

A Bill to Bypass the Electoral College

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress hereby invokes the powers vested in it by the Compact
3 Clause (Article One, Clause Three) of the Constitution to provide
4 preemptive consent for the National Popular Vote Interstate
5 Compact (NPVIC).

6 **SECTION 2.** Congress encourages additional states to pass legislation signing on
7 to the NPVIC so that it may take effect and democratic values may
8 be elevated to their rightful place in our nation.

9 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Overland High School Executive Branch.

A Bill to Make Groundhog Day a Federal Holiday

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Groundhog Day (February 2) shall be recognized as a federal
3 holiday. While Gobbler's Knob's position at the epicenter of this
4 traditional shall not be questioned, other locales are encouraged to
5 cultivate their own traditions inspired by those that have occurred
6 in and around the Pennsylvania communities of Punxsutawney and
7 Young Township for well over a century.

8 **SECTION 2.** When Groundhog Day falls on a Saturday or Sunday, it shall be
9 observed on the Monday following.

10 **SECTION 3.** On the day Groundhog Day is observed, all non-essential federal
11 government offices shall be closed, stock market trading shall be
12 suspended, and every federal government employee shall be paid
13 for a normal day's work. State and local governments and private
14 businesses are strongly encouraged to observe Groundhog Day in
15 similar fashion as they are able.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

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A Bill to Halt the Transportation of Munitions through the Gulf of Aden

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress orders an immediate halt of the transportation of any and
3 all munitions through the Gulf of Aden for at least one year and
4 until such time as the geopolitical situation in and around that area
5 becomes more peaceful and amenable to such conduct. This halt
6 shall apply to munitions manufactured in the United States being
7 transported on any marine vessel and to all United States marine
8 vessels carrying munitions, regardless of their origin.

9 **SECTION 2.** Congress encourages additional states to pass legislation signing on
10 to the NPVIC so that it may take effect and democratic values may
11 be elevated to their rightful place in our nation.

12 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

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A Bill to Set an Age Limit on the Purchase of Energy Drinks

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** The sale of energy drinks to any persons under the age of 18 is
3 hereby banned.

4 **SECTION 2.** Energy drinks are defined as any beverage containing more than
5 150 milligrams of caffeine per liter.

6 **SECTION 3.** All states and territories as well as the Federal District are instructed
7 to levy the same criminal penalties on violators of this law as would
8 be applied for the sale of alcohol to minors in that jurisdiction. Any
9 jurisdiction that fails to comply with this directive shall lose 50% of
10 federal highway funding until such time as compliance is reached.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Food and Drug
12 Administration.

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

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

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Overland High School Food and Drug Administration.

A Bill to Eliminate Past Conviction Queries on Job Applications

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** All businesses and organizations will be required to eliminate any
3 inquiries regarding past felony convictions from their job application
4 forms.

5 **SECTION 2.** Felony Conviction is defined as being found guilty of a serious crime
6 and serving jail or prison time. A business is an organization of
7 employers that produces, transports, or sells goods and services for
8 profit.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Human Resources Department (HR) will oversee the
10 enforcement of this bill.

11 A. Application forms will exclude past felony convictions in the record.

12 B. This will implement respect and show equal treatment to any
13 applicants.

14 C. The HR Department no longer will take into account past
15 convictions.

16 **SECTION 4.** This Legislation will take effect January 1, 2025.

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

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Overland High School Department of Labor.

The Youth Digital Safety Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** All social media companies operating within the United States shall be
3 required to verify the age of their users based on valid legal
4 documentation prior to account creation and use.

5 **SECTION 2.** Definitions:

6 A. "Social media companies" shall be defined as business entities that
7 own or operate online platforms which allow users to create digital
8 profiles, share content, interact with others, and access digital
9 information.

10 B. "Valid legal documentation" shall be defined as a government-issued
11 document that includes the individual's date of birth and a unique
12 identifying number. Examples include: driver's licenses, passports,
13 Social Security cards, birth certificates, or state-issued identification
14 cards.

15 C. "Verify" shall be defined as a process through which a social media
16 company authenticates the provided legal documentation to confirm
17 the user's age.

18 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) shall be responsible for
19 overseeing the implementation and enforcement of this legislation.
20 Social media companies found to be in violation of this law shall be
21 subject to fines of up to \$10,000 per unverified active account and may
22 face additional penalties, including suspension of their right to operate
23 within the United States.

24 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect twelve months after its passage to allow social
25 media companies time to implement the necessary verification
26 systems.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Overland High School Trade Commission.

A Resolution to Phase Out Asphalt and Establish Sustainable Alternatives to Combat Urban Heat Island

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The widespread use of asphalt in urban areas is contributing to the
2 formation of heat islands, exacerbating rising temperatures, and negatively
3 impacting the quality of life for city residents; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Asphalt, with its heat-absorbing properties, leads to increased
5 temperatures in densely populated areas, contributing to heat related
6 illnesses, increased energy consumption for cooling, and environmental
7 degradation; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** The detrimental effects of asphalt on urban environments necessitate the
9 development of sustainable alternatives that mitigate the urban heat island
10 effect, reduce energy consumption, and enhance overall livability; now,
11 therefore, be it.
- 12 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled calls upon the Environmental Protection
13 Agency, in consultation with experts and in collaboration with relevant
14 federal, state, and local agencies, shall develop a plan to phase out asphalt
15 in urban infrastructure and promote sustainable alternatives, considering
16 cost-effectiveness and environmental benefits; and, be it
- 17 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That annual progress reports and updates on the phase-out of
18 asphalt and the adoption of sustainable alternatives shall be provided to
19 Congress by the Environmental Protection Agency, allowing for ongoing
20 oversight and evaluation of the initiative's effectiveness.

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Overland High School Environmental Protection Agency.

A Bill to Address the National Blood Shortage

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Any individual over the age of 16 years old that is eligible to
3 donate blood will receive a federal tax credit for the calendar year
4 in which they donate.

5 **SECTION 2.** Individuals that donate must meet the standards to safely donate
6 outlined by the Red Cross Administration

7 **SECTION 3.** The National Institute of Health will jointly assist the IRS to enforce
8 this bill.

9 A. The tax credit for the first pint donated every year will be
10 granted a 5% federal tax deduction for the current tax year,
11 and will receive an additional 1% tax credit for every pint
12 donated in succession.

13 B. The IRS and National Institute of Health will uphold this
14 legislation until they deem that the country is no longer in a
15 national blood shortage.

16 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Overland High School Institute of Health.

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Establish Congressional Approval of Supreme Court Justice Nominees

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

ARTICLE –

8 **SECTION 1:** The President of the United States shall, in their right, have power
9 to nominate and, by and with the Advice and Consent of a Majority
10 of the House of Representatives, and, by and with the Advice and
11 Consent of two-thirds of the Senate, shall appoint Supreme Court
12 Justices.

13 **SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
14 legislation.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Overland High School Executive Branch.

Teacher Diversity and Retention Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Competitive grants shall be awarded to institutions of higher
3 education which have a teacher or school leader preparation
4 program and serve predominantly racially diverse,
5 socioeconomically diverse, or gender diverse populations. These
6 grants will establish Augustus F. Hawkins Centers of Excellence at
7 these institutions for the purposes of recruitment, training, and
8 retention of diverse candidates into the teaching profession.

9 **SECTION 2.** Grants shall be provided to each state department of education,
10 and the institutions described in Section 1 for the development of
11 social and emotional learning training.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of Education will oversee the development of
13 these training programs and shall annually report to Congress as to
14 their effectiveness. These programs will receive an appropriation of
15 \$100,000,000 for each of the next five fiscal years.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on August 1, 2025.

17 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Overland High School Secretary of Education.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

12 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Overland High School Department of the Treasury.