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A Bill to Send Individuals Convicted for Drug-Related Offenses to Rehabilitation Centers Instead of Prisons

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall require all individuals convicted of drug-related
3 offenses to go through rehabilitation centers instead of prison treatment.

4 This bill will aim to reduce recidivism among offenders.

5 **SECTION 2.** Rehabilitation refers to treatment programs that include therapy,
6 counseling, and other interventions used to address substance abuse and
7 lead to an effective recovery. Drug-related offenses refer to offenses that
8 use, possess, manufacture, or distribute drugs classified as having a
9 potential for abuse.

10 **SECTION 3.** The following government agencies will oversee enforcement.

11 A. The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the
12 implementation and administration of the rehabilitation programs and
13 ensure that they are high quality and effective. They will work with
14 state and local agencies to ensure that there are facilities and services
15 in place.

16 B. The Federal Bureau of Prisons will ensure that all prisoners convicted of
17 drug-related offenses are directed to rehabilitation centers instead of
18 prisons.

19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 4, 2025. All laws in conflict with this
20 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Paul Laurence Dunbar High School.

A Bill to Legalize Medically Assisted Death for Terminally Ill Individuals

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Medically assisted death shall be legalized nationwide for patients who are
2 deemed mentally competent and provide informed consent. Requests for
3 assisted death must be made voluntarily, without coercion, and based on
4 either a terminal illness or intolerable suffering.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** Medically assisted death can take the form of euthanasia, such as lethal
6 injections, or assisted suicide, which requires the individual to take
7 prescribed drugs themselves.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will be responsible for
9 implementing this legislation. They will oversee the appointment of a
10 council to approve patients' requests on a case-by-case basis.
- 11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2025. All laws in conflict with this
12 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Paul Laurence Dunbar High School

A Bill to Restructure the Prior Felony Question on Job Applications

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The question of “Have you ever been convicted of a felony?” on all job
2 applications will be changed to “Have you been convicted of a felony in the
3 past 10 years?”
- 4 **SECTION 2.** A felony is defined as “a serious crime, typically one involving violence,
5 usually punishable by imprisonment for more than one year or by death.”
6 A conviction is defined as “a formal declaration that someone is guilty of a
7 criminal offense, made by the verdict of a jury or the decision of a judge in
8 a court of law.”
- 9 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Labor will be in charge of enforcing this
10 legislation. If a company is found to be in violation of this legislation, they
11 will be fined a sum of \$1,000 for each week that it is not in compliance.
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- 13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2026. All laws in conflict with
 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Paul Laurence Dunbar High School.

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Adopt Congressional-District Method of Electing the President of the United States

1 **WHEREAS**, the electoral college only allows the states to have electoral votes; and

2 **WHEREAS**, if a district does not agree with the rest of the state that district does not get
3 represented in the electoral college, and

4 **WHEREAS** this results in districts of states not being represented to their fullest extent;
5 and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Congressional-District Method, also known as the Maine-Nebraska
7 Method, would allow each district a say in the electoral college and take power away from
8 states; now, therefore be it

9 **RESOLVED**, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is
10 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall
11 be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the
12 legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date
13 of its submission by the Congress:

ARTICLE --

14 **SECTION 1:** Rights granted to states in the electoral college in the Constitution
15 are not granted to districts

16 **SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
17 appropriate legislation.
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19 Introduced by Tyler Woods, Parker Beaven, and Matthew Heustis, Trinity High School

A Bill to Include Sales Tax on Items to Allow for Better Spending

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. All businesses must include sales tax in the price of merchandise according to the sales tax of the state they are selling in.

Section 2. Merchandise is defined as goods or services bought and sold by a business.

Business will be defined as a person, group, or company which sell goods or services

Section 3. The IRS will oversee the enforcement of this bill. Violation of Section 1 of this bill will result in a \$250 fine per day, until a business is in compliance.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January first, 2026. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Molly Kate Decker.

A Bill to Fund Initiatives to Recycle Pickle Brine for Use as a De-icer

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. Congress shall apportion \$500 million a year for each of the next five years to the Department of Transportation for the express purpose of funding initiatives in jurisdictions throughout the United States and its territories that will recycle pickle brine for reuse as a de-icer of roadways and/or sidewalks. Jurisdictions are encouraged to make use of and expand upon existing recycling infrastructure for these purposes.

SECTION 2. Pickle brine is defined as liquid with a salinity of at least 3.5% that is used to pickle and preserve cucumbers and other vegetables. Jurisdictions applying for this funding from the Department of Transportation may determine, as individual jurisdictions, whether to accept only commercially produced pickle brine or homemade brine as well. In either case, jurisdictions may take steps to increase the salinity of brine if necessary before applying it to roadways and/or sidewalks.

SECTION 3. This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Transportation, which shall additionally be tasked with establishing a fair and speedy process by which jurisdictions may apply for and receive these funds. The Department of Transportation is further encouraged to work to establish programs that collect used pickle brine from areas that do not experience icy roadways and sidewalks so that this brine may be transported to areas that are in need.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect at the start of the next fiscal year.

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

A Bill to Mandate AI Watermarks

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. Any content created using artificial intelligence (AI) within the United States and its territories is required to encode a watermark that allows for easy detection of the fact that AI was used. All foreign AI content creation services are required to abide by this same requirement in order to do business in the United States.

SECTION 2. Any domestic business found to be in violation of this legislation shall be fined \$50,000 for each infraction, with five or more infractions in a twelve-month period resulting in a five-year suspension of that business' licensure. Any international business found to be in violation of this legislation shall immediately and permanently be banned from doing business in the United States.

SECTION 3. This legislation shall be overseen by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), which shall be additionally responsible for determining what specific form these watermarks take and communicating those standards to AI-content producers.

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

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

A Resolution to Demand that the President Re-Sign the Rome Statute

1 **WHEREAS** International law and the promise of world peace are only possible when the nations of the
2 world work together to support these lofty goals; and

3 **WHEREAS** The withdrawal of the United States from the Rome Statute in 2002 dealt a serious blow to
4 our nation's credibility and to the values we claim to hold dear, both at home and abroad;
5 and

6 **WHEREAS** It is not too late to reverse course and reclaim our position as a moral leader for the entire
7 globe; now, therefore be it

8 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that the President of the United States is called upon to
9 sign back onto the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC) and reaffirm our
10 nation's commitment to upholding the work of the ICC, including our full cooperation in the
11 enforcement and execution of all ICC arrest warrants; and be it

12 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that, should the President answer this call, Congress as a whole implores all
13 Senators to vote to ratify the Rome Statute.

A Resolution to Call for the Adoption of More Culturally Resonant State Songs

- 1 **WHEREAS** A state song is a legitimate and powerful opportunity to cultivate pride for this nation via
2 each of its states; and
- 3 **WHEREAS** The majority of state songs are scarcely known even by longtime residents of the states they
4 inhabit and thus represent major missed opportunities; and
- 5 **WHEREAS** There are culturally resonant songs out there for pretty much every state, but in many cases
6 those states are not taking advantage of these musical gems; now, therefore be it
- 7 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that each state legislature is encouraged to reexamine its
8 official state song(s) (or lack thereof) and to consider replacing or supplementing any such
9 selections with a more culturally resonant song if current offerings are deemed to be
10 inadequate; and be it
- 11 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress recognizes and celebrates those states that are trailblazers in this
12 respect, specifically Colorado (“Rocky Mountain High”), Georgia (“Georgia on My Mind”),
13 Kentucky (“Blue Moon of Kentucky”), Tennessee (“Rocky Top”), and especially West
14 Virginia (“Take Me Home, Country Roads”).

A Resolution to Encourage the Recognition of Western Sahara

- 1 **WHEREAS** Principles of self-determination and democracy, which we in the United States claim to hold
2 dear, demand that we support Indigenous peoples seeking self-government, as the Sahrawi
3 people have long been attempting to do with the state of the Sahrawi Arab Democratic
4 Republic, commonly referred to as Western Sahara; and
- 5 **WHEREAS** International law and cooperation similarly demands that we respect and uphold the 1975
6 International Court of Justice Advisory Opinion on Western Sahara which found that
7 Morocco has no right to rule over Western Sahara if the Sahrawi wish to govern
8 themselves; and
- 9 **WHEREAS** Recognition of Western Sahara would have positive consequences in terms of
10 humanitarianism and local geopolitical stability, while also opening up strategic economic
11 and defense opportunities for the United States in the region; now, therefore be it
- 12 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that the Executive Branch is strongly encouraged to
13 recognize the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic and to establish an embassy in El Aaiún as
14 soon as is practicable; and be it
- 15 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress encourages the rest of the international community to make haste
16 in following suit.