



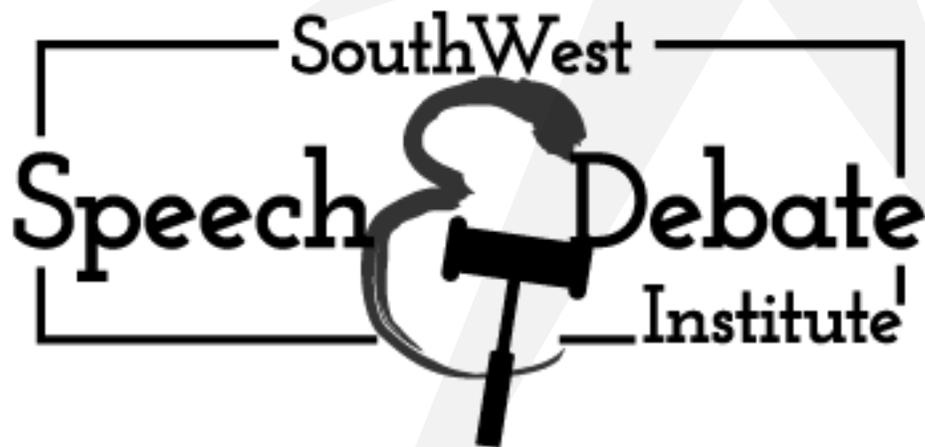
Congressional Debate

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A Bill to Encourage Bilingual Education Programs

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Education shall make \$2 billion in grants available for
3 states which either currently offer or will commit to the use of bilingual
4 education programs to educate all students not currently proficient in
5 spoken English.

6 **SECTION 2.** Bilingual education programs are those which provide instruction in
7 English as well as the students' spoken languages. This method is used to
8 develop student literacy in both languages.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall administer the grant program. Grants
10 shall be awarded upon demonstrated proof that the state has adopted
11 bilingual education programs as a primary means of English proficiency
12 instruction. Grants may be renewed if the state is able to demonstrate
13 growth on state-based English proficiency assessments. Funding shall be
14 taken from existing Title 1 funding.

15 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on September 1, 2020.

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

The Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2019

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Individuals currently residing in the United States without proper

3 documentation or authorization shall be permitted to apply for

4 citizenship provided that they meet the following conditions:

5 **A.** They have previously met the qualifications for the Deferred Action

6 for Childhood Arrivals program, or

7 **B.** They can demonstrate that they have resided in the United States for

8 ten consecutive years, have not been arrested for any crime, and

9 have paid all applicable taxes on income earned.

10 **SECTION 2.** Upon demonstration of the above, the person may apply for citizenship

11 following the process currently in place.

12 **SECTION 3.** Fees for this form of citizenship application shall be set at \$1500 per

13 applicant, with \$500 of that fee placed in an account for the purpose of

14 strengthening border security.

15 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Homeland Security, through Immigration and

16 Customs Enforcement, shall oversee implementation of this legislation.

17 **SECTION 5.** This shall take ninety days after passage.

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

A Bill to Eliminate an Insensitive Holiday

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

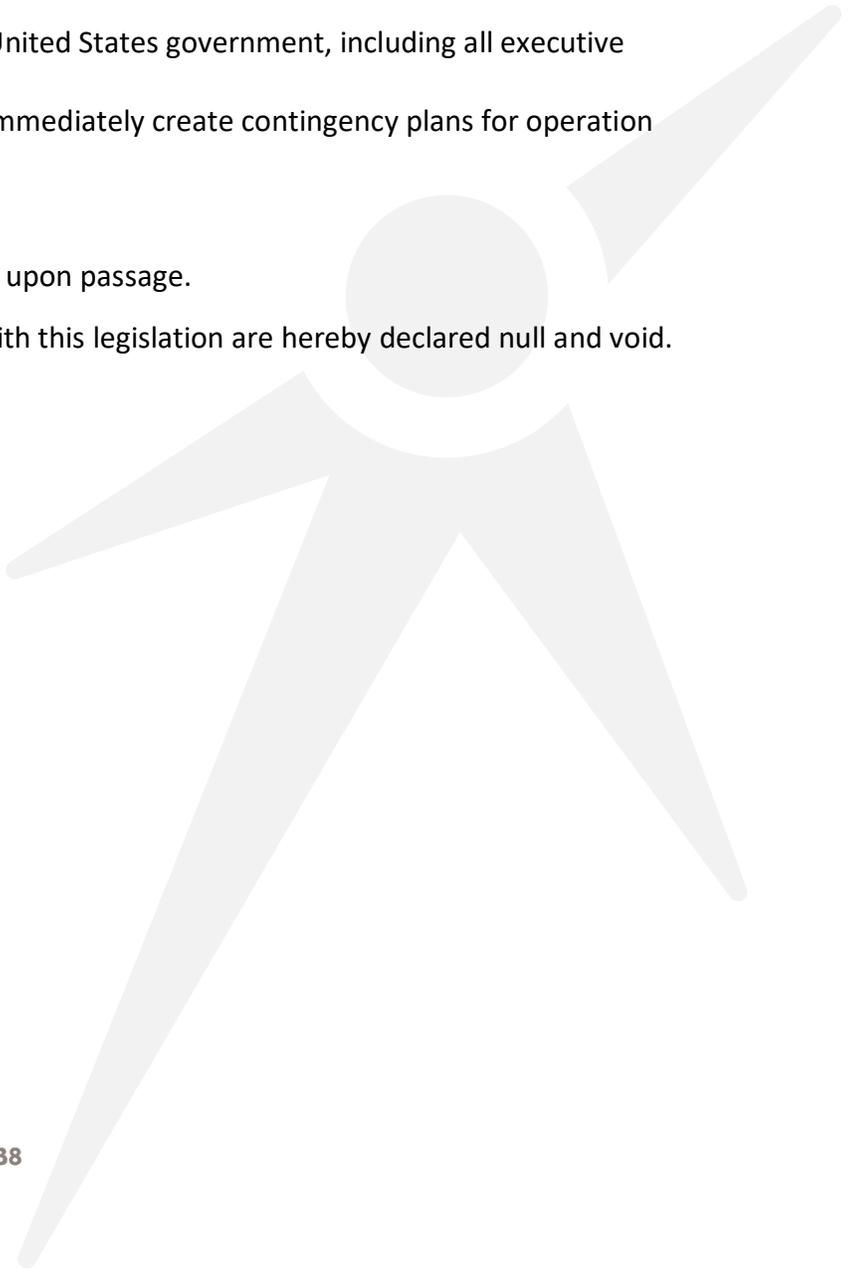
2 **SECTION 1.** Columbus Day, traditionally recognized on the second Monday in
3 October, shall no longer be recognized as a federal holiday.

4 **SECTION 2.** No observances of this holiday, including closure of federal offices, shall
5 be permitted.

6 **SECTION 3.** All branches of the United States government, including all executive
7 departments, shall immediately create contingency plans for operation
8 on that day.

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

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



An Amendment to the Fair Housing Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 is amended by adding “citizenship
3 status,” after “familial status,” whenever it appears to describe a
4 protected class. Retaliation upon a member of this protected class,
5 including threats to notify Immigration and Customs Enforcement, shall
6 be considered the same as retaliation against any other protected class
7 under this act.

8 **SECTION 2.** “Citizenship status” refers to legal status within the country, whether
9 documented or undocumented.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Housing and Urban Development shall enforce this
11 definition. The Department shall have the power to sanction property
12 owners for violations of section one using the same penalties as
13 proscribed for other violations of Title VIII.

14 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

A Bill to Fix Puerto Rico's Concerns

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Puerto Rico shall be granted full statehood.

3 **SECTION 2.** Initial representation in Congress will consist of two senators and one
4 representative, with proportional representation to be determined by
5 the 2020 census results.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Treasury shall immediately discharge Puerto Rican
7 debt related to pension liabilities and bonds. Additionally, the Federal
8 Emergency Management Agency shall make \$100 billion available for
9 rebuilding infrastructure and utilities.

10 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on January 1, 2020.

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

A Bill to Recoup Remittances

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Remittance payments from the United States to countries in Central and
3 South America shall be subject to a 50% export tax.

4 **SECTION 2.** A remittance payment shall be defined as a transfer of funds from a
5 personal account hosted in a United States bank to a personal account
6 hosted by a bank in another country. This shall not include funds as the
7 result of international business dealings.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Treasury will administer the collection of the tax and
9 shall oversee the distribution of the proceeds into the United States
10 general fund.

11 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on October 1, 2019.

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

A Resolution to Acknowledge Sanctuary Cities

- 1 **WHEREAS,** the subject of “Sanctuary Cities” has become an important issue to the
2 current administration; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Sanctuary Cities are defined as an urban area where the local law
4 enforcement does not follow federal immigration guidelines with respect
5 to detaining suspected undocumented immigrants; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Cities which hold these policies choose to do so because they feel that it
7 will make their cities safer by reducing fear of local law enforcement
8 officials; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** there is no appreciable increase in crime in an area designated as a
10 Sanctuary City; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** undocumented immigrants are more likely to come forward and
12 cooperate with local law enforcement due to this understanding; and
- 13 **WHEREAS,** such areas may even see an economic benefit from a larger available
14 workforce due to a greater pool of potential workers who will take low-
15 wage jobs; now, therefore, be it
- 16 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States federal
17 government should stop attempting to force local law enforcement
18 compliance with federal immigration laws in cities which have chosen a
19 Sanctuary status.

A Bill to Amend the Voting Rights Act to Provide Accessibility

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Section 203 (c) of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 is amended by striking all
3 references to “English-illiteracy rate higher than the national average”
4 and shall mandate that all materials provided to voters shall be made
5 available in Spanish and any other language which is spoken by at least
6 5% of the population of that voting area.

7 **SECTION 2.** “Materials provided to voters” shall include ballots, voter information
8 pamphlets, applications, instructions at polling sites, mailings to identify
9 polling sites,

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will oversee all provisions related to language
11 accessibility issues. The deliberate failure of a state to adhere to these
12 regulations shall cause that state to be in violation of section 2 of the
13 Voting Rights Act and shall subject the state to penalties to be
14 determined by the Department of Justice.

15 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on January 2, 2020.

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