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## A Resolution to Encourage the Negotiation of a Coastline for Ethiopia

- 1   **WHEREAS**     The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia is by far the world’s most populous  
2                   landlocked nation; and
- 3   **WHEREAS**     The lack of a coastline is increasingly creating unsustainable challenges for this budding  
4                   global power; and
- 5   **WHEREAS**     The situation as it currently stands presents a major risk of war in the Horn of Africa,  
6                   which would not only have devastating humanitarian consequences for the people of  
7                   that region but would also create enormous economic hardship across the globe; now,  
8                   therefore be it
- 9   **RESOLVED**    by the Congress here assembled that the United Nations is called upon to begin an  
10                  immediate and concerted effort to negotiate on behalf of Ethiopia a lawful and mutually  
11                  beneficial annexation of the territory of one or more of its neighboring nations that  
12                  separate it from access to the ocean—those nations being the Republic of Kenya, the  
13                  Federal Republic of Somalia, the Republic of Djibouti, the State of Eritrea, and the  
14                  Republic of the Sudan—to establish a corridor, however narrow, that allows Ethiopia to  
15                  set up and utilize a functional seaport; and be it
- 16   **FURTHER RESOLVED**   that Congress commits to considering how it may leverage its powers on behalf  
17                  of the United States to contribute funds and other resources to the affected nations that  
18                  might lead them to accept a favorable deal enabling this territorial transfer.

## A Bill to Set Sustainable Student Maximums for the Nation's Teachers

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** All schools within the United States are directed to assign no more than 90 students to  
3 each teacher within a given school year, and to assign no more than 25 students to a  
4 given class period.

5 **SECTION 2.** Any federally funded school or school district that violates this legislation shall lose said  
6 funding until such time as compliance is reached.

7 **SECTION 3.** To support compliance with this legislation, Congress shall increase the annual budget of  
8 the Department of Education by \$10 billion, with these funds to be used to support  
9 schools in hiring additional teachers and building additional classrooms as necessary.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Education.

11 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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

## A Bill to Fund the Replacement of Intersections with Roundabouts

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall apportion an additional \$10 billion a year for each of the next 10 years to  
3 the Department of Transportation to support the replacement of traffic intersections  
4 with roundabouts.

5 **SECTION 2.** A traffic intersection is defined as a place where two or more roads meet, requiring at  
6 least one approaching lane of traffic to stop, by means of either a stop sign or a traffic  
7 light. A roundabout is defined as a place where two or more roads meet and are directed  
8 into a circular roadway to travel counterclockwise around a center island without the use  
9 of traffic lights or stop signs.

10 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Transportation, which is  
11 additionally directed to establish a fair and speedy process by which sub-federal agencies  
12 may apply for and be granted these funds.

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 Increase Representation in the National Statuary Hall

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress hereby invites the territories of Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands,  
3 American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands to contribute one statue each to the  
4 National Statuary Hall in Washington, D.C.

5 **SECTION 2.** This legislation shall be overseen by the National Statuary Hall Collection.

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

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

## A Bill to Deprivatize Social Media

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall exercise its rights of eminent domain to appropriate all social media  
3 corporations with more than 50 million monthly active users within the United States, as  
4 determined by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Upon acquisition,  
5 Congress shall provide just compensation to these corporations' owners, with fair market  
6 value being determined by the Department of the Treasury.

7 **SECTION 2.** Congress shall work with the FCC and the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division to  
8 consolidate all acquired corporations into a single nationalized social media platform that  
9 provides an open online forum in which residents and citizens of the U.S. may exercise  
10 their First Amendment rights without violating one another's constitutionally protected  
11 civil rights. No fees shall be charged, but the platform and all funding for acquisitions  
12 shall be sourced from corresponding decreases in the Department of Defense budget as  
13 necessary.

14 **SECTION 3.** The 42 USC § 1862w(a)(2) definition of a social media platform shall be utilized: "a  
15 website or internet medium that—(A) permits a person to become a registered user,  
16 establish an account, or create a profile for the purpose of allowing users to create,  
17 share, and view user-generated content through such an account or profile; (B) enables 1  
18 or more users to generate content that can be viewed by other users of the medium; and  
19 (C) primarily serves as a medium for users to interact with content generated by other  
20 users of the medium."

21 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the FCC.

22 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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

## A Bill to Mandate Compassionate Family Seating on Airplanes

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** No commercial airline may sell tickets to a family unit and charge extra to seat that family  
3 unit in adjacent seating, presuming sufficient adjacent seats are available at the time the  
4 tickets are purchased.

5 **SECTION 2.** A family unit is defined as one or more parents or legal guardians traveling with one or  
6 more of their legal dependent children who are under the age of 16. Adjacent seating is  
7 defined as seating that is in the same row and unseparated by other seats or an aisle. If  
8 the size of a family unit exceeds the number of truly adjacent seats available on the  
9 airplane (whether due to the seating arrangements of the aircraft or to certain seats  
10 already having been sold), the definition of adjacency shall be expanded to allow an  
11 airline to seat a family unit across one or more aisles from one another or in seats that  
12 are directly in front of/behind one another but in separate rows.

13 **SECTION 3.** Any airline that is found to have violated this legislation shall be ordered to refund double  
14 the entire cost of the itinerary to the affected family unit.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

16 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

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



## A Bill to Establish a National Christmas Anthem

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress hereby declares “All I Want for Christmas Is You” (music and lyrics by Mariah  
3 Carey and Walter Afanasieff) as the National Christmas Anthem of the United States.

4 **SECTION 2.** All agencies and entities at all levels of government are encouraged to begin any events  
5 observing or related to the federal holiday of Christmas with a formal and respectful  
6 performance of this song. If a recording of the song is being used, Congress  
7 enthusiastically recommends the use of Mariah Carey’s original single version (released  
8 by The Hit Factory in 1994).

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 void.

## A Resolution to Encourage Sustainable Meat Consumption

- 1    **WHEREAS**        The United States leads the globe in terms of per capita meat consumption; and
- 2    **WHEREAS**        The farming of meat is a major contributor to greenhouse gas emissions and is
- 3                            detrimental to the environment in many other ways; and
- 4    **WHEREAS**        These factors together reveal that more sustainable and less frequent meat consumption
- 5                            within the United States could make a substantial difference in the fight to combat
- 6                            climate change; now, therefore be it
- 7    **RESOLVED**        by the Congress here assembled that citizens and residents of the United States are
- 8                            encouraged to limit their meat intake; and be it
- 9    **FURTHER RESOLVED**    that Congress commits to modeling this modesty by adjusting menus and meal
- 10                            offerings at the U.S. Capitol and associated functions accordingly.

## A Resolution to Discourage Disingenuous Perpetuation of the Santa Claus Myth

- 1   **WHEREAS**       Most adults who perpetuate the Santa Claus myth do not believe in the existence of  
2                   Santa Claus and yet go to great lengths to trick children into doing so at an age when  
3                   their dependency and mental development make them particularly susceptible to  
4                   deception; and
- 5   **WHEREAS**       This practice compromises the trust that children should hold for the loving adults in  
6                   their lives, with far-reaching and ill-understood consequences for their developing  
7                   psyches; and
- 8   **WHEREAS**       The Santa Claus myth, while promoting the ideals of kindness and charity to a certain  
9                   degree, undoes these benefits by promoting in far greater measure consumerism,  
10                  materialism, and a problematic ethical framework based on constant surveillance and  
11                  extrinsic rewards and punishments; and
- 12 **WHEREAS**       The character of Santa Claus is a relatively recent creation whose U.S. origins are mired in  
13                  advertising and greed while his Dutch origins make light of the shameful history of chattel  
14                  slavery, and who fundamentally has no real relationship with the ancient and hallowed  
15                  holiday of Christmas; and
- 16 **WHEREAS**       The charitable and loving spirit of Christmas or any other holiday of giving should not  
17                  require the mass deception of our nation’s youth, nor does the Santa Claus myth  
18                  measurably enhance these far more essential elements in any way; now, therefore be it
- 19 **RESOLVED**       by the Congress here assembled that the insincere promotion of the existence and  
20                  supernatural powers of Santa Claus is strongly discouraged, particularly by government  
21                  agencies, educational institutions, and corporations; and be it
- 22 **FURTHER RESOLVED**   that Congress encourages the mutually respectful involvement of practitioners of  
23                  all ages in the celebration of holidays such as Christmas on a basis of loving honesty and  
24                  genuine integrity.

