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A Bill to Prohibit Disposal of Returned Products

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

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

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

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

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

SECTION 5. This legislation shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

SECTION 6. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
A Bill to Protect the US Dollar from the Threat of Cryptocurrency

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. No domestic financial transaction at any level of government, including the payment of a mayoral salary, may be conducted in a currency other than the United States dollar.

SECTION 2. The request by a sitting politician to be paid in a currency other than the United States dollar shall be viewed as a treasonous act and grounds for impeachment.

SECTION 3. This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of the Treasury.

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

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Protect LGBTQ+ Rights

RESOLVED, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, 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:

ARTICLE --

SECTION 1. Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression.

SECTION 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.
A Bill on Fusion Energy Investment

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. Congress will allocate $10 billion over the next 10 years for research, development, and deployment of fusion energy technologies.

SECTION 2. A portion of funds previously earmarked for clean energy research and development may be reallocated to fusion energy.

SECTION 3. The Department of Energy and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission will oversee the research, development, and deployment of fusion energy technologies.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect January 1, 2023.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
A Resolution to Stay Ahead of Web3

1 WHEREAS The United States Congress typically plays a reactionary role toward new technologies instead of proactively engaging and preparing; and
2 WHEREAS New technologies are typically disruptive for many industries, in particular healthcare and finance, not just the tech sector itself; and
3 WHEREAS Web3 and blockchain will effectively decentralize technologies and affect consumer privacy protections; and
4 WHEREAS Congress often lacks the knowledge and expertise to comprehend and evaluate legislation brought forward by tech lobbyists and subject matter experts; and
5 WHEREAS Multiple governmental agencies and deliberative bodies should be involved in crafting appropriate regulations; now, therefore be it
6 RESOLVED By the Congress here assembled that this legislative body will receive weekly briefings, in-person or electronically, on Web3, blockchain, and emerging technologies that affect all sectors of business and the economy to educate the members of Congress; and be it further
7 RESOLVED To support the creation of an Emerging Technologies Super Committee charged with recommendations for forward-looking legislation and deliberation of issues that will be encountered in future years.
A Bill to Ban Turbine Blades in Landfills

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. Used wind-turbine blades will no longer be accepted in United States’ landfills.

SECTION 2. Used blades may be stored in an appropriate location until such time as bulk recycling becomes available.

SECTION 3. $250 million in grants will be made available for blade recycling initiatives.

SECTION 4. Landfills which receive blades, or manufacturers which attempt to send blades to landfills, after the effective date of this legislation will be fined $1 million for each infraction.

SECTION 5. The Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency will oversee the distribution of funds and enforcement of this legislation.

SECTION 6. This legislation will take effect January 1, 2027.

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