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## The Congressional Salary Accountability Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Federal senators and representatives shall henceforth be paid an annual salary equal to the  
3 average per capita income of the state they have been elected to represent.

4 **SECTION 2.** The amount of this salary shall be updated at the start of each fiscal year and shall be  
5 determined using the most recent figures acquired by the Census Bureau's annual  
6 American Community Survey (ACS).

7 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of the Treasury.

8 **SECTION 4.** Per the Twenty-seventh Amendment to the Constitution, this legislation shall take effect at  
9 the start of the first full fiscal year that follows the 2024 election.

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

## A Bill to Mandate Financial Literacy Education in Secondary Schools

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** All secondary schools that receive federal funding must henceforth make at least one full  
3 academic year of financial literacy education—that is, a two-semester course specifically  
4 and primarily devoted to the development of financial literacy skills such as budgeting,  
5 saving money, investment, debt and credit management, taxes, and retirement planning—  
6 a graduation requirement for all students graduating after the year 2028.

7 **SECTION 2.** A secondary school is defined as a school that matriculates students in grades 9-12.

8 **SECTION 3.** Failure to comply with this legislation shall result in reduction or suspension of federal  
9 funding until compliance is reached. The decision to suspend or reduce funding, and how  
10 much to reduce if applicable, shall be at the discretion of the Department of Education.

11 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Education shall oversee the implementation of this legislation, which  
12 shall include creating and managing a system for assessing, monitoring, and promoting  
13 compliance.

14 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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

## A Bill to Fund Research into Perfect Numbers

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall commit an additional \$500 million annually to the Division of Mathematical  
3 Sciences (DMS) of the National Science Foundation (NSF) for the express purpose of  
4 supporting further research into the discovery of perfect numbers, in particular the search  
5 for an odd perfect number or a proof that such a number does not exist.

6 **SECTION 2.** A perfect number is defined as a number that is equal to the sum of all of its factors  
7 excluding the number itself.

8 **SECTION 3.** The NSF shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

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

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

## A Bill to Hold Social Media Companies Liable for Scams

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Social media companies shall henceforth be held liable for the financial harm caused by  
3 scamming that occurs on their platform when that scamming was carried out by a user who  
4 was demonstrably in violation of the company's terms of use and/or the fraud statutes of  
5 any relevant criminal jurisdiction(s). That is, when such scamming occurs, a social media  
6 company shall be required to reimburse the victimized user for any financial losses  
7 resulting from the scam.

8 **SECTION 2.** The 42 USC § 1862w(a)(2) definition of a social media company shall be utilized: "a website  
9 or internet medium that— (A) permits a person to become a registered user, establish an  
10 account, or create a profile for the purpose of allowing users to create, share, and view  
11 user-generated content through such an account or profile; (B) enables 1 or more users to  
12 generate content that can be viewed by other users of the medium; and (C) primarily  
13 serves as a medium for users to interact with content generated by other users of the  
14 medium."

15 **SECTION 3.** Any social media company found to be in violation of this legislation shall be fined double  
16 the amount they ought to have reimbursed, with half of that fine to be given over to the  
17 affected user and the other half retained to finance enforcement.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be jointly overseen by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC)  
19 and the Department of Justice.

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

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

## A Bill to Promote the Farming and Consumption of Insects

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall transfer \$5 billion in annual beef subsidies to be divided evenly among the  
3 Department of Agriculture, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and the Department  
4 of Education (DOE) for the purpose of promoting the farming, distribution, and sale of  
5 insects for human consumption. These agencies may also use these funds for educational  
6 campaigns aimed at decreasing stigmas around the consumption of insects.

7 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Agriculture, the FDA, and the DOE shall oversee this legislation.

8 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

## A Bill to Establish a Nationwide Duty to Rescue

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Any person who knows or strongly suspects that another person is at that moment  
3 experiencing serious bodily harm, sexual abuse, and/or a risk of premature death is  
4 obligated to inform local law enforcement as soon as is practicable, presuming they are not  
5 themselves also in similar danger or that to do so would not put them in such danger.

6 **SECTION 2.** Should a person be found beyond a reasonable doubt to have neglected this duty to  
7 rescue, that person shall be convicted of a misdemeanor, sentenced to no more than one  
8 year in prison, assigned no more than 100 hours of community service, and fined no more  
9 than \$5,000.

10 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Justice and local law enforcement  
11 agencies.

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

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



## A Bill to Name Chicago-Style Deep Dish the Official Pizza of the United States

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Chicago-Style Deep Dish Pizza is hereby dubbed the official pizza of the United States of  
3 America.

4 **SECTION 2.** Congress requests that, as soon as is practicable, the White House host a pizza party  
5 featuring Chicago-Style Deep Dish Pizza and no other type, and that at this ceremony the  
6 President sign a formal proclamation of this change and host a ceremony certifying it.

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

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

## A Resolution to Condemn School Voucher Programs

1   **WHEREAS** School voucher programs rob struggling public schools of the funding they need to operate  
2                   efficiently; and

3   **WHEREAS** School voucher programs disproportionately benefit students whose backgrounds already  
4                   predispose them for better educational outcomes and do so at the expense of their less  
5                   privileged peers; and

6   **WHEREAS** School vouchers inappropriately funnel the tax money of U.S. families into private schools  
7                   that are not held to the same standards of equity, inclusion, and integrity as public schools  
8                   are; now, therefore be it

9   **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that the existence of school voucher programs, namely  
10                  programs that allow a family to utilize the tax money set aside for their child's public school  
11                  education in order to send that child to private school instead, is roundly condemned as a  
12                  great societal ill; and be it

13   **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress calls upon the sixteen states that currently maintain voucher  
14                  programs, as well as the District of Columbia, to abandon these programs as soon as is  
15                  practicable; and be it

16   **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress implores all states, territories, and the Federal District to pursue  
17                  educational policies that promote equity, inclusion, and integrity for all our students.

## A Resolution to Promote the Use of AI in Art and Education

1   **WHEREAS** Modern advanced Artificial Intelligence (AI) services are simply some of the newest tools in  
2                   the long history of human technological progress; and

3   **WHEREAS** The condemnation of AI by modern artists and educators is akin to artists and educators of  
4                   old condemning cameras and calculators; and

5   **WHEREAS** AI is an incredible tool to increase accessibility and equity in art and education; now,  
6                   therefore be it

7   **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that the use of AI in art and education is strongly  
8                   encouraged; and be it

9   **FURTHER RESOLVED** that schools are encouraged to provide students with an understanding of the  
10                  capabilities of AI and how to use it ethically to further their artistic and educational  
11                  ambitions; and be it

12   **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress calls on museums, galleries, and other celebrants and guardians of  
13                  the fine arts to find ways of honoring the use of AI in the artistic process.

## A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Establish Proportional Representation

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

### 5 **ARTICLE —**

6 **SECTION 1.** No longer shall states be subdivided into Congressional districts. All voters in a given state shall  
7 henceforth be eligible to cast votes for any and all open House seats in that state.

8 **SECTION 2.** In House elections, voters will select a party rather than a specific candidate. Each party will  
9 receive a number of seats in the House that reflects the portion of the vote they earned,  
10 rounded down to the next whole seat proportion. For instance, if a state is apportioned seven  
11 House seats, and a party earns 30% of the vote, that party will earn two seats in the House of  
12 Representatives (since two-sevenths of 100% is equal to 28.5%, and 30% exceeds that number  
13 without reaching the threshold for three seats, which would be 42.8%). Any leftover seat(s)  
14 shall be awarded to whichever party achieved a majority or plurality in the election.

15 **SECTION 3.** Senatorial elections shall follow a similar process, with voters selecting parties rather than  
16 candidates, except that the two parties which win the highest number of votes in each state's  
17 election shall each be awarded one Senate seat, unless one party wins two-thirds or more of  
18 the vote, in which case that party shall be awarded both Senate seats. In order to accommodate  
19 this change, each state shall begin electing both its Senators in the same election year.

20 **SECTION 4.** Parties shall fill seats by drawing on a list of vetted candidates they have prepared for this  
21 purpose and that has been certified by the Federal Election Commission and made public to  
22 voters at least ninety days prior to the day of the election.

23 **SECTION 5.** This system shall commence with the second Congressional election that follows ratification. All  
24 House elections shall be impacted at that time, as will any Senate elections in states with a  
25 senior Senator whose term is set to end that year. Such states will also hold elections for their  
26 junior senators, whose term will be abridged accordingly. All states without senior Senators  
27 whose terms are ending that year shall begin this system for both of their Senate seats at the  
28 next election in which their senior Senator's term is set to end.

29 **SECTION 6.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.