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A Bill to Restructure the School Year

BE IT ENACTED 1 BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

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

#2

A Bill to Ban Tipping

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** The soliciting of a gratuity is hereby banned for workers and employers in the service
3 industry. All minimum wages for tipped employees shall be enforced, and all service
4 industries are henceforth required to pay their employees a living wage (no less than the
5 applicable standard minimum wage) and not to depend on a gratuity to satisfy their
6 financial obligations.

7 **SECTION 2.** If a customer decides to tip unsolicited, this shall not be criminalized, nor shall be the
8 acceptance of said payment.

9 **SECTION 3.** A gratuity, or tipping, is defined as a non-required payment made in recognition of service
10 such as that provided by a waiter or driver. Examples of soliciting a gratuity include
11 presenting a tip jar, providing a tip prompt on an electronic payment device, and including
12 lines for a tip and/or suggested tip amounts on a receipt.

13 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Labor shall oversee this legislation and be empowered to enforce it in
14 the same way they address other wage violations.

15 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

#3

A Resolution to Abolish the Federal Department of Education

1 **WHEREAS**, The Department of Education is both inefficient and ineffective
2 at its duties

3 **WHEREAS**, Their programs and responsibilities can be easily distributed to
4 other departments, be absolved by congress, or be transferred for better
5 implementation at the state level

6 **WHEREAS**, Separating the Department of Education at the federal level
7 would allow for the budget of the Federal DoE to be migrated over to the
8 state departments of education thus increasing their discretionary
9 capabilities); and

10 **WHEREAS**, Corruption at the federal level in the Department of Education
11 has devastating consequences inc comparison to the state level; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled absolve the Federal
14 Department of Education and establish where the programs and
15 responsibilities of the absolved department will be transferred

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#4

A Resolution to Discourage Fireworks Shows

- 1 **WHEREAS** Fireworks shows pose a fire risk and, more generally, an environmental threat in a variety of
2 other serious ways; and
- 3 **WHEREAS** The lights and sounds that arise from fireworks shows create immense and sometimes
4 debilitating stress for many pets, livestock, and other animals, as well as some humans; and
- 5 **WHEREAS** Fireworks shows simulate the weapons of war and thus counterproductively promote
6 violence in U.S. culture; now, therefore be it
- 7 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that this body strongly urges all states, territories,
8 municipalities, and the Federal District to abandon fireworks shows that utilize actual
9 pyrotechnics, regardless of the occasion; and be it
- 10 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress encourages the adoption of drone displays and other non-
11 explosive, more environmentally sustainable methods to replace the use of pyrotechnics.

#5

A Bill to Make Recycling Mandatory

SECTION 1: This bill will enforce companies to label recyclable materials and for citizens to recycle the material that contains the label.

SECTION 2: Recyclable materials will be defined as objects that will be able to be repurposed. These materials consist of metals, plastics, paper/cardboard, and glass. Labels will be placed on these materials.

a.) Garbage trucks will have artificial intelligence sensor systems to scan for the recyclable material in the trash, and workers will look for any recyclable materials.

b.) If recyclable materials are found in the non-recyclable trash, the material will be separated to a different pile.

c.) All people who disregard this mandate to recycle will be given a \$100 fine written towards the homeowner that disposed of the material. If the homeowner has repeatedly violated this bill there will be further legal action taken upon the homeowner.

SECTION 3: This bill will be overseen by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The money that will be used to boost the project would come from the funding EPA gives at the same time there are several other government fundings for advancements of environmental ideas.

SECTION 4: Date of implementation will be in the fiscal year 2024

SECTION 5: All laws in conflict are hereby declared null and void.

Respectively Submitted,

Hampton High School

#6

A Bill to Provide Subsidies to West African Cocoa Farmers

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall provide \$150 Million in aid and subsidies to West African
2 Countries, including Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Nigeria, Cameroon, and Sierra Leone
3 to help provide sustainable income for cocoa farmers.

4 **SECTION 2.** Aid and subsidies shall consist of rail and road infrastructure to transport cocoa
5 from farms to ports, programs aimed to increase the yield of cocoa farmers,
6 programs aimed to reduce child labor and deforestation, and methods to increase
7 profit sharing from cocoa profits between farmers and cocoa users.

8 **SECTION 3.** This bill shall be enforced by US AID and the Department of State

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect 90 days after its passage. All laws in conflict with
10 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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#7

A Resolution to Reaffirm Civilian Contact with Extraterrestrials

- 1 **WHEREAS**, it is very likely that there are other lifeforms in our universe, and
2 **WHEREAS**, there are active attempts to explore our own galaxy and near- and far-away
3 galaxies, and
4 **WHEREAS**, current Congressional hearings have raised the possibility of prior contact or
5 interactions with anomalous lifeforms or materials, and
6 **WHEREAS**, it is the interest of the United States to promote peaceful dialogues between
7 humans and any extraterrestrial lifeform that we may be in contact with,
8 **RESOLVED**, this Congress reaffirms that communication with any extraterrestrial individual or
9 entity should be directed as a civilian matter and led by the Department of State
10 instead of a military matter led by the Department of Defense or a security matter
11 led by the Department of Homeland Security.

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#8

A Bill to Ban the Use of Chemical Weapons For Law Enforcement Purposes

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** No United States law enforcement agencies shall be
2 permitted to use chemical weapons during policing activities. Government
3 law enforcement agencies must institute a law prohibiting the usage of
4 chemical weaponry for any policing purposes.

5 **SECTION 2.** The definition of chemical weaponry shall include the
6 following, together or separately:

7 A. A munition or device, specifically designed to cause death or
8 other harm through toxic properties of toxic chemicals which would
9 be released as a result of the employment of such munition or
10 device.

11 B. Any equipment specifically designed for use directly in
12 connection with the employment of munitions or devices specified
13 in Section 2A.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall oversee the enforcement of
15 this legislation

16 A. Law enforcement agencies found to be in violation of the guidelines
17 established in Section 1 shall no longer receive funding under the
18 Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968.

19 B. The revoked funding shall be reinstated when the law enforcement
20 agency in question is found to be in compliance with the guidelines
21 established in Section 1.

22 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect immediately upon
 passage. Enforcement of the punishment outlined in Section 3 will begin
 immediately.

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

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