

**KS Flint Hills
NSDA Starter
Legislation
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A Bill to Abolish the Department of Education

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Education is hereby abolished.

3 **SECTION 2.** All former duties of the Department of Education shall be either abandoned or reassigned
4 to other agencies, at the discretion of the President of the United States.

5 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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

A Resolution to Encourage the Recognition of Northern Cyprus

1 **WHEREAS** As of this past July, the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, commonly known as Northern
2 Cyprus, has been the de facto government of the northeastern portion of the island of
3 Cyprus for half a century; and

4 **WHEREAS** Official recognition by and normalized relations with the international community would do
5 enormous good for the nearly 400,000 people who call this territory home; and

6 **WHEREAS** Movement in this direction would also be enormously beneficial for relations between the
7 United States and Turkey; now, therefore be it

8 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that the Executive Branch is strongly encouraged to
9 recognize the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and to establish an embassy in North
10 Nicosia as soon as is practicable; and be it

11 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress encourages the rest of the international community to make haste
12 in following suit.

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Delink Felony Convictions from Enfranchisement

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

ARTICLE —

SECTION 1. No citizen shall have their right to vote infringed at any point or for any amount of time on account of having been accused or convicted of a felony.

SECTION 2. All citizens who are, at the time of ratification, disenfranchised for such reasons shall immediately have their right to vote restored.

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

A Bill to Institute Siesta in Federal Offices

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. All federal offices shall redesign their schedules to provide three full hours of off-time in the middle of the work day to allow employees time for siesta. Employees may stay at their worksite for siesta, or they may leave the premises.

SECTION 2. A siesta is defined as resting or napping during the middle of the day, a practice with wide-ranging and well-documented health benefits.

SECTION 3. Federal offices are encouraged to provide space for employees to take their siesta on the premises. Congress shall apportion an additional \$500 million annually to the Department of Health to be used to support workplaces in preparing spaces and purchasing supplies for siesta. Non-federal workplaces may also apply for these funds and are encouraged to enact similar practices for the health and well-being of their employees.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall be jointly overseen by the Department of Health and the Department of Labor.

SECTION 5. This legislation shall take effect January 1, 2026.

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

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Establish the Right to Secede

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

ARTICLE —

SECTION 1. The right of the people to secede from these United States shall not be infringed.

SECTION 2. To secede, the voters of a state must gather a number of signatures equal to three-quarters of the total voter registration of that state at least 90 days prior to the date of the next general election, which shall result in a secession measure appearing on the ballot for that election. If the voters approve the measure with a two-thirds majority, the state in question shall secede from the United States.

SECTION 3. The federal government is directed to facilitate any successful secessions and to establish immediate and productive diplomatic relations with the resulting nation, or, should the seceding state join with an existing nation, to maintain diplomatic relations with that nation.

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

A Bill to End Aid for Ukraine

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall halt the transfer of weapons, supplies, and any other form of aid to
3 Ukraine immediately and indefinitely.

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

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 Block AI in Schools

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** All schools and universities throughout the United States are ordered to enact firewalls
3 blocking student access to websites and applications that enable users to leverage artificial
4 intelligence (AI) in any way that could potentially facilitate academic dishonesty.

5 **SECTION 2.** Any school or university found to be in violation of this legislation shall lose access to
6 federal funding until such time as compliance is reached.

7 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Education and the Federal
8 Communications Commission (FCC). In addition to monitoring and enforcing
9 implementation, these agencies shall be responsible for producing a list of websites and
10 applications that must be banned, publishing and proliferating that list at least 30 days
11 prior to the date of implementation, and maintaining that list regularly and transparently.

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

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

A Bill to Expand the Protections of the Animal Welfare Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966, Pub. L. 89–544, is hereby amended to
3 eliminate the law’s exclusion of cold-blooded animals from its protections.

4 **SECTION 2.** Birds, rats of the genus *Rattus*, mice of the genus *Mus*, and farm animals shall remain
5 excluded.

6 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be jointly overseen by the Department of Agriculture and the Animal
7 and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

A Resolution to Discourage Celebrity Political Endorsements

- 1 **WHEREAS** A celebrity political endorsement is a textbook example of the “appeal to celebrity” logical
2 fallacy; and
- 3 **WHEREAS** The very nature of a representative democracy is founded on a recognition that political
4 decision making is a time-consuming and complex process necessitating years of study and
5 experience as well as total occupational devotion; and
- 6 **WHEREAS** Most celebrities lack the time and expertise to weigh in ethically on such matters; and
- 7 **WHEREAS** Endorsements made by celebrities can therefore be harmful to the best interests of a
8 republic; now, therefore be it
- 9 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that celebrities, including but not limited to actors,
10 musicians, and social media personalities, are strongly discouraged from making political
11 endorsements or otherwise weighing in on political matters; and be it
- 12 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress similarly encourages celebrities who wish to express their support
13 for any specific politicians or political causes through donations to do so anonymously.

A Bill to Establish an AI Energy Tax

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Any energy costs incurred by a technological enterprise in order to provide artificial
3 intelligence (AI) services shall be taxed at a rate of 25% each month.

4 **SECTION 2.** Such technological enterprises shall be wholly responsible for faithfully reporting to their
5 energy providers how much of their energy costs result from AI services each month.
6 Failure to report accurately shall result in a fine equal to ten times the amount of the
7 underreported energy costs.

8 **SECTION 3.** Funds raised through these taxes shall be used to support and, if possible, expand the
9 Department of Energy's renewable energy subsidies.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Energy, and this agency shall be
11 responsible for monitoring compliance.

12 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

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

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Decrease Bias in Electoral College Representation

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

ARTICLE —

SECTION 1. Paragraph three of Article II of the Constitution shall be amended to read, “Each State shall appoint, in such Manner as the Legislature thereof may direct, a Number of Electors, equal to the whole Number of Representatives to which the State may be entitled in the Congress: but no Senator or Representative, or Person holding an Office of Trust or Profit under the United States, shall be appointed an Elector.”

SECTION 2. That is, Senatorial representation shall no longer be reflected in the Electoral College.

SECTION 3. The implications of the 23rd Amendment shall be similarly adapted, so that the Federal District shall experience a commensurate reduction in representation in the Electoral College. That is, the Federal District shall lose two Electors.

SECTION 4. This shall bring the total number of Electors to 436, making 219 the number required for a majority.

SECTION 5. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

A Bill to Provide Full Funding for NPR

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall henceforth provide total funding for the operations of National Public Radio
3 (NPR). NPR shall be barred from seeking and obtaining funding through corporate
4 sponsorships, member donations, or any other means.

5 **SECTION 2.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

6 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall take effect at the start of the next legislative fiscal year.

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

A Bill to Fund Free Public Municipal Restrooms

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall establish an annual fund of \$500 million to support the construction and
3 maintenance of restrooms in municipal areas that shall be free to the public and open 24
4 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year (closing only for cleaning, maintenance, and
5 repairs).

6 **SECTION 2.** These funds shall be managed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development
7 (HUD), which shall establish a program that enables municipalities to apply for, receive, and
8 utilize these funds. Congress directs HUD to ensure this process promotes the construction
9 of public restrooms in areas that would most benefit from them.

10 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall take effect at the start of the next congressional fiscal year.

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

The Oceania Unity and Statehood Act (The O.U.S.A.)

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** The territories of Guam, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands are hereby
3 joined with the State of Hawaii. Together, these shall become a new state to be named
4 American Oceania, replacing Hawaii as the fiftieth state and standing on an equal footing
5 with the other states in all respects.

6 **SECTION 2.** The governments of these entities are instructed to collaborate to compose and ratify a
7 state constitution no later than one year from the passage of this bill and shall continue to
8 enforce those laws that currently exist until this has been achieved.

9 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

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

A Bill to Legalize Hitchhiking on Interstates

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. Hitchhiking is hereby legalized along all entrance ramps of at least 1000 feet in length throughout the Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, so long as hitchhikers keep at least 1000 feet from the ramp's junction with the highway when seeking a ride. Hitchhikers may henceforth seek rides at designated rest areas as well.

SECTION 2. Barring an emergency, motorists are prohibited from dropping off hitchhikers anywhere along the Interstate Highway System with the exception of designated rest areas. Motorists may also exit the interstate and release a hitchhiker on any other nearby road.

SECTION 3. A hitchhiker under sixteen years of age must be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall be overseen by the Federal Highway Administration.

SECTION 5. This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

A Bill to Enable Student Debt to Be Unconditionally Discharged Through Bankruptcy

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** No longer shall a debtor be required to show “undue hardship” (section 523(a)(8) of the
3 Bankruptcy Code) in order to discharge student debt via bankruptcy. Student debt shall
4 henceforth be indistinguishable from other forms of debt as far as bankruptcy law is
5 concerned.

6 **SECTION 2.** This legislation shall be overseen by the United States Trustee Program, a component of
7 the Department of Justice.

8 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

A Bill to Reduce the De Minimis Tax Exemption

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Items imported into the United States shall be subject to duty if their value exceeds \$200
3 (USD).

4 **SECTION 2.** This legislation shall be overseen by Customs and Border Protection.

5 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

A Bill to Legalize Election Betting

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** The placing of bets on the outcomes of elections shall no longer be banned within the
3 United States.

4 **SECTION 2.** Like all forms of gambling, election betting must be conducted by an authorized, certified,
5 and regulated agency.

6 **SECTION 3.** Revenue earned from election betting shall be taxed at a rate of 20%, with funds raised
7 through this tax to be turned over to the Federal Election Commission (FEC).

8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

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

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