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Legislation
A Bill to Decrease Federal Military Aid to Israel

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Federal military aid to Israel is approximately one-third of the American foreign-aid budget. Thus the United States Federal Government will decrease half of all federal military aid to the state of Israel.

SECTION 2. Military aid is defined as resources given to a country or its country to assist its defense efforts, or to assist a poor country in maintaining control of its security.

SECTION 3. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) will oversee the implementation and enforcement of this bill.

A. Half of all military aid and assistance to the state of Israel will be redistributed to developing nations currently receiving foreign aid from the United States Federal Government.

SECTION 4. This bill will take effect a year after it is passed.

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

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A Bill to Repeal Mandatory Minimum Sentencing Laws for Non-violent Drug Offenses

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States Federal Government should repeal most mandatory minimum sentencing laws for non-violent drug offenses.

SECTION 2. Mandatory minimum sentences are defined as laws that have been instituted to expedite the sentencing process and limit irregularities due to judge intervention. Drug offenses are defined as the possession, use, sale or furnishing of any drug or intoxicating substance not prohibited by law.

SECTION 3. The United States Department of Justice will oversee implementation and enforcement of this bill.

A. Current federal prosecutions shall continue under the new provisions of the bill.

B. All persons currently convicted under mandatory minimum sentencings related to non-violent drug offenses will be eligible to participate in education, training, employment, and work release programs.

C. All persons currently convicted under mandatory minimum sentencings related to non-violent drug offenses will not be eligible for parole until they have served half of the mandatory minimum sentence for their offense.

SECTION 4. This bill will take effect immediately.

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

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A Bill to Ban Drilling on Indigenous Lands

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. This bill will prohibit new federal leases for oil, gas, or coal extraction on indigenous lands recognized by the federal government.

SECTION 2. Indigenous lands are defined as land or resources belonging to native tribes of the Americas protected by the Federal Indian Trust Responsibility and upheld by the US Supreme Court Case: Seminole Nation v. The United States (1942).

SECTION 3. The Department of Energy will oversee implementation and enforcement of this bill.

A. All current reserves of oil, gas, or coal on indigenous lands will remain in the ground.

B. Current construction of drilling infrastructure will cease and reparations will be required to be paid to all indigenous groups impacted by the construction.

SECTION 4. This bill will take effect immediately.

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

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