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A Resolution to Eliminate Governor Recall Elections

1 WHEREAS, The cost to operate recall elections can run in the hundreds of millions of dollars; and
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3 WHEREAS, Recall efforts to remove governors rarely succeed; and
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5 WHEREAS, The candidates running for the governor’s office are circumventing the political process by putting themselves into consideration with limited or no exposure to public vetting; and
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7 WHEREAS, Opponents “weaponize” recall elections for singular voting issues; and
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9 WHEREAS, Governors need full terms to determine their executive priorities and put plans into actionable legislation; and
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11 WHEREAS, The political divide has created a never-ending cycle of recall threats; now,
12 therefore be it
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14 RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that states should eliminate recall elections by amending their state constitutions.
BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. Cryptocurrencies are hereby declared digital assets classified as a financial security.

SECTION 2. A security is a financial asset that can be traded, such as stocks and bonds, and are therefore subject to existing securities laws that regulate financial activities of investors.

SECTION 3. The Securities & Exchange Commission will oversee enforcement of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect Jan. 1, 2022.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
A Resolution to Deploy the National Guard to the Education Sector

WHEREAS, Many states are finding severe job shortages in vital areas of public life; and

WHEREAS, Educating our students is a priority in our states, in particular those that have opened up to in-person instruction; and

WHEREAS, Governors may call upon the National Guard to support efforts in mitigating disasters and providing relief, as needed; and

WHEREAS, States such as Massachusetts are deploying National Guard troops with commercial licenses to drive school buses due to the critical shortage; and

WHEREAS, The National Guard represent many academic fields of study in their pursuit of college degrees; and

WHEREAS, The National Guard can fulfill a role in alleviating national teacher shortages, both full-time and substitute, in these various fields of study; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled to encourage governors to deploy National Guard service members to fulfill vital roles in the education sector.
A Bill to Support Climate-Vulnerable Island Nations

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. Create an Island Nation Fund of $100 billion for climate-vulnerable independent coastal nation states to take active measures to repair damage and protect them from climate change disasters.

SECTION 2. The Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) and its 39 member states will submit funding and action proposals to an Island Nation Congressional Committee.

SECTION 3. The Department of State will oversee enforcement and distribution of the funds.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect immediately.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
A Resolution on State Censorship Bills

WHEREAS, Censorship bills are being considered by state legislatures across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Social media companies may set their own criteria for what should and should not be posted on their sites, including, but not limited to, discriminatory statements, hate speech, falsified information, or political rhetoric; and

WHEREAS, Private social media companies should be free of government restrictions on what is communicated on their platforms under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, States are overreaching to protect the ability of users to post any content they wish without consideration of the private social media platform’s own user policies; and

WHEREAS, Governor Gregg Abbott recently signed a censorship bill into law in the state of Texas which prevents users from being removed (often referred to as “deplatforming”), regardless whether adherence to the terms of agreement are met; and

WHEREAS, These state bills prioritize frivolous lawsuits over protecting community members under the terms of agreement established for the users of social media platforms; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled to urge the states to reverse these unconstitutional measures if passed and signed into law, or if currently being considered by the states, to refer them to the courts for judicial review.

Furthermore, the Congress here assembled urges the United States Supreme Court to strike down these unconstitutional state laws.
A Bill for Worldwide Vaccine Distribution

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. The United States will share 25% of its surplus vaccine stock through direct donations and share another 25% of its surplus vaccine stock through COVAX’s multi-lateral pool.

SECTION 2. Surplus stock consists of vaccine supplies that are above-and-beyond that needed to fully vaccinate the United States’ population with one or two shots, based upon the vaccine’s dosage for full vaccination. Stock for a third booster shot may not be pulled from the portion of the surplus designated for donation.

SECTION 3. The Department of State and the Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the distribution of vaccine surpluses.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect immediately.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
A Resolution on Independent Ethics Commissions

WHEREAS, Political crises are emerging in state legislatures and governor’s offices nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Ethics investigations in many states are stymied by votes in support of members of one’s own party, regardless as to the merits of the case; and

WHEREAS, True bipartisan investigations and ethics rules changes are rarely enacted; and

WHEREAS, The defense of many investigations is claims that the competing party is engaged in smear campaigns and through fear of political reprisal; and

WHEREAS, Many state offices, such as governor of New York, hold exclusive executive powers that remain unchecked; and

WHEREAS, Many states are considering ethics reforms but cannot come to bipartisan agreement; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled to urge the states to adopt Independent Ethics Commissions which

1. Consist of nonpartisan members - government employees, elected officials, and lobbyists are among those ineligible to serve;

2. Recommend ethics reform policies, such as separation of powers agreements (no lobby provisions to other branches of government), financial disclosure agreements, or language to amend state regulations to effect change;

3. Determine the merits of ethics investigations of state legislators and governors without regard to political party;

4. Report any attempts of political officials or their representatives to threaten retaliatory actions as a result of Commission activities and outcomes.