

# **2024 EKNSDA Docket #1**

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## A Bill to Establish a 4-Day Workweek

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** All federal employers that currently utilize a traditional 5-day workweek in any capacity  
3 shall adopt a 4-day workweek in those same contexts, shifting Friday to a non-working  
4 “weekend” day where possible. Employers shall maintain an 8-hour maximum for each  
5 workday, with no reduction in salaries.

6 **SECTION 2.** Federal employees who volunteer to work additional shifts beyond four days will be paid  
7 overtime (minimum pay rate of time and a half).

8 **SECTION 3.** State, territorial, and local governments are encouraged to adopt similar policies, as are  
9 private businesses.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Labor.

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

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

## A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Define Hate Speech

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 —**

6 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech, unless that speech targets a  
7 specific person or group of people in a manner that is threatening, abusive, or both.

8 **SECTION 2.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

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## A Bill to Require Cultural Competence Training for Medical Schools

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All medical schools receiving federal funding will be required to provide  
3 cultural competence training to all students. This training must occur at  
4 least once during a medical program. All training must be reviewed by  
5 the Department of Health and Human Services to ensure compliance.

6 **SECTION 2.** Cultural competence training will cover implicit bias and communication  
7 strategies designed to provide all medical students with an understanding  
8 of how to better serve those from all ethnic and racial backgrounds.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will work with the  
10 Department of Education to implement this legislation.

11 A. The Department of Health and Human Services will ensure the  
12 content of the training is effective.

13 B. The Department of Education will oversee the implementation and  
14 evaluation of the program. Any school found not in compliance may  
15 lose access to federal funding until such time as they become  
16 compliant with Section 1.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect two years after passage.

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

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## A Bill to Ban Privatization of Prisons

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Bureau of Prisons shall be prohibited from contracting with, or utilizing  
3 services provided by, a private prison or any corporation engaged in the  
4 private prison industry.

5 **SECTION 2.** A private prison is considered an institution that is owned or operated by a  
6 non-government entity.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will be responsible for overseeing the closure of  
8 all privatized prisons, the divesting of all contracts with private prison  
9 corporations, and the opening of all new prisons.

10 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Justice will have fifteen years to complete the closure of  
11 all privatized prisons from the date this bill is passed.

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

## A Resolution to Encourage the United Nations to Recognize Hong Kong as An Independent City State

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1	<b>WHEREAS,</b>	Hong Kong, during its ownership by the United Kingdom, established
2		itself as a significant economic center; and
3	<b>WHEREAS,</b>	after the return of Hong Kong to China on July 1, 1997 there has been a
4		significant reduction in human rights to the citizens of Hong Kong and
5		foreigners in its borders, as well as a significant reduction in Hong Kong's
6		economic standing; and
7	<b>WHEREAS,</b>	the Vatican City, though on Italian soil, is recognized as an independent
8		city state by Italy and the world community; and
9	<b>WHEREAS,</b>	China will not recognize Hong Kong as an independent city state without
10		overwhelming influence from the world community; now, therefore, be it
11	<b>RESOLVED,</b>	By the Congress here assembled that the United States encourage the
12		United Nations and its members to recognize Hong Kong as an
13		independent city state.

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# A Bill to Invest in Deep Sea Mining

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** A \$1 billion competitive grant program for research and development into deep sea mining technology shall be established to advance U.S. interests in the acquisition of critical minerals.

**SECTION 2.** Deep sea mining is the process of retrieving minerals from the ocean floor.

**SECTION 3.** The National Science Foundation and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shall jointly administer this competitive grant program.

A. U.S. entities, including private companies, non-profits, and universities, shall be eligible to receive grant funding.

B. Foreign entities applying for grant funding will be required to undergo a national security review from the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS).

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect January 1, 2025.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Abhi Sanka.*

## A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Create a Fair and Independent Department of Justice

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

### ARTICLE --

7 **SECTION 1:** The Attorney General shall be elected by a direct vote of  
8 the American people concurrent to elections for the office  
9 of President and Vice President.

10 **SECTION 2:** The Attorney General shall head the Department of Justice,  
11 an independent branch of government whose budget shall  
12 be determined by the President, but fully amendable by  
13 Congress.

14 **SECTION 3:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by  
15 appropriate legislation.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Harvard Debate Council.*



## The Olive Oil Integrity Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is directed to establish stricter guidelines in the  
3 production, import, export, labeling, and sale of olive oil, such as those instituted and  
4 enforced by the Agriculture and Rural Development Commission of the European Union  
5 (EU).

6 **SECTION 2.** Specifically, the FDA must ensure that products labeled “extra virgin olive oil” meet the  
7 EU’s standards, i.e., that it is unrefined oil from the first pressing of freshly harvested olives  
8 and thus “the category with the highest quality. From an organoleptic point of view, it has  
9 no defects and is fruity. Its acidity level must not exceed 0.8%” (Agriculture and Rural  
10 Development, EU).

11 **SECTION 3.** The FDA is further directed to enact reasonable, effective penalties for any businesses who  
12 violate these new guidelines.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the FDA.

14 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect one year from the date of passage.

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

## A Bill to Make Narcan Free and Accessible

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Pharmacies throughout the United States and its territories are directed to maintain a  
3 constant supply of naloxone (commonly known by the brand name Narcan) and to provide  
4 it at no cost to customers, though they may choose to limit the amount each customer can  
5 accept at a given time, if needed, to manage supply.

6 **SECTION 2.** The cost of this medication shall be offset by a 1% tax increase on the revenue of  
7 pharmaceutical manufacturers in the United States, which shall be directed into the budget  
8 of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) that they may finance this legislation. Any  
9 excess funds remaining from this legislation at the end of each fiscal year shall be remitted  
10 to the Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) to support substance abuse  
11 treatment programs.

12 **SECTION 3.** The FDA is directed to establish a convenient process by which pharmacies may charge the  
13 costs of naloxone back to them. The FDA must ensure that reimbursement is prompt and  
14 efficient.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the FDA, with the exception of Section 2, which shall  
16 be overseen by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

17 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect one year from the date of passage.

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



## A Resolution to Encourage the Negotiation of a Coastline for Ethiopia

- 1    **WHEREAS**      The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia is by far the world's most populous  
2                      landlocked nation; and
- 3    **WHEREAS**      The lack of a coastline is increasingly creating unsustainable challenges for this budding  
4                      global power; and
- 5    **WHEREAS**      The situation as it currently stands presents a major risk of war in the Horn of Africa,  
6                      which would not only have devastating humanitarian consequences for the people of  
7                      that region but would also create enormous economic hardship across the globe; now,  
8                      therefore be it
- 9    **RESOLVED**      by the Congress here assembled that the United Nations is called upon to begin an  
10                      immediate and concerted effort to negotiate on behalf of Ethiopia a lawful and mutually  
11                      beneficial annexation of the territory of one or more of its neighboring nations that  
12                      separate it from access to the ocean—those nations being the Republic of Kenya, the  
13                      Federal Republic of Somalia, the Republic of Djibouti, the State of Eritrea, and the  
14                      Republic of the Sudan—to establish a corridor, however narrow, that allows Ethiopia to  
15                      set up and utilize a functional seaport; and be it
- 16   **FURTHER RESOLVED**    that Congress commits to considering how it may leverage its powers on behalf  
17                      of the United States to contribute funds and other resources to the affected nations that  
18                      might lead them to accept a favorable deal enabling this territorial transfer.

## **A Resolution to Encourage Sustainable Meat Consumption**

- 1    **WHEREAS**        The United States leads the globe in terms of per capita meat consumption; and
- 2    **WHEREAS**        The farming of meat is a major contributor to greenhouse gas emissions and is
- 3                        detrimental to the environment in many other ways; and
- 4    **WHEREAS**        These factors together reveal that more sustainable and less frequent meat consumption
- 5                        within the United States could make a substantial difference in the fight to combat
- 6                        climate change; now, therefore be it
- 7    **RESOLVED**       by the Congress here assembled that citizens and residents of the United States are
- 8                        encouraged to limit their meat intake; and be it
- 9    **FURTHER RESOLVED**    that Congress commits to modeling this modesty by adjusting menus and meal
- 10                       offerings at the U.S. Capitol and associated functions accordingly.

## A Bill to Establish National Languages

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** English and Spanish are hereby jointly declared the Official National Languages of the  
3 United States and its territories.

4 **SECTION 2.** All governmental bodies and agencies at all levels are henceforth directed to publish  
5 official materials in both languages and to conduct all affairs in both languages when and  
6 where appropriate.

7 **SECTION 3.** Congress encourages the President to establish a Department of Language that will be  
8 tasked with facilitating this transition, supporting the new status quo, and working to  
9 create and provide translations of contemporary materials and records. Congress shall  
10 make available to this new agency a starting budget of \$500 million per year.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

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

## A Resolution to Condemn Federal Public Land Order No. 7923

- 1   **WHEREAS**       Many of this nation's Indigenous tribes rely on resource extraction to support their  
2                   economies; and
- 3   **WHEREAS**       Federal Public Land Order No. 7923 for Public Lands Withdrawal Surrounding Chaco  
4                   Culture National Historical Park Boundary (FPLO 7923) robs the affected tribes of their  
5                   right to decide what amount of resource extraction, if any, is appropriate and necessary  
6                   in their territories; and
- 7   **WHEREAS**       The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), in carrying out this order, is adding to centuries  
8                   of paternalism and condescension against this nation's Indigenous Peoples; and
- 9   **WHEREAS**       It is particularly ironic and insulting for an agency of the United States federal  
10                  government to make environmental decisions on behalf of Indigenous Peoples; and
- 11   **WHEREAS**       This order has consequently met much criticism and controversy from Indigenous  
12                  Peoples of the Southwest; now, therefore be it
- 13   **RESOLVED**     by the Congress here assembled that FLPO 7923 is condemned, not for its efforts to  
14                  protect cultural heritage, but for its failure to afford Indigenous Peoples critical autonomy  
15                  over their tribal lands; and be it
- 16   **FURTHER RESOLVED**   that Congress implores the BLM to rescind this order immediately; and be it
- 17   **FURTHER RESOLVED**   that Congress calls on all federal agencies to work harder to avoid exercising their  
18                  powers relative to Indigenous Peoples in paternalistic ways; and be it
- 19   **FURTHER RESOLVED**   that Congress also condemns and calls for the rescission of New Mexico  
20                  Executive Order No. 2023-002 Extending the Moratorium on New Oil and Gas and  
21                  Mineral Leasing in Greater Chaco Area for similar reasons.