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A Bill to Ban Campaigning for Federal Office

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Any individual seeking election to federal office is hereby prohibited from campaigning or
3 affiliating with an organization that pays others to campaign on their behalf.

4 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this legislation, an individual can be said to be seeking election to
5 federal office if they have begun collecting signatures in any state or district to gain ballot
6 access for election to a federal office. Campaigning shall be defined as engaging in any
7 activity that has the primary goal of increasing enthusiasm and support for a specific
8 election bid, including but not limited to holding and speaking at rallies, canvassing,
9 advertising, and appearing on media in the form of interviews, town halls, or debates.

10 **SECTION 3.** States, territories, and the Federal District are encouraged to enact similar legislation
11 governing elections over which they have jurisdiction.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Federal Election Commission (FEC).

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

14 **SECTION 6.** 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 Exempt Tips from Taxation

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** Income earned as tips is no longer taxable, though it must still be reported to the Internal
- 3 Revenue Service (IRS).
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Tips are defined by the IRS as “discretionary (optional or extra) payments, determined by a
- 5 customer, that employees receive from customers.”
- 6 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the IRS.
- 7 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2025.
- 8 **SECTION 5.** 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 Abandon the Great American Worm Wall

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall cease all involvement in and support for the airdropping of sterile
3 screwworm flies (*Cochliomyia hominivorax*) over the Panama-Colombia border, or
4 anywhere else outside of the sovereign territory of the United States.

5 **SECTION 2.** Funds recovered through this change of policy shall be redirected to the Department of
6 Agriculture to support the prevention and treatment of screwworm infestations within the
7 sovereign territory of the United States.

8 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Agriculture.

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

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

A Bill to Legalize Hitchhiking on Interstates

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

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

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

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

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

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

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

A Bill to Pursue Half-Hour Time Zone Offsets

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress directs the Department of Transportation to establish a committee to examine
3 and redesign the nation’s time zones, as well as to create additional time zones using half-
4 hour offsets. This committee is directed to take into account population and transportation
5 trends, but also to give careful consideration to the detrimental impacts poorly designed
6 time zones can have on the health and safety of those who reside and work within them.

7 **SECTION 2.** The committee shall have one year from the date of implementation of this legislation to
8 present its findings and recommendations, at which point Congress shall consider enacting
9 them.

10 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Transportation.

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

12 **SECTION 5.** 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.

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.