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A Bill to End Federal Recognition of Presidents' Day

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Washington's Birthday, commonly known as Presidents' Day and celebrated on the third
3 Monday of February, shall no longer be recognized or observed as a federal holiday.

4 **SECTION 2.** On the third Monday in February, all federal government offices shall remain open, stock
5 market trading shall continue as normal, and federal government employees shall not be
6 eligible for any special leave.

7 **SECTION 3.** State and local governments and private businesses may choose to continue recognizing
8 and observing Presidents' Day/Washington's Birthday if they see fit, but they are
9 discouraged from doing so.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

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

A Bill to Protect Children from Social Media

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** No social media platform shall permit citizens of the United States under the age of 16 to
3 sign up for or maintain an account on their service. It shall be the responsibility of social
4 media platforms to monitor and ensure the ages of their users in order to comply with this
5 legislation.

6 **SECTION 2.** The 42 USC § 1862w(a)(2) definition of a social media platform shall be utilized: “a website
7 or internet medium that— (A) permits a person to become a registered user, establish an
8 account, or create a profile for the purpose of allowing users to create, share, and view
9 user-generated content through such an account or profile; (B) enables 1 or more users to
10 generate content that can be viewed by other users of the medium; and (C) primarily
11 serves as a medium for users to interact with content generated by other users of the
12 medium.”

13 **SECTION 3.** Any domestic social media platform that violates this legislation shall be fined \$5000 for
14 each underaged user found to be registered and/or maintaining an account on their
15 service. Any domestic platform with more than 10 violations in a 365-day period shall be
16 banned from conducting business for a period of at least 5 years. Any foreign social media
17 platform that violates this legislation shall be immediately and permanently blocked from
18 all United States’ web servers and devices.

19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

20 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect on January 19, 2026.

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

A Bill to Fund Brush Clearance in California and Other Wildfire Prone Areas

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall allocate an additional \$1 billion per year to the United States Department of
3 Agriculture Forest Service (USFS) for the express purpose of funding brush clearance in
4 forests in California and other areas prone to wildfire.

5 **SECTION 2.** This legislation shall be overseen by the USFS, which shall be tasked, among other things,
6 with determining which areas to focus on for brush clearance and how best to delegate this
7 work.

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

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

A Bill to Relinquish Machias Seal Island

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States hereby relinquishes all claim to Machias Seal Island and fully recognizes
3 Canada's sovereignty over this territory and its surrounding waters.

4 **SECTION 2.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of State.

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

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

A Bill to Increase Teacher Prestige and Expertise

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** All full-time teachers in public schools of the United States are hereby required to possess a
3 master's degree from an accredited university in teaching, education, or a closely related
4 field.

5 **SECTION 2.** Any teacher employed at the time of passage is exempted from this requirement for the
6 remainder of their teaching career.

7 **SECTION 3.** Any school district found to be employing teachers who are, by the terms of this legislation,
8 underqualified shall lose federal funding until such time as compliance is reached.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Education.

10 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

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

An Act to Award a Posthumous Congressional Gold Medal to Jimmy Carter

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate
3 shall make appropriate arrangements for the posthumous award, on behalf of Congress, of
4 a gold medal of appropriate design to James Earl Carter Jr., in recognition of his service to
5 the United States as president, as peace advocate, and in many other capacities besides.

6 **SECTION 2.** As soon as may be arranged, this award shall be presented to Jimmy Carter’s children—
7 John "Jack" Carter, James "Chip" Carter III, Donnel "Jeff" Carter, and Amy Lynn Carter—and
8 their families at a ceremony planned for this purpose.

9 **SECTION 3.** For the purpose of the award referred to in Section 1, the Secretary of the Treasury
10 (referred to in this Act as the "Secretary") shall strike a gold medal with suitable emblems,
11 devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the Secretary.

12 **SECTION 4.** There is authorized to be charged against the United States Mint Public Enterprise Fund
13 such amounts as may be necessary to pay for the costs of the medals struck under this Act.
14 The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in bronze of the gold medal described in
15 Section 2 under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, at a price sufficient to
16 cover the cost thereof, including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead
17 expenses, and the cost of the gold medal. The amounts received from the sale of duplicate
18 medals shall be deposited in the United States Mint Public Enterprise Fund.

A Resolution to Invigorate the Greenlandic Independence Movement

1 **WHEREAS** Greenland is a proud nation with a distinct and unique cultural and geopolitical identity that
2 is in danger of being diluted by foreign influences; and

3 **WHEREAS** Connections between Greenland and Denmark have long been tenuous and are only
4 becoming weaker as time goes on, making Denmark's control of Greenland increasingly
5 absurd and indefensible; and

6 **WHEREAS** It is a contravention of our nation's most deeply cherished values to stand by as this
7 shamefully antiquated vestige of European colonialism persists well into the 21st century;
8 now, therefore be it

9 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that movements among Greenlanders to attain total
10 independence and sovereignty are strongly endorsed and encouraged; and be it

11 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress shall consider legislative action to support Greenlanders in their
12 fight for independence and to respect and facilitate Greenlanders in realizing their post-
13 colonial ambitions, whatever form those may take.

A Resolution to Demand the President Sign the Law of the Sea Treaty

- 1 **WHEREAS** Successful international maritime commerce and marine activities require shared values,
2 goals, and standards; and
- 3 **WHEREAS** The failure of our nation to join with and support the international community in the United
4 Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) amounts to an unfair abuse of our
5 unparalleled power on the global stage and limits our neighbors from meeting their own
6 economic potential; and
- 7 **WHEREAS** Becoming party to UNCLOS would also serve to benefit national security and better position
8 us to collaborate with our neighbors to protect ocean ecosystems; now, therefore be it
- 9 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that the President is called upon to sign onto UNCLOS and
10 so at long last to affirm our nation's commitment to equitable and fair maritime commerce
11 and marine activities between nations; 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 UNCLOS.

A Resolution to Decry the Presence of Foreign Global Leaders at Inaugurations of the United States

- 1 **WHEREAS** A major United States' political figure recently extended invitations to a number of foreign
2 global leaders to attend his inauguration; and
- 3 **WHEREAS** The longstanding tradition of not inviting global leaders to inaugurations sends an important
4 message regarding the priorities and loyalties of United States' politicians to our nation and
5 its citizens first and foremost; now, therefore be it
- 6 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that the invitation of foreign global leaders to attend
7 United States' inaugurations is roundly decried; and be it
- 8 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that, should political figures continue to violate this long-standing precedent,
9 Congress shall consider taking legislative action to ban the presence of foreign global
10 leaders at inaugurations.



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:

6 **SECTION 1.** The twenty-second article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States is hereby
7 repealed.

8 **SECTION 2.** Henceforth, no person shall be limited in the number of times they may be elected to the
9 office of President.

10 **SECTION 3.** This article shall apply to all future persons elected to the office of President, as well as to
11 whoever holds the office at the time of ratification.

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A Bill to Restrict Posting Children's Identity on Public Social Media Platforms

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** We hereby prohibit the posting of children under the age of consent on any
2 public social media platform.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Children under the age of consent, or 18 years of age, are prohibited to
4 post personal information regarding date of birth, and home address.
5 Likewise, detailed photos of a child's face are prohibited from posting.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will oversee and enforce
7 this regulation.
- 8 A. Identification analyzing technology, used on various media platforms,
9 will be implemented across all forms of social media.
- 10 B. Accounts that violate this regulation will be reported and banned from
11 the platform.
- 12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with
13 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Effectively Ban Vapes in the U.S.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Vapes that contain more than 0.5% nicotine are to be effectively banned in
2 the United States; i.e. the prohibition of the sale and purchasing of vapes
3 that contain more than 0.5% nicotine.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Vape is defined as inhale and exhale vapor containing over 0.5% nicotine
5 and flavoring produced by a device designed for this purpose.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** The FDA will oversee the enactment and continued upkeep of this
7 legislation.
- 8 A. This bill does not affect the sale or purchase of vapor products that do
9 not contain nicotine.
- 10 B. Funding for the upkeep and enactment of this legislation is projected to
11 cost \$250 million dollars which would be procured by taking funding
12 out of the existing military budget and a substantial fine of \$2,000 for
13 anyone found in violation of the sale portion of this legislation.
- 14 C. Anyone found in violation of the purchasing portion of this legislation
15 shall have the vape confiscated as if it were any other illegal item with
16 no additional charge or punishment.
- 17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on December 1st, 2026. All laws in conflict
18 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Alex Irigoyen.