

A Bill to Stock Community Food Banks

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
2. Section 1 Any company selling food or providing food to its
3. employees without charge will donate any still packaged,
4. unused/unsold food to their nearest food bank. Any unsold produce
5. or soon-to-be-expired foods are to be put in a fridge, freezer,
6. or pantry outside of the grocery store in a protected area,
7. available without charge to individuals wishing to take the items.
8. Section 2 "Packaged" foods are consumable items purchased for the
9. use of employees, often in shared kitchens or cafeterias, left
10. unopened. "Produce" is any grown food for people's consumption,
11. commonly for sale in grocery stores. No food will be donated to
12. food shelves past its expiration date, or with any perceivable
13. mold. Bruising or aesthetically flawed items shall be donated.
14. Section 3 The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) will
15. create a commission to communicate with state governments to
16. make this legislation possible. A. Companies failing to comply
17. and allow packaged items to be disposed of prior to their
18. expiration date will be fined \$5,000 per item per
19. occurrence. B. Grocery stores failing to establish accessible
20. community food banks shall be fined 10% of quarterly profits
21. until in compliance.
22. Section 4 This legislation will take effect in the next fiscal year.
23. Section 5 All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby
24. declared null and void.
25. Introduced for Congressional Debate by Alexandra Smith

A Bill to Adopt Plastic Bank Notes

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
2. Section 1 Plastic bank notes shall be designed, produced, and
3. circulated as the new currency medium of the United States of
4. America. Paper bank notes can be deposited or exchanged until
5. void of monetary value.
6. Section 2 "Plastic bank notes" refer to currency notes made of
7. durable polymer materials designed to replace traditional
8. paper-based bank notes. The design of these notes should
9. incorporate security elements to deter counterfeit copies from
10. being produced, including but not limited to advanced holograms,
11. unique serial numbers, and embedded security threads.
12. Section 3 The Bureau of Engraving and Printing will work alongside
13. the Department of the Treasury to implement this legislation.
14. Design proposals shall be open for public submission one year
15. after the passage of this legislation.
16. Section 4 Plastic bank notes shall begin to enter circulation and
17. be of monetary value 18 months from the passage of this
18. legislation. Paper notes will continue to be accepted for 60
19. months from the passage of this legislation, after which point
20. they will not be accepted as a valid medium of currency.
21. Section 5 All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby
22. declared null and void.
23. Introduced for Congressional Debate by Alexandra Smith

A Bill to Enhance Meat Product Labeling and Consumer Awareness

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
2. Section 1 The Food and Drug Administration shall establish
3. regulations requiring clear and accurate labelling of meat
4. products, including information on the environmental impact,
5. water used, carbon footprint, added hormones, and animal welfare
6. standards associated with the meat's production.
7. Section 2 Labels will be required on all packages sold to consumers
8. when applicable, or on menu items if in a restaurant setting.
9. Section 3 The Federal Trade Commission shall enforce regulations
10. related to meat product labelling, and ensure that claims made
11. on labels regarding environmental impact and animal welfare are
12. substantiated. The Department of Agriculture shall conduct
13. consumer education campaigns to raise awareness about meat
14. product labelling and provide guidance on making informed
15. consumer choices. A. Schools serving free meals to students
16. will no longer be provided funding for the purchase of meat
17. products. B. Companies failing to comply with this legislation
18. shall be fined \$25,000 per product in noncompliance. After three
19. months, if the company has failed to create adequate labelling,
20. the company will be fined 5% of its annual profit.
21. Section 4 This legislation will take effect three months after
22. passage.
23. Section 5 All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby
24. declared null and void.
25. Introduced for Congressional Debate by Alexandra Smith

A Resolution to Mine Landfills

1. WHEREAS, Landfills are commonly considered only in association with
2. their negative aspects: long-term methane emissions, local
3. pollution, groundwater pollution, and limitations on urban
4. development; and
5. WHEREAS, landfills are a largely untapped resource for metals.
6. Valuable recyclable materials formerly regarded as waste can be
7. mined from landfills, providing a new source of such material; and
8. WHEREAS, In the US, more than 4 million tons of electronic waste is
9. disposed of in American landfills annually since 2000. Such
10. material has the potential to provide a new supply for declining
11. supplies of metals found frequently in electronic products; and
12. WHEREAS, In addition to providing an untapped resource for many
13. strategic elements, landfill mining alleviates space and local
14. pollution concerns related to landfills; now, therefore, be it
15. RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that a program be created
16. to provide grants funding and incentivize landfill mining
17. projects and item repurposing; and
18. FURTHER RESOLVED, That items within landfills be sorted into
19. recyclables (metal, glass, some plastics), organics (items that
20. may decompose over time), and rubbish (items with no repurposing
21. value or the ability to decompose).
22. Introduced for Congressional Debate by Alexandra Smith

A Bill to Allow Felons in Prison to Vote

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2. Section 1 Felons who are currently incarcerated shall retain their
3. right to vote while serving their sentence. Information related
4. to candidates, political platforms, debates, and election-cycle
5. news shall be made available to prisoners to better inform their
6. decisions.

7. Section 2 "Felons" refers to individuals who have been convicted of
8. a felony offense and are currently serving that sentence in a
9. state or federal correctional facility. Voting shall occur either
10. within the prison or through absentee ballots and is up to the
11. discretion of each prison facility.

12. Section 3 The Federal Bureau of Prisons, in coordination with
13. state correctional departments, shall ensure that felons have
14. access to voter registration materials and the opportunity to
15. exercise their right to vote. A. The Federal Bureau of
18. Prisons shall collaborate with election officials to establish
19. secure and confidential procedures for collecting and delivering
20. completed voter registration forms and absentee ballots from
21. incarcerated individuals to the appropriate election
22. authorities. B. Voter education systems, including all
23. information reaching those incarcerated, shall be vetted by the
24. Federal Bureau of Prisons to prevent information bias related to
25. political candidates.

26. Section 4 This legislation will take effect immediately upon
27. passage and shall aim to enfranchise felons prior to the coming
28. election cycle.

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

31. Introduced for Congressional Debate by Alexandra Smith