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**A Bill to Reinstate the Fairness Doctrine**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1**. The Fairness Doctrine will be re-implemented by the FCC as a governing policy.

**SECTION 2**. The Fairness Doctrine shall be defined as the policy abolished by the FCC in 1987 that was primarily concerned with the news media providing a variety of viewpoints on any given topic.

**SECTION 3.** The FCC will oversee implementation of this legislation.

A. Any necessary funding will be drawn from the budget of the

FCC.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect three months after passage.

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

**The​ ​Sentencing​ ​Reform​ ​and​ ​Corrections​ ​Act​ ​of​ ​2017**

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

Section​ ​1.​ ​The complete text of the Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act of 2017 (S. 1917) is hereby enacted.

Section​ ​2.​ ​Sections 101-109 of ‘Sentence Reform’ and Sections 201-212 of ‘Corrections Act’

shall apply to:

A. Any offense that was committed before the date of enactment of this legislation ,

if a sentence for the offense has not been imposed as of such date of enactment.

B. In the case of a defendant who, before the date of enactment of this legislation,

was convicted of an offense for which the penalty is amended by this section and

was sentenced to a term of imprisonment for the offense, a term of imprisonment

may be reduced if:

1. The instant violation was for a drug trafficking offense that did not involve

a violation of clause (ii) or (iii) of section 924(c)(1)(A) of title 18, United

States Code.

2. The defendant has not otherwise been convicted of any serious violent

felony.

3. The sentencing court, after considering the factors set forth in section

3553(a) of title 18, United States Code, the nature and seriousness of the

danger to any person, the community, or any crime victims, and the

post-sentencing conduct of the defendant, finds a reduction is consistent

with this section.

Section​ ​3.​ ​The Department of Justice shall be responsible for the oversight and implementation

of this legislation.

Section​ ​4.​ ​This legislation shall take effect on March 1, 2018.

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

**A​ ​Bill​ ​to​ ​Repeal​ ​the​ ​Professional​ ​and​ ​Amateur​ ​Sports​ ​Protection​ ​Act**

BE​ ​IT​ ​ENACTED​ ​BY​ ​THE​ ​CONGRESS​ ​HERE​ ​ASSEMBLED:

Section​ ​1.​ Sports gambling is now legal across the United States.

Section​ ​2.​

A.​ ​“Gambling” entails lottery, sweepstakes, or other betting/wagering scheme based structures (directly or indirectly) on one or more competitive games in which amateur or professional sports athletes participate, or intended to participate, in one or more performances of a game. ​ ​ ​ ​B.​ Gambling applies to individuals and/or governmental entities willing to sponsor, operate, advertise, or promote pursuant to the law.

Section​ ​3.​ ​The American Gaming Association shall oversee the passage of this legislation.

Section​ ​4.​ ​This legislation shall be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

**A​ ​Bill​ ​to​ ​Ensure​ ​Public​ ​Universities​ ​Respect​ ​Their​ ​Students**

Section​ ​1.​ ​Public Universities that violate the Constitutional Rights of a student or a faculty

member shall:

A. Pay liquidated damages to the plaintiff in the amount of no less than $1 million.

B. Forfeit 25% of its federal funding in the respective fiscal year.

Section​ ​2.​ ​If a university is a repeat offender within the time frame of 5 years from the initial

court case, it will forfeit 100% of its federal funding for that respective fiscal year.

Section​ ​3.​ The Department of Education and the Department of Justice shall oversee the passage

of this legislation.

Section​ ​4.​ This legislation will be implemented upon passage.

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

**A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Extend the Term of Office to Four Years for Members of the United States House of Representatives**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

**SECTION 1**: The Term of Office for Members of the House of Representatives shall be

 extended as follows:

 Four-year terms shall be implemented for the members of the United States

 House of Representatives through amending the Constitution for this purpose.

 To do so, constitutional provision allows for proposal of an amendment either by

 a two-thirds majority vote by the Congress in both the House of Representatives

 and the Senate or by conducting a constitutional convention initiated by

 two-thirds of the State legislatures.

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

**A​ ​Resolution​ ​to​ ​Ensure​ ​Hospitals​ ​Are​ ​Stocked​ ​to​ ​the​ ​Brim**

Whereas,​ ​American hospitals cumulatively use millions of saline-solution bags weekly; and

Whereas,​ ​The factory of the largest supplier of these bags was wrecked in Hurricane Maria; and

Whereas,​ ​Factories on American soil are producing faulty commodities; and

Whereas,​ The industry, as a whole, has been taken over by an investigation by the U.S.

Department of Justice

Whereas,​ ​These saline bags are running dangerously low- both for Americans and our nearest

allies; therefore be it

Resolved​ ​that the Congress here assembled allow the importation of saline and other intravenous

solutions from foreign countries; and be it

Further​ ​Resolved​ that the United States obtain approximately 1.5 times what we normally

utilize as backlog to avoid exhaustion.

**A​ ​Resolution​ ​to​ ​Eliminate​ ​Tax​ ​Breaks​ ​for​ ​Professional​ ​Sports​ ​Stadiums**

Whereas,​ ​ 25 states do not have a franchise in any of the 4 major sports leagues and are therefore paying for stadiums they have connection to ; and

Whereas,​ Organizations like the NFL [national office] have taken responsibility and relinquished their tax-exempt status;

Whereas,​ ​The IRS has created loopholes through municipal bonds for franchises to avoid taxation; and

Whereas,​ Millions of dollars have been lost to this tax exemption status; and

Whereas,​ Professional sports stadiums should be longer be eligible to receive federal tax-exempt financing, therefore, be it:

Resolved​ ​that the Congress here assembled eliminate the “private payment test” for professional sports stadiums.

**A Bill to Equalize Redistricting in the States to
Provide Non-Biased Congressional Elections**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1**. Committees of 5 people will be selected through non-partisan elections on a state by state basis to draw political districts whenever redistricting is necessary (following each census).

**SECTION 2**. Non-partisan shall be defined as not being supported or controlled by any political group through means of funding or name/title. Necessary shall be defined as whenever any congressional seats are gained or lost.

**SECTION 3.** This bill will be enforced by the Federal Election Commission, through monitoring campaign funds and the established complaint process.

1. One Committee shall be established per state upon need and shall be released of duty upon completion of the immediate redistricting task.
2. Committees shall have no more than two registered members of a single political party.
3. Committees shall be kept entirely separate from state legislatures as state legislatures have and currently participate in partisan bias known as “gerrymandering.” No state representative shall be allowed to participate as a member of the committee.

**SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect prior to the 2020 Congressional election to immediately

 counteract the effects of gerrymandering.

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

**A​ ​Bill​ ​to​ ​WASH​ ​Away​ ​the​ ​Water​ ​Worries​ ​of​ ​West​ ​Africa**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section​ ​1.​

​A.​ ​The United States will renew their involvement in the West Africa Water Supply, Sanitation, and Hygiene Program (WA-WASH) for seven more years (2018-2025). ​ ​ ​ ​ ​

B.​ ​The United States will increase their funding to the program from $24 million to $35 million.

Section​ ​2.​ ​“​Western Africa” will include Northern Ghana, Burkina Faso, and Niger

Section​ ​3.​ The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

Section​ ​4.​ ​This legislation will be implemented on January 1, 2018

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

**The​ ​PRO​ ​Sports​ ​Act​ ​of​ ​2017**

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

Section​ ​1.​ ​No organization or entity shall be treated as tax-exempt if:

A. It is a professional sports league, organization, or association, a substantial activity of which is to foster national or international professional sports competitions.

B. Has an annual gross receipts in excess of $10 million.

Section​ ​2.​ ​“Professional sports league” is defined as a professional body which governs the competition of its teams.

Section​ ​3.​ ​The Internal Revenue Service shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

Section​ ​4.​ ​This legislation will be implemented February 1 of 2018.

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

**A​ ​Bill​ ​to​ ​“Just​ ​Do​ ​It”​ ​for​ ​Student​ ​Athletes**

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

Section​ ​1.​ Universities that receive federal funding and have sports contracts worth over 1 million dollars, per year, will be required to disperse 50% of that respective income to university athletes.

Section​ ​2.​ ​

A.​ “Sports contracts” are defined as athletic apparel contracts. ​ ​ ​ ​

B​. “University athletes” must be full time students of the school. ​ ​ ​ ​ ​

C.​ University athletes shall receive this supplement for health, education, and welfare.

Section​ ​3.​ ​The Department of Education shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

Section​ ​4.​ ​This legislation will be implemented July 1, 2018.

Section​ ​5.​ All laws in conflict this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

**A​ ​Bill​ ​to​ ​Fund​ ​CRISPR**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section​ ​1.​

A. $50 million shall be given to the research and improvement of Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats (CRISPR).

B. This money will be taken from the U.S. Military Budget (FY 2019)

Section​ ​2.​ This funding will be allocated to projects already underway at the time of implementation.

Section​ ​3.​ The Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Defense shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

Section​ ​4.​ This legislation will be implemented October 1, 2019.

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

**A Resolution to Reduce Piracy**

WHEREAS​, The US, as well as the rest of the world, continues to suffer the plague of piracy in key trade areas like the Red sea, the Caribbean and Central America; and

WHEREAS​, It would be extremely inefficient to post a permanent maritime police force in these area; and

WHEREAS​, Article 1 section 8 of the US constitution lists issuing letters of marque and reprisal as an expressed power of congress; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled actively issue Letters of Marque to U.S. citizens in an effort to reduce worldwide piracy

**A Bill to Counter the Opioid Crisis**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. $100 million shall be allocated to fighting opioid addictions across the

country.

SECTION 2. $30 million from this fund will be added to the Public Health Emergency

Fund, with the requirement that this money only be used to combat the

drug epidemic.

SECTION 3. The remaining $70 million will be given to the US Department of Health

and Human services.

A. This money must be used for Substance Abuse and Mental Health

Services Administration (SAMHSA) grants.

B. The SAMHSA grants provided through the funding in this legislation

cannot be given to any private entities.

SECTION 4. Funding shall be allocated immediately upon the passage of this

legislation.

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

**A Resolution to Open Federal Lands**

**to Limited Radioactive Material Mining Efforts**

**WHEREAS,** Fossil Fuels account for approximately 65% of our energy production in the year of 2017; and

**WHEREAS,** Nuclear power production has steadily grown over the past three decades, prompting a surge in the Uranium Mining sector; and

**WHEREAS,** The United States Federal Government has recently completed reports on the uranium content of various sections of federal lands; and

**WHEREAS,** The opening of these lands, such as the mining operations east of the Mississippi River, to the Uranium Mining sector would promote job growth, economic stability, and an emphasis on the development and usage of new nuclear reactors; and

**WHEREAS,** The increase in use of nuclear reactors would contribute to U.S. efforts to reduce the country's carbon footprint, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,**That the United States Congress here assembled should open federal lands to limited radioactive material mining efforts with the goal of increasing long term economic and environmental benefits.

**A Bill to Fund the Mining of Asteroids**

SECTION 1. The United States shall fund the research and development of technology for the mining of asteroids.

SECTION 2. “Research and development” is defined as anything necessary to enhance our knowledge or equipment for this operation to proceed.

 “Mining” is defined as the extraction and exploitation of minerals and other geological resources.

 “Asteroids” is defined as minor planets in the Inner Solar System.

SECTION 3. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

1. $50 billion shall be diverted from the Department of Defense to NASA to implement this bill.

SECTION 4. This shall be effective upon the beginning of fiscal year 2019.

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

**A​ ​Resolution​ ​to​ ​Limit​ ​Grain​ ​Production​ ​and​ ​Allocation**

Whereas,​ ​Almost 40% of the calories produced by the world's crops are being used for animal feed; and

Whereas,​ Only 12% of those calories ultimately contribute to the human diet; and

Whereas,​ ​More than 90 million acres of land in the United States are planted to corn, with the majority of the crop grown in the Heartland region; and

Whereas,​ Most of the crop is used as the main energy ingredient in livestock feed; and

Whereas,​ ​Millions of people in the United States could be fed if land used to grow crops for livestock were given over to crops for human consumption, therefore, be it:

Resolved​ by the Congress here assembled that: No more than 15% of the corn production produced by American farms will be used for consumption by livestock.

**Tax Simplification Act of 2017**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1.

A) The seven-bracket system shall be abolished and replaced by a

consolidated three-bracket system as follows:

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| Yearly Income (after deductions) | Tax Owed |
| $0-$37,950 | 12% of taxable income |
| $37,951-$191,650 | $4,554 + 25% of the excess over $37,950 |
| $191,650+ | $47,912.50 + 35% of the excess over $191,650 |

B) The estate tax and all other taxes levied against monies transferred as

part of an inheritance are hereby repealed.

C) Taxpayers shall no longer be permitted to receive a tax benefit for

itemized deductions of any kind.

D) All tax incentives for mortgage interest shall be abolished.

SECTION 2. As an exemption to Section 1(C), the Child Tax Credit shall remain intact.

SECTION 3. The Department of the Treasury and Internal Revenue Service shall carry

out the provisions of this legislation.

SECTION 4. These provisions shall take effect for all income received after December

31, 2018.

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