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Item A

A Bill to Ban Styrofoam



BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The manufacturing, sale, and business distribution of Styrofoam products shall be prohibited nationwide.

SECTION 2. A. “Styrofoam” shall refer to expanded polystyrene (EPS) foam products, including but not limited to food and drink packaging, cushioning materials, and disposable containers.

B. “Distribution” shall refer to the sale, trade, or provision of Styrofoam products for commercial purposes.

SECTION 3. A. A fine of $50 shall be imposed for each violation, including each individual act of manufacturing, selling, or distributing a Styrofoam product.

B. All fines collected shall be allocated to cleanup efforts and environmental protection programs under the administration of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

SECTION 4. The Department of Business Affairs shall oversee enforcement and compliance with this legislation.

SECTION 5. This legislation shall take effect in Fiscal Year 2026. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Thunderbird High School.

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Item B

A Bill to Make American Raccoons Great Again



BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Raccoons be permitted as pets, subject to similar restrictions as the more common pets, like cats and dogs.

SECTION 2. Raccoons include raccoon-like creatures which are part of the Procyonidae family.

SECTION 3. The USDA will oversee implementation of this bill in conjunction with the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

SECTION 4. This bill will take effect one year from passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Odyssey Institute for Advanced & International Studies

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Item C

A Bill to Fund Responsible Cell Phone Education in K–12 Schools



BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Secretary of Education shall establish a Responsible Cell Phone Education Grant Program for public K–12 schools, appropriating $100 million annually for fiscal years 2028 through 2032. Grants shall fund age-appropriate lessons, teacher training, instructional materials, and family workshops on attention management, appropriate classroom use, online privacy, cyberbullying prevention, and healthy screen-time habits. Students shall not be required to own or purchase a cell phone to participate.

SECTION 2. "K–12" means kindergarten through grade twelve. "Responsible cell phone education" means instruction and guided practice in safe, respectful, and purposeful cell phone use, including recognizing when devices should be silenced or put away. A "blanket ban" means a schoolwide prohibition on student cell phone possession or use throughout the entire school day, excluding individualized disciplinary restrictions.

SECTION 3. The U.S. Department of Education shall administer competitive grants, prioritizing districts serving high proportions of students from low-income households. Grant awards shall depend on demonstrated need, a feasible instructional plan, and compliance with the following requirements:

A. Recipients shall deliver responsible-use instruction annually and develop device policies with students, educators, and families. These policies shall provide limited, supervised opportunities to practice appropriate use rather than impose blanket bans. Teachers may require phones to be silenced and stored during lessons and assessments. Medical and disability accommodations shall remain available, and emergency use shall follow school safety procedures.

B. Funds shall not purchase student phones or equipment primarily intended to enforce blanket bans. Districts shall report expenditures, student participation, and aggregate measures of responsible-use knowledge and classroom disruptions annually. Reports shall not disclose personally identifiable student information. The Department may audit recipients and, after notice and an opportunity to correct violations, suspend grants or recover misused funds.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect on October 1, 2027. The Department shall issue grant requirements within 180 days after enactment. Awards are subject to appropriations. These grant conditions apply only to participating schools; this legislation does not establish a nationwide right to unrestricted cell phone use or override applicable state laws.

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Item D

A Resolution to encourage NATO to adopt the treaty on the prohibition of nuclear weapons

WHEREAS, the continued development and proliferation of nuclear weapons threaten international security and increase the risk of nuclear conflict; and

WHEREAS, ongoing United States military involvement in the Middle East increases the importance of preventing regional conflicts from escalating into wider international confrontations; and

WHEREAS, the continued modernization of nuclear arsenals worldwide threatens international efforts to achieve nuclear disarmament; and

WHEREAS, the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons provides an international framework for prohibiting nuclear weapons and promoting disarmament; and

WHEREAS, The upcoming review conference for the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons provides an opportunity for NATO members to reconsider their positions on nuclear disarmament; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled encourages the United States to advocate within the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) for member states to engage with the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and pursue diplomatic efforts toward nuclear disarmament.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Thunderbird High School.

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A Bill to Require Front-of-Package Food Warnings to Inform Consumers About Health Risks



BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Packaged foods and nonalcoholic beverages sold in the United States that contain >20% FDV of saturated fat or cholesterol per serving shall display a black heart-shape warning with white lettering on the front of the package reading “HIGH IN SATURATED FAT” or “HIGH IN DIETARY CHOLESTEROL,” as applicable. Products meeting both thresholds shall display both warnings. An accompanying statement shall read: “Diets high in saturated fat and cholesterol can increase LDL (bad) cholesterol and heart disease risk.” These warnings shall supplement, not replace, required nutrition information.

SECTION 2. “Packaged foods” means foods packaged before retail sale, including domestic and imported products, but excluding dietary supplements, infant formula, and restaurant meals. “High” is defined as at least 20 percent of the applicable federal Daily Value for saturated fat or cholesterol per serving. Agencies shall use standardized serving-size rules and actual nutrient amounts to determine compliance.

SECTION 3. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) shall administer this legislation for foods under its jurisdiction. The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) shall administer equivalent requirements for products under its jurisdiction.

SECTION 4. The warning requirements shall take effect on July 1, 2029, and apply to products packaged on or after that date. Rulemaking authority shall take effect upon enactment. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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Item F



A Bill to Abolish the National Thanksgiving Turkey Presentation

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The federal or presidential pardon of any species of turkey is hereby prohibited within the U.S., and by effect the National Thanksgiving Turkey Presentation will be abolished.

SECTION 2. Turkey will be considered as any bird under the genus of Meleagris. The pardoning of a turkey will be defined as a public endorsement by the president or any federal authority of a turkey.

SECTION 3. The National Thanksgiving Turkey Presentation will be removed from the national budget and no budget will be given for any pardoning defined earlier in the bill.

A. The Department of Justice will oversee the implementation of this bill.
B. All cooperation with the National Turkey Federation for this event shall be dissolved.
C. The U.S. shall not work with any organization similar to the National Turkey Federation to put on an event similar to this.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2027. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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Congress Jr. Finals Docket



Item 1-A Bill to Designate Election Day as a Federal Holiday
Item 2-The Sunshine Protection Act





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Finals Item 1

A Bill to Designate Election Day as a Federal Holiday

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. Election Day, being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, shall be recognized as a federal holiday.

SECTION 2. On Election Day, all non-essential federal government offices shall be closed, stock market trading shall be suspended, and every federal government employee shall be paid for a normal day's work. Any government office with essential election work to conduct shall remain open, and employees at these offices shall be compensated with an extra day off to be taken at their leisure in accordance with agency policies. State and local governments in addition to private businesses are strongly encouraged to observe Election Day in similar fashion as they are able.

SECTION 3. This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2027.

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



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Finals item 2

The Sunshine Protection Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. Daylight Saving Time is hereby made permanent. Each time zone within the United States and its territories shall remain one hour ahead of standard time as set by the Department of Transportation.

SECTION 2. This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Transportation.

SECTION 3. If this legislation is passed during a period of Daylight Saving Time, it shall take effect immediately. Otherwise, it shall take effect with a one-hour time shift occurring at 2:00 AM local time on the fourth (4th) Sunday following passage.

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