

Rushmore Challenge Friday Docket

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A Bill to Amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to Safeguard the American Economy

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Education (DoE) and the entire executive branch are hereby stripped of
3 all power to cancel student loans as enshrined in the Higher Education Act of 1965 (Pub.L.
4 89–329). This power shall become exercised exclusively by Congress.

5 **SECTION 2.** A student loan shall be defined as money a student borrows to be paid back with interest
6 for any purpose related to post-secondary education.

7 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

8 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to End Discrimination in Indecent Exposure Laws

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
- 2 SECTION 1. No state may pass or enforce a law pertaining to clothing or indecent exposure that has
- 3 provisions that differ based on expression or appearance of gender or sex.
- 4 SECTION 2. Any laws of this sort currently in place are hereby overturned.
- 5 SECTION 3. Any state which attempts to pass or enforce a law of this sort shall lose federal highway
- 6 funding until such time as compliance is reached.
- 7 SECTION 4. This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Labor.
- 8 SECTION 5. This legislation shall take effect January 1, 2023.
- 9 SECTION 6. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Resolution to Encourage the Legitimization of Place Names in the U.S.

1 **WHEREAS** most places, communities, and geographical features in the United States have
2 had meaningful names among Indigenous peoples for centuries prior to European
3 colonization; and

4 **WHEREAS** many current place names in the U.S. are ill-considered and even offensive; and

5 **WHEREAS** Indigenous place names, unlike those assigned by colonizers, are unique to the
6 United States; now, therefore be it

7 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that states, counties, and municipalities are
8 strongly encouraged to rename all places, including states, counties, municipalities,
9 townships, villages, and named public spaces such as parks, venues, and
10 geographical features over which they have jurisdiction to reflect the terms used by
11 Indigenous peoples, past and present, of the area; and

12 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that states, counties, and municipalities are instructed to work with
13 local Indigenous tribes to determine appropriate names, especially in areas where
14 there may be multiple tribes with different names for the same place or geographical
15 feature; and

16 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress celebrates those places and geographical features
17 already named according to the conventions and traditions of local Indigenous
18 people(s).

A Bill to Protect the US Dollar from the Threat of Cryptocurrency

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** No domestic financial transaction at any level of government, including the
- 3 payment of a mayoral salary, may be conducted in a currency other than the United
- 4 States dollar.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** The request by a sitting politician to be paid in a currency other than the United
- 6 States dollar shall be viewed as a treasonous act and grounds for impeachment.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of the Treasury.
- 8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.
- 9 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

**A Resolution to Amend the Constitution
(Section 3 of the Fourteenth Amendment)**

1 WHEREAS, The Constitution of the United States does not take into consideration electors who may be
2 considered fraudulent; Congressional committees established for the purpose of
3 investigating rebellions and insurrections; and cases of multiple impeachments; therefore
4 be it

5 RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled, that the following is proposed as an amendment to the
6 Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of
7 the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states
8 within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

9 ARTICLE--

10 SECTION 1. Include the following language from Section 3 of the Fourteenth Amendment to include the
11 following items in bold and remove the struck sentence: "No person shall be a Senator or
12 Representative in Congress, or elector of President and Vice President, or hold any office,
13 civil or military, under the United States, or under any State, who, having previously taken
14 an oath, as a member of Congress, or as an officer of the United States, or as a member of
15 any State legislature, or as an executive or judicial officer of any State, to support the
16 Constitution of the United States, shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against
17 the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof. Electors who fail to cooperate
18 with federal investigators and Congressional committees established for determining
19 whether an insurrection, rebellion, or failure to defend the Constitution of the United
20 States has taken place, will be ineligible to hold any elected office in the future. In addition,
21 any elector who has held an office and been impeached two or more times is ineligible for
22 holding that same office again.

23 SECTION 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this amendment by appropriate legislation.

A Bill to Increase the EEOC Budget

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission will receive a budget of \$500 million in the fiscal year 2022. Of this, \$75 million will be dedicated to handling backlogged and incoming claims of racial discrimination and sexual harassment.

A. The total budget amount will not fall below \$500 million for two years.

SECTION 2. Racial discrimination is the treatment of an applicant or employee unfavorably because they are of a certain race or because of personal characteristics associated with race or ethnic group. Sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual advances or any other physical or verbal conduct with sexual intent towards an applicant or employee.

SECTION 3. The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission shall oversee enforcement of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This shall become effective on the 1st of January next year.

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

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 Require Transparency in Forced Arbitration Claims of Sexual Harassment and Retaliation

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Employers are prohibited from requiring confidentiality clauses in forced arbitration pertaining to sexual harassment, sexual assault, or retaliation due to the reporting thereof.

SECTION 2. Forced arbitration is an agreement to forgo the rights to settle disputes through civil or class action as a condition of employment.

Sexual harassment is written, verbal, or physical requests for sexual favors whose rejection would adversely affect a person's standing.

Sexual assault is physical contact against a person's will with the intent to coerce a person into a sexual act.

Retaliation is punitive action by an employer against an employee for reporting or filing a claim pertaining to a protected activity.

SECTION 3. The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission will oversee the enforcement of this bill.

B. Results of these forced arbitration claims must be reported to the EEOC within 30 days of completion.

C. Companies must make public the results of previously settled forced arbitration pertaining to sexual harassment, sexual assault, or retaliation due to the reporting of sexual harassment from 2018 forward.

SECTION 4. This shall take effect on the 1st of January next year.

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 Census

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All questions on the 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 Census as deemed
12 necessary. In the event that the USCB cannot adequately change the
13 questions on the census in time, the decennial census shall be delayed
14 one year.

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

A Bill to Disarm Patrol Officers

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** This bill shall prohibit patrol officers from carrying and/or using a firearm.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** "Patrol officers" shall be defined as police officers that are assigned to a
4 specific geographic area, also known as a "beat cop". "Firearm" is
5 defined as a rifle, pistol or any other portable gun.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** The enforcement will be through the Department of Justice
- 7 A. If a state or local law enforcement agency does not abide by this
8 law, they will lose all federal funding for law enforcement.
- 9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented immediately.
- 10 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Create a National Mentoring Program for Students of Color

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** This bill shall create and implement a national mentoring program for
3 colleges and universities for students of color.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** “Mentoring program” shall be defined as a guidance system for students
5 at colleges and universities in the United States. “Colleges and
6 universities” shall be defined as institutions where a student can achieve
7 an Associates, Bachelors, and/or Graduate degree.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** The enforcement shall be through the Department of Education.
- 9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented immediately.
- 10 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to End International Arms Sales

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** No corporation or individual shall engage in the sale of weapons or military technology to
3 any foreign government, corporation, individual, or other entity.

4 **SECTION 2.** Any violation of this legislation shall be prosecuted as treason in a federal court.

5 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be jointly overseen by the International Trade Administration and the
6 Department of Justice.

7 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2023.

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

A Bill to Return Mount Rushmore and the Black Hills to the Lakota Sioux

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Mount Rushmore National Monument, Jewel Cave National Monument, and Black Hills
3 National Forest are hereby returned to the Lakota Sioux, the ownership and administration
4 of these areas to be jointly determined by the Pine Ridge, Rosebud, Lower Brule, Cheyenne
5 River, and Standing Rock Reservations on behalf of the Lakota Sioux people.

6 **SECTION 2.** A fund of \$100 million shall be made available to the aforementioned reservations for the
7 purpose of remediating the returned lands, including, should tribal administration so
8 desire, the demolition of the four presidential sculptures and surrounding complex at
9 Mount Rushmore and restoration of that landmark to the mountain the Lakota Sioux know
10 as Tȕŋkášila Šákpe ("The Six Grandfathers").

11 **SECTION 3.** Funding for this legislation shall be raised from a one-time annual tax increase of 1% on the
12 revenues of the oil, coal, and natural gas industries. Additional funds procured from this tax
13 shall be transferred to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to be used as that agency sees fit.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the BIA. The National Park Service (NPS) and the
15 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shall be available to support the BIA upon request.

16 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2023.

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