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A Bill to Expand Executive Privilege

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** The rights associated with executive privilege shall henceforth follow any individuals who
3 have held the office of President of the United States even after they are no longer
4 invested with that office. These rights will also immediately be conferred on all living
5 former presidents.

6 **SECTION 2.** Any individual who held the office of President but was impeached and removed from
7 office by the Senate shall lose this extended executive privilege.

8 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall not confer similar benefits on individuals who have held the office of
9 vice president or any other executive office.

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

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

A Bill to Ban Library Late Fees

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Public libraries in the United States, both those serving communities and those in public
3 schools, may no longer charge or collect fees or fines for books or other materials that are
4 returned late, nor may they attach any other financial repercussion to perceived negative
5 patron behavior.

6 **SECTION 2.** Patrons are still encouraged to return books and other materials to public libraries in a
7 timely manner, and libraries are welcome to provide positive incentives to motivate
8 patrons to do so.

9 **SECTION 3.** Any jurisdiction or school district found to be in violation of this legislation shall lose federal
10 funding until such time as compliance is reached.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be jointly overseen by the Institute of Museum and Library Services
12 (IMLS) and the Department of Education.

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

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

An Act to Award a Posthumous Congressional Gold Medal to Queen Elizabeth II

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate
3 shall make appropriate arrangements for the posthumous award, on behalf of Congress, of
4 a gold medal of appropriate design to Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom and other
5 Commonwealth Realms, in recognition of her enduring and heartfelt friendship to the
6 United States, her reliable and calming presence for her people over such a remarkable
7 reign, and the incredible example she has provided for aspiring women leaders around the
8 world.

9 **SECTION 2.** As soon as may be arranged, this award shall be presented to Queen Elizabeth's son, King
10 Charles III, at a ceremony planned for this purpose.

11 **SECTION 3.** For the purpose of the award referred to in Section 1, the Secretary of the Treasury
12 (referred to in this Act as the "Secretary") shall strike a gold medal with suitable emblems,
13 devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the Secretary.

14 **SECTION 4.** There is authorized to be charged against the United States Mint Public Enterprise Fund
15 such amounts as may be necessary to pay for the costs of the medals struck under this Act.
16 The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in bronze of the gold medal described in
17 Section 2 under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, at a price sufficient to
18 cover the cost thereof, including labor, materials, dyes, use of machinery, overhead
19 expenses, and the cost of the gold. The amounts received from the sale of duplicate medals
20 shall be deposited in the United States Mint Public Enterprise Fund.

A Bill to Make Halloween a Federal Holiday

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Halloween (October 31) shall be recognized as a federal holiday.

3 **SECTION 2.** When Halloween falls on a Saturday or Sunday, it shall be observed on the Friday preceding
4 or the Monday following, respectively.

5 **SECTION 3.** On the day Halloween is observed, all non-essential federal government offices shall be
6 closed, stock market trading shall be suspended, and every federal government employee
7 shall be paid for a normal day's work. State and local governments and private businesses
8 are strongly encouraged to observe Halloween in similar fashion as they are able.

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

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

A Bill to End Usury in Postsecondary Study Loans

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** Interest may not be charged or collected on any loan provided for the purposes of
- 3 postsecondary study within the United States or its territories.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** All existing interest on loans of this type is hereby canceled.
- 5 **SECTION 3.** Any lender that attempts to charge or collect interest on such a loan shall become
- 6 responsible for paying off the entire remaining balance owed on that loan.
- 7 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB).
- 8 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.
- 9 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Provide Free Menstrual Products Throughout the United States

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All pharmacies and health clinics shall be required to provide a monthly supply of free
3 menstrual products to all US residents.

4 **SECTION 2.** Menstrual products shall be defined as menstrual pads and tampons. Each resident may
5 choose one but not both of these products per month.

6 **SECTION 3.** Funding for this legislation shall be raised from a 1% tax increase on the revenue of US
7 pharmaceutical companies. Any unused funding shall be diverted into the Department of
8 Education to support expanding sexual education resources and improving their quality.

9 **SECTION 4.** With the exception of Section 3, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
10 shall oversee this legislation and be tasked with determining what constitutes a reasonable
11 monthly supply and with tracking and regulating usage. Section 4 shall be overseen by the
12 Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

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

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

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Enshrine a Right to Privacy

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.** The right of each person to his, her, or their own privacy shall not be infringed.

6 **ARTICLE 2.** Specifically, the government shall make or enforce no law that monitors or limits an
7 individual's ability to pursue his, her, or their own happiness unless such pursuit would
8 demonstrably infringe on the rights of another biologically independent individual.

9 **ARTICLE 3.** Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

The Kinder Surprise Eggs Justice Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** The 1938 Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act shall be amended to remove its prohibition
3 on the sale of confectionery products in which non-nutritive objects are partially or totally
4 contained.

5 **SECTION 2.** Congress shall support the production and import of confectionery products newly
6 legalized under this legislation in time for the nation's next observance of Halloween.

7 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

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 Bill to Fund Research to Enable Biological Offspring

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall allocate \$10 billion in grants to fund research into technology that enables
3 families to produce biological children, combining the genetic material of both parents,
4 without the need for sexual reproduction.

5 **SECTION 2.** As these funds near depletion, Congress shall examine the progress made in bringing about
6 this technology and consider investing an additional amount if deemed necessary.

7 **SECTION 3.** Funding for these grants shall be offset by a 5% annual tax increase on the revenue
8 produced from global arms exports.

9 **SECTION 4.** With the exception of Section 3, this legislation shall be overseen by the Department of
10 Health and Human Services (DHHS), which will be tasked with establishing fair and speedy
11 application and disbursement processes for the funding. Section 3 of this legislation shall
12 be overseen by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

13 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect at the start of the next fiscal year.

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

A Resolution for Ethical Behavior Among U.S. Governors

- 1 **WHEREAS** Governors of the United States serve as chief executives and, in that capacity, represent
2 diverse populations within their respective states and territories; and
- 3 **WHEREAS** Governors may use their position of authority and leadership to disenfranchise some
4 members of their populations; and
- 5 **WHEREAS** Governors need to support their secretaries of state and other officials responsible for
6 recognizing free and fair election results; and
- 7 **WHEREAS** Governors may exercise their support of one political party to the detriment of their state
8 populations; now, therefore be it
- 9 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that state assemblies and legislatures are encouraged to
10 ensure that the governors of their respective states and territories hold top government
11 officials to the highest ethical standards; and
- 12 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress strongly encourages the various independent states and territories
13 to condemn Governors who discriminate against those residing within their state borders;
14 disenfranchise citizens who are legally authorized to vote in their states and territories; or
15 otherwise act in ways that are contrary to the well-being of its people.