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A Bill to Make Valentine's Day a Federal Holiday

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Valentine's Day (February 14) shall be recognized as a federal holiday.

3 **SECTION 2.** When Valentine's Day falls on a Saturday or Sunday, it shall be observed on the Friday
4 preceding or the Monday following respectively.

5 **SECTION 3.** On the day Valentine's Day is observed, all non-essential federal government offices shall
6 be closed, stock market trading shall be suspended, and every federal government
7 employee shall be paid for a normal day's work. State and local governments and private
8 businesses are strongly encouraged to observe Valentine's Day in similar fashion as they
9 are able.

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

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

A Bill to Ban Domestic Short-Haul Flights

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** No commercial passenger airline shall operate a regularly scheduled route between two
3 destinations that are connected by a reliable land route that can, under normal conditions,
4 be traversed in fewer than six hours, as determined by the Federal Highway Administration
5 (FHA).

6 **SECTION 2.** Any airline found to be in violation of this legislation shall be fined \$100,000 per infraction.
7 Upon the third infraction, the airline shall lose its license to operate commercial flights for a
8 period of one year.

9 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2027.

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

A Bill to Increase Access to Non-Athletic Competitive Extracurriculars

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall establish an annual fund of \$250 million to be dispersed to middle schools
3 and high schools around the nation to promote their ability to participate in non-athletic
4 competitive extracurricular events, including but not limited to speech & debate, Model
5 United Nations, math team, Quiz Bowl, and robotics.

6 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Education shall oversee this legislation and shall be responsible for
7 establishing a process by which schools may apply for funding, as well as for determining
8 which schools receive funding and how much funding goes to each recipient. Congress
9 encourages the Department of Education to prioritize support for schools that
10 disproportionately struggle to compete due to geographic and economic disadvantages.

11 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall take effect on August 1, 2024.

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

A Bill to Block Advanced Creative AI Websites and Apps

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** All domestic internet service providers (ISPs) are directed to block websites and apps that
3 utilize artificial intelligence to enable users to produce art, writing, and other creative
4 works based on original prompts.

5 **SECTION 2.** The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) shall be
6 entrusted with determining and publicizing which websites meet this criteria and must be
7 blocked, as well as with overseeing implementation of this legislation generally.

8 **SECTION 3.** Any ISPs found to be in violation of this legislation shall be fined a minimum of \$5,000 and a
9 maximum of \$50,000 per infraction. Repeated violations (more than five in a one-year
10 period) shall result in the revocation of that ISP's license to provide internet services.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2024.

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

A Bill to Invest in Namibia's Oil Fields

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** For the next ten years, Congress shall direct \$1 billion annually to Namibia to be utilized to
- 3 help that nation take advantage of its recently discovered offshore oil reserves.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** The Department of State will oversee this legislation and in particular to work actively and
- 5 carefully with Namibia to promote the equitable distribution of the wealth produced from
- 6 these oil fields among the Namibian people.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** Funding for this legislation shall be drawn from a 0.5% tariff increase on imports of oil and
- 8 petroleum products.
- 9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect at the start of the next fiscal year.
- 10 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Ban the Sale of Toy Guns

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** The sale of toy guns and of any other products marketed toward children that are designed
- 3 to resemble and/or imitate firearms of any kind is hereby prohibited.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Any business found to be in violation of this legislation shall be fined a minimum of \$5,000
- 5 and a maximum of \$20,000 per infraction and shall be shut down if found to be violating
- 6 this legislation more than five times in a twelve-month period.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.
- 8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2024.
- 9 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Require that Fees for Curbside Garbage Collection be Levied by Weight

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Municipalities and companies which provide curbside garbage collection services must
3 charge for these services proportionally based on the amount (measured by weight) of
4 garbage each household or business needs to have taken away. Municipalities and
5 companies may set their own rates for these services.

6 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this legislation, garbage is defined as any waste product put out by
7 households or businesses to be taken to a landfill. Curbside recycling and composting
8 pickup shall not be impacted.

9 **SECTION 3.** Congress shall allocate \$1 billion to create a fund to support municipalities and companies
10 in installing scales and any other equipment and technology necessary to enable garbage
11 trucks to weigh waste promptly and reliably.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation, including the disbursement of funds as described in Section 3, shall be
13 overseen by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

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

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

The National Anthem Reflection and Reconsideration Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall establish a committee to reflect on and reconsider our National Anthem.

3 **SECTION 2.** This committee shall consist of 630 representatives, the following entities appointing one
4 each: the fifty states, the District of Columbia, the five populated US territories, and the
5 574 tribes officially recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).

6 **SECTION 3.** The head executives of these entities shall have three months from passage to appoint
7 their representatives to this committee. The committee will then have one year from
8 passage to research, discuss, debate, and, by a majority vote of the committee,
9 recommend either the continued use of “The Star-Spangled Banner,” the adoption of a
10 new song, or some third option to arrive at a new anthem (or to abandon use of an anthem
11 altogether). The committee’s recommendation shall become law, unless Congress elects to
12 overrule it through a new item of legislation.

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

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

A Resolution to Encourage the Establishment of Battery-Swapping Programs

- 1 **WHEREAS** Battery-swapping enables electric vehicle users to move about more quickly and efficiently;
2 and
- 3 **WHEREAS** Battery-swapping programs have had enormous benefits for many cities around the world,
4 such as in China and Taiwan; and
- 5 **WHEREAS** Vehicles best suited to battery-swapping such as scooters, mopeds, and motorcycles do
6 much to reduce congestion in urban areas and so are worth incentivizing; now, therefore
7 be it
- 8 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that urban municipalities throughout the nation are
9 encouraged to seek out and establish battery-swapping programs, particularly those that
10 cater to scooters, mopeds, and motorcycles; and
- 11 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that companies that produce electric vehicles for sale in the US market are
12 encouraged to do so in a manner compatible with battery-swapping; and
- 13 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress commends those nations around the world that have embraced
14 battery-swapping and expresses gratitude to these nations on behalf of the people of the
15 USA for this work toward reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to End Penal Slavery

1 **RESOLVED,** That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United
2 States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
3 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from
4 the date of its submission by the Congress:

5 **ARTICLE —**

6 **SECTION 1.** The phrase “except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly
7 convicted” shall be stricken from the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution.

8 **SECTION 2.** Henceforth, neither slavery nor involuntary servitude shall exist in any form within the
9 United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.