

Speech Fiesta Friday and Saturday Docket

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A Bill to End International Arms Sales

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** No corporation or individual shall engage in the sale of weapons or military technology to
3 any foreign government, corporation, individual, or other entity.

4 **SECTION 2.** Any violation of this legislation shall be prosecuted as treason in a federal court.

5 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be jointly overseen by the International Trade Administration and the
6 Department of Justice.

7 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2023.

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

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 Establish and Protect the Worker's Right to Disconnect

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Any workplace with ten or more employees must establish a written policy
3 outlining and safeguarding its workers' right to disconnect and must make this policy
4 publicly available as well as provide it immediately to all current employees and to
5 all new employees during the hiring process.

6 **SECTION 2.** A right to disconnect must, at minimum, guarantee workers the right not to
7 respond to or otherwise engage in any and all electronic communication —
8 including but not limited to emails, telephone calls, video calls, and text messages
9 — outside of paid work hours and must also guarantee that workers will never be
10 expected to be available via these methods for more than forty paid hours in a given
11 workweek. Workers may, if they choose, waive this right but must be compensated
12 accordingly, including via overtime pay if applicable.

13 **SECTION 3.** Workers who feel that their right to disconnect has not been properly
14 communicated or honored may file a claim with the labor department in their state,
15 territory, or federal district. An employer found to have violated the provisions of this
16 legislation shall pay an additional one month's salary to the worker whose right was
17 violated. Retaliation against a worker who refuses to waive the right to disconnect
18 shall be treated as employment discrimination, and the worker will have recourse to
19 file a charge of discrimination with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
20 (EEOC) and, subsequently, a job discrimination lawsuit.

21 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Labor.

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

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

A Bill to Strengthen HIPAA Rights

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** The scope of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)

3 shall be expanded to protect patients from being asked to disclose vaccination

4 status by an employer.

5 **SECTION 2.** Any employer found to have requested this information of a current or prospective

6 employee shall be fined \$10,000, with the fine doubling on each of any repeat

7 offenses.

8 **SECTION 3.** Employment decisions based on vaccination status shall henceforth be viewed as

9 employment discrimination. Employees who believe they may have been the victim

10 of this sort of employment discrimination are hereby empowered to file a charge of

11 discrimination with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and,

12 subsequently, a job discrimination lawsuit.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be jointly overseen by the Department of Health and the

14 EEOC.

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

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

A Bill to Award Legal Fees to Winners of Lawsuits

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** The winner of any lawsuit shall receive as part of the settlement an amount equal
3 to any and all legal fees incurred over the course of the lawsuit, to be paid by the
4 losing party.

5 **SECTION 2.** In order to satisfy the terms of this legislation, law firms must provide copies of all
6 invoices to the court overseeing the case within one week of billing.

7 **SECTION 3.** Any law firms failing to provide invoices within the aforementioned timeframe
8 shall become responsible for those expenses themselves.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Justice.

10 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect March 1, 2022.

11 **SECTION 6.** 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 RESOLUTION THAT CONGRESS DECLARE SUPPORT FOR AN INDEPENDENT
TIBET**

Whereas, Despite being labeled an autonomous region of China, Beijing continues to systematically chip away at the Tibetan government; and,

Whereas, The Peoples' Republic of China has unjustly and forcibly ruled the Tibetan Plateau for the last 70 years; and,

Whereas, The Peoples' Republic of China has committed a multitude of human right's violations, including the genocide of over 1 million Tibetan people; and,

Whereas, The Peoples' Republic of China has already shown a lack of religious tolerance in mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Tibet, threatening the religious independence of 6.5 million Tibetan Buddhists; and,

Whereas, The United States' policy of strategic ambiguity, specifically towards China, is unacceptable international policy; and

Therefore, Be it Resolved.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by West Fargo Horice High School

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 Terminate Trade with Saudi Arabia

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **Section 1.** Trade with Saudi Arabia will cease between entities headquartered in the
2. United States and will be prohibited subsequently
3. **Section 2.** Trade will be defined as a promise of payment in exchange for a product.
4. **Section 3.** The subsequent implementation of this bill will be overseen by the Department
5. of Commerce and Treasury
6. A. The penalty of violating the terms of this bill will be a fine of 1 dollar to every
7. ten that is traded between a United States entity and a Saudi Arabian entity
8. B. The money required to implement this bill to its full effects will be removed
9. from the Defense Department's budget
10. **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect at the start of the new year after implementation.
11. **Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Mandate Motorcycle Helmets

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. Section 1. The United States of America shall mandate motorcycle helmets for all
2. individuals operating and/or riding on a motorcycle or equivalent vehicle,
3. Including but not limited to: mopeds, motorbikes, and trikes.
4. Section 2. All helmet must have passed a Department of Transportation safety
5. Test, and must be properly sized to each individual.
6. Section 3. The Department of Transportation will oversee the implementation of
7. This law, and it will be enforced by local police and highway patrol
8. Section 4. This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2022.
9. Section 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
10. void.

A Bill to Ban the Use of Lead Bullets

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The use of lead based bullets for personal or militaristic use is hereby banned. Those who continue to use lead based bullets will receive a fine of up to \$5,000.

SECTION 2. Lead based bullets shall be defined as, in small- arms ammunition, a bullet composed of lead or of a composition with a high percentage of lead. Personal use shall be defined as being used for hunting or other small scale uses. Militaristic use shall be defined as being used in any branch of the military.

SECTION 3. The Department of Defense in conjunction with the Department of Justice shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This bill will be implemented on January 1, 2023.

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

A Bill to Eliminate HOV Lanes on Interstate Highways

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

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

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

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

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

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 Prioritize the Removal of Space Debris

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
- 2 SECTION 1. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) shall receive an additional \$1
- 3 billion annually for the express purpose of funding research into the removal of space
- 4 debris as well as actual efforts at removing space debris.
- 5 SECTION 2. Space debris shall be defined as the remnants of defunct satellites or other machinery
- 6 placed in space by humans. U.S.-made space debris shall be prioritized for removal, but
- 7 other debris may be removed using this funding as well.
- 8 SECTION 3. Funding for this bill shall be supported by a new 35% tax on the annual revenue of private
- 9 spaceflight corporations, to be defined as any corporation currently engaged in efforts to
- 10 transport human passengers into outer space.
- 11 SECTION 4. NASA shall oversee the implementation of this legislation, with the exception of Section 3,
- 12 which shall be overseen by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).
- 13 SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2023.
- 14 SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.