

IHSFA CONGRESS LEGISLATION 2011-12

#1: A BILL TO ESTABLISH NONPARTISAN INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSIONS IN EVERY STATE

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE IHSFA CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Congress of the United States directs each state to establish a nonpartisan Independent
3 Redistricting Commission to replace the current Congressional redistricting process.
4 Commissions should be appointed by state legislatures and made up of an odd number of
5 members. Districts must be based on population equality, contiguity, compactness, political
6 subdivisions and communities of interest.

7 **SECTION 2.** The term “contiguity” means contiguous territory. The term “political subdivisions and
8 subdivisions and communities of interest” includes city and county boundaries.

9 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Justice shall monitor compliance with this legislation.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2013.

11 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void, except the
12 Voting Rights Act as passed and amended.

#2: A BILL TO CREATE A TWELFTH REGIONAL CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE IHSFA CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Ninth Circuit Court of appeals shall be split into two, with California, Guam, Hawaii,
3 and the Northern Mariana Islands being retained in the ninth district, and the Twelfth Circuit
4 being composed of Alaska, Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington.

5 **SECTION 2.** The President shall appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, 5 additional
6 circuit judges for the new ninth circuit court of appeals, whose official duty station shall be
7 in California.

9 **SECTION 3.** Each circuit judge of the former ninth circuit who is in regular active service and whose
10 official duty station is
11 (1) in California, Guam, Hawaii, or the Northern Mariana Islands shall be a circuit judge of
12 the new ninth circuit as of such effective date; and
13 (2) is in Alaska, Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, or Washington shall be a circuit
14 judge of the twelfth circuit as of such effective date.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect 90 days after passage.

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

#3: A BILL TO LEGALIZE TORTURE IN INTERROGATIONS OF TERRORISTS

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE IHSFA CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States government shall sanction the use of torture in the interrogations
3 of terrorists.

4 **SECTION 2.** Torture is any act by which severe pain or suffering, whether physical or mental, is
5 intentionally inflicted on a person for such purposes as obtaining from him, or a third person,
6 information or a confession, or intimidating or coercing him or a third person, or for any
7 reason based on discrimination of any kind, when such pain or suffering is inflicted by or
8 at the instigation of or with the consent or acquiescence of a public official or other person
9 acting in an official capacity. A terrorist is any person who is shown to pose a clear and
10 present danger to the national security of the United States.

11 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of State shall oversee the enforcement of this law, shall have
12 the power to prosecute all those in violation of this law, and shall have the power to define
13 whom is a terrorist.

14 **SECTION 4.** This law shall be implemented within six months of passage.

15 **SECTION 5.** All laws and policies in conflict with the new law are hereby deemed null and void.

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#4. A RESOLUTION TO COMBAT BIOPIRACY

1 **WHEREAS**, It is estimated that seventy-four percent of all plant-derived medicinal patents were originally
2 discovered by indigenous peoples who still lack the legal capacity to claim intellectual property
3 rights, and
4 **WHEREAS**, Indigenous peoples and their native countries lose billions of dollars to pharmaceutical
5 companies that use intellectual property law to claim ownership of the formulas for these
6 medicines in a practice known as biopiracy, and
7 **WHEREAS**, Indigenous people worldwide openly admit to concealing the formulas for their discoveries
8 for fear that they will be exploited, and
9 **WHEREAS**, Such actions impede scientific progress; therefore be it
10 **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled will initiate efforts in the World Trade
11 Organization (WTO) to offer intellectual property protections against biopiracy through
12 legislation modeled on the Geographical Indication of Goods Act of 1999; and, be it
13 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the United States will support compulsory licensing efforts carried out
14 by nations that are determined by the WTO to be victims of biopiracy, if such nations
15 pledge to provide compensation for the groups responsible for the patent.

#5: A BILL TO LIMIT COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE IHSFA CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2 **SECTION 1.** Collective bargaining for Public Sector employees will be limited by the provisions in this
3 section.
4 **A.** Limit collective bargaining for public sector employees to wages. Total wage increases will
5 not exceed a cap based on inflation unless approved by a referendum.
6 **B.** Contracts will be limited to one year and wages will be frozen until the new contract is
7 settled.
8 **C.** Collective bargaining units will be required to take annual votes to maintain certification
9 as a union.
10 **D.** Employers would be prohibited from collecting union dues and members of collective
11 bargaining units will not be required to pay union dues.
12 **SECTION 2.** These changes take effect upon the expiration of existing contracts.
13 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor will oversee enforcement of this legislation.

#6: A RESOLUTION TO REDUCE THE SCOPE OF THE MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX

1 **WHEREAS**, George Washington stated that “overgrown military establishments...are Inauspicious to
2 liberty”; and
3 **WHEREAS**, Total defense spending consumed 23% federal spending in 2009 costing around \$782
4 billion; and
5 **WHEREAS**, Defense contractors contribute to a growing trend of conflicted interests, moral hazard, and
6 exploitation of public resources; and
7 **WHEREAS**, US defense spending accounted for roughly 47% of global defense spending; and
8 **WHEREAS**, Increased or persistent militarization undermines democracy, tolerance, and foreign relations;
9 and
10 **WHEREAS**, Defense contractors frequently donate to congressional campaigns and corrupt the democratic
11 system; and
12 **WHEREAS**, Increased spending on defense-related projects neglects essential programs including
13 education, health-care, and energy; and
14 **WHEREAS**, The growth of the military-industrial complex threatens entrenched American values; now,
15 therefore, be it
16 **RESOLVED**, By the IHSFA Congress here assembled that defense spending and defense contracts be
17 drastically reduced and reexamination of America’s military be initiated.

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#7: A BILL TO ALLOCATE FEDERAL FUNDING TO AID IN THE MONITORING OF THE AMERICAN/MEXICAN BORDER

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE IHSFA CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall allocate funds in the amount of one billion
3 dollars to aid in the protection of the American/Mexican border.
4 **SECTION 2.** Monitoring/Protection includes but is not limited to: Fencing, and other physical borders
5 and the training, arming, and payment of guards working on the border.
6 **SECTION 3.** The American Border Patrol (ABP) agency shall be created. The ABP will distribute
7 and use the funds as they see fit, provided it is used directly for the purpose of
8 increased protection and monitoring.
9 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect July 1, 2012.
10 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

#8: A BILL TO END THE U.S. — R.O.K. ALLIANCE

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE IHSFA CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall henceforth be at peace with the Democratic People's Republic
3 of Korea.
4 **SECTION 2.** The U.S. and South Korean alliance established in the U.S. – R.O.K. Mutual Defense
5 Treaty shall be concluded in 2015 when the last U.S. soldier leaves South Korea.
6 **SECTION 3.** All United States bases in Republic of Korea will be relinquished to them at the end
7 of 2015.
8 **SECTION 4. A.** The United States shall discontinue the yearly deployment of troops to South Korea
9 immediately.
10 **B.** The United States shall withdraw 7,200 troops each year till 2015 when all soldiers
11 have left the country.
12 **SECTION 5.** The Department of Defense will oversee the enforcement of this legislation.
13 **SECTION 6.** This law will take effect immediately upon passage.
14 **SECTION 7.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

#9: A BILL TO CREATE A CYBER SECURITY AGENCY

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE IHSFA CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2 **SECTION 1.** All agencies currently working on cyber security shall hereby be stripped of their cyber
3 security responsibilities and authorities. All agencies currently working on only cyber
4 security are hereby abolished.
5 **SECTION 2.** The Domestic and International Cyber Security Agency shall hereby be created.
6 **SECTION 3.** The Agency shall be charged with investigating cyber crimes against the United States
7 from domestic and foreign sources and protecting Federal computer systems from attacks.
8 The Agency will also work with other governments to in order to facilitate international
9 cooperation on the issue of cyber security.
10 **SECTION 4.** The Department of State, the Department of Defense, and the Department of Homeland
11 Security will jointly oversee the provisions of this bill.
12 **A.** The three departments shall fund the Agency jointly.
13 **B.** The Agency shall act as an entity independent of these three departments, but it shall
14 report to them on a regular basis.
15 **SECTION 5.** This bill shall take effect upon passage.
16 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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#10: A BILL TO REVISE THE TSA AND AIRPORT SECURITY PROCEDURES

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE IHSFA CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** Airport security procedures will be revised to model Israeli security techniques.
- 3 **SECTION 2. A.** “Airport security” refers to the techniques and methods use to protect airports and aircraft
4 from crime. Israeli security procedures include methods such as personal interactions group
5 profiling, required display of passports, and questions regarding the destination of individuals.
- 6 **B.** “Technology implemented by Israeli airports” includes but is not limited to radiation scans,
7 biometric scanning, real-time communication among law enforcement regarding suspicious
8 individuals, facial recognition, and video motion detectors.
- 9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Transportation Security Administration
10 (TSA) shall oversee and enforce this bill respectively.
- 11 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented by January 1, 2013 to allow for adequate time for training
12 and integration of new technology.
- 13 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

#11: A BILL TO ELIMINATE AGRICULTURAL SUBSIDIES

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE IHSFA CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will eliminate all agricultural subsidies.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** This bill shall go in effect on July 1, 2012.
- 4 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Agriculture shall be responsible for the enforcement of this bill.
- 5 **SECTION 4.** All other pieces of legislation in conflict with this legislation are declared null and
6 void by the passage of this bill.
- 7 **SECTION 5.** Money left over from the elimination of subsidies will go to paying the national debt.

#12: A BILL TO IMPLEMENT A TEMPORARY WORKERS VISA PROGRAM

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE IHSFA CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** The Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) shall be amended so that the Essential Worker
3 Visa is created to allow foreign and domestic illegal workers in unskilled sectors to apply
4 for temporary work permits.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** Permits shall be valid for three years with two renewal periods of three years each.
6 Undocumented workers must pay a \$1,500 penalty to obtain work permits. Work permits
7 will be based upon employer necessity.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** Before a company can seek a worker under the program, they must first make reasonable
9 efforts to hire an American to fulfill the job vacancy. Workers will be allowed to change
10 jobs once they are working under the visa, as long as they find new employment within
11 forty-five days.
- 12 **SECTION 4.** Requirements for eligibility include evidence of employment, a medical examination, and for
13 workers living abroad, evidence that they have a foreign residence to which they intend to
14 return.
- 15 **SECTION 5.** Program participants are entitled to all the labor and employment rights and benefits available
16 to U.S. employees. Participants in violation of state and federal laws and those unable to meet
17 requirements in Section 6 shall be deemed ineligible for the program
- 18 **SECTION 6.** If they meet the necessary requirements, applicants will have the opportunity to apply for
19 permanent resident status during the course of their legal stay in the US, but only through
20 existing channels.
- 21 **SECTION 7.** This bill will be administered by the USCIS and will take effect within six months of
22 passage.
- 23 **SECTION 8.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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#13. A RESOLUTION TO DISCONTINUE U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN NAFTA

1 **WHEREAS**, The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) has not achieved its intended purpose
2 of facilitating fair trade among separate, sovereign countries; and
3 **WHEREAS**, NAFTA has led to an exodus of American jobs and job opportunities; and
4 **WHEREAS**, NAFTA has exacerbated economic and political disparities between social classes in the
5 United States; and
6 **WHEREAS**, NAFTA has deepened trade deficits among United States' border nations; and
7 **WHEREAS**, NAFTA no longer serves any strategic purpose; now, therefore, be it
8 **RESOLVED**, By the IHSFA Congress here assembled that the United States shall hereby end its participation
9 in the North American Free Trade Agreement.

#14. A BILL TO BAN PARTIALLY HYDROGENATED OILS FROM CONSUMER FOODS

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE IHSFA CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** No food manufacturer shall be permitted to use partially hydrogenated oils as an
3 ingredient, additive, or preservative for any food product intended for commercial sale
4 or distribution.
5 **SECTION 2.** No food manufacturer shall be permitted to list partially hydrogenated oils as "hydrogenated
6 oils" unless those oils have been fully hydrogenated.
7 **SECTION 3.** The Food and Drug Administration will oversee enforcement of this legislation.
8 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect within one year of passage.
9 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

#15: A BILL TO INCREASE THE USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE IHSFA CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will increase its nuclear energy usage so that it will provide at least 50%
3 of electricity for the country.
4 **SECTION 2.** Increase nuclear energy refers to the construction of nuclear power plants that will provide
5 a viable means of producing electricity.
6 **SECTION 3.** The construction, maintenance, and operation of all nuclear power plants will remain under
7 the watch of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, which was created by Congress in 1974
8 as an independent agency to monitor the United States nuclear energy. Funding for the
9 building of these nuclear power plants will be provided by the federal government through
10 taxing of non-nuclear energy forms, as well as grants provided by the United States
11 government.
12 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect January 1, 2015 to allow for the construction of nuclear
13 power plants.
14 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

#16. A RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH BRAZIL

1 **WHEREAS**, Brazil is the largest country in South America in terms of land mass, population, and
2 economic strength; and
3 **WHEREAS**, Brazil aspires to be a political and military leader in South America; and
4 **WHEREAS**, The discovery of vast new oil resources could make Brazil the largest non-OPEC
5 petroleum exporting country; and
6 **WHEREAS**, Brazil lacks the resources and technology to exploit these potential new oil fields; and
7 **WHEREAS**, Tension overtrade and other issues has weakened the US-Brazil relationship and threatens
8 to push Brazil into closer ties with China; and
9 **WHEREAS**, A strong alliance with Brazil could help counterbalance negative US sentiment in other
10 Latin American countries; and
11 **WHEREAS**, Both countries could benefit economically from closer ties; now, therefore, be it
12 **RESOLVED**, By the IHSFA Congress here assembled that the United States should strengthen its bilateral
13 relationship with the nation of Brazil.