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## 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 Recoup Remittances**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED  
THAT:**

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

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

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

**11 SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on October 1, 2023.

**12 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.

## 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 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 Encourage Bilingual Education Programs**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED  
THAT:**

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

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

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

**SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on September 1, 2023.

**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.