A Bill to Eliminate Military Aid to Authoritarian Regimes

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States will cease to supply Authoritarian Regimes with Military Aid. Any money previously appropriated for Military Aid to Authoritarian Regimes shall be reallocated to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for humanitarian assistance.

SECTION 2.

A. An Authoritarian Regime is defined as a government system that does not maintain regular, free, and fair elections; provide fundamental human rights to its citizens; respect the freedom of the press; or respect the independence of the judiciary.

B. Military Aid is defined as direct military arms or equipment transfers, training of the military personnel of the recipient country, or loans or grants that are designed to be used to purchase weapons.

SECTION 3. The Department of Defense, working in conjunction with the Department of State, will oversee the implementation of this bill.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2023. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Reservoir High School.
A Resolution to Recognize the Republic of Somaliland as a Sovereign State to Ensure East African Success

WHEREAS, The Republic of Somaliland has operated as an independent and democratic state for more than thirty years; and

WHEREAS, The United States has failed to recognize the reality on the ground; and

WHEREAS, A lack of recognition perpetuates poverty by excluding Somaliland from the global economy and leaves it vulnerable to attack or destabilization; and

WHEREAS, The recognition of Somaliland would alleviate the aforementioned problems, promote development and stability in the region, and bolster the United States’s geopolitical presence in the critical region of the Gulf of Aden; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled calls upon the United States to recognize the Republic of Somaliland as a sovereign state.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Reservoir High School.
Proposal for Increased Tracking of E-Cigarettes

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. The Passage of this Legislation charges the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) of the Treasury department along with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) with the enforcement of tracking all shipments of E-Cigarettes.

Section 2. This Legislation requires purchasers of E-Cigarettes to subject themselves to identification and recording of basic identifiers (name, age, etc.) for government tracking.

Section 3. Minimal costs for proposed legislation covered by sharing funding for the DHS’s alcohol awareness program.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Charter School of Wilmington
A Bill to Instate a Bimetallist Standard to the American Currency

By the power invested in congress, let it be that:

Section 1. For the purpose of stabilizing the American currency and ensuring the prosperity of its people and economy by backing the United States Dollar with a bimetallist standard.

Section 2. American citizens are to be incentivized to help provide gold and silver of the quality of 0.585 and 0.800 respectively by providing tax reductions relative to the size of their respective contributions.

Section 3. All gold and silver that is not of the quality of fine gold or purer or sterling silver purer will be melted and refined to fulfill the required standard of purity.

Section 4. The United States department of Treasury will scout and trade for gold and silver held in foreign states to increase federal supply of gold and silver.

Section 5. Citizens holding, for personal use, 10 pounds of gold and/or 60 pounds of silver or more will be added to individual income tax. Mentioned tax will increase relative to the amount over the limit. Specific percentages of increased tax will be decided and detailed by the United States Department of the Treasury. The Department of the Treasury may evaluate and alter the percentages of tax every fiscal year.

Section 6. One ounce of gold is to be represented by 1,500.00 USD and one once of silver is to be represented by 20.00 USD.

Section 7. Bimetallist is defined as (specifically) “fine gold” and “sterling silver”

   a. Fine gold is defined as gold of the quality of 0.999 of purer
   b. Sterling silver is defined as silver of the quality of 0.925 of purer

A state is defined as a politically bound area controlled by an established
government that has authority over its internal affairs and foreign policy.

“Personal Use” is defined as usage of a material for personal and private investment, economical aggrandization, and/or sentimentality.

Section 8. This legislation shall be implemented at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

Section 9. This legislation shall be overseen by the United States Department of the Treasury.

Submitted by
Calvert Hall
The Katahdin National Park Establishment Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 SECTION 1. Congress hereby establishes Katahdin National Park (KNP).

3 SECTION 2. KNP shall consist of the territory currently contained within Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument, which is hereby abolished. Additionally, the federal government shall invoke eminent domain to establish ownership of Baxter State Park, Allagash Wilderness Waterway, Mount Kineo State Park, and Lily Bay State Park, their territories to become part of KNP as well. Finally, the federal government shall again invoke eminent domain to establish ownership of land within any unorganized territories within the State of Maine determined necessary by the National Park Service (NPS) to allow for functional connections between the aforementioned areas and to preserve other valuable natural features of the area, striving to do so in a manner that is minimally disruptive to any local residents or businesses. Private landowners shall be duly compensated for their loss.

13 SECTION 3. All lands shall be acquired within one year of the date of passage. There shall be no interruption of public access to the areas formerly protected for public use, and KNP shall be fully opened to the public no later than five years from the date of passage.

16 SECTION 4. Funding for this legislation shall be raised from a 5% tax increase on the revenue of paper mills.

18 SECTION 5. This legislation shall be overseen by the NPS with the exception of Section 4, which shall be overseen by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

20 SECTION 6. This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

21 SECTION 7. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
A Bill to Restrict Outdoor Water Use in Areas of Drought

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 SECTION 1. Private citizens are hereby banned from irrigating or watering their lawns, using sprinklers, washing cars, and otherwise frivolously using water outdoors in any areas experiencing any level of drought as determined by the US Drought Monitor of the National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS). The filling of pools shall be banned in all areas experiencing categories D2-D4 of drought. Outdoor water use for vegetable and fruit gardening is protected.

3 SECTION 2. Any citizen found to be in violation of this legislation shall be fined $200 for the first infraction, with this amount doubling for each repeat infraction.

4 SECTION 3. This legislation shall be overseen by local law enforcement in conjunction with NIDIS.

5 SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

6 SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
A Bill to End Public Pre-K

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 SECTION 1. The offering and funding of public pre-kindergarten is hereby banned. Public education is henceforth limited to kindergarten through twelfth grade.

4 SECTION 2. All current public pre-kindergarten programs may complete the current school year, after which point they must disband.

6 SECTION 3. Any school district in violation of this legislation shall lose its federal education funding until such time as compliance is reached.

8 SECTION 4. This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Education.

9 SECTION 5. This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

10 SECTION 6. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
The Renaming Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 SECTION 1. Congress shall establish a committee to determine a more representative and authentic name for the United States, as well as a related demonym.

4 SECTION 2. This committee shall consist of 630 representatives, the following entities appointing one each: the fifty states, the District of Columbia, the five populated US territories, and the 574 tribes officially recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).

SECTION 3. The executives of these entities shall have three months from passage to appoint their representatives. The committee will have one year from passage to research, discuss, debate, and, by a majority vote of the committee, determine a new name and demonym.

10 SECTION 4. Upon the committee's recommendation, Congress shall consider a constitutional amendment to adopt the new name and demonym.

12 SECTION 5. This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

13 SECTION 6. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
A Bill to Mandate Speed Governors

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
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2 SECTION 1. All automobiles manufactured and/or sold new in the United States must possess functioning speed governors that restrict them from traveling at speeds above 85 miles per hour.

5 SECTION 2. A speed governor is defined as a device installed within an automobile which monitors, regulates, and limits the automobile's speed.

7 SECTION 3. Within ten years of the passage of this legislation, states, territories, and the federal district shall enforce this same requirement as a condition of registration of any automobile regardless of year of manufacture. Any jurisdiction that fails to do so shall lose its federal highway funding until such time as compliance is reached.

11 SECTION 4. Any manufacturer or dealership in violation of this legislation shall be fined $10,000 for each automobile produced or sold without a required speed governor.

SECTION 5. This legislation shall be overseen by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

15 SECTION 6. This legislation shall take effect on June 1, 2023.

16 SECTION 7. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
A Resolution to Acknowledge and Apologize for Genocide Against the Philippines

1 WHEREAS The United States government and military willfully and repeatedly carried out many atrocities against the people of the Philippines over nearly a half century of colonial rule, particularly during the Philippine-American War of 1899-1902; and 4 WHEREAS These atrocities easily meet a variety of definitions of genocide, a judgment supported by a wide range of scholars; and

6 WHEREAS The United States has never formally apologized for or even acknowledged the shameful depths of this history; now, therefore be it

8 RESOLVED by the Congress here assembled that, on behalf of the entire nation of the United States, Congress confesses to having perpetrated genocide and other crimes against humanity against the people of the Philippines; and

11 FURTHER RESOLVED that, on behalf of the entire nation of the United States, Congress humbly and sincerely apologizes for this flagrant abuse of power and disregard for human rights, as well as for the damage these transgressions have caused and continue to cause the people of the Philippines and their families worldwide; and

15 FURTHER RESOLVED that Congress endeavors to mitigate this wrong to the greatest extent possible through increased compassionate collaboration with the Philippines and through an absolute and eternal commitment to preventing genocide and protecting human rights globally.
A Bill to Safeguard the Rights of Anchor-Outs

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 SECTION 1. No state, district, territory, county, or municipality may make or enforce any law that limits the amount of time a vessel may anchor in an area otherwise open to anchoring, nor may any other law be made or enforced that limits the right to live aboard a vessel. 5 SECTION 2. This legislation shall be overseen by the US Coast Guard (USCG).

6 SECTION 3. This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2023.

7 SECTION 4. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
A Bill to Require Pork Processing Companies to Ensure Proper Hog Waste Management

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 SECTION 1. Within three years of the passage of this legislation, any pork processing company with more than fifty employees must ensure that any farms from which it sources its pork are managing their hog waste in an environmentally sustainable manner, such that they are not disadvantaging local communities and ecosystems by unsafe exposure to methane, carbon dioxide, ammonia, nitrogen sulfide, nitrates, phosphorus, fecal bacteria, dust, or odors.

8 SECTION 2. Any such company found to be in violation of this legislation, as determined through annual inspections by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), shall be fined $10 for each pound of pork procured from a farm that is not managing hog waste responsibly. 11 SECTION 3. Congress shall fund the establishment of a program, under the Department of Agriculture, that provides grants to hog farmers for the installation of responsible hog waste management systems, to be financed from a new 5% tax on the revenue of all pork processing companies starting in the next fiscal year. These grants shall become available no later than one year from the passage of this legislation.

16 SECTION 4. This legislation shall be jointly overseen by the EPA, the Department of Agriculture, and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

18 SECTION 5. This legislation shall take effect three years from the date of passage. 19 SECTION 6. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Ban Political Parties

1 RESOLVED, That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

5 ARTICLE 1. No organization shall exist which strives to tie together multiple political candidates or elected officials based on supposed ideological commonalities.

7 ARTICLE 2. No political affiliation may be printed alongside a candidate's name on a ballot.

ARTICLE 3. The suggestion of allegiance to a political party, whether real or imaginary, by an elected official shall be grounds for impeachment and removal from office.

10 ARTICLE 4. The suggestion of allegiance to a political party, whether real or imaginary, by a political candidate shall be grounds for deletion from the ballot and ineligibility to hold office.

12 ARTICLE 5. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.
A Bill to End Network Distinctions in Healthcare

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 SECTION 1. No healthcare company may charge a policyholder differently depending on whether a provider is in-network or out-of-network. Each policyholder and that policyholder’s dependents (if applicable) shall be free to patronize any licensed provider. 5 SECTION 2. Any healthcare company found to be in violation of this legislation shall be responsible for paying the difference in any illegally differentiated charges and shall also pay a fine equal to twice that amount.

8 SECTION 3. This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). 9 SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2023.

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