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Responsible Animal Feeding Operation Moratorium Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** No new large concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) shall be
2 permitted or constructed, nor shall existing CAFOs be expanded, for a
3 period of 10 years from the date of enactment of this Act.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** A "large CAFO" is defined as a concentrated animal feeding operation as
5 defined by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that meets or
6 exceeds the threshold numbers of animals (e.g., cattle, hogs, poultry) set
7 forth by the EPA's regulatory standards.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Agriculture, in coordination with the Environmental
9 Protection Agency, shall conduct a study on the environmental, economic,
10 and social impacts of CAFOs and submit recommendations to Congress on
11 sustainable livestock production within three years of the enactment of
12 this Act.
- 13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on passage.
- 14 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Robbinsdale Debate.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Retail establishments are hereby banned from providing or selling single-use plastic bags to customers at the point of sale.

SECTION 2. Definitions in this Act:

A. Plastic Bag: A plastic-based disposable bag with a thickness of less than 2.25 mils, designed for single-use, provided to consumers at retail establishments.

B. Retail Establishment: Any entity engaged in selling goods or services directly to consumers.

C. Compostable Bag: A biodegradable, non-plastic bag that meets ASTM D6400 or D6868 standards for compostability.

SECTION 3. Exemptions to the Act:

A. Plastic bags used for specific hygiene or health-related purposes, including wrapping perishable items such as raw meat, fish, fruits, and vegetables, or for medications dispensed by pharmacies.

B. Compostable bags that meet federal environmental standards.

SECTION 4. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shall oversee the implementation and enforcement of this Act. Retail establishments found in violation of this Act will be subject to a fine of up to \$500 per violation. Repeated violations (three or more within a one-year period) may result in additional penalties, including increased fines and business license review.

SECTION 5. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Limit Carbon Emissions from Professional Sports Franchises Traveling

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** A carbon emission cap shall be imposed on professional sports franchises
2 for travel-related activities.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Each sports league, specifically the National Basketball Association (NBA),
4 National Football League (NFL), National Hockey League (NHL), and Major
5 League Baseball (MLB), will have a league-specific carbon emission limit.
6 The cap will be set at 92% of the estimated average travel emissions for all
7 teams in each league.
8 The specific caps are:
9 NBA: 977.10 metric tons
10 NFL: 293.45 metric tons
11 MLB: 870.41 metric tons
12 NHL: 970.69 metric tons
13 If a league exceeds its cap, it will incur a fine of 0.01% of the franchise's
14 seasonal revenue per additional metric ton of CO₂ emitted.
- 15 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shall oversee the
16 implementation and enforcement of this bill. Fines collected will fund EPA
17 research and development in renewable energy.
- 18 **SECTION 4.** Franchises must begin tracking and reporting carbon emissions in the first
19 season that starts after October 1, 2025. Leagues already in season on this
20 date will be exempt from reporting until the following season.
- 21 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect October 1, 2025. All laws in conflict with this
22 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Edina High School

A Bill To Ban The Practice of Gouging Grocery Prices

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** It shall be unlawful for any grocery store or retailer within the United States
2 to increase the price of essential items by more than 10% above the net
3 cost paid by the retailer under normal market conditions. This applies to all
4 grocery stores, supermarkets, convenience stores, online grocery delivery
5 services, and other retail outlets selling groceries.
- 6 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this legislation:
- 7 **A.** “Price Gouging” is defined as raising the price of goods and essential
8 items to an unreasonable or excessive level.
- 9 **B.** “Essential Items” are products necessary for daily living.
- 10 **C.** “Normal Market Conditions” refer to the average price level of goods in a
11 given geographic area when no state of emergency or natural disaster is
12 declared.
- 13 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and state attorneys general shall have
14 authority to enforce this act. Penalties for violations include: a fine of up to
15 \$10,000 for the first offense; a fine of up to \$50,000 for subsequent
16 offenses; and suspension of business licenses for repeated violations within
17 12 months.
- 18 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be in effect by January 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with this
19 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Youth Voting Rights Act of 2024

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The voting age requirement in the United States shall be amended,
2 lowering it to 16 years for all state and federal elections to enhance civic
3 engagement, encourage early democratic involvement, and strengthen
4 democratic representation.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30101 et seq.) is
6 amended by revising references to “18 years of age” to “16 years of age”
7 for eligibility to vote in federal elections. States must revise voting
8 regulations to extend eligibility to citizens aged 16 and above for state and
9 local elections. States shall comply within 180 days from the enactment of
10 this Act.
- 11 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Commission (FEC) and state election commissions will
12 oversee the implementation of this act.
- 13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on November 10, 2024.
- 14 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by East Ridge High School.

A Resolution to Enhance Road Safety and Efficiency through the Increased Implementation of Roundabouts

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Traffic signal intersections have been shown to pose a higher risk of
2 accidents due to the potential for high-speed collisions, traffic congestion,
3 and driver confusion; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Studies indicate that roundabouts reduce severe collision risks by 76% and
5 decrease overall traffic delays, leading to significant safety and
6 environmental benefits compared to traditional intersections; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The Department of Transportation will establish two specialized
8 sub-departments to manage the physical installation of roundabouts and
9 develop comprehensive public education initiatives on safe and effective
10 roundabout navigation; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** All licensed drivers will be required to pass a practical assessment of
12 roundabout navigation upon driver's license renewal to ensure proficiency
13 and safety; and
- 14 **WHEREAS,** Roundabout education will become a standardized component of all
15 driver's education and defensive driving programs nationwide, thereby
16 fostering long-term familiarity with and adherence to roundabout
17 procedures; now, therefore, be it
- 18 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled shall initiate policies to prioritize the
19 construction and normalization of roundabouts across the United States,
20 with the goal of enhancing roadway safety, improving traffic efficiency, and
21 promoting environmental responsibility for all citizens.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by STMA High School.

A Bill to Facilitate the Uyghur Liberation

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall implement a comprehensive military embargo on
2 trade with the People’s Republic of China until the Uyghur population is
3 verifiably liberated, as defined herein.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this legislation, the following terms are defined:
- 5 A. “Military Embargo” refers to the prohibition on the sale, supply, or
6 transfer of military equipment, technology, or assistance between
7 the United States and China.
- 8 B. “Uyghurs” refers to the ethnic group predominantly residing in the
9 Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of Northwestern China.
- 10 C. “Liberated” shall mean that the Uyghur population is no longer
11 subjected to imprisonment, forced labor, or repressive measures
12 under Chinese government control, as verified by independent
13 international human rights organizations.
- 14 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of State, in conjunction with the United States Agency
15 for International Development (USAID), shall oversee the implementation
16 of this embargo. Verification of liberation shall be determined based on
17 reports from independent international human rights organizations, and
18 updated annually to assess compliance.
- 19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2025.
- 20 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Eagan High School.

A Resolution to Suspend Russia from the United Nations Security Council

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Russia’s recent actions have posed a significant threat to international
2 peace and stability, undermining the principles and goals of the United
3 Nations; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Russia’s presence and actions on the Security Council have actively
5 hindered global efforts to address critical security issues and foster peace;
6 and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Russia has consistently obstructed key UN initiatives aimed at promoting
8 human rights, conflict resolution, and collective security, leveraging its
9 Security Council position for political advantage; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** Article 18 of the United Nations Charter grants member states the
11 authority to collectively vote to suspend a nation from participation in
12 specific UN functions under extraordinary circumstances; now, therefore,
13 be it
- 14 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled, that the United States shall urgently
15 advocate for the use of Article 18 to suspend Russia from the UN Security
16 Council, urging all member nations to consider the implications of Russia’s
17 actions on global security; and be it
- 18 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the United States shall withhold 20% of its voluntary
19 contributions to the United Nations budget if this action is not taken by
20 January 1, 2025, underscoring the urgency and gravity of suspending Russia
21 from the Security Council.

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