

A Resolution to Push Back Start Times for Secondary Schools

1 **WHEREAS,** The health, academics, and quality of life of students nationally suffer
2 because of lack of sleep; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Health problems caused by sleep deprivation are numerous and can be
4 very serious; and

5 **WHEREAS,** High School students average 6.5 to 7.5 hours of sleep a night while they
6 require at least 8 hours of sleep a night; and

7 **WHEREAS,** Numerous studies have shown the benefits to academics that more sleep
8 will bring to secondary school students; now, therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation to
10 provide individual school districts with \$5,000 per school year for their
11 technology budget so long as they start classes at their secondary schools
12 no earlier than 10am.

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A Bill to Enhance High School Physical Education Curriculum with Mental and Physical Welfare Classes to Improve Student Health and Productivity

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Any High School that requires Physical Education classes to graduate must
2 offer an equal amount of time spent on a Mental and Physical Welfare
3 (MPW) Class.

4 **SECTION 2.** High School will be defined as Public Schools offering grades 9-12. Open
5 Source Curriculum is defined as online instructional resources that can be
6 freely used, developed, and modified.

7 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. The Department of Education will oversee the enforcement of this
8 legislation.

9 A. The US Department of Education will allocate \$100 million of the
10 Education and Innovation Research funds (\$514 million in FY 2023)
11 toward grants to develop high-quality Open Source Curriculum
12 integrating a holistic approach to mental and physical wellbeing. The
13 Department of Education will also oversee the grant requirements and
14 application process.

15 B. This course will teach students habits and psychology that will assist
16 with a healthy and sustainable lifestyle. At minimum, the curriculum
17 must be analyzed and updated every three years to accommodate
18 appropriate scientific and psychological discoveries and retain
19 relevance. If no updates are warranted, no changes are required to be
20 made.

21 C. Elective Physical Education courses that do not meet the mental and
22 physical welfare requirements may still be offered, but not required.

23 D. Any Public School or District that fails to comply will be ineligible for
24 federal funding.

25 E. Training must be provided by the schools to equip current Physical
26 Education teachers with the knowledge to teach the new class.

27 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect in FY 2025. All laws in conflict with this
28 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by West Bend West High School.

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Establish Congressional Term Limits

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

ARTICLE --

8 **SECTION 1:** No person shall be elected as a member of the House of
9 Representatives more than four times; no person may be
10 elected Speaker of the House who has been a member of
11 the House for less than one year and 150 days.

12 **SECTION 2:** No person shall be elected as a Senator more than three
13 times, with the exception of persons who have served more
14 than two years in the House of Representatives, who shall
15 not be elected as a Senator more than two times and shall
16 not return to the House after a period as a Senator.

17 **SECTION 3:** No person shall attain the offices of President of the United
18 States or Vice President of the United States who has served
19 more than twelve years as a Senator or more than sixteen
20 years as a member of Congress.
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A Bill to Nationalize Starlink

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All satellites operated by Space Exploration Technologies Corporation
3 (SpaceX) as part of the Starlink constellation and the control thereof shall
4 be handed over within thirty days of the passage of this legislation to the
5 National Space and Aeronautics Administration (NASA). All costs and
6 revenues associated with the maintenance of and services provided by
7 these satellites shall flow through the treasury of the United States.

8 **SECTION 2.** SpaceX shall swiftly and fully comply with the handover of the
9 aforementioned assets and payment systems under penalty of up to three
10 billion dollars.

11 **SECTION 3.** A Starlink division of NASA shall be created to operate the Starlink system
12 and process the distribution of its services.

13 A. This division will receive 300,000 dollars to begin its operations,
14 after which the revenue from its operations shall be designated
15 solely for its operations.

16 B. Congress shall dictate the operations of this division, including
17 but not limited to the usage of any profit received through its
18 operations and the prices of its services.

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

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A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Create an Independent Foreign Ministry

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

ARTICLE --

SECTION 1: All powers of the United States concerning foreign governments and organizations shall be vested in a Foreign Ministry of the United States.

SECTION 2: The Foreign Ministry shall be headed by a five-member Council of Foreign Ministers. Each member of the Council shall be appointed by the President and shall serve a ten-year-long term. At the end of a member's term, the President shall appoint either that member or another individual to fill the position, though the appointee must be confirmed by a majority vote of both houses of Congress.

SECTION 3: Upon the ratification of this amendment, the President shall appoint all five members, who shall be randomly assigned one of the five years of appointment, which shall occur on the fifteenth of January in odd years.

SECTION 4: Each member shall secretly indicate a chain of successors to fill their role in the case of their death, incapacitation, resignation, or impeachment.

SECTION 5: The Council shall have, by majority vote, the powers to appoint ambassadors, consuls, and special envoys as it sees fit; to direct the Foreign Service; to negotiate treaties with all foreign entities located outside of the borders of the United States, though those treaties must be approved by Congress; to direct the Central Intelligence Agency; to

31 establish offices to execute the decisions of the council; and
32 to carry out any other diplomatic duties required for the
33 interests of the United States abroad.

34 **SECTION 6:** The Council shall be required to place ambassadors in every
35 sovereign state to which Congress indicates an ambassador
36 be sent, unless the ambassador is unable to safely and
37 effectively conduct affairs of state in that sovereign state.
38 The Council shall not facilitate diplomatic relations with any
39 government at war with the United States or any
40 government to which Congress has indicated no ambassador
41 be sent.

42 **SECTION 7:** All armed forces of the United States shall be commanded
43 by the President, but the President must direct these forces
44 in accordance with treaties to which the United States is a
45 party, foreign policy directives issued by the Foreign
46 Ministry, and Congressional declarations of war, all of which
47 shall be interpreted by the Supreme Court.

48 **SECTION 8:** The Council shall act in accordance with the Supreme
49 Court's interpretation of its constitutional role.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Marquette University High School.

A Bill to Legalize to Assisted Suicide

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** No state may make laws banning assisted suicide. This bill will legalize
3 assisted suicide in all states for terminally ill adults.

4 **SECTION 2.** Assisted suicide is defined as a method by which a physician will provide
5 medical supplies and prescription medications to a terminally ill individual
6 as a means for that individual to end their life. This can be through
7 sleeping pills or other drug prescriptions that would allow an individual to
8 humanely terminate their own life. Individuals considering assisted
9 suicide must have two consultation with a state licensed psychiatrist or
10 psychologist to be approved for access to medical supplies and
11 medications required in the process.

12 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) shall
13 regulate the methods, of assisted suicide, available. State level
14 governments will enforce the restriction on involuntary assisted suicide.
15 This is defined as the use of medication and medical supplies,
16 traditionally associated with assisted suicide, to purposefully murder an
17 individual without consent from the victim

18 A. Those convicted of assisting with involuntary suicide will face fines of
19 up to \$40,000 and/or ten years in prison.

20 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2024 . All laws in conflict with
21 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE

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A Bill to Institute a Vegan Diet in Primary and Secondary Schools

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Any primary or secondary schools that receive any amount of federal funding are hereby
3 required to adhere to the principles of veganism in the foods and beverages they serve to
4 students. That is, they may no longer serve any foods or beverages that were sourced from
5 animals, namely meat, dairy, and eggs. Non-federally funded schools are encouraged to
6 follow suit as well.

7 **SECTION 2.** Any school or district that is found out of compliance with this legislation shall lose 50% of
8 its federal funding until such time as compliance is reached.

9 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be jointly overseen by the National School Lunch Program and the
10 Department of Education.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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

A Bill to Eradicate Mosquitoes

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall direct \$500 million annually to the Centers for Disease Control and
3 Prevention (CDC) for the express purpose of the wholesale eradication of mosquitoes
4 (*Culicidae*) from the United States and its territories. This funding may also be used to stop
5 mosquitoes from crossing international borders into the United States and its territories.

6 **SECTION 2.** This funding shall continue for five years from the date of passage, at which point Congress
7 and the CDC shall examine the degree to which this goal has been achieved and consider
8 further measures if necessary.

9 **SECTION 3.** This funding shall be diverted from the Department of Defense budget.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the CDC.

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

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

The Cocoa Accountability Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Henceforth, all chocolate and other cocoa products sold in the United States must be fully
3 and transparently traceable to ensure neither slave labor nor child labor has been utilized
4 in their production.

5 **SECTION 2.** Any manufacturer attempting to introduce chocolate or cocoa products into the U.S.
6 market that do not meet these requirements shall be fined \$10,000 on first infraction,
7 \$100,000 on second infraction, \$1 million on third infraction, and shall have their business
8 license suspended for five years upon fourth infraction. Should there be a fifth infraction
9 following reinstatement of licensure, the suspension shall be renewed and made
10 permanent.

11 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be jointly overseen by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and
12 Customs and Border Protection (CBP).

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

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

A Bill to Declare the Sunflower the National Flower of the United States

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** The common sunflower (*Helianthus annuus*) shall replace the rose as the national floral
3 emblem, or national flower, of the United States of America and its territories.

4 **SECTION 2.** Congress requests that the White House convert the Rose Garden into a Sunflower Garden,
5 or create a comparable garden similar in scope and prominence to the Rose Garden, and
6 that the President sign a formal proclamation of this change and host a ceremony certifying
7 it in the Sunflower Garden as soon as is practicable.

8 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

9 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Ban Intracorporational NDAs

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** No employer may enter into a non-disclosure agreement (NDA) with an employee
3 regarding information internal to that company. Contracts protecting information
4 connected with individuals outside the organization, such as customers or patients, are
5 unaffected by this ban.

6 **SECTION 2.** All employee NDAs of this type that are active at the time of implementation shall be
7 immediately nullified.

8 **SECTION 3.** Any employer found to be in violation of this legislation shall be fined \$25,000 for each
9 infraction, with half of those funds to be turned over to the affected employee and the
10 other half retained to finance enforcement of this ban.

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

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

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

A Bill to Establish Trinity National Monument

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** The test site of the world's first atomic bomb, located about 20 miles south-by-southwest
3 of Bingham, New Mexico, is hereby declared Trinity National Monument.

4 **SECTION 2.** The National Park Service (NPS) is directed to establish a ranger station onsite to provide
5 education on this uniquely consequential historical event, with emphasis on the
6 destruction this test visited on unsuspecting local residents and the surrounding
7 ecosystems, as well as the destructive precedent this established for all of humanity.

8 **SECTION 3.** NPS is directed to have these services functioning within three years of passage, and from
9 that point forward to ensure the park is open to visitors on a schedule comparable to those
10 of other National Monuments of the region.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by NPS.

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

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

A Bill to End Single-Stream Recycling

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** Municipalities throughout the United States and its territories are directed to abandon all
- 3 single-stream recycling initiatives.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Households and businesses are encouraged to continue recycling, and municipalities are
- 5 directed to undertake initiatives that will make sorted recycling as efficient and user-
- 6 friendly as practicable. Congress shall direct an additional \$5 billion annually to the
- 7 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to support such initiatives.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the EPA.
- 9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2026.
- 10 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Resolution to Call for the Recognition of Somaliland

- 1 **WHEREAS** The Republic of Somaliland's de facto government is one of the most effectively functioning
2 in the Horn of Africa, and Somaliland is thriving despite the political limbo in which they
3 find themselves; and
- 4 **WHEREAS** The Federal Republic of Somalia, which has de jure control over Somaliland, is conversely
5 one of the globe's most failed states and can provide little value to Somaliland and its
6 people; and
- 7 **WHEREAS** Somaliland and its people have a right to the additional opportunities that would accompany
8 official recognition, and for the United States not to support them in achieving those rights
9 amounts to a gross abandonment of this nation's alleged values; now, therefore be it
- 10 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that the Executive Branch is called upon to recognize
11 Somaliland immediately and to establish full diplomatic relations with the Republic; and be
12 it
- 13 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress strongly encourages the United Nations, other global organizations,
14 and nations around the world to do the same; and be it
- 15 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress conveys its eternal support for Somaliland and its people and
16 undertakes to consider further legislation to help Somaliland defend itself as it comes into
17 its own as a full nation, should such legislation become advisable.

A Resolution to Condemn Gender Differentiation in School Team Names

- 1 **WHEREAS** Many schools continue to differentiate the names of their sports teams based on the
2 gender/sex of the players; and
- 3 **WHEREAS** This differentiation generally positions male players as the default (e.g. the Eagles) and
4 female players as the other (e.g. Lady Eagles); and
- 5 **WHEREAS** There is no logic to such differentiation, no more than there might be to calling the boys at a
6 school “students” and the girls “lady students”; now, therefore be it
- 7 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that schools are directed to abandon any differentiation of
8 team names based on gender or sex; and be it
- 9 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress encourages schools to consider how gender may be more fully
10 disregarded in athletics overall.

RESOLVED, That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

SECTION 1. All states, territories, and the federal district must hold primaries for presidential elections concurrently. The first Tuesday in May, in every presidential election year, is established as the official day for presidential primary elections, though early voting, vote-by-mail, and absentee ballots shall remain viable.

SECTION 2. During primary elections, each voter may cast a vote in the primary for one political party only, though a voter may decide which party as late as the election day, and voters need not be registered members of a given political party to choose to vote in that party's primary.

SECTION 3. Caucuses as a means of determining a party's presidential nominee shall henceforth be abandoned.

SECTION 4. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation