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A Bill to Require Academic Journals to Pay Their Authors

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Academic journals must fairly pay the authors of any academic papers they publish. Fair
3 pay includes, but is not limited to, an amount equating to at least \$0.50 per word or at
4 least 50% of any amount charged for purchase and/or download of an author's specific
5 article, with this second provision effective for all future purchases/downloads of the works
6 of any living author. For papers with more than one author, these minimum amounts may
7 be divided among the authors in a manner that is fair and equitable, with the
8 lead/submitting author as the point of contact for that determination.

9 **SECTION 2.** An academic journal is defined as a periodical publication, published online or in print, that
10 features articles or academic papers written by scholars on topics relating to their areas of
11 expertise.

12 **SECTION 3.** The per-word rate minimum shall be adjusted for inflation once every five years.

13 **SECTION 4.** Any academic journal found to be in violation of this legislation shall pay its unpaid authors
14 double the amount originally owed and be subject to a fine of up to \$5000 per article.
15 Funds raised from this fine shall go to the Education Publications Center (EDPUBS).

16 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Labor.

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

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

A Resolution to Recommend the Mandating of Indigenous Studies as a High School Graduation Requirement

1 **WHEREAS** the overwhelming majority of the history of human inhabitation of the lands of our nation
2 belongs exclusively to its Indigenous Peoples; and

3 **WHEREAS** even after colonization and the subjugation it has brought upon this nation's Indigenous
4 Peoples, they have continued to play crucial roles in its history, contributing enormously to
5 overall United States' culture and identity while maintaining distinct and inspiring cultures
6 and identities of their own; and

7 **WHEREAS** the histories and cultures of this nation's Indigenous Peoples are given little attention in
8 most high school curricula and are poorly understood by many in the United States; now,
9 therefore be it

10 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that states, territories, and the Federal District are strongly
11 encouraged to mandate one year of Indigenous Studies, being a course devoted to the
12 histories and cultures of this nation's Indigenous Peoples, as a high school graduation
13 requirement; and

14 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress shall consider wielding its powers to bring about universal adoption
15 of this recommendation if states, territories, and the Federal District do not heed it on their
16 own.

A Bill to Remove Interstates from City Centers

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Over the course of the ten years that follow this legislation's passage, all sections of the
3 Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways (interstates)
4 that currently pass through city centers shall be removed from these areas. Affected
5 sections may either be re-routed around the city center, sent under it via tunnels, or
6 removed entirely if workable alternate routes already exist, with decisions to be made
7 individually by each relevant city government in conjunction with the Federal Highway
8 Administration (FHA).

9 **SECTION 2.** A city center shall be defined as any contiguous census tracts of high population density (at
10 least 1000 people per square mile) at the center of a city with a population of at least
11 50,000.

12 **SECTION 3.** Land reclaimed via interstate removal shall be given over to the city of which it is a part, to
13 be developed into affordable multi-family housing, city parks, and/or public educational
14 institutions such as museums, libraries, and schools. Each city shall decide for itself what
15 mix of these repurposing possibilities it shall pursue.

16 **SECTION 4.** Eminent domain may be invoked to acquire land necessary for rerouting of interstates so
17 long as economically disadvantaged communities (defined as neighborhoods where the
18 average household income is less than 150% of the poverty threshold as defined by the
19 Census Bureau) are not impacted.

20 **SECTION 5.** The cost of this project shall be offset by adopting an annual accrual tax on capital gains for
21 the wealthiest 1% of US taxpayers, to take effect in the next fiscal year following this
22 legislation's passage.

23 **SECTION 6.** This legislation shall be overseen by the FHA, with the exception of Section 5, which shall
24 be overseen by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

25 **SECTION 7.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

A Bill to Repeal AEDPA

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** The Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 (AEDPA) is hereby repealed.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Any convicted criminal whose right to appeal is, or has been, limited by AEDPA at the time
- 4 of the passage of this legislation shall be entitled to a total reinstatement of those rights
- 5 effective immediately.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Justice.
- 7 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.
- 8 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Protect The Right to Breastfeed

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** The right to breastfeed shall not be limited in any place or in any context.

3 **SECTION 2.** Any private citizen who demonstrably protests a specific act of breastfeeding shall be liable
4 for prosecution under local harassment laws. In jurisdictions with no anti-harassment laws,
5 these incidents shall be viewed as stalking and prosecuted accordingly.

6 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Health and Human Services' Office
7 for Civil Rights (OCR) in conjunction with local law enforcement.

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

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

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Establish Religious Neutrality in Politics

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

5 **ARTICLE 1.** No person holding or campaigning for political office at any level may disclose or discuss
6 their personal religious beliefs while campaigning or holding office.

7 **ARTICLE 2.** The religious beliefs of politicians and political candidates shall be treated as classified
8 information, and their disclosure shall be punished accordingly, though only when
9 disclosed by the politician or candidate in question.

10 **ARTICLE 3.** No politician or political candidate shall be punished for having disclosed or discussed their
11 personal religious beliefs prior to campaigning or serving, nor shall any such person be
12 punished for having disclosed or discussed their personal religious beliefs prior to the
13 ratification of this amendment.

14 **ARTICLE 4.** Upon ending a campaign or leaving office, former politicians and candidates shall again be
15 able to disclose and discuss their personal religious views freely so long as they remain
16 uninvolved in politics.

17 **ARTICLE 5.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

The Ticket Purchaser's Bill of Rights

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Ticket brokers may not charge fees in excess of 10% of the value of the ticket(s) being sold,
3 and they must disclose all fees from the earliest stage of the purchase process.

4 **SECTION 2.** Any broker that manages secondhand resales of tickets must disclose information about its
5 sellers, including sales history and user reviews, to potential buyers and must restrict those
6 sellers from increasing ticket prices to make a profit.

7 **SECTION 3.** A ticket broker is defined as a third-party company that manages the sale of tickets for
8 concerts, plays, sporting events, and other performances.

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

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

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

A Resolution to Encourage NATO to Establish a No-Fly Zone over Ukraine

- 1 **WHEREAS** The Russian invasion of Ukraine is morally repugnant and runs counter to everything the
2 United States stands for; and
- 3 **WHEREAS** Russian air dominance would be devastating for the prospects of Ukraine and its people; and
- 4 **WHEREAS** Russia must be rebuffed clearly and definitively lest they be emboldened to expand their
5 invasion into North Atlantic Treaty Alliance (NATO) member state territory; now, therefore
6 be it
- 7 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that NATO is strongly encouraged to adopt and enforce a
8 no-fly zone prohibiting Russian aircraft and missiles over Ukrainian airspace; and
- 9 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress shall consider military action against Russia if this no-fly zone is
10 enacted and Russia disregards it.

A Bill to Restructure the School Year

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** All states, territories, and the Federal District must ensure that the public schools over
3 which they have jurisdiction neither remain in session for more than six weeks without a
4 break of at least one week, nor institute a break of longer than four weeks at any point.

5 **SECTION 2.** Any state, territory, or district that violates this legislation shall lose federal education
6 funding until compliance is reached.

7 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Education.

8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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

A Bill to End Single-Family Zoning

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** No residential zone may limit the number of housing units on a plot of land below two.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** All municipalities must approve requests to add an additional housing unit to any plot of
- 4 land currently containing only one. Municipalities are strongly encouraged to allow more
- 5 than two units on single plots as well.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Housing and Urban Development
- 7 (HUD).
- 8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2023.
- 9 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Resolution to Reconsider the Fourth Dose

- 1 **WHEREAS** the Centers for Disease Control has authorized a fourth COVID-19 vaccine dose for those 50
2 and over; and
- 3 **WHEREAS** those who are immunocompromised should definitely take the fourth dose; and
- 4 **WHEREAS** the number of COVID-19 cases across the United States has lowered significantly, thereby
5 alleviating pressure on our healthcare systems; and
- 6 **WHEREAS** booster shots are known to have a short-term effect; and
- 7 **WHEREAS** other countries are seeing surges and could use vaccine supplies now; and
- 8 **WHEREAS** most healthy residents of the United States may elect not to take the second vaccine
9 booster at this time; now, therefore be it
- 10 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that United States residents who are healthy and do not
11 have underlying health conditions are urged to reconsider taking the fourth dose until late
12 summer or early fall (pending a significant change in case counts over the summer); and be
13 it
- 14 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that excess vaccine supplies be distributed via the World Health Organization's
15 COVAX program for countries worldwide who urgently need vaccines now.

A Bill to Eliminate Emergency Data Requests

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** Congress will eliminate all Emergency Data Requests (EDRs).
- 3 **SECTION 2.** All technology company data requests made by law enforcement must be reviewed and
- 4 approved with a judge warrant.
- 5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will enforce this legislation.
- 6 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately.
- 7 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Resolution of Condemnation for the Wagner Group

- 1 **WHEREAS** Russia is suffering tremendous casualties in its self-inflicted war with Ukraine; and
- 2 **WHEREAS** Russia is hiring out contracted soldiers to fight its war in the Donbas region, among other
- 3 territories, in Ukraine; and
- 4 **WHEREAS** the Wagner Group, and others like them, are not registered legal entities, the victims are
- 5 not entitled to recognition of atrocities and war crimes; and
- 6 **WHEREAS** the Wagner Group has engaged in behaviors including, but not limited to, looting private
- 7 citizens' homes; enacting mass executions; stealing resources and supplies from
- 8 communities and local governments; and extorting local leadership under threats of
- 9 violence; and
- 10 **WHEREAS** Russia is using the Wagner Group as a cover for its own losses and deniability of war
- 11 crimes; now, therefore be it
- 12 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that the United States military is urged to assist Ukraine's
- 13 military by deploying troops and equipment to circumvent the threat of Wagner Group and
- 14 other external military actors in the Ukraine conflict; and be it
- 15 **FURTHER RESOLVED** to subject all Wagner Group agents, leadership, and soldiers to account for war
- 16 crimes before the International Criminal Court.

A Resolution on Justice Thomas

- 1 **WHEREAS** the Supreme Court is required by federal law to maintain the appearance of impartiality;
2 and
3 **WHEREAS** there is a federal statute that requires justices to recuse when their impartiality could be
4 reasonably questioned; and
5 **WHEREAS** Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas voted to block the January 6 subcommittee from
6 obtaining documents in which Virginia Thomas, his wife, may appear; and
7 **WHEREAS** the Supreme Court has taken up at least six cases involving the 2020 election or the January
8 6 attacks and will likely take up many more in the future; and
9 **WHEREAS** Supreme Court spouses, such as Jane Sullivan, wife of Chief Justice John Roberts, have
10 discontinued their activism following appointment of their spouse to the highest Court in
11 the land; and
12 **WHEREAS** Virginia Thomas continues to express doubt regarding our electoral systems and the 2020
13 election in particular; now, therefore be it
14 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that Justice Thomas recuse himself from any future cases
15 involving the 2020 election or the January 6 attack.

A Bill to Report Home Security Camera Breaches

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** All companies that sell direct-to-consumer or contract-install home security cameras are
3 required to report any and all hacks and security breaches to the Consumer Protection
4 Agency.

5 **SECTION 2.** Each failure to report said hacks or breaches will result in fines ranging from \$100,000 to \$1
6 million per incident.

7 **SECTION 3.** Companies must report significant breaches (those which may affect 5% or more of their
8 clients) directly to consumers within 48 hours to protect consumer privacy and security.

9 **SECTION 4.** Each failure to report significant breaches to consumers will result in fines ranging from
10 \$100,000 to \$1 million per incident based upon the severity of the breach.

11 **SECTION 5.** Companies must provide software and/or hardware updates as quickly as possible,
12 reporting the extent of the breach and timeframe for addressing the issue to the Consumer
13 Protection Agency within 48 hours of the breach.

14 **SECTION 6.** The Federal Trade Commission will oversee and enforce this legislation.

15 **SECTION 7.** This legislation will take effect immediately.

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