

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 Oppose Oppressive Voter ID Laws

1 **WHEREAS,** Voter ID Laws are used in many states to restrict the right to vote “to
2 those who can show appropriate picture identification;” and
3 **WHEREAS,** This identification can often be difficult or expensive to obtain; and
4 **WHEREAS,** Those impacted by these laws are disproportionately people of color; and
5 **WHEREAS,** These laws limit the ability of all people to participate in the democratic
6 process; and
7 **WHEREAS,** A democracy is supposed to be a government for, by, and of the people;
8 and
9 **WHEREAS,** Representation cannot effectively occur if individuals are unjustly
10 silenced; now, therefore, be it resolved
11 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that we reject all oppressive voter
12 identification laws in the United States.

A Bill to Eliminate Columbus Day as a National Holiday

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** Columbus Day, traditionally recognized on the second Monday in
3 October, shall no longer be recognized as a federal holiday.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** No observances of this holiday, including closure of federal offices, shall
5 be permitted.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** All branches of the United States government, including all executive
7 departments, shall immediately create contingency plans for operation
8 on that day.
- 9 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect upon passage.
- 10 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.