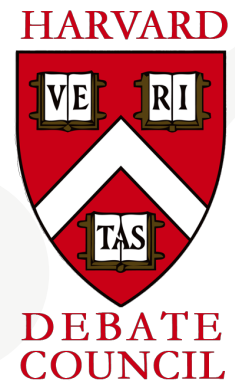


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A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Ensure Cabinet Accountability

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

6 **ARTICLE --**

7 **SECTION 1:** The President may only terminate a principal officer of an
8 executive department upon two-thirds of the whole
9 number of Senators, concurring.

10 **SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
11 appropriate legislation.

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Citizen Legislature Anti-Corruption Reform of Congress Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Each bill, order, resolution, or vote submitted by Congress to the
3 President under section 7 of article I of the Constitution of the United
4 States shall embrace no more than one subject, and that subject shall be
5 clearly and descriptively expressed in the title of the bill, order, resolution
6 or vote.

7 **SECTION 2.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any provision of law that
8 provides an exception in its application to a Member of Congress or an
9 employee of the office of a Member of Congress shall have no effect.

10 **SECTION 3.** Section 2 shall not be construed to apply to provisions of law or rules
11 which permit Members of Congress or employees of offices of Members
12 of Congress to carry out official duties that are tied directly to lawmaking,
13 including provisions or rules permitting Members and employees to enter
14 and use the United States Capitol, the United States Capitol grounds, and
15 other buildings and facilities.

16 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect upon passage.

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

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docket); adapted from H.R.160; 116th Congress (2019-2020) by Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA).*

Food System Safety Reform Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Food and Drug
3 Administration (FDA) is herewith directed to report findings to Congress
4 on various national food system standards in other countries, and how
5 the United States compares.

6 **SECTION 2.** The FDA is further charged with bringing recommendations to Congress
7 for phasing in stronger regulations, related, but not limited to: genetically
8 modified foods, manufacturing practices, chemicals in processed foods,
9 antibiotics, hormones, neonicotinoids and other pesticides, and gestation
10 crates.

11 **SECTION 3.** The HHS is directed to further report on health conditions and concerns
12 related to lack of regulation in food systems.

13 **SECTION 4.** These reports shall be presented to Congress within one year of passage
14 of this act.

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

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docket).*

Presidential Undisclosed Transparency In Negotiations Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Presidential Records Act, 44 U.S.C. §2201–2207 is herewith amended
3 to include record of all meetings between the President and foreign
4 nationals, requiring a staff member to impartially transcribe minutes of
5 such meetings. If the staff member does not speak all languages spoken
6 in the meeting, any U.S. translators must review and concur with
7 accuracy of the notes.

8 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect upon passage.

9 **SECTION 3.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Preserve Parental Rights in Libraries

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Upon request, libraries must provide the list of books that have been
3 checked out and websites visited by a child at the library to any individual
4 with legal custody of that child, regardless of the state in which the
5 child’s custodian resides.

6 **SECTION 2.** “Legal custody” is the assumed parental rights over any child who has not
7 yet attained the age of majority and has not been removed by the courts
8 through official proceedings. Foster parents, parents of adopted children,
9 and any institution, public or otherwise, granted custody – not including
10 *in loco parentis* – will also be included in this law.

11 **SECTION 3.** (A) States’ departments of Health and Human Services will oversee the
12 unique negotiated rulemaking process within each of the states to ensure
13 conformity with federal law.

14 (B) States whose laws do not conform to the federal law on this issue of
15 child welfare may be subject to legal action by the federal department of
16 Health and Human Services.

17 (C) Individuals wrongly denied the records of a child in their custody may
18 seek injunctive relief through the federal courts.

19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect January 1, 2021.

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

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docket).*

A Bill to Eliminate Lost Baggage

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. At the end of each day, at every airport, airlines must inventory and catalog all unclaimed luggage in their possession with the name and originating flight number of the passenger who checked the luggage. The airline in possession of the luggage has 24 hours to make a “good-faith” effort to notify the passenger about the location of the luggage and the steps being taken to reunite the customer with the bag. If unable to reach the customer within 72 hours, the bag must be returned to its point of origin and held for a minimum of 1 week.

SECTION 2. (A) Day refers to the time from when the time the airport opens to the conclusion of the baggage claim process for the last flight from that airline to land at that airport.

(B) “Good-faith” effort to communicate must include an attempt to contact the passenger using the phone number, email address, or home address provided by the passenger to the airline at the time of ticketing.

SECTION 3. The FAA will oversee enforcement of and compliance with this legislation by

(A) Assessing fines in the amount of \$1,000 per piece of unclaimed luggage in the airline’s possession per day that the airline did not make a good faith effort to contact the passenger.

(B) Assessing fines not to exceed \$3,000,000 in addition to per bag fines for airlines who’s non-compliance is ongoing and systemic.

(C) Creating a system for customers to report airlines that are out of compliance for investigation by the FAA.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect July 1, 2020.

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

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NATO Support Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States of America shall remain a member of NATO, and may
3 not withdraw or indirectly withdraw from NATO by condemning or
4 reducing contributions to NATO structures, activities, or operations, in a
5 manner that creates a de facto withdrawal.

6 **SECTION 2.** The United States of America shall continue to work with NATO members
7 to meet their 2014 Wales Defense Investment Pledge commitments.

8 **SECTION 3.** Funding for the European Deterrence Initiative, which increases the
9 ability of the United States and its allies to deter and defend against
10 Russian aggression, shall continue.

11 **SECTION 4.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no funds are authorized to
12 be appropriated, obligated, or expended to take any action to withdraw
13 the United States from the North Atlantic Treaty, done at Washington, DC
14 on April 4, 1949, between the United States of America and the other
15 founding members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

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

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docket); adapted from H.R.676; 116th Congress (2019-2020) by Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA).*

A Bill to Ensure Adequate Eating Time for School Lunch

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The US Code Title 7 §210.10 (l) (2), should be amended to read “FNS
3 *mandates* that schools provide sufficient lunch periods that are long
4 enough to give all students *twenty minutes* to eat after receiving their
5 lunch.”

6 **SECTION 2.** US Code Title 7 §210.10 (l) will be further amended by adding (3) “FNS
7 discourages schools from utilizing the lunch period for non-lunch related
8 activities that include, but are not limited to, club meetings and tutoring.”

9 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Agriculture will oversee the negotiated
10 rulemaking process to determine how schools will be monitored for
11 compliance as well as the process for adjudicating claims and providing
12 temporary waivers to PK-12 institutions as they increase their capacity.

13 **SECTION 4.** The amended sections of the US Code will be enforced beginning with
14 the 2020-2021 school year with waivers up to 24 months to be made
15 available for schools that demonstrate a need; providing they submit an
16 approved plan for increasing the school’s capacity to serve lunch in that
17 time.

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

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Senate Reform Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT, ACTING UNDER ITS DELEGATED POWERS UNDER THE FOURTEENTH, FIFTEENTH, NINETEENTH, TWENTY-FOURTH, AND TWENTY-SIXTH AMENDMENTS:

SECTION 1. Each state shall be represented by at least one Senator.

SECTION 2. At each decadal census of the total population of the United States shall be divided by one hundred to determine a seat allocation unit. A state with population approximate to or less than the seat allocation unit shall have one Senator; a state with population approximately twice as much as the seat allocation shall have two Senators, and so on, using the same ratio.

SECTION 3. The total number of Senators shall be increased to allow for equitable distribution of representation among the states.

SECTION 4. New states admitted to the union shall have Senators allocated according to the procedures provided in this Act.

SECTION 5. Senators currently serving may continue their full terms. In a state allocated one seat, the seat of Senator whose term ends first would be retired. In states with more than two senators, when to hold elections in alternating two-year class rotations would be subject to lot, rotating first among states with fewer Senators, and finishing with states with the most. Senators of new states would be allocated similarly when admitted. The Senate shall adopt rules so that the Three Classes Clause shall continue to be observed to evenly balance biennial elections of Senators.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect following the 2020 Census. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void. All laws not in conflict with this legislation shall remain in effect.

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A Bill to Honor Veterans and Democracy

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The date for federal elections shall be henceforth be fixed as the 11th of
3 November. If the 11th day falls on a weekend, the election shall occur on
4 the Monday immediately following the 11th of November.

5 This law shall be viewed as coinciding, rather than conflicting, with laws
6 surrounding Veterans Day.

7 **SECTION 2.** This law will affect all federal elections occurring after 2021.

8 **SECTION 3.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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