

Rushmore Challenge Saturday Docket

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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 Tǰunǰkášila 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.

A Bill to Reduce Department of Defense Infringement on the First Amendment

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Defense (DoD) may no longer require filmmakers to adjust their
3 productions as a requirement of DoD cooperation.

4 **SECTION 2.** The DoD must make a good faith effort to cooperate with any U.S.-based film production
5 that seeks DoD support so long as DoD support is relevant to the production in question,
6 regardless of the way in which said production depicts the DoD or any other aspect of the
7 U.S. government. In particular, the DoD must provide support to any film production based
8 on a true story, regardless how flattering that story may or may not be with regard to the
9 DoD or the U.S. government.

10 **SECTION 3.** The DoD may charge filmmakers reasonable fees to cover the expenses associated with
11 DoD cooperation, though they may not levy these fees unfairly based on perceived bias for
12 or against the DoD or the U.S. government.

13 **SECTION 4.** Any DoD civilian employee found to be violating the terms of this legislation shall be
14 subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination. The violation of this
15 legislation by a service member shall constitute a new crime under the Punitive Articles
16 section of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) and members accused of violating it
17 shall be subject to court martial.

18 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Library of Congress, which shall receive an
19 additional \$1 million per year to pay for costs associated with this oversight. This funding
20 will be transferred from the DoD budget.

21 **SECTION 6.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

22 **SECTION 7.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to End Tax Deductions for Charitable Contributions

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** Charitable contributions shall no longer merit income tax deductions.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).
- 4 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2023.
- 5 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Prohibit Disposal of Returned Products

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** No retailer may dispose of a non-defective, non-damaged, non-perishable
3 returned product. Retailers must further make every effort to repair a defective or
4 damaged returned product or, if repair is not possible, to recycle or reuse whatever
5 parts of it may be salvageable.

6 **SECTION 2.** Disposal shall be defined as destruction, abandonment, or storage without
7 intention of preservation or reuse, or as relegation to a waste disposal facility, such
8 as a landfill, for these same purposes. A returned product shall be defined as a
9 product which a customer has purchased or otherwise acquired from a retailer but
10 has then for any reason brought or sent back to the retailer to exchange for a refund
11 in any form, including an exchange or replacement.

12 **SECTION 3.** Any retailer found to be in violation of this legislation shall be fined fifty times the
13 retail price of each product found to have been improperly disposed of and ten times
14 the retail price of any defective or damaged product for which repair or reuse of
15 parts was not attempted.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

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

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

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Protect LGBTQ+ Rights

- 1 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled, that the following article is proposed as an
2 amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all
3 intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of
4 three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its submission
5 by the Congress:
- 6 **ARTICLE --**
- 7 **SECTION 1.** Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United
8 States or by any State on account of sex and gender orientation, identity, or
9 expression.
- 10 **SECTION 2.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

A Bill to Legalize the Possession and Sale of Marijuana in the United States

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill shall make California Proposition 64 known as the Adult Use of
3 Marijuana Act, national law.

4 **SECTION 2.** California Proposition 64 also known as the Adult Use of Marijuana Act
5 shall be defined as the legislation that legalized the possession,
6 consumption and retail sale of marijuana, and was passed on November
7 9th 2016. National law shall be defined as federal law as well as in each of
8 the 50 states.

9 **SECTION 3.** The enforcement will be carried out by the Department of Justice, who
10 will oversee coordination of implementation in individual states, as well
11 as the resentencing, sentencing relief, release and clearing records, and
12 reparations.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented immediately.

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

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 Ease Gentrification

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Long-Term Home Ownership Tax Credit is hereby established. Any US
3 citizen who is a racial or ethnic minority who has lived in their home for
4 more than five consecutive years will be eligible to apply. This tax credit
5 will cover 100% of costs for increases in local, state, and federal taxes on
6 their home compared to the tax cost from five years after purchasing or
7 mortgaging the home, scaled for inflation. This tax credit will be a write
8 off for income tax, but will be equal in value to the increase in property
9 taxes scaled for inflation.

10 **SECTION 2.** A racial or ethnic minority shall be defined as a culturally, ethnically, or
11 racially distinct group from the majority, which currently in the U.S. is
12 Caucasian. Additionally, people who have inherited the home shall inherit
13 the tax credit as long as the person who passed it down to them qualified
14 for it.

15 **SECTION 5.** The Internal Revenue Service and US Department of Housing and Urban
16 Development shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

17 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall be taken into effect starting in the current or
18 upcoming year.

A Bill to Require Cultural Competence Training for Medical Schools

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All medical schools receiving federal funding will be required to provide
3 cultural competence training to all students. This training must occur at
4 least once during a medical program. All training must be reviewed by
5 the Department of Health and Human Services to ensure compliance.

6 **SECTION 2.** Cultural competence training will cover implicit bias and communication
7 strategies designed to provide all medical students with an understanding
8 of how to better serve those from all ethnic and racial backgrounds.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will work with the
10 Department of Education to implement this legislation.

11 A. The Department of Health and Human Services will ensure the
12 content of the training is effective.

13 B. The Department of Education will oversee the implementation and
14 evaluation of the program. Any school found not in compliance may
15 lose access to federal funding until such time as they become
16 compliant with Section 1.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect two years after passage.

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

A Resolution to Oppose Oppressive Voter ID Laws

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Voter ID Laws are used in many states to restrict the right to vote “to
2 those who can show appropriate picture identification;” and
3 **WHEREAS,** This identification can often be difficult or expensive to obtain; and
4 **WHEREAS,** Those impacted by these laws are disproportionately people of color; and
5 **WHEREAS,** These laws limit the ability of all people to participate in the democratic
6 process; and
7 **WHEREAS,** A democracy is supposed to be a government for, by, and of the people;
8 and
9 **WHEREAS,** Representation cannot effectively occur if individuals are unjustly
10 silenced; now, therefore, be it resolved
11 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that we reject all oppressive voter
12 identification laws in the United States.

A Bill to Ban Privatization of Prisons

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Bureau of Prisons shall be prohibited from contracting with, or utilizing
3 services provided by, a private prison or any corporation engaged in the
4 private prison industry.

5 **SECTION 2.** A private prison is considered an institution that is owned or operated by a
6 non-government entity.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will be responsible for overseeing the closure of
8 all privatized prisons, the divesting of all contracts with private prison
9 corporations, and the opening of all new prisons.

10 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Justice will have fifteen years to complete the closure of
11 all privatized prisons from the date this bill is passed.

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

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 two months after passage.

A Bill to Provide Funding for Puerto Rico

- 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 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 the 1st of January next year.
- 11 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Resolution to Acknowledge Sanctuary Cities

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **WHEREAS,** the subject of “Sanctuary Cities” has become an important issue to the
3 current administration; and

4 **WHEREAS,** Sanctuary Cities are defined as an urban area where the local law
5 enforcement does not follow federal immigration guidelines with respect to
6 detaining suspected undocumented immigrants; and

7 **WHEREAS,** Cities which hold these policies choose to do so because they feel that it will
8 make their cities safer by reducing fear of local law enforcement officials;
9 and

10 **WHEREAS,** there is no appreciable increase in crime in an area designated as a Sanctuary
11 City; and

12 **WHEREAS,** undocumented immigrants are more likely to come forward and cooperate
13 with local law enforcement due to this understanding; and

14 **WHEREAS,** such areas may even see an economic benefit from a larger available
15 workforce due to a greater pool of potential workers who will take low-wage
16 jobs; now, therefore, be it

17 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States federal government
18 should stop attempting to force local law enforcement compliance with
19 federal immigration laws in cities which have chosen a 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 the 1st of January next year.

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

A Bill to Require Demolition and Remediation of Defunct Power Plants

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Any corporation that owns a coal, petroleum, natural gas, or nuclear power plant and is
3 planning to cease operations of that plant must provide for the demolition of that plant
4 and the remediation of the area where it is situated.

5 **SECTION 2.** The corporation in question shall submit a demolition and remediation plan to the
6 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at least one year prior to the planned date of
7 closing. The EPA will work with the company to ensure the plan is satisfactory and then
8 that it is carried out.

9 **SECTION 3.** Any corporation owning a power plant of any of the aforementioned types and which has
10 already been closed will have one year from the date of passage to begin the process
11 detailed in Section 2.

12 **SECTION 4.** Any eligible corporation that fails to meet these requirements within the stated timeframes
13 will be fined \$10 million and cede ownership of the plant and the property on which it is
14 situated to the federal government, at which point the EPA shall proceed with demolition
15 and remediation independently. The EPA will also commence demolition and remediation
16 of any eligible power plants currently under the ownership of the federal government, to
17 be completed within five years of the date of passage.

18 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall be overseen by the EPA.

19 **SECTION 6.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

20 **SECTION 7.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Declassify Area 51 Documents

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Secretary of Defense is hereby ordered to declassify all documents related to Homey
3 Airport (XTA/KXTA), popularly known as Area 51, with the exception of any documents the
4 Secretary deems a material and immediate threat to the security of the United States if
5 declassified, though any exceptions must be approved unanimously by the President, the
6 Vice President, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President Pro
7 Tempore of the Senate.

8 **SECTION 2.** The Secretary will have six months from the passage of this bill to satisfy its mandate, up to
9 and including a full public release of these documents. Should the Secretary fail to meet
10 this deadline, Congress shall begin impeachment proceedings against him and the duty to
11 declassify will fall to the Speaker of the House.

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

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

A Bill to Allocate Funds to High-Speed Rail Construction

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Intercity high-speed rail systems will be provided funds by the U.S.

3 Federal Government to promote eco-friendly and efficient transportation.

4 **SECTION 2.** High-speed rail will be defined as intercity passenger rail service that is

5 reasonably expected to reach speeds of at least 110 miles per hour.

6 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Transportation in conjunction with the U.S.

7 Department of Treasury will oversee the fund allocation of the high-speed
8 rail systems.

9 A. For all parties wanting to build an intercity high-speed rail system, the
10 government will fund \$20 million per mile of track.

11 B. Parties must prove a reasonable amount of expected use for the
12 planned route.

13 C. The funds will come from a \$1 per pound tax on carbon emitted by
14 U.S. commercial airlines.

15 D. Any remaining funds will be provided for by the budget from the U.S.
16 Department of Treasury.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2023.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rapid City Stevens High School.

A Bill to Enact Compulsory Voting

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government shall make voting
2 compulsory in all federal elections.

3 **SECTION 2.** Every citizen, age 18 or older, excluding incarcerated felons,
4 will be required to vote on or by election day--either in person or by mail.

5 **SECTION 3.** The (FEC) Federal Election Commission will oversee
6 enforcement of this law.

7 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 27th, 2022. All laws in
8 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Milbank High School.



A Bill to Increase Accessibility for Menstrual Products

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The accessibility of menstrual products will be increased by enforcing that
3 public restrooms will provide menstrual products at no cost to those in
4 need.

5 **SECTION 2.** A menstrual product can be defined as any tampon or pad that is needed
6 by a citizen for their menstrual cycle. All public restrooms are defined as
7 any structure or facility situated on public or private property equipped
8 with toilets, urinals or washbowls, or other similar facilities, erected and
9 maintained for use by members of the general public for personal hygiene
10 and comfort.

11 **SECTION 3.** This bill is an unfunded mandate.

12 A. State and local governments will be responsible for finding the funding
13 within their own departments to fund this bill.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented on August 1, 2022.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rapid City Stevens High School.

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.

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.