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A Bill to Increase Taxation on Private Jets

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal excise tax for fuel sold to be used in a luxury private aircraft
3 shall be increased to \$2.00 per gallon.

4 **SECTION 2.** The 49 USC § 80503(a)(1) definition of private aircraft shall be utilized,
5 namely: “a civilian aircraft not being used to transport passengers or
6 property for compensation.” A private aircraft shall be classified as luxury
7 when its estimated value exceeds \$1 million.

8 **SECTION 3.** Proceeds raised through this tax increase shall be diverted to the Office
9 of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) to be used to fund
10 existing tax incentives for the development and use of renewable energy
11 in transportation, as well as to create new ones.

12 **SECTION 4.** Should a customer be found to have bypassed or attempted to bypass
13 this tax increase by using fuel purchased for other purposes in a luxury
14 private aircraft, they shall be fined an amount equal to ten (10) times the
15 total value of the fraudulently purchased fuel.

16 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Federal Aviation Administration
17 (FAA), with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) responsible for the excise
18 tax.

19 **SECTION 6.** This legislation shall take effect one month from passage.

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

A Bill to Annex Venezuela as the 51st State

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States hereby annexes Venezuela and declares it as the 51st
3 state admitted into the union as the State of Venezuela, on an equal
4 footing with the other states in all respects. The President is authorized
5 to use military force to defend this claim if necessary.

6 **SECTION 2.** Under the guidance of the U.S. forces overseeing the region, the
7 government of Venezuela is instructed to compose and ratify a state
8 constitution no later than two years from the passage of this bill and shall
9 continue to enforce those laws that currently apply until this has been
10 accomplished.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

A Resolution to Repudiate Golden Urn Diplomacy

1 **WHEREAS** Through State Religious Affairs Bureau Order No. 5 (国家宗教事务局令
2 第5号), the government of the People’s Republic of China (PRC) has
3 exploited the Qing Dynasty tradition of the Golden Urn to improperly
4 influence the affairs of Tibetan Buddhism to benefit PRC interests; and
5 **WHEREAS** The use of the Golden Urn in this way runs directly counter to the
6 directives of the Dalai Lama and Tibetan Buddhist leadership generally;
7 and
8 **WHEREAS** Tibetan Buddhists have already suffered enormously under PRC policies
9 and risk total cultural erasure without international support and
10 intervention; and
11 **WHEREAS** With Tenzin Gyatso, the 14th Dalai Lama, entering his 90s, the risks posed
12 by Golden Urn Diplomacy grow more severe than ever; now, therefore be
13 it
14 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that any declarations authorized by the
15 PRC regarding Tibetan Buddhism and in particular its leadership are
16 roundly rejected and condemned, even when attempts are made to
17 justify these declarations through the tradition of the Golden Urn; and be
18 it
19 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress calls on the PRC to fully empower the rightful
20 leaders of Tibetan Buddhism and to legitimately respect its rich
21 spiritual traditions; and be it
22 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress encourages the allies of the United States to issue
23 similar declarations to support Tibetan Buddhism and reject the
24 PRC’s cultural imperialism; and be it
25 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress warns the PRC that continued abuse and
26 oppression of Tibetan Buddhists will not be tolerated.