



# *Congressional Debate*

## *Legislative Docket*

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## A Bill to Encourage Bilingual Education Programs

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Education shall make \$2 billion in grants available for  
3 states which either currently offer or will commit to the use of bilingual  
4 education programs to educate all students not currently proficient in  
5 spoken English.

6 **SECTION 2.** Bilingual education programs are those which provide instruction in  
7 English as well as the students' spoken languages. This method is used to  
8 develop student literacy in both languages.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall administer the grant program. Grants  
10 shall be awarded upon demonstrated proof that the state has adopted  
11 bilingual education programs as a primary means of English proficiency  
12 instruction. Grants may be renewed if the state is able to demonstrate  
13 growth on state-based English proficiency assessments. Funding shall be  
14 taken from existing Title 1 funding.

15 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on September 1, 2019.

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



## A Bill to Reform the Census

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All questions on the 2020 Census shall be reviewed by an independent  
3 commission to determine if each question is both relevant to the mission  
4 of the census and will encourage, rather than discourage, participation in  
5 the census. Any question which does not meet both requirements shall  
6 be discarded from the Census form.

7 **SECTION 2.** The independent commission shall be compromised of individuals  
8 appointed by members of the Senate and House Appropriations  
9 Committees.

10 **SECTION 3.** The United States Census Bureau will receive the results of the  
11 independent commission's report and shall adjust the 2020 Census as  
12 deemed necessary. In the event that the USCB cannot adequately  
13 change the questions on the census prior to September 1, 2019, the  
14 decennial census shall be delayed until 2021.

15 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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



## The Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2018

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Individuals currently residing in the United States without proper  
3 documentation or authorization shall be permitted to apply for  
4 citizenship provided that they meet the following conditions:

5 **A.** They have previously met the qualifications for the Deferred Action  
6 for Childhood Arrivals program, or

7 **B.** They can demonstrate that they have resided in the United States for  
8 ten consecutive years, have not been arrested for any crime, and  
9 have paid all applicable taxes on income earned.

10 **SECTION 2.** Upon demonstration of the above, the person may apply for citizenship  
11 following the process currently in place.

12 **SECTION 3.** Fees for this form of citizenship application shall be set at \$1500 per  
13 applicant, with \$500 of that fee placed in an account for the purpose of  
14 strengthening border security.

15 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Homeland Security, through Immigration and  
16 Customs Enforcement, shall oversee implementation of this legislation.

17 **SECTION 5.** This shall take ninety days after passage.

18 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.



## A Bill to Eliminate an Insensitive Holiday

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Columbus Day, traditionally recognized on the second Monday in

3 October, shall no longer be recognized as a federal holiday.

4 **SECTION 2.** No observances of this holiday, including closure of federal offices, shall

5 be permitted.

6 **SECTION 3.** All branches of the United States government, including all executive

7 departments, shall immediately create contingency plans for operation

8 on that day.

9 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect upon passage.

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



## An Amendment to the Fair Housing Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 is amended by adding “citizenship  
3 status,” after “familial status,” whenever it appears to describe a  
4 protected class. Retaliation upon a member of this protected class,  
5 including threats to notify Immigration and Customs Enforcement, shall  
6 be considered the same as retaliation against any other protected class  
7 under this act.

8 **SECTION 2.** “Citizenship status” refers to legal status within the country, whether  
9 documented or undocumented.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Housing and Urban Development shall enforce this  
11 definition. The Department shall have the power to sanction property  
12 owners for violations of section one using the same penalties as  
13 proscribed for other violations of Title VIII.

14 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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



## A Bill to Fix Puerto Rico's Concerns

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Puerto Rico shall be granted full statehood.

3 **SECTION 2.** Initial representation in Congress will consist of two senators and one  
4 representative, with proportional representation to be determined by  
5 the 202 census results.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Treasury shall immediately discharge Puerto Rican  
7 debt related to pension liabilities and bonds. Additionally, the Federal  
8 Emergency Management Agency shall make \$100 billion available for  
9 rebuilding infrastructure and utilities.

10 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on January 1, 2020.

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



## A Bill to Recoup Remittances

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Remittance payments from the United States to countries in Central and  
3 South America shall be subject to a 50% export tax.

4 **SECTION 2.** A remittance payment shall be defined as a transfer of funds from a  
5 personal account hosted in a United States bank to a personal account  
6 hosted by a bank in another country. This shall not include funds as the  
7 result of international business dealings.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Treasury will administer the collection of the tax and  
9 shall oversee the distribution of the proceeds into the United States  
10 general fund.

11 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on October 1, 2018.

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





## A Bill to Replace NAFTA With the USMTR

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The North American Free Trade Agreement is considered invalid, and  
3 shall be replaced by the United States-Mexico Trade Agreement.

4 **SECTION 2.** This agreement shall retain most of the basic tenets as NAFTA, however,  
5 specific differences in this agreement include:

6 **A.** The government of Mexico must pass legislation which adheres to the  
7 United Nations standards for worker rights, including the right to real  
8 union representation.

9 **B.** Mexico must increase the amount of United States manufactured car  
10 parts by 20%, or cars assembled in Mexico will be subject to a 25%  
11 import tariff.

12 **C.** A minimum of 40% of cars manufactured in Mexico intended for  
13 export to the United States must be built in a factory where the  
14 minimum wage is \$16 an hour.

15 **SECTION 3.** The United States Trade Representative shall oversee final  
16 implementation of this agreement and shall coordinate with the  
17 government of Mexico to insure compliance with section 2.

18 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on March 1, 2019.

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



## A Resolution to Acknowledge Sanctuary Cities

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   the subject of “Sanctuary Cities” has become an important issue to the  
2                   current administration; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**   Sanctuary Cities are defined as an urban area where the local law  
4                   enforcement does not follow federal immigration guidelines with respect  
5                   to detaining suspected undocumented immigrants; and
- 6   **WHEREAS,**   Cities which hold these policies choose to do so because they feel that it  
7                   will make their cities safer by reducing fear of local law enforcement  
8                   officials; and
- 9   **WHEREAS,**   there is no appreciable increase in crime in an area designated as a  
10                  Sanctuary City; and
- 11   **WHEREAS,**   undocumented immigrants are more likely to come forward and  
12                  cooperate with local law enforcement due to this understanding; and
- 13   **WHEREAS,**   such areas may even see an economic benefit from a larger available  
14                  workforce due to a greater pool of potential workers who will take low-  
15                  wage jobs; now, therefore, be it
- 16   **RESOLVED,**   By the Congress here assembled that the United States federal  
17                   government should stop attempting to force local law enforcement  
18                   compliance with federal immigration laws in cities which have chosen a  
19                   Sanctuary status.



## **A Bill to Amend the Voting Rights Act to Provide Accessibility**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Section 203 (c) of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 is amended by striking all  
3 references to “English-illiteracy rate higher than the national average”  
4 and shall mandate that all materials provided to voters shall be made  
5 available in Spanish and any other language which is spoken by at least  
6 5% of the population of that voting area.

7 **SECTION 2.** “Materials provided to voters” shall include ballots, voter information  
8 pamphlets, applications, instructions at polling sites, mailings to identify  
9 polling sites,

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will oversee all provisions related to language  
11 accessibility issues. The deliberate failure of a state to adhere to these  
12 regulations shall cause that state to be in violation of section 2 of the  
13 Voting Rights Act, and shall subject the state to penalties to be  
14 determined by the Department of Justice.

15 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on January 2, 2019.

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