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A Bill to Eliminate HOV Lanes on Interstate Highways

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. Occupancy shall no longer be permissible as a criterion for allowing or disallowing lane or exit usage anywhere or at any time on the Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways.

SECTION 2. All current high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes and exits are to be converted into standard lanes and exits.

SECTION 3. States shall be given two years from the date of passage to make any changes necessary to come into compliance with the provisions of this legislation. Any states failing to do so shall lose 50% of their federal highway funding until compliance is reached.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall be overseen by the Federal Highway Administration (FHA).

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

SECTION 6. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
The Paris Hilton Accountability for Congregate Care Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. Congress shall establish a fund of $1 billion to assist states in researching and developing best practices and reporting procedures for congregate care, collecting data on local congregate care operations to drive policymaking, and providing training for social workers, mental health professionals, judicial employees, and other state officials to support safety and security in the industry.

SECTION 2. Congregate care shall be defined as “any of the following that provide services to a child: (a) an outdoor youth program; (b) a residential support program; (c) a residential treatment program; or (d) a therapeutic school” (Utah Legislature HB0135).

SECTION 3. Within three years of the date of passage, each state will be required to have established a rigorous and thorough system based on the research, data, and training outlined in and funded by Section 1 to be used for regular investigation and licensing of congregate care facilities with the goal of preventing child abuse and neglect. Facilities that fail to meet standards must be shut down.

SECTION 4. Funding for this bill shall be sourced from a 10% increase of the federal capital gains tax for those whose annual income exceeds $441,450.

SECTION 5. Sections 1, 2, and 3 of this legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) while Section 4 shall be overseen by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

SECTION 6. This legislation shall take effect at the start of the next fiscal year.

SECTION 7. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
The Pacific Proving Grounds Integrity Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. Congress shall again provide necessary funding for the full operation of the Marshall Islands Nuclear Claims Tribunal, that this group may resume functional oversight of the Implementation of Section 177 of the Compact of Free Association, again empowering the Tribunal with “jurisdiction to render final determination upon all claims past, present and future, of the Government, citizens and nationals of the Marshall Islands which are based on, arise out of, or are in any way related to the [U.S.] Nuclear Testing Program.”

SECTION 2. Funding and operations for the Tribunal shall continue until such time as no impact on the peoples and ecosystems of the Pacific resulting from the United States’ nuclear tests in the region can be observed or verified in any way, as determined by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

SECTION 3. In addition to honoring any new findings of the Tribunal, Congress shall within one year of passage dispense to the Marshall Islands the overdue funds awarded in the Tribunal’s March 5, 2001, decision, an amount equal at the time to $563,315,500 but now which shall be no less than the inflation-adjusted sum of $880,264,807.

SECTION 4. Congress shall work with the Marshall Islands to ensure that the process for claiming these funds is simple, fair, and speedy for all Marshallese citizens.

SECTION 5. This legislation shall be jointly overseen by the Department of Justice and the Department of State.

SECTION 6. This legislation shall take effect at the start of the next fiscal year.

SECTION 7. 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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

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

SECTION 2. A fund of $100 million shall be made available to the aforementioned reservations for the purpose of remediating the returned lands, including, should tribal administration so desire, the demolition of the four presidential sculptures and surrounding complex at Mount Rushmore and restoration of that landmark to the mountain the Lakota Sioux known as Tȟuŋkášila Šákpe (“The Six Grandfathers”).

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

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

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

SECTION 6. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
A Bill to Amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to Safeguard the United States Economy

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

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

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

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

SECTION 4. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

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

SECTION 2. The DoD must make a good faith effort to cooperate with any US-based film production that seeks DoD support so long as DoD support is relevant to the production in question, regardless of the way in which said production depicts the DoD or any other aspect of the United States government. In particular, the DoD must lend its full support to any film production based on a true story, again regardless of how flattering that story may or may not be with regards to the DoD or the United States government.

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

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

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

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

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