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## A Bill to Ban Tipping

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** The soliciting of a gratuity is hereby banned for workers and employers in the service  
3 industry. All minimum wages for tipped employees shall be enforced, and all service  
4 industries are henceforth required to pay their employees a living wage (no less than the  
5 applicable standard minimum wage) and not to depend on a gratuity to satisfy their  
6 financial obligations.

7 **SECTION 2.** If a customer decides to tip unsolicited, this shall not be criminalized, nor shall be the  
8 acceptance of said payment.

9 **SECTION 3.** A gratuity, or tipping, is defined as a non-required payment made in recognition of service  
10 such as that provided by a waiter or driver. Examples of soliciting a gratuity include  
11 presenting a tip jar, providing a tip prompt on an electronic payment device, and including  
12 lines for a tip and/or suggested tip amounts on a receipt.

13 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Labor shall oversee this legislation and be empowered to enforce it in  
14 the same way they address other wage violations.

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

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

## A Bill to Revitalize Commercial Supersonic Flight

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** FAR Section 91.817, the 1973 ban on commercial supersonic flight over U.S. territory, is
- 3 hereby repealed. Commercial supersonic service may now operate under the same policies
- 4 and regulations that govern other commercial air traffic.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) shall oversee this legislation.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2024.
- 7 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

## A Bill to Combat the Increasing Threat of Valley Fever

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall direct \$500 million annually to the Centers for Disease Control and  
3 Prevention (CDC) to research, prevent, contain, and treat coccidioidomycosis, also known  
4 as valley fever and cocci. This funding shall continue for at least ten years, at which point  
5 the House Subcommittee on Health shall determine whether the situation merits  
6 continued funding or not.

7 **SECTION 2.** A 0.1% increase on the annual revenue of the U.S. pharmaceutical industry shall be levied  
8 to offset the cost of this legislation.

9 **SECTION 3.** The CDC shall oversee this legislation, with the exception of Section 2, which shall be  
10 overseen by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect at the start of the next fiscal year.

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

## A Bill to Provide Federal Protection for Websites and Apps

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** No state or territory shall unilaterally block its citizens' access to any website or app, nor  
3 shall the Federal District have power to do so. Any such limitations must be enacted at the  
4 federal level.

5 **SECTION 2.** Any such bans currently or soon to be in place, such as Montana's recent approval of  
6 Senate Bill 419 banning TikTok, are hereby repealed.

7 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be jointly overseen by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC)  
8 and the Department of Commerce.

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

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

## A Resolution to Discourage Fireworks Shows

- 1    **WHEREAS** Fireworks shows pose a fire risk and, more generally, an environmental threat in a variety of  
2                   other serious ways; and
- 3    **WHEREAS** The lights and sounds that arise from fireworks shows create immense and sometimes  
4                   debilitating stress for many pets, livestock, and other animals, as well as some humans; and
- 5    **WHEREAS** Fireworks shows simulate the weapons of war and thus counterproductively promote  
6                   violence in U.S. culture; now, therefore be it
- 7    **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that this body strongly urges all states, territories,  
8                   municipalities, and the Federal District to abandon fireworks shows that utilize actual  
9                   pyrotechnics, regardless of the occasion; and be it
- 10 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress encourages the adoption of drone displays and other non-  
11                   explosive, more environmentally sustainable methods to replace the use of pyrotechnics.

## A Resolution to Discourage the Use of School Resource Officers

- 1   **WHEREAS** The effectiveness of School Resource Officers (SROs) at preventing or reducing violence in  
2                   schools has yet to be proven definitively; and
- 3   **WHEREAS** There is evidence suggesting that the presence of SROs may in fact make schools less safe  
4                   while also contributing to higher levels of stress and concerns regarding mental health; and
- 5   **WHEREAS** SROs sap the resources of our school districts, which are already struggling to meet their  
6                   financial burdens; now, therefore be it
- 7   **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that this body strongly recommends that those schools  
8                   considering employing SROs abandon these considerations, and that those schools already  
9                   employing SROs end this practice; and be it
- 10 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that schools instead work thoughtfully with local law enforcement to provide  
11                  support when needed; and be it
- 12 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress shall continue to strive to enact legislation that targets the root  
13                  causes and contributing factors of violence in our nation’s schools.



## A Bill to Require Effective and Thorough Sexual Education in U.S. Schools

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** All school districts that receive federal funding must initiate and implement sexual  
3 education curricula at each grade level from kindergarten through twelfth grade.

4 **SECTION 2.** Curricula must be age-appropriate and rooted in the most up-to-date research available.  
5 Local Departments of Education are directed to work extensively with the Department of  
6 Health and Human Services (DHHS) to ensure that curricula are effectively designed and  
7 taught. Curricula and instructors should not shy away from any topics deemed valuable by  
8 DHHS, and instruction should not be restricted by any religious beliefs.

9 **SECTION 3.** Congress shall provide an additional \$500 million annually to public schools to support their  
10 implementation of this legislation. Any school or school district found out of compliance  
11 with this legislation shall lose federal funding until such time as compliance is reached.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be jointly overseen by the federal Department of Education (DOE) and  
13 DHHS.

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

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

## A Bill to Promote Development of the Geothermal Energy Sector in Indonesia

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** For each of the next five years, Congress shall deliver \$500 million to the Republic of  
3 Indonesia to support the development of that nation's enormous capacity for renewable  
4 geothermal energy production.

5 **SECTION 2.** A 0.5% increase on the annual revenue of the U.S. fossil fuel industry shall be levied to  
6 offset the cost of this legislation.

7 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be jointly overseen by the Agency for International Development  
8 (USAID) and the Department of Energy (DOE), with the exception of Section 2, which shall  
9 be overseen by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect at the start of the next fiscal year.

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

## A Bill to End Commercial Minimum Parking Requirements

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** The establishment or operation of a business may no longer be made dependent on said
- 3 business providing parking spaces in any number.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Transportation shall oversee this legislation.
- 5 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2025.
- 6 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

