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## **A Resolution to Eliminate Daylight Saving Time**

- WHEREAS,** In the United States, various states and territories are straying further from the use of the Daylight Saving Time (DST), inevitably creating a lack of uniformity across the country; and
- WHEREAS,** Arizona, Hawaii, and all U.S. territories no longer practice DST and prove the lack of inherent need for DST in all other 48 states; and
- WHEREAS,** The primary intent of the DST is to save energy, but overall energy use is not decreasing in the states still practicing the system; and
- WHEREAS,** The elimination of DST is needed immediately to improve economic efficiency and public health throughout the United States; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that Daylight Saving Time in the United States is eliminated to establish unity in policies and increase efficiency and economic benefits.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by National Speech and Debate Association*

# **A Bill to Provide storage for nuclear waste from power plants**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The Federal Government of the United States shall provide funding to run and finish construction of the Nuclear Waste disposal site at Yucca Mountain. The site will be a dry storage system. The US military will provide transportation and security for moving nuclear waste from power plants to Yucca Mountain.

**SECTION 2.** No definitions needed.

**SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Energy will oversee the implementation and execution seeing that the resources will be allocated correctly and efficiently. This will be funded through normal means

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2021. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Aberdeen Central High School.*

# **A Bill to Continue the CDC's Pandemic Eviction Moratorium**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** Under Section 361 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C 264) all residential evictions in communities with substantial or high levels of COVID-19 transmission will temporarily halt. A landlord, owner of a residential property, or other person with a legal right to pursue eviction or possessory action shall not evict any covered person as per the order signed by the CDC in September 2020.
- SECTION 2.** Substantial transmission, according to the CDC, refers to a county that has 50 or more new cases per 100,000 people over the past week or an 8% positivity rate or higher.
- SECTION 3.** The CDC and the Department of Health and Human services will oversee the enforcement of the bill.
- SECTION 4.** The legislation shall start upon passage and be continued until there are no longer any communities with substantial COVID-19 transmissions.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

## The Judicial Reform Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. The United States shall hereby abolish all current  
3 mandatory minimum sentencing laws.

4 B. The Department of Justice shall work in collaboration  
5 with state legislatures to encourage the abolition of state  
6 mandatory minimum sentencing laws.

7 C. \$1 billion shall be distributed through categorical grants  
8 to states that comply for the purpose of hiring judges to  
9 prevent potential case backlog.

10 **SECTION 2.** A. Mandatory minimum sentencing laws shall be defined as  
11 any laws that require that offenders serve a predefined term  
12 for certain crimes, even if against the discretion of the judge.

13 B. Categorical grants shall be defined as money given to  
14 state and local governments for programs and projects with  
15 specific limitations on how that money is to be spent.

16 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Bureau of Prisons and the Department of  
17 Justice shall work in conjunction with each of the 50 states  
18 and their respective legislatures and correctional agencies in  
19 order to enforce this legislation.

20 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented on January 1st the  
21 following fiscal year.

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

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## **A Resolution that the United States of America Offer Military Aid to Mexico to Eliminate Mexican Domestic Terrorist Organizations**

- 1     **WHEREAS,**     These organizations operate in the Unites States, making them serious  
2                             issues for the United States of America; and
- 3     **WHEREAS,**     The United States Central and South American immigration policies will  
4                             never be sufficient so long as countries, specifically Mexico, are not  
5                             considered safe for their citizens;
- 6     **WHEREAS,**     The United States of America is responsible for a significant number of  
7                             the firearms that these terrorist organizations have; and
- 8     **WHEREAS,**     A stronger Mexico will benefit the United States' international and  
9                             national economy
- 10    **RESOLVED,**    That the Congress here assembled that the Unites States of America  
11                             should offer military aid to Mexico to eliminate Mexican domestic  
12                             terrorist organization.

13    *Introduced for Congressional Debate by West Fargo Horace High School.*

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## **A Bill to End all Exclusive Streaming Rights of Digital Media Content.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** Major streaming services like Hulu, Netflix, Apple, Paramount must allow their content to be streamed on all platforms 1 month after made available on the first streaming service at a rate comparable to what they are streaming content at. Companies are not allowed to charge excessive fees.

**SECTION 2.** *Streaming Service-* An online provider of entertainment (music, movies, etc.) that delivers the content via an Internet connection to the subscriber's computer, TV or mobile device.

**SECTION 3.** FCC will enforce the legislation. Failure to comply results in \$10 million fine per infraction.

**SECTION 4.** This bill shall become law immediately upon passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Aberdeen Central High School.*

## **A Bill to Require Mask Wearing in Public Places and Private Businesses.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** Individuals are required to wear a mask correctly in public places and private businesses until COVID-19 and its variants drops below an infection rate of 1:1,000. This includes areas where 6 feet can be maintained and time is less than 15 minutes. Individuals are required to wear a mask at outdoor gathers where 6 feet separation cannot be maintained- example- concert.

**SECTION 2.** A mask is a covering that covers mouth and nose at the same time.

**SECTION 3.** Individuals over the age of 5 not wearing a mask face a \$100 fine. Police forces not enforcing mask-wearing will have a 10% federal and state funding cut.

**SECTION 4.** This bill shall become law immediately upon passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Aberdeen, HS*

## **A Resolution to Discourage NFT Sales and Consumption**



BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**WHEREAS,** NFTs, or non-fungible tokens, are a form of exclusive, collectible digital assets, typically coming in the form of images, but also coming in the form of other digital items that could be considered “original” in some way; and

**WHEREAS,** NFTs were starting to become more popular, with the most expensive NFT being Beeple’s “Crossroads,” which sold for \$6.6 million; and

**WHEREAS,** NFTs discourage artists on the grounds that art can be stolen and immorally and nonconsensually turned into NFTs, as is the case of a fake Banksy NFT; and

**WHEREAS,** NFTs are extremely vulnerable to hacking; and

**WHEREAS,** Cryptocurrencies are inherently unstable and tend to fluctuate wildly over time, and the value of NFTs has collapsed by over 50% from its peak in February; and

**WHEREAS,** The negative environmental impact of NFTs is immense and growing, thereby becoming a lethal threat to our future/climate; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED** By the Congress here assembled to make the following recommendation to discourage the proliferation and continued market of NFTs by using significantly more regulation in the transaction or creation of NFTs, specifically by requiring a license in order to create or buy/own NFTs.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Brookings HS*

## A Bill to Eliminate the Pink Tax to Establish Economic Gender Equality

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** It shall be unlawful to sell any two consumer products from the same manufacturer  
3 or service-provider that are substantially similar if such products are priced  
4 differently based only on the gender of the individuals for whose use the products  
5 are intended or marketed.

6 **SECTION 2.** The following definitions shall apply:

7 A. Consumer products shall include any product or service for sale.

8 B. Intended gender for consumers of products can be determined through use of  
9 “for her, for women, for girls” or similar phrases in marketing and/or by the  
10 pink color of a product.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission shall ensure compliance with this bill.

12 A. Any manufacturer or service provider that fails to comply with this bill will be  
13 fined 1 million dollars for each product in non-compliance.

14 B. 50% of all monies collected through fines will be donated to charities for  
15 women and girls; the FTC will determine the specific charities on a yearly basis.

16 C. Any fined manufacturer or service provider will be required to undergo specific  
17 training programs at their own expense; the FTC will determine the appropriate  
18 programs.

19 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented upon passage.

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

## A Bill to Bolster Corporate Leadership

- 1     **Section 1.**     A. All publicly held domestic corporations are hereby required to have an equal  
2                             ratio of female to male sitting board members.
- 3                             B. Corporations may increase the number of directors on its board in order to  
4                             comply with the aforementioned mandate.
- 5     **Section 2.**     A. “Female” is an individual who self-identifies her gender as a woman, without  
6                             regard to the individual’s designated sex at birth.
- 7                             B. “Publicly held domestic corporation” is a corporation with outstanding shares  
8                             listed on a major United States stock exchange.
- 9     **Section 3.**     The Secretary of State shall oversee this legislation by adopting and enforcing the  
10                            following regulations:
- 11                          A. Corporations that fail to adhere to section 1 by the next fiscal year shall be fined  
12                             \$100,000.
- 13                          B. Corporations that fail to adhere to section 1 by the subsequent fiscal year shall  
14                             be fined in equivalent measures (\$200,000; \$300,000; \$400,000, etc).
- 15     **Section 4.**     This legislation shall go into effect immediately upon passage.
- 16     **Section 5.**     All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

## A Bill to Reform the Federal Judiciary to Reflect Gender Equality

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** A. 28 U.S.C. §1 be amended to state: “the Supreme Court of the United States shall consist of a Chief Justice of the United States and eight associate justices, five of whom shall be women, and any six of whom shall constitute a quorum.”

B. A Gender Equality Bench Protocol be implemented to guide the federal judiciary in adjudication.

**SECTION 2.** The Gender Equality Bench Protocol will promote awareness of ways in which gender intersects with other social statuses to affect the justice system, provide tools to help judicial officers achieve gender-sensitive adjudication, and will be modeled after comparable protocols in place around the world, such as Belize’s “Justice Through a Gender Lens: Gender Equality Protocol for Judicial Officers” and Mexico’s “Judicial Decision-Making with a Gender Perspective: A Protocol.”

**SECTION 3.** The United States House Judiciary Committee and Department of Justice will be tasked with developing, implementing, and monitoring the progress of the Gender Equality Bench Protocol.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect immediately. The Supreme Court will have until December 31, 2023 to meet parity requirements.

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

## A Bill to Encourage Multigenerational Proximity

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **Section 1.** The Grow Families Closer Grant will provide applicants up to \$25,000 in  
3 assistance in purchasing a resale apartment, condominium, or single  
4 family home located within five miles of extended family or for the  
5 purposes of housing at least three generations together.

6 **A.** Qualified family applicants will receive \$25,000 towards purchase.

7 **B.** Qualified single applicants will receive \$10,000 towards purchase.

8 **SECTION 2.** Family applicants are defined as applicant, spouse, and children under  
9 the age of 18. Single applicants are defined as persons over the age of  
10 25. Extended family includes the familial nucleus of parents and siblings.

11 **A.** At least one applicant must be a natural born citizen or legal  
12 permanent resident of the United States.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Housing and Urban Development will oversee the  
14 enforcement of this bill.

15 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January next year.

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

**A Bill to Limit Diplomatic and Military Relations with the Philippines to Protect Human Rights**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will suspend all military activities in conjunction with,  
3 or to the sole benefit of the Philippines. Diplomatic relations will be  
4 reduced to a minimal level that still allows communication and influence  
5 with the Philippines. Any diplomatic preferential treatment shall be  
6 discontinued. These curtailments shall remain in effect until the  
7 Department of State determines that the government of the Philippines  
8 no longer is a significant violator of human rights.

9 **SECTION 2.** Military activities are defined as, but not limited to, training, running of  
10 military exercises, supplying military materials, and presence of military  
11 advisors. Complete removal of military personnel is not required but is  
12 allowed as determined by the Department of Defense. Diplomatic  
13 relations are defined as those involving embassies, consulates and their  
14 personnel in communicating and collaborating between countries.

15 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense will coordinate the reduction of military  
16 activities. The Department of State will coordinate the reduction of  
17 diplomatic relations

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage.

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

## A Bill to Expand the MVD Program to Improve Water Infrastructure in American Samoa

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Making a Valuable Difference in Communities Program (MVD) shall  
3 be extended until 2030 for the express purpose of improving clean water  
4 infrastructure efforts in American Samoa.

5 **A.** A total of \$50 million shall be moved from the EPA Drinking Water  
6 State Revolving Fund to support this MVD expansion.

7 **SECTION 2.** Other current MVD programs shall remain in place until such time as the  
8 EPA determines they are no longer necessary.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall oversee  
10 enforcement of this legislation. The Administrator shall have the ability  
11 to determine the efficacy of other MVD efforts.

12 **SECTION 4.** This shall become effective upon passage.

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

## A Bill to Prevent Gentrification in Urban Cultural Areas

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All new residential rental properties within a designated ethnic cultural  
3 district are required to reserve 25% of their units for residents of the  
4 district displaced by the construction. Rent for these units will be  
5 prorated based on the tenant's lease prior to construction and  
6 displacement.

7 **A.** Building owners will receive a tax break of 15% for the first five years  
8 of the property's existence. After the five year period, their  
9 occupancy will be reviewed to continue the tax break every 2 years.

10 **SECTION 2.** A designated ethnic cultural district is an officially identified area of a city  
11 recognized specifically as distinct ethnic enclave.

12 Residential rental properties are properties zoned for dwelling and living.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Housing and Urban Development will oversee the  
14 enforcement of this bill.

15 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January next year.

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



## A Resolution Condemning all Forms of Anti-Asian Sentiment as Related to Covid-19

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   23,000,000 Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders account for 7 percent of the  
2                   Nation’s population in the United States; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**   over 2,000,000 Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders are working on the  
4                   frontlines of this COVID–19 pandemic in health care, law enforcement, first  
5                   responders, transportation, supermarkets, and other service industries; and
- 6   **WHEREAS,**   the use of anti-Asian terminology and rhetoric related to COVID-19, such as the  
7                   Chinese Virus, Wuhan Virus, and Kung-flu have perpetuated anti-Asian stigma;  
8                   and
- 9   **WHEREAS,**   since January 2020, there has been a dramatic increase in reports of hate crimes  
10                  and incidents against those of Asian descent; and
- 11   **WHEREAS,**   the increased use of anti-Asian rhetoric has also resulted in Asian-American  
12                  businesses being targeted for vandalism; and
- 13   **WHEREAS,**   in 2015, the WHO issued guidance calling on media outlets, scientists, and  
14                  national authorities to avoid naming infectious diseases for locations to avoid  
15                  stigmatizing groups of people; and
- 16   **WHEREAS,**   the Secretary General of the United Nations called for international solidarity  
17                  and an end to any ill-founded discrimination of the outbreak’s victims; now,  
18                  therefore, be it
- 19   **RESOLVED,**   By the Congress here assembled that all public officials should condemn and  
20                  denounce any and all anti-Asian sentiment in any form, condemn all  
21                  manifestations of expressions of racism, xenophobia, discrimination, anti-Asian  
22                  sentiment, scapegoating, and ethnic or religious intolerance, and recommit to  
23                  building more inclusive, diverse, and tolerant societies

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## A Bill to Improve Asian-American and Pacific Islander American Health

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Partnerships to Improve Lifestyle Interventions (PILI) Project will  
3 provide six \$500,000 grants to colleges and universities in cities with a  
4 dense Asian-American and Pacific Islander American population to study  
5 and reduce instances of obesity and Type-2 diabetes amongst the Asian-  
6 American and Pacific Islander population.

7 **A.** The project will have a life cycle of five years for design and  
8 execution.

9 **B.** Funding will become available when the institution has been awarded  
10 the grant.

11 **SECTION 2.** Asian-Americans are defined as persons identifying their origins from  
12 East, South, or Southeast Asia. Pacific Islander Americans are defined as  
13 persons identifying their origins from Hawaii or the U.S. Territories of  
14 American Samoa, Guam, and Northern Mariana Islands.

15 **SECTION 3.** The National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities will  
16 oversee the development and funding of this bill.

17 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on January 18, 2022

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