



Springboard Series Springboard #5 Legislative Docket

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The Oceania Unity and Statehood Act (The O.U.S.A.)

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** The territories of Guam, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands are
3 hereby joined with the State of Hawaii. Together, these shall become a new
4 state to be named American Oceania, replacing Hawaii as the fiftieth state and
5 standing on an equal footing with the other states in all respects.

6 **SECTION 2.** The governments of these entities are instructed to collaborate to compose and
7 ratify a state constitution no later than one year from the passage of this bill
8 and shall continue to enforce those laws that currently exist until this has been
9 achieved.

10 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

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

A Bill to Pursue Half-Hour Time Zone Offsets

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. Congress directs the Department of Transportation to establish a committee to examine and redesign the nation's time zones, as well as to create additional time zones using half-hour offsets. This committee is directed to take into account population and transportation trends, but also to give careful consideration to the detrimental impacts poorly designed time zones can have on the health and safety of those who reside and work within them.

SECTION 2. The committee shall have one year from the date of implementation of this legislation to present its findings and recommendations, at which point Congress shall consider enacting them.

SECTION 3. This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Transportation.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

A Resolution to Discourage Celebrity Political Endorsements

1	WHEREAS	A celebrity political endorsement is a textbook example of the “appeal to
2		celebrity” logical fallacy; and
3	WHEREAS	The very nature of a representative democracy is founded on a recognition that
4		political decision making is a time-consuming and complex process necessitating
5		years of study and experience as well as total occupational devotion; and
6	WHEREAS	Most celebrities lack the time and expertise to weigh in ethically on such
7		matters; and
8	WHEREAS	Endorsements made by celebrities can therefore be harmful to the best
9		interests of a republic; now, therefore be it
10	RESOLVED	by the Congress here assembled that celebrities, including but not limited to
11		actors, musicians, and social media personalities, are strongly discouraged from
12		making political endorsements or otherwise weighing in on political matters;
13		and be it
14	FURTHER RESOLVED	that Congress similarly encourages celebrities who wish to express their support
15		for any specific politicians or political causes through donations to do so
16		anonymously.