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CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE: **OCTOBER 2024 LEGISLATION DOCKET**

A Bill to Pursue Half-Hour Time Zone Offsets

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

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

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

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

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

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

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A Bill to Legalize Hitchhiking on Interstates

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Hitchhiking is hereby legalized along all entrance ramps of at least 1000 feet in length
3 throughout the Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways,
4 so long as hitchhikers keep at least 1000 feet from the ramp's junction with the highway
5 when seeking a ride. Hitchhikers may henceforth seek rides at designated rest areas as
6 well.

7 **SECTION 2.** Barring an emergency, motorists are prohibited from dropping off hitchhikers anywhere
8 along the Interstate Highway System with the exception of designated rest areas. Motorists
9 may also exit the interstate and release a hitchhiker on any other nearby road.

10 **SECTION 3.** A hitchhiker under sixteen years of age must be accompanied by their parent or legal
11 guardian.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Federal Highway Administration.

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

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

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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 hereby
- 3 joined with the State of Hawaii. Together, these shall become a new state to be named
- 4 American Oceania, replacing Hawaii as the fiftieth state and standing on an equal footing
- 5 with the other states in all respects.
- 6 **SECTION 2.** The governments of these entities are instructed to collaborate to compose and ratify a
- 7 state constitution no later than one year from the passage of this bill and shall continue to
- 8 enforce those laws that currently exist until this has been achieved.
- 9 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2026.
- 10 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

#4

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A Bill to Exempt Tips from Taxation

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** Income earned as tips is no longer taxable, though it must still be reported to the Internal
- 3 Revenue Service (IRS).
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Tips are defined by the IRS as “discretionary (optional or extra) payments, determined by a
- 5 customer, that employees receive from customers.”
- 6 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the IRS.
- 7 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2025.
- 8 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Block AI in Schools

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** All schools and universities throughout the United States are ordered to enact firewalls
3 blocking student access to websites and applications that enable users to leverage artificial
4 intelligence (AI) in any way that could potentially facilitate academic dishonesty.

5 **SECTION 2.** Any school or university found to be in violation of this legislation shall lose access to
6 federal funding until such time as compliance is reached.

7 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Education and the Federal
8 Communications Commission (FCC). In addition to monitoring and enforcing
9 implementation, these agencies shall be responsible for producing a list of websites and
10 applications that must be banned, publishing and proliferating that list at least 30 days
11 prior to the date of implementation, and maintaining that list regularly and transparently.

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

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

#6

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A Bill to Ban Campaigning for Federal Office

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Any individual seeking election to federal office is hereby prohibited from campaigning or
3 affiliating with an organization that pays others to campaign on their behalf.

4 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this legislation, an individual can be said to be seeking election to
5 federal office if they have begun collecting signatures in any state or district to gain ballot
6 access for election to a federal office. Campaigning shall be defined as engaging in any
7 activity that has the primary goal of increasing enthusiasm and support for a specific
8 election bid, including but not limited to holding and speaking at rallies, canvassing,
9 advertising, and appearing on media in the form of interviews, town halls, or debates.

10 **SECTION 3.** States, territories, and the Federal District are encouraged to enact similar legislation
11 governing elections over which they have jurisdiction.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Federal Election Commission (FEC).

13 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

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

#7

A Bill to Protect American Property

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Foreign Nationals are prohibited from the leasing or purchase of
3 commercial real estate if their country of origin appears on the Office of
4 Foreign Asset Control's (OFAC) Sanction List.

5 A. Real Estate Agents and Leasing Companies are required to obtain and
6 store documentation regarding the client's country of origin.

7 B. Real Estate Agents and Leasing Companies are required to report
8 failed transactions due to the OFAC Sanction List.

9 **SECTION 2.** Foreign National is a person who is not a naturalized citizen of the United
10 States. Commercial real estate is property used for business purposes.
11 Leasing Company is an entity that finances and leases property assets.

12 **SECTION 3.** The General Services Administration (GSA) will be responsible for the
13 enforcement of this legislation.

14 A. Real Estate Agents and Leasing Companies in willful violation of the
15 sanction list are subject to loss of license for a period of 5 years.

16 B. Real Estate Agents and Leasing Companies found in willful violation of
17 the sanction list are subject to fines up to \$3 million USD.

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

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

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#8

A Bill to Ban Fracking

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill prohibits federal agencies from issuing permits for the expansion
3 of fracking or fracked oil and natural gas infrastructure, including
4 infrastructure, including infrastructure intended to extract, transport, or
5 burn natural gas or oil. By 2030 all fracking permits will be revoked. By
6 2030 the United States will be fracking free.

7 **SECTION 2.** Hydraulic fracturing or fracking is a process to extract underground
8 resources such as oil or gas from a geologic formation by injecting water,
9 a propping agent (e.g., sand), and chemical additives into a well under
10 enough pressure to fracture the geological formation.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Agency shall be
12 deemed responsible for implementing this bill.

13 **SECTION 4.** Upon passage, this legislation will take effect July 1, 2025. All laws in
14 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void. .

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