amendment °	To modify an amendment	1/3	Yes	No	Majority	No
	3. Amend °	To modify a motion	1/3	Yes	Yes	Majority	No
	2. Postpone indefinitely	To suppress action	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	No
Main	1. Main motion	To introduce a business	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	No

* No. 5 should include:

1. How appointed
2. The number
3. Report when or to what standing committee

T = Time

° Nos. 3 and 4 by:

1. Adding (inserting)
2. Striking (deleting)
3. Substituting