A RESOLUTION THAT THE UNITED STATES WITHDRAW ITS TROOPS FROM AFGHANISTAN

WHEREAS: The invasion of Afghanistan was to dismantle al-Qaeda, and to deny it a safe base of operations in Afghanistan by removing the Taliban from power; and,

WHEREAS: Intensive counterterrorism pressure in Afghanistan has left behind a weak central leadership of the al-Qaeda terrorist organization; and,

WHEREAS: The war in Afghanistan that began in 2001 has cost the U.S. $975 billion; and,

WHEREAS: On September 18, 2017 the US sent more than 3,000 troops to Afghanistan; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED...
State Congress

Dickinson

Foreign Affairs (U.S. relationship with other countries or U.N.)

A RESOLUTION THAT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ESTABLISH MORE MISSILES WITHIN EUROPE TO COUNTER RUSSIA’S AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR

WHEREAS: Russia’s aggressive behavior towards Ukraine and within Europe cannot go without action; and,

WHEREAS: The missiles, once established, will have more purposes than just pressuring Russia to alter its activity; and,

WHEREAS: With U.S. funding going towards NATO, the ability to place these missiles should be approved; and,

WHEREAS: Missiles in Europe can ensure greater safety for all U.S. Allies, and the U.S. itself; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED...
A RESOLUTION PROHIBITING PRIVATE ENTITIES FROM USING EMINENT DOMAIN AS A MEANS FOR ACQUIRING LAND WHEN THE POTENTIAL FOR PRIVATE GAIN OUTWEIGHS THE POTENTIAL FOR PUBLIC GOOD.

WHEREAS: Acquiring land for a private project overreaches the framework of eminent domain laws; and,

WHEREAS: The framers of the U.S. Constitution provided for two limitations in the Fifth Amendment regarding an individual’s right to possess, use and sell property: first, that just compensation be paid for the property; and second, that the property only be taken for “public use;” and,

WHEREAS: A private entity putting in a pipeline to move their company’s product should not be viewed as a public utility; and,

WHEREAS: Americans deserve the right to their property unless it hurts the completion of a project intended to benefit the community as a whole, such as: completion of a road, electrical or water utility, or similar project; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED...
A RESOLUTION THAT ALL CHURCHES AND RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS BE TAXED ACCORDING TO THE PROPERTY THEY OWN.

WHEREAS: Churches that file as religious organizations are tax exempt; and,

WHEREAS: The United States Constitution sets a clear precedent for separation of church and state and no guidelines for what qualifies as religion; and,

WHEREAS: Churches across America own $300 to $500 billion in untaxed property that costs the state and federal government millions of dollars; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED...
State Congress

Bismarck

Ways and Means/Appropriations (allocating, raising, and regulating of federal funds)

A resolution in support of a wealth tax on households with a net worth of $50 million dollars

WHEREAS: Wealthy households in America are greatly under taxed;

WHEREAS: A wealth tax can help bring in needed revenue to the federal government;

WHEREAS: A wealth tax is one way to help combat income inequality in America;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED...
West Congress

Fargo Davies

Public Welfare (regulates domestic issues in U.S.)

A RESOLUTION THAT THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONDEMN THE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS TAKING PLACE IN THE JAMMU AND KASHMIR, AND SUPPORT KASHMMIRI SELF-DETERMINATION

WHEREAS: Whereas: The United States Government seeks friendly relations and has long shared an important relationship with the Republic of India.


WHEREAS: Whereas: The United States Government seeks to promote the human rights and liberties of all people, including the freedom to practice, worship, or observe one's own religion.


WHEREAS: Whereas: It is in the United States of America's national interest to impose consistent and principled human rights policies.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED...
West Congress

Bismarck

Public Welfare (regulates domestic issues in U.S.)

A resolution calling for legalized gambling in all forms in all 50 states

WHEREAS: Gambling is outlawed in all forms in Utah and Hawaii

WHEREAS: States that do allow for some forms of legalized gambling still ban certain types, such as online gambling and sports betting

WHEREAS: Individual states should not have the right to tell its citizens they cannot gamble

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED...
A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT FOR THE INCARCERATED ACROSS THE UNITED STATES

WHEREAS: in the 1970’s when the government switched to retribution instead of rehabilitation as the main sentencing philosophy, prison populations have dramatically risen; and

WHEREAS: in the 1980’s legislation responded to high drug crime rates by making the sentencing tougher and longer, causing US prisons to become filled with drug-abusing offenders; and

WHEREAS: in October of 2019, 45.2% of inmates across the united states were in jail for drug crimes; and

WHEREAS: time spent in prison does not successfully rehabilitate criminals efficiently, as the majority of them return to drugs almost immediately; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED...
A RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT AN ANTI-SLAPP LAW ACROSS THE UNITED STATES

WHEREAS: Strategic lawsuit against public participation (SLAPP) lawsuits can effectively be used by the powerful to silence speech; and

WHEREAS: Many are discouraged from speaking out about violations of rights and laws committed by large corporations and individuals; and

WHEREAS: Spurious lawsuits can take years to resolve, entailing high legal fees; and

WHEREAS: 30 States already have enacted such laws; and

WHEREAS: Legitimate lawsuits ought to be able to provide at least some evidence of a tort; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED...
West Fargo High

Ways and Means/Appropriations (allocating, raising, and regulating of federal funds)

A RESOLUTION THAT THE UNITED STATES ADOPT UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME.

WHEREAS: Universal basic income (UBI) reduces poverty and income inequality; and,

WHEREAS: UBI leads to positive job growth and lower school drop out rates; and,

WHEREAS: UBI guarantees income for non-working parents and caregivers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED...
A RESOLUTION THAT THE UNITED STATES MINIMIZE GMO MONOPOLIES

WHEREAS: Bayer, Corteva, ChemChina and BASF control 60% of global proprietary seeds; and,

WHEREAS: By 2008, Monsanto (now Bayer) controlled 80 percent of U.S. corn acres, 86 percent of cotton acres, and 92 percent of soybean acres; and,

WHEREAS: The US Department of Justice has weak antitrust law enforcement and oversight on these companies; and,

WHEREAS: These monopolies lead to less choice and higher prices for farmers; and,

WHEREAS: Farmers and ultimately consumers pay the price for the DOJ's lack of enforcement of antitrust laws.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED...
A RESOLUTION THAT THE UNITED STATES LIMIT CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE

WHEREAS: The practice of civil forfeiture seizes property without due process; and,

WHEREAS: In recent years there has been a trend toward increasing forfeiture increasing from 97.7 million in 1997 to 2.5 billion in 2010; and,

WHEREAS: 85% of civil forfeitures do not result in the property owner being charged with a crime; and,

WHEREAS: The 2019 Supreme Court ruling does not go far enough to limiting forfeiture.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED...
East Congress

Valley City High School

Public Welfare (regulates domestic issues in U.S.)

A RESOLUTION THAT THE UNITED STATES ALLOW MENTAL-HEALTH DAYS AS AN EXCUSED ABSENCE FOR ALL SCHOOLS IN UNITED STATES

WHEREAS: Students are facing mental health problems at increasing rates; and,

WHEREAS: Suicide rates among students has rose 56% since 2007 and 13% of students suffer from mental illness, while only 39% receive treatment, which begs for a solution; and,

WHEREAS: Mental illness not only affects students, but it affects negatively peers, parents, faculty, staff, and campuses in attempts to find a solution; and,

WHEREAS: Mental illness episodes are rising among teens, which led this being recognized by schools in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, Florida, and Utah, in attempts to get similar laws passed; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED...
A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW TRANSGENDER INDIVIDUALS IN NORTH DAKOTA TO CHANGE THEIR LEGAL GENDER WITHOUT THE PREREQUISITE OF GENDER REASSIGNMENT SURGERY.

WHEREAS: Allowing trans people to legally identify as their preferred gender while awaiting surgery would give trans individuals more personal freedom and;

WHEREAS: Gender reassignment is a costly surgery that takes time and happens late in transition and;

WHEREAS: This resolution would allow trans individuals to be identified as their preferred gender in eye of the law

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED...
East Congress

Valley City High School

Public Welfare (regulates domestic issues in U.S.)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

WHEREAS: SECTION 1. All citizens of the United States of America shall henceforth be required to receive a passing grade on the naturalization test at least once to be able to vote in all federal elections.

WHEREAS: SECTION 2. A passing grade for the naturalization test shall be 60%.

WHEREAS: SECTION 3. The enactment of this bill shall be overseen by each state’s secretary of state or lieutenant governor. A. Each secretary of state or lieutenant governor shall be allowed to delegate responsibilities to other officials but must report directly to the National Archives and Records Administration. B. Each state must submit their plan to enact this law within one year. C. If a citizen is to fail the naturalization test, they are required to retake the portion of test they have failed at least 60 days after until a passing grade is received in order to vote.

WHEREAS: SECTION 4. This bill shall be put into effect two years after it is signed into law.

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED...