

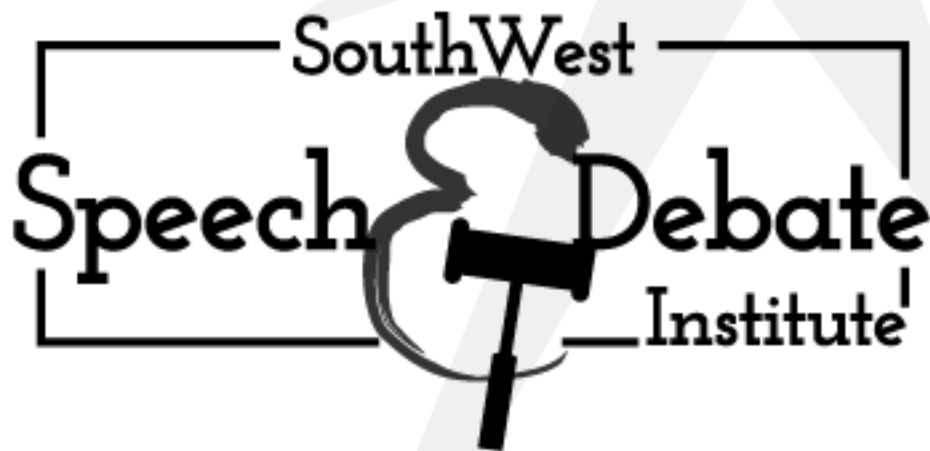


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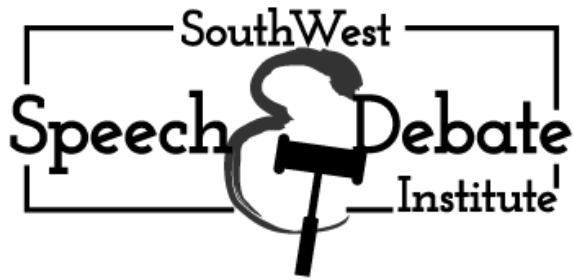
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A Bill to Protect Wildlife

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** No citizen or permanent lawful resident of the United States shall be
3 issued, or shall be permitted to obtain, any permit, tag, or license which
4 shall allow them to hunt any animal currently listed on the protected or
5 endangered species lists either domestically or internationally.

6 **SECTION 2. A.** Such permits or tags, often issued in the interest of conservation
7 efforts, shall not be offered for sale, offered as a prize at auction or raffle,
8 or gifted to any citizen or permanent lawful resident.

9 **B.** The importation of part of any animal which is identified as protected
10 or endangered shall be forbidden.

11 **SECTION 3.** The U.S Fish and Wildlife Service shall oversee implementation of this
12 legislation. Any violation of Section 1 shall be considered a Class C felony
13 punishable with a prison sentence of between 10 and 25 years.

14 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect upon passage.

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

A Bill to Reprioritize the COPS Program

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** No new funding shall be appropriated to the Department of Justice until
3 reporting through the Community Oriented Policing Services program
4 (COPS) is up to date, and recommendations have been made to local
5 police departments that have requested assistance.

6 **SECTION 2.** The COPS program promotes cooperation between local law
7 enforcement and the communities they serve. In cases where a
8 department is in crisis, such as after an officer-involved shooting, COPS
9 may provide reports and recommendations on how to reestablish trust in
10 law enforcement.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Attorney General will provide testimony to Congress no later than
12 sixty days after passage explaining what progress the Department of
13 Justice has made in responding to communities which have asked COPS
14 for assistance, and to provide reasoning for any delays in the
15 Department's response.

16 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect upon passage.

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

The Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2017

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All Interstate highway improvement needs, as determined by the Federal
3 Highway Administration and the Interstate Maintenance program, shall
4 be put out to bid for private contractors who will complete the work at
5 their own expense.

6 **SECTION 2.** Such private contractors may be permitted to charge a toll for travel
7 upon the segment of highway which they maintain. They will retain toll
8 rights for a period of ten years. The private contractor shall be permitted
9 to set the price of the toll at a level by which they estimate they will
10 recover their costs within seven years.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Transportation shall oversee the procurement of
12 private contractors to maintain the interstate highway system. The
13 portion of the federal tax on gasoline intended for highway maintenance
14 shall be removed for a period of 10 years.

15 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on October 1, 2018.

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

A Bill to Expand Gigabit Access

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Funds in the amount of \$20 billion shall be made available to companies
3 for the purpose of providing high speed broadband internet to areas
4 designated by the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission
5 as an “Area of Need.”

6 **SECTION 2.** An “Area of Need” shall be considered any area which meets the
7 following criteria:

8 **A.** The median income of the area is no more than 130% of the federal
9 poverty level, and

10 **B.** Less than half of the households in the area currently have access to,
11 or subscribe to, internet service with consistent speeds of 100 Mbps
12 or greater.

13 **SECTION 3.** The FCC shall oversee implementation and funding of this legislation. The
14 FCC shall also set procedures by which contractors shall apply for funding
15 and standards to determine whether a company has met requirements
16 for providing service to an “Area of Need.” Funding shall be provided in
17 the 2019 FCC budget through the standard appropriations process.

18 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect upon passage. The Chairman shall make the
19 designation of “Areas of Need” no later than October 1, 2018.

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

A Resolution to Permit Japan to Defend Itself

- 1 **WHEREAS,** since World War II, Japan’s military capabilities have been limited to
2 defensive forces; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** the Japanese Self-Defense Forces are currently supplemented and
4 supported by United States Military personnel; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** there has been growing tension between United States and Japanese
6 military forces, particularly with regard to Okinawa; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** the threat to Japan posed by North Korea has been increasing; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** the recent North Korean missile test violated Japan’s air space; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Chinese claims in the South China Sea infringe on the territorial rights of
10 Japan and the Philippines; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** the United States is committed to defend Japan against threats; and
- 12 **WHEREAS,** United States military action in defense of Japan will contribute to
13 destabilization of the region; now, therefore, be it
- 14 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States shall support
15 Japan’s efforts to build an offensive military force to protect itself against
16 all threats, and be it
- 17 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this Congress shall support a change to Japan’s constitution
18 to allow the establishment of a permanent Japanese military .

A Bill to Ban Land Contracts

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** No state shall sanction or permit the purchase or sale of real estate
3 property through land contracts. In addition, currently known land
4 contracts must be voided, and the buyers provided with an opportunity
5 to convert the land contract to a traditional mortgage.

6 **SECTION 2.** Land contracts are defined as a method of sale by which the seller retains
7 the title of the property while the buyer pays in installments. These
8 contracts often feature a large down payment and a balloon payment at
9 the end.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Housing and Urban Development shall oversee
11 implementation of these regulations. States which do not meet the
12 requirements of Section one by the effective date shall be considered
13 ineligible for Fair Housing Initiative Program grant funding.

14 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on January 1, 2018.

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

A Bill to Clean the Hanford Site

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The nuclear waste contained in pools at the Hanford, Washington nuclear
3 site shall be disposed using Deep Borehole Disposal techniques.

4 **SECTION 2.** Deep Borehole Disposal consists of small holes, drilled no less than three
5 miles into the Earth's crust, where containers of nuclear waste are
6 inserted for safe long-term storage.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy shall oversee the development of the Deep
8 Borehole sites and shall take responsibility for identifying locations for
9 the project. Funding shall be appropriated by redirecting \$500 million of
10 the Environmental Protection Agency's Superfund program for fiscal year
11 2019.

12 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on January 1, 2019. All waste material from the
13 Hanford site shall be disposed of by no later than January 1, 2023.

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

The Operation Inherent Resolve Enhancement Act of 2017

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve shall fully
3 integrate the Peshmerga military forces of Iraqi Kurdistan into the effort
4 to defeat the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL).

5 **SECTION 2. A.** Military training shall be provided to 100,000 Peshmerga troops.

6 **B.** Additionally, 1,000 military vehicles and 500,000 small-arms weapons
7 shall be provided to the Peshmerga upon completion of the training.

8 **C.** These troops shall be deployed to the border between Iraq and Syria
9 for the purpose of identifying and engaging ISIL forces.

10 **SECTION 3.** US Central Command shall oversee the training and distribute arms to
11 the Peshmerga. Funding for these operations shall be appropriated
12 through normal means.

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

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

A Bill to Provide Flexibility in Student Loans

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Section 455 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 is amended as follows:

3 **A.** All references to a “6 month grace period” prior to repayment shall
4 be changed to a “12 month grace period.”

5 **B.** No interest shall accrue on the student loan until the end of the 12
6 month grace period prior to repayment.

7 **SECTION 2.** The Secretary of Education, through a loan modification process, shall
8 pay to each borrower who received a Federal Direct Stafford Loan for
9 which the first disbursement was made during the period between July 1,
10 2012, and July 1, 2014, an amount equal to the amount of interest that
11 accrued on such loan prior to the beginning of the repayment period.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee the implementation of this
13 legislation. Funding for the loan modifications as described in Section
14 two shall be taken from a fifty percent reduction in funds intended for
15 private school voucher programs.

16 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on June 1, 2018.

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

A Resolution to Rein in Early Elections

- 1 **WHEREAS,** the next presidential election will be held in November of 2020; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** most presidents refrain from openly campaigning for reelection until the
- 3 year before the election; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** President Trump officially launched his reelection campaign on January
- 5 20, 2017; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** a majority of his public appearances since that time have been campaign
- 7 rallies designed to excite his base; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** such events have sparked protests and resulted in violence; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** even if the rallies have been paid for by campaign funds, there is still a
- 10 significant cost to the taxpayers of the city where such events are held;
- 11 and
- 12 **WHEREAS,** there is also a significant cost for Secret Service protection during said
- 13 events; and
- 14 **WHEREAS,** such rallies diminish the image of the office of the presidency; now,
- 15 therefore, be it
- 16 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that this Congress strongly condemns
- 17 the president's use of campaign-style rallies so early in his administration.