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The National Autobahn Network Act of 2025

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government shall authorize the creation of a
2 National Autobahn Network: a new system of high-speed, limited-access
3 highways designed to operate parallel to existing interstate highways, within
4 5–10 miles of current routes where feasible.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** The National Autobahn Network shall initially include the following corridors:
6 1. Houston, TX to Los Angeles, CA; 2. Chicago, IL to Kansas City, MO; 3. Detroit,
7 MI to Chicago, IL; 4. Boston, MA to Washington, DC (via New York City and
8 Philadelphia). Each corridor shall feature four lanes in each direction and be
9 constructed to allow unrestricted speed travel outside high-density
10 metropolitan zones. In said zones, the speed limit shall be as posted as the
11 maximum for that state
- 12 **SECTION 3.** The National Autobahn Network shall be funded by: A 1.15% increase in the
13 corporate tax rate. Along with a 1.05% increase in the income tax rates for the
14 second-highest and highest income tax brackets, while also taxing a 1.03% tax
15 on stock portfolios valued at over 3 million dollars
- 16 A. \$500 billion shall be allocated to the National Highway Budget for
17 construction over a 15 year period, beginning on January 1, 2028.
18 B. An additional \$35 billion per year shall be allocated for maintenance,
19 sourced to the National Highway Budget.
20 C. Any overflow of the budget will be split 75/25 between the Department of
21 Education and the Department of Veterans Affairs
22 D. The construction of the National Autobahn Network shall not replace, alter,
23 or interfere with existing interstate highways, and shall be entirely new
24 construction to minimize disruption of current commercial and local traffic.
- 24 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect January 1st, 2027. All laws in conflict with this
25 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hillcrest High School.

The Bye-Bye One Big Beautiful Bill Act (BBOBBBA)

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** Public Law 119–21 (the One Big Beautiful Bill Act) is hereby fully and unconditionally
- 3 repealed, with all relevant statutes to be restored to their statuses prior to that legislation.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.
- 5 **SECTION 3.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Implement a Federal Jobs Guarantee

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. A program to provide any voluntary, working-age individual with a living-wage job and benefits shall be implemented.

Section 2. Job shall be defined as any construction, service, environmental restoration, or caregiving employment through the government. A living wage shall be defined as \$15 per hour. Benefits shall be defined as health insurance (including vision, dental, and medical). Working age shall be defined as any individual between the ages of 18-65.

Section 3. The Department of Labor will oversee the enforcement of this bill.

A. This program shall be funded through deficit spending in accordance with Modern Monetary Theory (MMT).

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 Highland Highschool.

A Bill to Provide a Simple, Common-Sense Resolution to the Hudson Islands Dispute

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Hudson River islands of Ellis Island, Liberty Island, and Shooters Island shall henceforth
3 exist entirely under the dominion of New Jersey and shall be shared in no part with New
4 York.

5 **SECTION 2.** Those portions of these islands that are under federal ownership and operation shall
6 continue to be administered in the same manner.

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

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

A Bill to Grant More Federal Funding To The DOE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1: The Department of Education shall receive a grant for more federal funding to give to schools across the country that are Struggling or require extra funding to function and teach students. The Department of Education shall be granted \$200 billion at the start of the next fiscal year to execute this.

SECTION 2:

A.) *“Struggling Schools”* shall be defined as low-performing or failing schools that are generally defined by consistently poor academic performance, negative school climate, and systemic issues in leadership and resources. The criteria can vary by state and the specific accountability metrics used, such as those established by the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

B.) *"Schools in Need To Function"* shall be defined as underfunded or under-resourced schools. They are most commonly identified by inequities that lead to insufficient financial support, which impacts their ability to provide an adequate education.

SECTION 3. Congress itself shall oversee the implementation of this bill and take appropriate measures to ensure the bill follows certain guidelines.

A.) Congress shall provide funding by allocating budgetary resources towards the department and its various sub-components. The allocated money will be coming from the Federal Government and from the Department of Health and Human Welfare.

B.) Both the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Welfare shall combine funding at the start of the next fiscal year and distribute said funding across the Department of Education's sub-components (Mainly the OESE, FSA, OSERS, OELA, OCR, OCTAE, and IES to better provide for students across the country.)

SECTION 4. This legislation will take place at the start of the next fiscal year. Any laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Twin Falls High School.

A Bill to Fund the Completion of the East Coast Greenway

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall allocate \$500 million per year for each of the next five years to the
3 Department of Transportation (DOT) to fund completion of the approximately 2,000
4 remaining miles of the East Coast Greenway (ECG), thereby linking Calais, Maine, to Key
5 West, Florida, with trails built for pedestrians and cyclists.

6 **SECTION 2.** The DOT shall oversee the implementation of this legislation and shall be tasked with
7 designing an efficient, equitable, accessible process by which states and other jurisdictions
8 may apply for and receive funding to complete their portions of the ECG.

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

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

A Bill to Add Mental Health Days to School Absence Policies

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All school districts must allow 10 mental health verified absences per school
2 year. These absences will not give students and punishments on activities or
3 grades. Any school district found in violation will have their funding will be
4 cut in half until their violation is fixed.
5 School districts will have 3 months following the first violation to fix any
6 issues before losing funding.
- 7 **SECTION 2.** A mental health day will be defined as follows - a day any person takes off
8 from work or other responsibilities to focus on their mental well-being.
- 9 **SECTION 3.** The department of education will oversee that all districts are following this
10 legislation and will ensure those not in compliance face punishment as
11 outlined.
- 12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be enacted July 31, 2025. All laws in conflict with this
13 legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Idaho Falls High School.

A Bill to Provide for Automatic Facial Copyrighting

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** All citizens and residents of the United States and its territories henceforth shall
3 automatically possess full and unconditional copyright on their own faces and any images
4 or likenesses thereof, excluding normal exceptions such as Fair Use.

5 **SECTION 2.** Any person, corporation, or other entity wishing to use a citizen or resident's face in a
6 manner protected by copyright law must obtain explicit written permission and provide
7 just compensation or face civil and, under extreme circumstances, criminal penalties. This
8 shall include any future usage of faces by artificial intelligence services.

9 **SECTION 3.** When a citizen or resident passes away, the copyright to their face shall pass to their heirs
10 of beneficiaries as part of their estate. If none are named, relevant laws of interstate
11 succession shall come to bear. The copyright shall remain enforceable by its rightful
12 owner(s) for 70 years following the death of its original owner, after which point the face in
13 question shall enter the public domain. This provision shall not apply retroactively to those
14 who are already deceased at the time this legislation takes effect.

15 **SECTION 4.** The Copyright Office of the Library of Congress shall oversee implementation of this
16 legislation.

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

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

A Bill to Implement an Annual Renewal Test for Elder Drivers

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Adults over the age of 65, that wish to continue to drive,
2 must take and pass a mandatory annual test to renew their license to drive
3 a non-self driving vehicle.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** A non-self driving vehicle shall be defined as a vehicle that
5 requires a human driver to operate and control its movement, navigation,
6 and other driving functions.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) shall oversee
8 implementation of this bill.
- 9 A. This mandatory test shall be developed and administered by the
10 Department of Motor Vehicles.
- 11 B. Funding amounting to shall be reallocated from the Department of
12 Defense for development of the test.
- 13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2026. All laws in
14 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Representative Steven Aoyama, Wood River High School.

A Bill to Modernize Aerial Light Celebrations

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Municipalities throughout the United States and its territories are hereby banned from
3 staging elaborate fireworks shows to commemorate holidays, festivals, and other
4 celebrations.

5 **SECTION 2.** In lieu of fireworks shows, municipalities are encouraged to stage large-scale drone light
6 shows instead.

7 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be jointly overseen by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and
8 Explosives (ATF) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 2, 2026.

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

A Bill to Fund and Encourage Public Composting Initiatives

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall establish a fund of \$2 billion to support municipalities throughout the United
3 States and its territories in establishing public composting programs.

4 **SECTION 2.** To be eligible for these funds, a municipality must propose a program that makes
5 composting accessible and functional to its citizens free of charge (or as part of whatever
6 fees they already pay for waste services), and which also creates regular opportunities for
7 citizens to obtain mature compost for gardening and other personal uses.

8 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which
9 shall be specifically tasked with establishing an equitable and efficient system for
10 municipalities to apply for and receive these funds.

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

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

A Bill to Require Employers to Pay Employees for Time Spent On Call

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Any employer that requires their employees to spend time
2 on call outside of their regular working hours must pay employees a
3 “holding pay” rate of at least \$3.50 per hour.

4 **SECTION 2.** Terms will be defined as:

5 A. On Call - Scheduled hours weekly or monthly where an employee is
6 expected to be able to be contacted in order to provide a professional
7 service if called upon, but not formally on duty.

8 B. Holding Pay - A payment made to an employee to compensate for the
9 potential inconvenience of being hindered from off the job freedoms
10 due to being on call.

11 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be overseen by the Department of Labor.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bonneville High School.

A Bill to End Federal Subsidization of Healthcare for Congresspeople

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Elected members of federal Congress (Representatives and Senators) shall no longer
3 receive any employer contributions from the federal government toward their healthcare
4 costs, including dental and vision insurance. Should a Representative or Senator choose to
5 purchase health, dental, or vision coverage, they shall be responsible for covering these
6 costs on their own.

7 **SECTION 2.** Should universal healthcare someday be provided to citizens of the United States and its
8 territories, Representatives and Senators shall of course reap these benefits along with
9 their constituents, unless specifically excluded from them.

10 **SECTION 3.** The money saved through this legislation shall be redirected to the Centers for Medicare &
11 Medicaid Services (CMS) to support insurance for those in need.

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

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

A Bill to Establish Ranked Choice Voting on a National Level

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Federal elections will be conducted by a Ranked Choice Voting system in
2 which voters will rank their top three choices of candidates in order of
3 preference.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) is a preferential voting system that utilizes the
5 following method:
- 6 A. In the first round of tabulation, if a candidate receives more than 50%
7 of the first-choice votes, they are declared the winner of the election.
- 8 B. If no candidate wins a majority, the candidate who received the fewest
9 first-place votes is eliminated. The ballots that indicated the eliminated
10 candidate as their first choice are then reallocated to their
11 second-choice candidate.
- 12 C. A new tally is conducted with the remaining candidates. If a candidate
13 receives more than 50% of the first-choice and newly allocated ballots,
14 they are declared the winner of the election.
- 15 D. In the event a candidate is not declared the winner, this process is
16 repeated until one candidate secures a majority of the votes.
- 17 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Committee shall oversee implementation. Funding
18 shall come from the Federal Election Committee.
- 19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2026. All laws in conflict
20 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Century High School.

A Resolution to Encourage the Criminalization of Vehicular Pet Abandonment

- 1 **WHEREAS** It is estimated that hundreds of pets die from being abandoned in cars every year; and
- 2 **WHEREAS** These deaths can occur not just due to heat but also due to cold, thirst, and other factors
- 3 besides; and
- 4 **WHEREAS** In many parts of the United States and its territories, there are no laws protecting pets from
- 5 such mistreatment, and those laws that exist elsewhere are often too vague to be
- 6 meaningfully enforceable; and
- 7 **WHEREAS** Pet ownership is a privilege, not a right, and one which requires significant maturity and
- 8 responsibility; now, therefore be it
- 9 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that all jurisdictions throughout these United States are
- 10 encouraged to enact tough laws that protect pets by criminalizing their abandonment in
- 11 motor vehicles under any and all circumstances; and be it
- 12 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress also urges the passage of Good Samaritan laws that protect others
- 13 from entering a vehicle without the owner's permission to rescue an abandoned pet, even
- 14 if to do so would result in damage to the vehicle.