

A Bill to Move the Date of Halloween Celebrations

1. **Whereas** although Halloween is not recognized as a federal holiday it is celebrated across the
2. country on October 31st; and
3. **Whereas** this date may fall on any day of the week leading to disruption for families as work
4. and school schedules must be altered to accommodate Halloween celebrations; and
5. **Whereas** moving the date of celebration to Saturday would be beneficial in many ways;
6. **Therefore, BE IT ENACTED** by this student congress here assembled; that
7. **Section 1:** Halloween is hereby designated as a federal holiday and all federal government
8. offices shall be closed and all non-essential personnel shall have the day off.
9. **Section 2:** Beginning in 2018 and continuing in perpetuity the federal holiday of Halloween
10. shall be observed on the last Saturday in October.
11. **Section 3:** This congress encourages all states, municipalities, businesses, and schools to follow
12. suit and likewise observe the holiday on the last Saturday in October.

The Zombie Bank Account act of 2017

1. **Whereas** banks have engaged in the practice of reopening closed accounts when a deposit or
2. automatic withdrawal is presented; and
3. **Whereas** these so-called “Zombie Accounts” may result in substantial fees, penalties, and
4. financial hardships for consumers;
5. **Section 1** - The Truth in Savings Act of 1991 is hereby amended by inserting the following
6. language after section 268 -
7. *[(a) A federally insured bank or Credit union may not prohibit a consumer from closing an*
8. *account regardless of whether the balance in the account is positive, zero, or negative.*
9. *(b) A federally insured bank or credit union may not charge any fees to close an account.*
10. *(3) A federally insured bank or credit union may not reopen a closed account unless the*
11. *consumer explicitly requests that the account be reopened.]*
12. **Section 2** - The Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation shall be
13. responsible for enforcement of these regulations.
14. **Section 3** – Consumers may report violation to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and
15. said agency shall be responsible for investigating complaints of “Zombie Accounts”.
16. **Section 4** – All laws in conflict are hereby declared null and void.

A Resolution to Allow Open Air Burning of Human Remains

1. **Whereas** the use of an open-air funeral pyre for the burning of human remains is illegal in most
2. states, and
3. **Whereas** the tradition of the pyre has been an important cultural tradition for many cultures
4. including but not limited to the Romans, the Vikings, and Native Americans, and
5. **Whereas** pyres are the traditional method of cremation of the dead in both the Hindu and Sikh
6. religions, and
7. **Whereas** this congress ought to take a role in protecting and preserving cultural and religious
8. traditions, therefore;
9. **Be it resolved** by this congress here assembled that states may not prohibit the use of funeral
10. pyres for the cremation of the dead and must establish reasonable guidelines that will allow the
11. open-air burning of dead bodies on private land.
12. **Be it further resolved** that while states may establish reasonable regulations and require
13. permits, any restrictions must not be created in a way that imposes undue burdens or
14. unreasonable requirements on the families of the deceased.