

# **A Bill to Recognize the Republic of Somaliland as an Independent Nation**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **Section 1.** The United States of America shall officially recognize the Republic of
2. Somaliland as an independent nation.
3.       A) The recognized territory will span from the currently recognized border
4.           of Somalia with Djibouti and Ethiopia to the west and south, the coast of the
5.           Gulf of Aden to the north, and Somililand's former border as British Somaliland
6.           to the east.
7.       B) The US will work with the Somaliland government to open embassies in
8.           Hargeisa and Washington D.C.
9.       C) The U.S. will recommend to the United Nations and other world governments
10.       to recognize the same.
11. **Section 2.** The official recognition of a country will include, but not be limited to
12. diplomatic, economic and military relations.
13. **Section 3.** The Department of State will oversee the implementation of this legislation.
14. **Section 4.** This legislation will go into effect immediately after passing.
15. **Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional debate by  
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A Bill to Permanently Ban Fentanyl Analogues

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. SECTION 1. All Fentanyl analogues are to be permanently classified as a
2. Schedule I narcotic under the United States Controlled Substances
3. Act of 1970.
  
4. SECTION 2. Fentanyl analogues are defined as illicit substances that often result
5. in fatality. Fentanyl analogues have the potential to be more powerful
6. than fentanyl and are produced by modifying fentanyl's basic
7. chemical structure.
  
8. SECTION 3. This legislation shall be overseen by the Drug Enforcement
9. Administration (DEA).
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
12. void.

Respectfully submitted, Delone Catholic High School.

## **A Bill to Ban Tackling in Football and Rugby**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Tackling is hereby prohibited in public elementary, middle, and secondary education  
sports 3 in football, rugby, and any other activities where tackling is standard practice within the  
4 sport. The use of flags as a stand-in for tackling shall remain legal, and public and private 5  
leagues at all levels are encouraged to embrace this humane adaptation. 6 **SECTION 2.** Tackling is  
defined as the intentional use of physical contact and force to arrest another 7 player's  
movement, bring that player to the ground, and/or compel that player to lose 8 possession of the  
ball.

9 **SECTION 3.** Any public school found to be allowing tackling sports without penalty shall be fined  
\$1,000 10 for each violation.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be jointly overseen by the Department of Health and Human  
Services 12 and the Department of Education.

13 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect on August 1, 2025.

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

## A Bill to Invest in the Trans-African Highway

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall deliver \$10 billion to the African Development Bank (AfDB), the  
African 3 Union (AU), and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) to  
support 4 the completion of the Trans-African Highway network.

5 **SECTION 2.** Congress directs the Department of State to work actively and aggressively to  
facilitate 6 cooperation among the nations involved in the construction of these highways so that  
they 7 may be completed as quickly and efficiently as possible.

8 **SECTION 3.** Funding for this legislation shall be diverted from the Department of Defense  
budget. 9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the US Agency for International  
Development (USAID). 10 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect at the start of the next fiscal  
year. 11 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

## A Resolution to review the Peace Corps

1 **WHEREAS** more than 240,000 U.S. citizens have served in over 140 countries since President Kennedy 2 signed the Peace Corps Act; and

3 **WHEREAS** the Peace Corps has not been reauthorized by Congress in 20 years; and 4

**WHEREAS** the Peace Corps impacts its diverse base of volunteers and the countries it has served in 5 many and various ways; and

6 **WHEREAS** the Peace Corps may be viewed as an exercise of soft power by the U.S. military; and 7 **WHEREAS** the Peace Corps holds bipartisan support; and

8 **WHEREAS** the Peace Corps has not seen a budget increase in seven years; and 9 **WHEREAS** Peace Corps volunteers once again return to other nations following COVID-19 restrictions; 10 therefore be it

11 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that now is the time to conduct an extensive review of the 12 Peace Corps, including whether the Peace Corps should alter its mission and vision, 13 reauthorize as currently constituted, reorganize under a different department of the U.S. 14 government, or completely discontinue operations.

## **A Resolution to Reimburse Private Employers for Federal Holidays**

1 **WHEREAS** Federal employees, with some exceptions by law, are entitled to paid holiday time off when 2 excused from duty on Federal Holidays; and

3 **WHEREAS** private sector employees may or may not be entitled to paid holiday time off based upon 4 their employer's designated policies; and

5 **WHEREAS** all employees should have the opportunity to recognize the importance of Federal Holidays; 6 and

7 **WHEREAS** some employees are not able to take time off from Federal Holidays as they are designated 8 essential employees; and

9 **WHEREAS** private employers may be discouraged from offering paid holiday time off; therefore be it 10 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that a committee be formed to examine the compensation 11 of private employers for wages and benefits accrued during Federal Holidays, which may 12 include but are not limited to tax rebates, payroll tax relief, or direct payments to private 13 employers, including compensation of double-time payments for employees who are 14 required to work during Federal Holidays.

## The Spotted Lanternfly Mitigation Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall allocate \$1 billion to the Department of the Interior for the express  
purpose 3 of controlling the influx of *Lycorma delicatula* into the United States and preventing  
further 4 spread of this detrimental invasive species.

5 **SECTION 2.** Congress shall allocate an additional \$500 million to the Department of  
Agriculture to be 6 dispersed to farmers adversely affected by *Lycorma delicatula* as that  
agency sees fit. 7 **SECTION 3.** Congress shall increase the tariff rate by one percent to fund this  
legislation. 8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Interior.

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

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

## A Resolution to Discourage Scottish Independence

1 **WHEREAS** Scotland has for centuries been an integral part of the United Kingdom; and 2  
**WHEREAS** Global geopolitics and the preservation of democratic ideals depends heavily on  
Scotland as 3 part of the United Kingdom and therefore as part of the North Atlantic Treaty  
Organization; 4 and  
5 **WHEREAS** Scottish independence would surely encourage the further fracturing of the United  
Kingdom 6 and thus disrupt the political balance of Europe and beyond; now, therefore be it 7  
**RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that this body condemns all efforts toward Scottish 8  
independence and advises strongly for the continued unity of the countries that comprise 9 the  
United Kingdom; and  
10 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress pledges its eternal support for the United Kingdom and  
all that 11 nation's efforts at maintaining sovereign rule over its constituent countries.



## A Resolution to Discourage Social Media Use Among Elected Officials

1 **WHEREAS** Politicians at all levels have become over reliant on social media to argue and communicate 2 policy proposals online to niche audiences and platforms; and

3 **WHEREAS** Disruption in the social media space among Twitter, Facebook, TikTok, and other prominent 4 social media platforms has made credibility and trust a matter of public concern; and 5 **WHEREAS** The lack of fact-checking and mediation among nearly all social media platforms have 6 become inconsistent with the virtues of open communication with the public; and 7 **WHEREAS** Political figures of all types spend disproportionate time on social media platforms, either by 8 themselves or their designees, time that could be better spent governing and 9 communicating through other channels; and

10 **WHEREAS** Members of this Congress have proposed to ban TikTok from all government phones due to 11 concerns over data privacy; therefore be it

12 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that all holders of political office (federal, state, county, 13 municipal, and local) remove social media apps from their phones; and 14 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congressional and other political leaders will vow to discontinue their use of 15 public social media accounts so that public deliberation, policy implementation, and 16 enforcement no longer take place online but are a part of public debate on the floors of 17 their respective legislative bodies only.

## **A Bill to Allow all Federal Employees the Right to Unionize**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All full-time employees of the United States Federal Government shall have the  
right to 3 unionize.

4 **SECTION 2.** The right to unionize shall be defined as an employee's right “to organize and bargain  
5 collectively with their employers, and to engage in other protected concerted activity.” A 6 federal  
employee is defined as a current employee of an agency, including but not limited 7 to current  
members of the Armed Forces or a Reserve of the Armed Forces (Reserves), 8 employees of the  
United States Postal Service, and seasonal and temporary employees. 9 **SECTION 3.** The Department  
of Labor will oversee enforcement along with the National Labor Relations 10 Board.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2023. All laws in conflict with this  
legislation 12 are hereby declared null and void.



## **A Bill to Protect Federally Employed Whistle Blowers**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All United States Federal employees will have complete protection from termination  
or 3 punishment when providing testimony or information of illicit activities to the legislative or 4  
judicial branch.

5 **SECTION 2.** Illicit activities shall be defined as any activity defined unequivocally by the Law  
of the 6 Parties as incurring a criminal penalty.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor in conjunction with the Department of Justice and United  
States 8 Congress Office of Compliance.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2023. All laws in conflict with this  
legislation 10 are hereby declared null and void.

## **A Bill to Restrict the Retirement of All Former Congress Members**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All members of congress having served two terms in the House or one term in the  
Senate 3 shall not attain employment in the private sector for 5 years after leaving office. 4

**SECTION 2.** The private sector is defined as organizations and entities that are not part of any 5  
governmental structure. The private sector includes for-profit and not-for-profit, formal 6 and  
informal organizations, commerce, and industry.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Labor Department in conjunction with the Justice Department shall  
prosecute. If 8 former Congress members are found to have violated this law, they will lose all  
federal 9 benefits, be fined \$1,000,000, and / or serve a prison term of no more than 2 years  
with 10 probation of three years.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025. All laws in conflict with this  
legislation 12 are hereby declared null and void.