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# A Bill to Protect and Relocate Orca and Beluga Whales

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1           **SECTION 1.**   This bill would ban the confinement and mandate the  
2           release of Orca  
3           and Beluga whales in aquariums; this excludes certified, non-profit rescue  
4           and release programs.

5           **SECTION 2.**   Defined:

- 6           - Release - allow or enable to escape from confinement; set free  
7           - Aquarium - an establishment where aquatic organisms are kept and exhibited

8           **SECTION 3.**   This bill would be overseen by:

- 9           A. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) along  
10           with the Fish and Wildlife Service - to provide scientific research on the  
11           welfare of captive Orcas and Belugas, administer appropriate  
12           relocation if needed, provide the logistics for the rehabilitation process,  
13           such as working with sanctuaries or coordinating the release into the  
14           wild, and ensure protection for animals once they are released.  
15           B. State and Local Governments - to help oversee the release from  
16           aquariums and ensure safe interstate relocation.

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18   **SECTION 4.** If animals can not be safely placed back into the natural environment then  
19   they would be released to the custody of non profit rescue and release programs for  
20   further evaluation.

21           **SECTION 4.**   If not followed, resisting aquariums will be fined 500,000  
22           USD and will have NOAA permits removed.

23           **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect on January 1st 2026. All laws  
24           in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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## A Bill to Repeal PAFACA and Save TikTok

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

**SECTION 1.** Congress hereby repeals the 2024 Protecting Americans from Foreign Adversary Controlled Applications Act (PAFACA).

**SECTION 2.** Consequently, ByteDance Ltd. and its subsidiaries, including TikTok, shall no longer be banned within the United States and its territories, regardless of whether or not those entities are divested as previously stipulated by PAFACA.

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

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

## 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 Bill for a Green District of Columbia

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** By the year 2030, the District of Columbia (Washington, D.C.) shall be entirely powered  
3 through local renewable energy, namely a combination of wind and solar power.

4 **SECTION 2.** Solar panels and wind turbines shall be constructed on federal lands throughout  
5 Washington, D.C., in order to achieve this goal. Private citizens and business owners who  
6 agree to allow construction of solar panels or wind turbines on their property shall be  
7 compensated accordingly for their cooperation with this initiative—for costs incurred in  
8 construction and maintenance as well as for any power they subsequently feed into the  
9 grid.

10 **SECTION 3.** Congress shall ensure adequate funding is provided for the achievement of this goal.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Council of the District of Columbia.

12 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

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

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

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that, should the President answer this call, Congress as a whole implores all 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.

## A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Revoke the Presidential Power to Pardon

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

5   **ARTICLE —**

6     **SECTION 1.** The power of the President to “grant Reprieves and Pardons for Offences against the  
7                     United States” (as described in Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution) shall be  
8                     unconditionally revoked.

9     **SECTION 2.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

## A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Establish a Right to Healthcare

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

5                                     **ARTICLE —**

6     **SECTION 1.** All citizens of the United States and its territories are henceforth entitled to comprehensive  
7                     healthcare free of charge.

8     **SECTION 2.** Comprehensive healthcare shall include at minimum preventative, urgent, and emergency  
9                     care in the areas of traditional healthcare, dental care, ophthalmological care, and  
10                    behavioral healthcare.

11    **SECTION 3.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

## A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Provide Senatorial Representation for Inhabited Territories

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

5   **ARTICLE —**

6     **SECTION 1.** The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State and  
7                     one Senator from each inhabited Territory, to be elected in accordance with the 17th  
8                     Amendment of the Constitution.

9     **SECTION 2.** For the time being, this means each of the following territories shall gain one Senator:  
10                    Puerto Rico, Guam, U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and Northern Mariana Islands.  
11                    Puerto Rico and Guam shall elect their first Senators in the next general election  
12                    practicable following ratification, U.S. Virgin Islands and American Samoa shall elect their  
13                    first Senators two years later, and Northern Mariana Islands shall elect its first Senator two  
14                    years following that.

15    **SECTION 3.** Should the United States acquire additional inhabited Territories following ratification,  
16                    Senatorial representation shall be bestowed accordingly.

17    **SECTION 4.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.