

2017 I Have a Dream Congressional Docket

Round 1 (60 minute Session)

A Bill To Punish Sanctuary Cities for Refusing To Cooperate with Federal Authorities By Shielding Illegal Immigrants from Deportation

SECTION 1: Purpose

To ensure that State and local law enforcement cooperate with Federal officials to protect our communities from violent criminals and suspected terrorists who are illegally present in the United States.

SECTION 2: Definition

A *sanctuary city* is a state or political subdivision that has a statute, policy, or practice in effect that prohibits or restricts: (1) information sharing about an individual's immigration status, or (2) compliance with a lawfully issued detainer request.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED that U. S. sanctuary cities are hereby prohibited from receiving federal grants under Federal Economic Development Assistance Programs and the Community Development Block Grant Program. This bill will go into effect immediately upon passage. All laws in conflict with this Act are null and void.

Round 2 (60 Minute Session)

A Proposal to Abolish the Electoral College

WHEREAS many Americans are outraged that for the second time in five elections, the presidential candidate who won the most popular votes lost the election; and

WHEREAS in every presidential election, candidates are forced to only compete in a handful of swing states, effectively ignoring voters in every other state in the union; and

WHEREAS voters in all 50 states deserve a say in choosing our president; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED to amend Article II of the U.S. Constitution and abolish the Electoral College and replace it with the direct popular vote. This amendment shall be valid as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years after the date of its submission for ratification.

FINAL ROUND (90 minute session)

A Resolution to Withdraw from the 2015 Paris Agreement on Climate Change

WHEREAS there is a lack of scientific consensus about causes of and solutions to global climate change; and

WHEREAS compliance with the 2015 Paris Agreement will undermine the U. S. economy; and

WHEREAS Article 28 of the Paris Agreement specifies that any country wanting to pull out has to wait four years; and

WHEREAS the U. S. economy would sustain significant damage due to job loss over that four-year waiting period; and

WHEREAS the 1992 U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is the parent treaty of the Paris Agreement and allows for withdrawal with just one year's notice; and

WHEREAS withdrawal from the UNFCCC will also void U.S. participation in the 2015 Paris Agreement; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED to withdraw U. S. participation from the UNFCCC within one year, thereby cancelling our commitment to the 2015 Paris Climate Accord.

A Resolution to Consider California's Independence from the United States

WHEREAS being a U.S. state is no longer serving California's best interests; and

WHEREAS on issues ranging from peace and security to natural resources and the environment, it has become increasingly true that California would be better off as an independent country; and

WHEREAS California is the sixth largest economy in the world; and

WHEREAS California pays more than its fair share in federal taxes to subsidize other states, even though our state infrastructure is crumbling, schools are failing and millions of Californians live in poverty; and

WHEREAS our continued statehood means California will continue subsidizing other states to our own detriment; and

WHEREAS the United States of America represents many things that conflict with Californian values; and

WHEREAS the United Nations charter includes the right to political self-determination; and

WHEREAS the United States is a U.N. Charter signatory and therefore recognizes the legality for political determination; and

WHEREAS if 55 percent of California voters approve a referendum on the question, ***Should California become a free, sovereign, and independent country?***, that threshold would meet the internationally recognized threshold requiring the California governor to apply to the United Nations to be admitted as "the Republic of California"; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED that the citizens of California be allowed to vote on California's exit from the United States and that the United States Federal Government honor the result of that referendum.