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The Great US Novel Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall establish a committee to determine a list of 50 official Great United States
3 Novels, meaning novels written at some point in the course of United States history that
4 best exemplify this nation's character and values.

5 **SECTION 2.** The committee shall consist of delegates from each state and populated U.S. territory, as
6 well as the Federal District and each federally recognized tribe. The chief executive of each
7 of these entities is entitled to put forth one delegate they feel is best suited to represent
8 their constituents' literary interests.

9 **SECTION 3.** The committee shall have one year from the date of passage to form, meet, discuss, and
10 determine their selections, which they shall then announce to the U.S. Congress and the
11 public. Congress encourages all agencies (such as the U.S. Mint) and levels of government
12 to celebrate these selections however they see fit.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

A Bill to Declare Capitalism Day a Federal Holiday

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Capitalism Day (commonly known as Black Friday), being the Friday immediately following
3 Thanksgiving, shall henceforth be recognized as a federal holiday.

4 **SECTION 2.** On this day, all non-essential federal government offices shall be closed, stock market
5 trading shall be suspended, and every federal government employee shall be paid for a
6 typical day's work.

7 **SECTION 3.** State and local governments are strongly encouraged to observe Capitalism Day in similar
8 fashion as they are able. Private businesses are encouraged to follow suit, excepting those
9 whose endeavors relate to, support, and benefit from the shopping that occurs on this day.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2024.

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

A Bill to Urbanize and Suburbanize the Solar Power Industry

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall levy a 10% tax on the annual revenue produced through the operation of
3 solar farms in rural areas, and funds raised through this tax shall be diverted to a fund
4 operated by the Department of Energy to create and run a program that incentivizes and
5 subsidizes the construction of solar arrays in non-rural areas over commercial parking lots.

6 **SECTION 2.** A solar farm, also known as a photovoltaic power station, is defined as a site utilizing at
7 least one acre of land area to host solar panels that produce electricity and supply power
8 for public utilities. This legislation utilizes the Department of Agriculture’s definition of
9 rural: “rural areas consist of open countryside with population densities less than 500
10 people per square mile and places with fewer than 2,500 people.”

11 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be jointly overseen by the Department of Energy and the Internal
12 Revenue Service (IRS).

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect at the start of the next fiscal year.

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

A Bill to Investigate Conspiratorial Thinking

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress hereby establishes a committee to investigate conspiracy theories that have
3 widespread appeal and potentially harmful ramifications. The first task of this committee
4 shall be to determine which theories meet these criteria and are thus worthy of
5 investigation.

6 **SECTION 2.** Within two weeks of the passage of this legislation, the Speaker of the House and the
7 House Minority Leader are instructed to appoint eight and five members of the House of
8 Representatives, respectively, for a total of 13 members to serve on this committee.

9 **SECTION 3.** The committee is ordered to complete its investigation and publish its findings to the public
10 in time for the 2024 general election. The committee is instructed to keep this deadline in
11 mind when determining how many theories to investigate.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

The Olive Oil Integrity Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is directed to establish stricter guidelines in the
3 production, import, export, labeling, and sale of olive oil, such as those instituted and
4 enforced by the Agriculture and Rural Development Commission of the European Union
5 (EU).

6 **SECTION 2.** Specifically, the FDA must ensure that products labeled “extra virgin olive oil” meet the
7 EU’s standards, i.e., that it is unrefined oil from the first pressing of freshly harvested olives
8 and thus “the category with the highest quality. From an organoleptic point of view, it has
9 no defects and is fruity. Its acidity level must not exceed 0.8%” (Agriculture and Rural
10 Development, EU).

11 **SECTION 3.** The FDA is further directed to enact reasonable, effective penalties for any businesses who
12 violate these new guidelines.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the FDA.

14 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect one year from the date of passage.

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

A Bill to Make Narcan Free and Accessible

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Pharmacies throughout the United States and its territories are directed to maintain a
3 constant supply of naloxone (commonly known by the brand name Narcan) and to provide
4 it at no cost to customers, though they may choose to limit the amount each customer can
5 accept at a given time, if needed, to manage supply.

6 **SECTION 2.** The cost of this medication shall be offset by a 1% tax increase on the revenue of
7 pharmaceutical manufacturers in the United States, which shall be directed into the budget
8 of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) that they may finance this legislation. Any
9 excess funds remaining from this legislation at the end of each fiscal year shall be remitted
10 to the Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) to support substance abuse
11 treatment programs.

12 **SECTION 3.** The FDA is directed to establish a convenient process by which pharmacies may charge the
13 costs of naloxone back to them. The FDA must ensure that reimbursement is prompt and
14 efficient.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the FDA, with the exception of Section 2, which shall
16 be overseen by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

17 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect one year from the date of passage.

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

A Bill to Fund and Construct Wildlife Crossings

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall apportion \$500 million a year for each of the five years that follow the
3 passage of this legislation to the Federal Highway Administration (FHA) for the construction
4 of wildlife crossings, where beneficial, over and under the Dwight D. Eisenhower National
5 System of Interstate and Defense Highways (Interstate Highway System).

6 **SECTION 2.** Wildlife crossings are defined as bridges over or underpasses/tunnels under a motorway
7 that allow wildlife to traverse the motorway safely and comfortably. To promote wildlife
8 usage, crossings should be designed to incorporate and/or simulate elements of the
9 habitat.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is directed to work with the FHA to determine
11 the best locations to construct these crossings, taking into consideration factors such as
12 risk of highway collisions and disruption of ecosystems and migratory patterns.

13 **SECTION 4.** Funding for this legislation shall be sourced from a one-cent-per-gallon increase on the
14 federal excise tax on the sale of both gasoline and diesel for use as motor fuel.

15 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall be overseen by the FHA, with the exception of Section 4, which shall
16 be overseen by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

17 **SECTION 6.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

18 **SECTION 7.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Resolution to Encourage Japan and South Korea to Relax Their Immigration Policies

- 1 **WHEREAS** Japan and South Korea (officially, the Republic of Korea) have two of the lowest birth rates
2 in the world; and
- 3 **WHEREAS** These nations' uncommonly strict immigration policies, coupled with their low birth rates,
4 are setting them up for existential levels of population and economic collapse in the
5 decades to come; and
- 6 **WHEREAS** The high standard of living enjoyed in these two countries would be a great boon to the
7 world's immense population of would-be immigrants and refugees; now, therefore be it
- 8 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that Japan and the Republic of Korea are strongly
9 encouraged to relax their immigration policies and even to establish incentives to welcome
10 large populations of immigrants to resettle within their borders; and be it
- 11 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that, should these nations follow this recommendation, Congress will consider
12 further measures to assist immigrants in reaching them and to aid these nations in
13 adjusting to this new state of affairs.

A Resolution to Call for a Temporary Halt to Russia's Security Council Veto Power

- 1 **WHEREAS** The International Court of Justice (ICJ) has outstanding arrest warrants for Vladimir Putin,
2 the President of Russia, and Maria Lvova-Belova, Russian Commissioner for Children's
3 Rights, for the alleged war crimes of unlawful deportation and transfer of children during
4 the Russo-Ukrainian War; and
- 5 **WHEREAS** The veto power afforded to the five permanent members of the United Nations' (UN)
6 Security Council is a statement of faith by the international community in the leadership
7 and character of the governments of those member nations; and
- 8 **WHEREAS** The lack of accountability Russia has demonstrated in failing to comply with the ICJ's
9 warrants speaks to a categorical failure to honor that faith; now, therefore be it
- 10 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that the UN is strongly encouraged to find a way to revoke
11 Russia's Security Council veto power until such time as the Russian government has
12 complied with the ICJ's warrants; and be it
- 13 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that, should the UN continue to afford Russia such an outsized role in
14 international politics while the Russian government persists in flaunting international law,
15 Congress shall consider other measures to address the situation, such as U.S. withdrawal
16 from the UN.

A Resolution to Discourage Schools from Leading Recitals of the Pledge

- 1 **WHEREAS** The United States reached immense levels of success and allegiance from its citizens without
2 the aid of the Pledge of Allegiance in the 165 years of the nation’s existence preceding the
3 Pledge’s official adoption by Congress; and
- 4 **WHEREAS** The addition of the words “under God” to the Pledge in 1954 only increased its
5 controversies; and
- 6 **WHEREAS** It is an insecure and manipulative nation indeed that expects its children to profess their
7 allegiance daily via a pledge whose words they may ill understand; now, therefore be it
- 8 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that schools throughout the United States and its
9 territories are strongly discouraged from leading their students in recitals of the Pledge of
10 Allegiance; and be it
- 11 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress makes no recommendation concerning students and school staff
12 who elect to find their own time and place during the school day to recite the Pledge of
13 Allegiance.