



A Bill to Revitalize Space Exploration

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) shall reallocate all money designated for federal subsidies to private space companies towards public research and development programs for space exploration.

SECTION 2. A. "Private space companies" is defined as privately owned partnerships or corporations that participate in space exploration, such as Blue Origin or SpaceX.

B. "Space exploration" is defined as the physical exploration of outer space, both by human spaceflights and robotic spacecraft.

SECTION 3. NASA shall be responsible for implementation of this legislation.

A. Annual audits will be carried out to ensure that research and development is making significant progress.

B. If it is determined that significant progress has not been made within 10 years of this legislation's implementation, this legislation will be declared null and void.

SECTION 4. This bill will be implemented at the start of FY 2023.

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

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A Resolution to Establish Diplomatic Relations with Afghanistan

- WHEREAS,** The United States maintains relationships with several nations with problematic human rights records; and
- WHEREAS,** Ceding diplomatic influence in Afghanistan to nations such as China or Pakistan can have long-term negative geopolitical consequences throughout central Asia; and
- WHEREAS,** Afghanistan is rich in rare-earth metals, which are essential elements of many modern electronics; and
- WHEREAS,** Refusal to establish diplomatic relations with the current government of Afghanistan will diminish U.S. influence in the region; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States reestablish its embassy in Kabul; and be it
- FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the United States seek to establish formal diplomatic relations with the current governing authority in Afghanistan.

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A Bill to Federally Mandate Paid Maternity Leave to Close the Gender Wage Gap

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** The U.S. federal government shall hereby require businesses to offer their employees 12 weeks of paid maternity/paternity leave
- SECTION 2.** Maternity/paternity leave shall be defined as protected time that an employee can take off to care for their newborn or newly adopted child
- SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) and U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) will handle the implementation and enforcement of this bill
- A. The DOL and DOC will ensure that all businesses with 1,500 employees or more offer 12 weeks of paid maternity/paternity leave annually
- B. Any business found to violate this law by the either the DOL or DOC will be fined \$10,000 initially, with that number increasing annually by \$2,000 until the policy is implemented
- SECTION 4.** This bill we be implemented on January 1, 2023
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Designate Election Day as a Federal Holiday to Promote Democracy

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Election Day will be designated and recognized as a United States federal
3 holiday.

4 **SECTION 2.** Election Day shall be defined as the day the federal government sets for
5 federal elections.

6 A federal holiday shall be defined as a calendar date recognized as a
7 holiday by the United States government.

8 A. All non-essential federal government offices are closed.

9 B. Every federal government employee shall be paid for the day.

10 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be enacted by the United States Congress in joint
11 cooperation with the Federal Election Commission.

12 A. Additionally, \$10 billion will be allocated to the Federal Election
13 Commission in order to ensure the proper amount of voting stations
14 throughout the country.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect two months upon passage.

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

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