A Bill to Provide Free Swim Lessons for Children at Public Pools

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

Section 1 The federal government shall fund free swimming lessons for children at publicly owned swimming pools, with priority given to communities with the highest rates of childhood drowning.

Section 2 "Publicly owned swimming pool" is defined as a swimming pool owned or operated by a state, local, or tribal government, including pools located at public schools and public parks.

Section 3 The Consumer Product Safety Commission shall enforce this legislation through the Pool Safely Grant Program established under the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act, and shall award $75 million annually in grants to state, local, and tribal governments for swimming instruction.

Subsection A Grant funds may also be used to recruit, train, and certify lifeguards and swimming instructors.

Section 4 This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2029. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Resolution to Encourage Public Elementary Schools to Adopt the Ten-Minute Homework Guideline

WHEREAS, The National Education Association supports a guideline of roughly ten minutes of homework per night per grade level, beginning in the first grade; and

WHEREAS, A synthesis of more than sixty studies found that the relationship between homework and academic achievement is substantially weaker in the elementary grades than in grades seven through twelve; and

WHEREAS, Students without reliable internet access at home are far less able to complete assigned work than their classmates, making homework a source of inequity as well as of instruction; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled urge every public elementary school to adopt a written homework policy consistent with the ten-minute guideline; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled encourage schools that reduce assigned homework to replace it with daily independent reading; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled urge states to make every district's homework policy publicly available to parents.

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A Bill to Ban the Outdoor Release of Helium Balloons

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

Section 1 The intentional outdoor release of balloons filled with helium or any other gas lighter than air shall be prohibited in the United States.

Section 2 "Intentional outdoor release" is defined as knowingly releasing one or more balloons into the open air. This definition does not include balloons released for weather, scientific, or government research purposes, balloons released by federally licensed amateur radio operators, hot air balloons carrying passengers, or balloons released by accident.

Section 3 The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, in coordination with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, shall enforce this legislation as an amendment to the Marine Debris Act, and shall levy a civil penalty of up to $100 for each release of ten or more balloons within a twenty-four hour period. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shall receive $5 million annually to administer enforcement and public education, and all penalties collected under this legislation shall be deposited into the Marine Debris Program.

Section 4 This legislation shall take effect on July 1, 2028. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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