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A Bill To Suspend Foreign Assistance Aid to Israel

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **Section 1.** The United States Federal Government shall withhold all foreign
2. assistance aid from the state of Israel until:
3. a) The Israel Military withdraws from the Gaza Strip
4. b) All Israeli Settlements are removed from the West Bank
5. c) The State of Israel implements universal suffrage for all eligible
6. persons living within the boundaries Israel controls.
7. **Section 2.** “foreign assistance aid” refers to all material for commercial, military,
8. and civilian aid purposes sent by The United States Federal
9. Government to the nation of Israel.
10. “Israeli Settlements” are defined as settlements with a majority
11. Jewish and Israeli citizen population.
12. The “West Bank” is defined as land not under the sovereignty of
13. Israel, west of the Jordan river, and East of Israel sovereign land.
14. **Section 3.** The United States Agency for International Development will oversee
15. the enforcement of this bill.
16. **Section 4.** This Legislation will take effect February 3rd, 2025
17. **Section 5.** All Laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
18. void.

Respectfully submitted by Sprague High School

A Bill to fund a NASA-operated factory.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. This act may be cited as the “Spacecraft Manufacturing Act.”

SECTION 2. Provisions

(a.) \$10 billion will be allocated to NASA for a 10-year period to construct a facility for mass assembly of spacecraft and assisting space-based equipment.

(b.) If deadlines are missed or funds run out, 3% of NASA’s annual budget will be dedicated to the project until completion, subject to modification by Congress.

Remaining funds after project completion will be returned to the U.S. Treasury.

(c.) In times of underutilization, NASA may lease the facility to private entities. All activities must comply with NASA regulations and transparency requirements.

SECTION 3. Funding

(a.) To fund the act, tobacco and alcohol taxes will increase by 5% and 6%.

SECTION 4. Timing

(a.) This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026. The construction deadline is January 1, 2036, to which Section 2B will apply.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Representative Hart.

A Bill to Require International Education in Public Schools

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS 1 HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

*2 SECTION 1. All US public schools receiving federal funding must ensure that all
graduating students not on modified diplomas complete 2 credits of World History as
well as one credit of current world affairs during their high school tenure.*

*4 SECTION 2. World History shall be defined as the study of human history from a
global perspective, encompassing the entirety of Earth's past, from both sides of each
conflict.*

*World social studies shall be defined as what's going on around the world and how its
impact not only our country but all other countries.*

*5 SECTION 3. This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Education, which
shall be tasked with completing compliance audits on the basis of every 4 years. The
penalty for non-compliant school districts shall be a 10% decrease at federal funding.*

9 SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect beginning September 1, 2027.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate

by Emilia Hildreth

A BILL

to help raise funds to combat gambling addictions and increase research into gambling addictions.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1.

This Act may be cited as the “Gambling Problem Act”.

SECTION 2.

- A. Gambling will be defined as playing games for a chance of money.
- B. The gambling industry/establishments will be defined as allowing consumers to wager something of value on an event with an uncertain outcome, the main intent being to win money or material goods that includes online gambling and sports betting.
- C. The term “United States resident” means any individual who is a United States citizen or a resident alien and does not have a tax home in a foreign country, or is a nonresident alien and has a tax home in the United States, and any corporation, trust, or estate which is a United States person.
- D. Gambling addiction is defined as a condition in which gambling becomes an addiction and interferes with a person's daily life despite the negative consequences.
- E. Addiction will be defined as being physically and/or mentally dependent on something, and unable to stop doing it without incurring adverse effects.
- F. Profits will be defined as a financial gain, especially the difference between the amount earned, and the amount spent in buying, operating, or producing something.
- G. Stock market will be defined as a vast, complex network of trading activities where shares of companies are bought and sold

SECTION 3.

Each and every gambling game or round that results in a profit for the Gaming Establishment .03% of the profits, which are over a dollar, are to support research and care for United States residents who have issues as a result of gambling addictions.

- A. 75% of the funds will be distributed to the states for gambling addiction prevention and treatment through the existing Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant program.
- B. 25% of the funds will go to the National Institute of Drug Abuse to fund grants for research into gambling addiction.

SECTION 4.

This ACT will not apply to the stock market or investments

SECTION 5.

The Department of Commerce shall be responsible for overseeing the implementation of this piece of legislation. A reporting mechanism shall be established to allow entities to report anyone not following this bill.

SECTION 6.

- A. The Secretary of Health and Human Services to submit a report to Congress on the effectiveness of the program within three years of passage.
- B. The findings shall be to assess the effectiveness of the legislation and any necessary modifications or additional protections that may be required.

SECTION 7.

This legislation shall take effect on January 1st, 2026. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void. A review of existing pertinent laws shall be conducted within one year of enactment to ensure continued compliance and necessary amendments to be made.

SECTION 8.

If any provision of this legislation, or the application of such provisions to any person or circumstance, is determined to be unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions of this legislation shall continue in effect.

This Legislation proposed by Battle Ground High School

A BILL

To require the evaluation and standardization of suicide prevention and provide optional supports by the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1.

This Act may be cited as the “Save Our Servicemembers Act ”

SECTION. 2.

Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness shall—

(1) direct the Defense Suicide Prevention Office to collaborate with each Secretary of a military department—

(A) to develop and implement a process to ensure that individual non-clinical suicide prevention efforts are assessed for effectiveness among members of the Armed Forces; and

(B) to develop consistent suicide-related definitions to be used throughout the Department of Defense;

(2) require the use of suicide-related definitions developed under paragraph (1)(B) to be used in any updated policies of the Department of Defense or any military department; and

(3) enhance collaboration between the Defense Suicide Prevention Office and the Psychological Health Center of Excellence on the production of annual suicide reports to minimize duplication of efforts by the Department of Defense.

SECTION. 3.

The Department of Defense shall be responsible for overseeing the implementation of this piece of legislation.

SECTION. 3.

This legislation shall take effect on January 1st, 2027. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void. A review of existing pertinent laws shall be conducted

within one year of enactment to ensure continued compliance and necessary amendments to be made. If any provision of this legislation, or the application of such provisions to any person or circumstance, is determined to be unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions of this legislation shall continue in effect

Legislation introduced by Battle Ground High School

A BILL

To require vessels that are transporting coal commercially to be equipped with wind harnessing technology while in transit.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. This Act may be cited as the “Wind Application Technology for the Environment and Resources Act” or the “WATER Act”.

SECTION 2. WIND HARNESSING TECHNOLOGY.

- a) Wind harnessing technology will be defined as equipment that uses the kinetic energy created by wind in order to generate forward momentum on a vessel.
 - i) This includes but is not limited to kites, sails, or parachutes.
- b) This technology will be attached to vessels while in use, and properly stowed while not. This requirement will also be in place while not transporting U.S. produced coal.

SECTION 3. VESSEL REQUIREMENTS.

- a) Vessels for commercial coal transportation include but are not limited to barges, cargo ships, bulk carriers, and sailboats.
- b) All vessels carrying more than 500 tons including the weight of the vessel will be required to use wind harnessing technology.
 - i) This is restricted exclusively to commercial vessels.
 - ii) Wind harnessing technology will be required both before and after the purification process has taken place.
- c) Vessels will be required to have at least one (1) individual on board who is trained and skilled in the use of the chosen wind harnessing technology.
 - i) This individual may not be a ship captain, navigation officer, or pilot on the vessel, but they may serve any other position.
 - ii) This individual (as well as the additional equipment) will be paid for with money previously set aside for diesel expenses.
 - 1) Individual companies will determine the salaries of these employee

SECTION 4. OTHER PROPULSION MECHANISMS.

- a) Engines may be used on transport vessels while they are not carrying coal, if the crew so wishes.
- b) While transporting coal, engines may only be used for the purposes of stabilizing ships in the event of poor weather conditions.
 - i) Poor weather conditions will be defined as winds over 30 knots (kts), wind within 30 degrees of desired heading, and in waterways less than 3 nautical miles (NM) wide.
 - ii) Wind harnessing technology must be used at all times, even while the engine is running, unless it poses a threat to the life or well-being of any individual aboard the vessel.

SECTION 5. ENACTMENT.

- a) The enactment of this legislation will be overseen by the U.S. Department of Commerce
- b) This legislation will be in effect as of January 1st, 2026.
- c) All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Resolution to have our national dinosaur be a Brachiosaurus

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1.

This resolution may be cited as the “Brachiosaurus National Dinosaur”

SECTION. 2.

The Brachiosaurus will now be considered the United States of America’s National Dinosaur

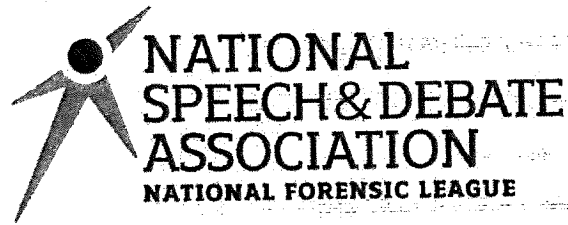
SECTION. 3.

Congress shall be responsible for overseeing the implementation of this resolution.

SECTION. 4.

This legislation shall take effect on January 1st, 2027.

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A Bill to Repeal PAFACA and Save TikTok

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** Congress hereby repeals the 2024 Protecting Americans from Foreign Adversary Controlled
- 3 Applications Act (PAFACA).
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Consequently, ByteDance Ltd. and its subsidiaries, including TikTok, shall no longer be
- 5 banned within the United States and its territories, regardless of whether or not those
- 6 entities are divested as previously stipulated by PAFACA.
- 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 Bill to Fund Initiatives to Recycle Pickle Brine for Use as a De-icer

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

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

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

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

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

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

A Bill to Mandate AI Watermarks

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

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

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

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

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

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

A Bill for a Green District of Columbia

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- 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.

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.

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:

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.

Bill to increase pay to Federal Wildland Firefighters

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall increase Federal Wildland Firefighter pay up to 5% which
2 would be an extra \$2,450 a year to their starting income of \$27,000 for
3 their treacherous duties in combating and suppressing dangerous wildfires
4 that occur. This increase of pay will work alongside the General Schedule,
5 which will increase by 5% depending on their current position grade. The
6 members with higher grades won't receive as much as the lower grades.

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8 **SECTION 2.** General Schedule is a pay schedule that has different position grades,
9 grades are different tiers of ranking in the Federal Government.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Agriculture and the Department of The Interior shall
11 oversee the funding of the Federal Wildland Firefighters.

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13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on June 1st 2025. All laws in conflict with
14 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Alessandra Lalicata of Bandon High School.