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101. A BILL TO PROMOTE FAIR COMPENSATION FOR SERVICE WORKERS BY MANDATING A MINIMUM GRATUITY CONTRIBUTION

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

1 SECTION 1. A minimum of 10% of every hospitality service bill shall be allocated to
2 service workers as fair compensation regardless of whether the client
3 provides an additional tip.

3 SECTION 2. For the purposes of this legislation, "hospitality" shall refer to any
4 business providing food, drink, and accommodation for customers of
5 restaurants, bars, etc. or guests at hotels. "Service workers" shall refer to
6 individuals in positions that include food service, cleaning service, and
7 personal service.

8 SECTION 3. The Department of Labor and Service Industry Compensation (DOLSIC)
9 shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation. DOLSIC will be
10 responsible for monitoring compliance, investigating violations, and
11 imposing penalties.

12 A. Establishments that fail to comply shall be fined 1,000 dollars per
13 service worker that does not receive their minimum of 10%.

14 B. Establishments shall maintain records of gratuity contributions.

15 C. An employee from DOLSIC appointed by Congress shall audit the
16 records once every fiscal year.

17 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2024.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Lorena Lincoln, Horizon High School

102. A BILL TO ESTABLISH PERMANENT STANDARD TIME

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

- 1 SECTION 1. The United States shall establish permanent Standard Time starting with
2 when the United States will “fall back” from Daylight Savings Time on
3 November 5th, 2023 at 2am.
- 3 SECTION 2. Standard Time shall be defined as “the period of the year between the
4 fall (November) and spring (March), which is based on the position of the
5 earth relative to the sun.”
- 6 Daylight saving time shall be defined as “the period between spring and
7 fall, when clocks in most parts of the U.S. ‘spring forward’ one hour
8 ahead of standard time, resulting in a lost hour of sleep, more darkness
9 in the morning and more light in the evening.”
- 10 SECTION 3. The Department of Transportation (DOT) shall oversee the enforcement
11 and implementation of this bill.
- 12 A. The Department of Transportation shall make exceptions to the
13 enforcement of this bill as necessary, including Native American
14 tribes opting to keep Daylight Savings Time.
- 15 SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect on Nov. 5, 2023
- 16 SECTION 5. All other laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Ethan Mills, Colonial High School

103. AN AMENDMENT TO ENACT LEGISLATIVE REFORM (A.L.E.R)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

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
3 when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states
4 within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

5 ARTICLE --

6 SECTION 1. The Congress of the United States shall be unicameral, with the sole
7 legislative body being the House of Representatives. All powers formerly
8 granted to the senate shall be granted to the house of representatives.
9 The number of seats in the House of Representatives shall be expanded.
10 The House shall increase the number of seats every ten years, and the
11 number of seats added shall be in proportion to the national census.
12 SECTION 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
13 legislation.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Sarah Kabili, Horizon High School

104. A BILL TO REMOVE BUILDING HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS TO PREVENT URBAN SPRAWL

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

- 1 SECTION 1. The United States federal government shall prohibit state, local, and city
2 governments from making or enforcing any law that limits the height of
3 buildings that are primarily used for housing.
- 3 SECTION 2. “Primarily used for housing” is defined as greater than 50% of intended
4 occupancy. Building height is measured from ground to highest point of
5 the roof surface.
- 6 SECTION 3. The Department of Housing and Urban Development will oversee the
7 implementation of this legislation in collaboration with the Department
8 of Justice.
- 9 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2024.
- 10 SECTION 5. All other laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Alexander Fontanin, Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy

105. A BILL TO ESTABLISH 20% SALES TAX ON ITEMS THAT ARE NOT NON-GMO CERTIFIED

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

1 SECTION 1. There shall be a 20% nationwide sales tax on food items that are not
2 non-GMO certified.

3 SECTION 2. This sales tax shall apply to all food products that are not proven to be
3 non-GMO. Non-GMO products for the purposes of this bill are defined as
4 food products that are not genetically modified in any way. GMO
5 products may still be sold. The states' original sales tax shall remain the
6 same as before the bill was passed, and can still be changed at the leisure
7 of every state government.

8 SECTION 3. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will oversee enforcement of the
9 increased sales tax on select items. (See Section 2.)

10 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect at the beginning of the 2025 fiscal year.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Nolan Childress, Randall Middle School

106. A BILL TO LEGALIZE MEDICAL MARIJUANA IN THE UNITED STATES

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

- 1 SECTION 1. Medical marijuana shall be allowed in every state in the country. Doctors
2 may prescribe, pharmacists may dispense, and patients may use, without
3 breaking any laws within the United States.
- 3 SECTION 2. Medical marijuana shall be defined as: Medical cannabis, or medical
4 marijuana, is cannabis and cannabinoids that are prescribed by
5 physicians for their patients.
- 6 SECTION 3. The Department of Health and Welfare will be responsible for the
7 enforcement of this bill.
- 8 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect January 1, 2024.
- 9 SECTION 5. All other laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Space Coast Jr./Sr. High School

Tier 2 Legislation

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201. A BILL TO ELIMINATE CLASSISM AND ECONOMIC DISCRIMINATION IN THE JOB APPLICATION PROCESS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

- 1 SECTION 1. This Bill, upon its passing, will ensure that homeless individuals who are
2 applying for a job do not need a permanent mailing address of their own,
3 they can instead use a different address. This address shall be the place
3 of employment or an address that the employer owns. Further, the
4 employer cannot deny an interview, a job application, or the job because
5 the individual does not have a permanent address nor can this be a
6 factor in the decision.
- 7 SECTION 2. Homeless Individuals shall be defined as persons who lack a fixed,
8 regular, and adequate nighttime residence. A permanent address shall be
9 defined as a fixed, regular, adequate residence and principal
10 establishment to which an individual, when absent, will have the
11 intention to return. A permanent mailing address shall be defined as a
12 physical street address where one receives all mail, letters, and packages
13 which can be different from their permanent address. Explicitly tell the
14 individual shall be defined as stating such address in the application in
15 bold and in the placement of easy viewing of the applicant, must be
16 stated within the interview, and must be shown on all sources of
17 information used to advertise the open position (tv ads, newspapers,
18 websites, etc.). Employer shall be defined as the entity that is employing
19 workers in its organization, business, or trade.
- 20 SECTION 3. The United States Department of Labor shall oversee this legislation and
21 shall fine all those in violation of this legislation. Any employer found to
22 be in violation of this legislation shall be fined \$250 million dollars. For
23 each additional violation, the new fine shall be the amount fined in the
24 previous violation plus \$100 million dollars.
- 25 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2024.
- 26 SECTION 5. All other laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. George LaComb, Colonial High School