

## DOMESTIC: A Resolution for reparations be given to the Navajo and Hopi Nations

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   the Dawes Allotment Act of 1887 was passed under which communal  
2                   tribal land was divvied up and allocated to each household in an attempt  
3                   to enforce European-American farming styles where each family owns  
4                   and works their own plot of land and
- 5   **WHEREAS,**   in 1979, the Church Rock uranium mill spill was the largest release of  
6                   radioactive waste in US history. The spill contaminated the Puerco River  
7                   with 1,000 tons of solid radioactive waste and 93 million gallons of acidic,  
8                   radioactive tailings solution, which flowed downstream into the Navajo  
9                   Nation and
- 10   **WHEREAS,**   on July 9, 2020, Sharp v. Murphy determined in a per curiam decision  
11                   following McGirt v. Oklahoma that, for the purposes of the Major Crimes  
12                   Act, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation reservations were never disestablished  
13                   and remain Native American country.
- 14   **WHEREAS,**   The United States has a duty to protect all native people's land therefore  
15   **RESOLVED,**   That the Congress here assembled should enact some sort of law that  
16                   reestablish land to the native peoples or cover the medical expenses  
17                   from the 1979 Church Rock tragedy.

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## INTERNATIONAL: A Resolution to Recognize the state of Kurdistan

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   Kurdistan is not recognized by the United States as it's own governing  
2                   body and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**   People who identify as Kurdish claim that Iraq is occupying land that is  
4                   not theirs and
- 5   **WHEREAS,**   Kurdish ethnic groups are being pushed out of their own homes and  
6                   claiming refugee status abroad due to attacks by ISIL and
- 7   **WHEREAS,**   Southern Kurdish autonomy was realized by several nation states in 1992  
8                   in the aftermath of the Gulf War and
- 9   **WHEREAS,**   A two-state solution is something that should be attempted to have a  
10                  "best of both worlds" end result therefore,
- 11   **RESOLVED,**   That the Congress here assembled establish the recognition of Kurdistan  
12                  as its own sovereign state.

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# **VIRGINIA: A Bill to implement a Plastic Bag Fee in order to save the Environment**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A fee will be enacted on all purchases that use a store provided plastic  
3 bag

4 **SECTION 2.** The fee will be ten cents per bag used

5 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of Commerce and Trade will oversee the enforcement of  
6 this bill.

7 A. Fees from this bill will be used to fund rest areas and other  
8 recreational parks

9 B. Plastic bags can take up to 1,000 to decompose

10 C. Waste from plastic bags contribute to adverse climate change effects

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. All laws in conflict with  
12 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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# **ECONOMIC: A Bill to increase the federal minimum wage to \$10 an hour**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal minimum wage is currently \$7.25

3 **SECTION 2.** According to a study by GMU, The median standard of living nationwide  
4 is roughly \$1,750

5 **SECTION 3.** A minimum wage of \$10 would match the median standard of living

6 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. All laws in conflict with  
7 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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## **DOMESTIC: A Resolution for LGBTQ+ history be mandated as a part of US curriculum**

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   a study by State Assemblies and Senates indicates seven US states have
- 2                   restrictions on LGBTQ+ content in the curriculum and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**   a Gallup poll indicated 4.5% of the population identifies as LGBTQ+ and
- 4   **WHEREAS,**   school curriculums are pivotal in how the populace is educated on
- 5                   subject matter therefore,
- 6   **RESOLVED,**   That the Congress here assembled should enact at least one section of K-
- 7                   12 history denoted specifically to LGBTQ+ contributions to society

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## INTERNATIONAL: A Resolution to sanction Hungary

1     **WHEREAS,**     Hungary recently passed law that effectively removed any oversight and  
2                     silencing any criticism of the Hungarian government and

3     **WHEREAS,**     Prime Minister Viktor Orbán can now rule by decree for an indefinite  
4                     period of time due to his power to rule by decree with no end date and

5     **WHEREAS,**     the EU has condemned Orban’s recent actions pertaining to human rights  
6                     and international trade and

7     **WHEREAS,**     the Roma population has undergone extreme discrimination since  
8                     Hungary's inception therefore

9       **RESOLVED,**     That the Congress here assembled establish the recognition of Kurdistan  
10                       as its own sovereign state.

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## **VIRGINIA: A Bill to increase the toll of Route 76 “Powwhite Parkway” to a consistent 75 cents**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Route 76, also known as, “Powwhite Parkway” is a toll road that connects  
3 southern suburbs with the city of Richmond

4 **SECTION 2.** The fee will increase from all sections to 75 cents

5 **SECTION 3.** VDOT will oversee the enforcement of this bill.

6 A. Fees from this bill will be used to fund pavement and expansion of  
7 roads as well as repair many bridges which are falling apart

8 B. VDOT generates a significant portion of it’s revenue from toll roads

9 C. VDOT had to allocate over \$400 million towards debt services in 2020

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. All laws in conflict with  
11 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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# ECONOMIC: A Bill to decrease tariffs on industrial goods

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States currently has a trade-weighted average import tariff  
3 rate of 2.0 percent on industrial goods.

4 **SECTION 2.** We estimate that the Trump administration's imposition of tariffs, along  
5 with retaliatory actions taken by our trading partners, will reduce  
6 economic output, income, and employment.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Trump administration has so far imposed \$80 billion worth of new  
8 taxes on Americans by levying tariffs on thousands of products, which is  
9 equivalent to one of the largest tax increases in decades.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. All laws in conflict with  
11 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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