TCFL Spring Congress Legislation

Round One

A Bill to Ensure Safer Transportation Conventions

1	BE IT ENACTED B	Y THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2	SECTION I.	New Policy This bill establishes a comprehensive transportation safety
3		policy with the following key provisions:
4		A. Eliminate Right Turn on Red: All motor vehicles are prohibited from
5		making right turns at red traffic signals.
6		B. Eliminate Slip Lanes: The construction of slip lanes (also known as
7		channelized right turn lanes) at intersections is prohibited. Existing slip
8		lanes shall be phased out.
9		C. Maximum Lane Width: The maximum width for any single traffic lane
10		within the jurisdiction of this law shall not exceed ten and a half (10.5)
11		feet, promoting safer driving speeds and reducing the risk of accidents.
12		D. Funding for Protected Bike Lanes and Public Transportation: The
13		Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Department of Public
14		Works shall allocate a minimum of 40% of what is being spent on vehicle
15		infrastructure, excluding safety administrations, within their budget to
16		fund the development, maintenance, and improvement of protected bike
17		lanes and public transportation systems, including trams, trains, and
18		similar modes, with a focus on enhancing sustainable transportation
19		alternatives.
20	SECTION 2.	Definitions:
21		A. Right Turn on Red: The act of turning right at a red traffic signal afte
22		coming to a complete stop and yielding to oncoming traffic, unless
23		otherwise directed by a traffic signal or sign.
24		B. Slip Lanes: Channelized right turn lanes at intersections that
25		allow vehicles to turn right without fully entering the intersection.
26		C. Maximum Lane Width: The maximum width of a single traffic lane,
27		measured from curb to curb or striping to striping or striping to curb.
28		D. Protected Bike Lanes: Bike lanes physically separated from motor
29		vehicle traffic by barriers to ensure the safety of cyclists.
30		E. Public Transportation: The collective systems of transportation
31		available for use by the general public, including buses, trams, trains, and
32		similar modes.
33		F. Road Infrastructure: The physical and technological components that
34		make up the network of roads, highways, bridges, tunnels, traffic signals,
35		signage, lane markings, traffic management systems, and other facilities
36		necessary to support the movement of vehicles and pedestrians within a
37		transportation system. Road infrastructure is fundamental to safe and
38		efficient transportation.

Т	SECTION 3.	Government Agency and Enforcement The Department of
2		Transportation (DOT) and the Department of Public Works shall jointly
3		oversee the enforcement of this bill. Enforcement mechanisms shall
4		include:
5		A. Penalties for Violations: Violations of the right turn on red
6		prohibition, slip lane construction ban, or maximum lane width
7		restriction shall result in fines high enough to discourage continued
8		violations, each increasing after repeated violations.
9		B. Inspection and Compliance: Routine inspections and compliance
LO		checks by relevant government agencies to ensure adherence to the
L1		provisions of this bill.
L2		C. Fund Reallocation: Funding collected from penalties and fines for
L3		violations of this bill shall be redirected to the development, maintenance,
L4		and improvement of protected bike lanes and public transportation
L5		systems locally as to where the fine was collected, as specified in Section
L6		I.D.
L7	SECTION 4.	This policy shall take effect within six (6) months of its enactment,
L8		allowing sufficient time for public education, necessary infrastructure
L9		adjustments, and the phasing out of slip lanes. All laws in conflict with this
20		legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Resolution to Establish a Military Base in Taiwan

21	WHEREAS,	The United States has historically fostered a strong trade and military
22		alliance with the government of Taiwan, and
23	WHEREAS,	The government of the People's Republic of China has indicated that it
24		intends to reunify Taiwan and its people with the government of the PRC
25		through whatever means may be required to do so, and
26	WHEREAS,	The People's Liberation Army of China has engaged in increasingly bolder
27		and more aggressive military operations in the Taiwan Strait, and
28	WHEREAS,	The United States has already established a commitment to defend
29		Taiwan from invasion or military occupation by China or its armed
30		forces, and
31	WHEREAS,	Taiwan has been a key ally and partner for the United States in Eastern
32		Asian, and could provide a valuable strategic placement in the Western
33		Pacific region for American military forces; now therefore be it
34	RESOLVED,	That the Congress here assembled authorize the commissioning of a
35		United States Armed Forces base in Taiwan, with the permission of and
36		in consultation with the government of Taiwan.
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Round Two

Sunshine Protection Act

1	BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:	
2	SECTION I.	The Uniform Time Act of 1966 be amended to remove the temporary
3		observation of Daylight Saving Time (DST) in US States and territories
4		that currently observe a time change between the second Sunday in
5		March and the first Sunday in November.
6	SECTION 2.	The Department of Transportation will oversee the implementation of
7		this act.
8	SECTION 3.	Implementation of this act will begin on the first Sunday in November,
9		2024.
10	SECTION 4.	All other laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be
11		declared null and void.

A Bill to Include a Personal Finance Course as a Graduation Requirement

12	BE IT ENACTED BY	THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
13		In order to graduate from high school, each student must complete a
14		personal finance class that will count as an elective course or a math
15		course.
16	SECTION I.	The personal finance course will cover all financial decisions and
17		activities of an individual. This includes budgeting, insurance, savings,
18		investing, debt servicing, mortgages, and financial planning, which
19		generally involves analyzing current financial situations and predicting
20		short-term and long-term needs.
21	SECTION 2.	The Department of Education will enforce the bill.
22		Subsection 1. Schools that comply will receive additional funding from the
23		federal government to maintain the program.
24		Subsection 2. This bill will also receive funding through cooperation with
25		corporations within the United States.
26	SECTION 3.	This resolution will go into effect for the school year 2025-2026.
27		All other legislation in conflict with this bill is now null and void.

Round Three

A Bill to Abolish Tipping in All California Restaurants

1	BE IT ENACTED BY	THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2	SECTION I.	In the state of California all tipping in quick service restaurants will be
3		abolished. In its place, the wages of restaurant service workers will be
4		adjusted to provide at least minimum wage.
5	SECTION 2.	Tipping refers to the practice of restaurant patrons choosing an
6		additional sum to give to service workers in these environments. Quick
7		service refers to food locations that allow for to-go food or drinks.
8	SECTION 3.	This bill will be enacted by the California Labor and Workforce
9		Development Agency.
10		A. The wages of restaurant workers will increase to minimum wage or
11		higher.
12		B. Tipping on a digital screen or similar technology will be outlawed.
13		Customers must be able to sign a bill at restaurants, food chains, etc.,
14		without being asked for a tip. However, a tip jar may be placed at a
15		register or pick up location.
16	SECTION 4.	This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with
17		this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Decriminalize Sex Work

18	BE IT ENACTED BY	THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
19	SECTION I.	All Sex Work will be immediately decriminalized.
20	SECTION 2.	"Sex Work" refers to prostitution, pornography, exotic dancing, and any
21		other act of a sexual nature which is done in exchange for material
22		compensation.
23	SECTION 3.	The Department of Justice and the Department of Labor will jointly
24		oversee implementation of this legislation and streamline the Justice and
25		Labor codes to recognize the new decriminalized status of Sex Work
26		within one year of the passage of this legislation.
27	SECTION 4.	This law will go into effect immediately upon passage.
28	SECTION 5.	All laws in conflict with this law shall hereby be declared null and void.