

DVC Viking's Winter Fest Congress Docket - 2026

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Bill 1: A Bill to Abolish Interest on Federal Student Loans

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States Federal Government shall set the interest rate on all current and future federal student loans to zero percent (0%).

SECTION 2. "Federal student loans" shall be defined as any educational loan issued by the U.S. Department of Education, including Direct Subsidized, Direct Unsubsidized, and Parent PLUS loans.

SECTION 3. The U.S. Department of Education shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

A. Any interest accrued on existing federal loans prior to the enactment of this bill shall not be forgiven but will no longer accumulate further interest.

B. Funding for the administration of this change shall be reallocated from the Department of Education's existing discretionary budget.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2027.

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

Bill 2: A Bill to Ban Facial Recognition Technology for Law Enforcement

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The use of facial recognition technology by federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies for the purpose of surveillance or identification in public spaces is hereby prohibited.

SECTION 2. "Facial recognition technology" (FRT) shall be defined as any automated or semi-automated process that assists in identifying or verifying an individual based on their physical characteristics. "Public spaces" includes any area open to the general public, including streets, parks, and public transportation hubs.

SECTION 3. The Department of Justice (DOJ) shall oversee the enforcement of this bill.

A. Any law enforcement agency found in violation of this act shall be ineligible for federal grants, including JAG and COPS grants, for a period of three years.

B. Evidence obtained through the unauthorized use of FRT shall be inadmissible in any federal or state court.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect 90 days after passage.

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

Bill 3: A Bill to Tax Single-Use Plastics to Fund Waste Management

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. An excise tax of **\$0.05** per unit shall be imposed on all single-use plastic items manufactured or imported for sale within the United States.

SECTION 2. "Single-use plastic items" shall be defined as petroleum-based plastic products intended to be used once before being discarded, including but not limited to plastic bags, straws, utensils, and food containers.

SECTION 3. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shall jointly oversee the collection and distribution of this tax.

A. Revenue generated from this tax shall be placed into a "National Waste Management Fund."

B. These funds shall be distributed to municipal recycling programs and used to subsidize the research and development of biodegradable alternatives.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

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

Bill 4: A Bill to Reclassify Gig Workers as Employees

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All individuals working for digital platform companies (gig workers) shall be reclassified as employees under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), granting them the right to minimum wage, overtime pay, and collective bargaining.

SECTION 2. "Digital platform companies" shall be defined as businesses that use an online-enabled application or platform to connect providers with customers for services including, but not limited to, ride-sharing and delivery.

SECTION 3. The Department of Labor (DOL) shall be responsible for the implementation and enforcement of this legislation.

A. The DOL will establish a task force to audit platform companies for compliance.

B. Companies found misclassifying workers after the implementation date shall be subject to a fine of **\$5,000** per worker per violation.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2027.

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

Bill 5: A Bill to Establish a Federal Sovereign Wealth Fund

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall establish a Sovereign Wealth Fund (SWF) to invest federal surpluses and resource revenues into global financial markets for the long-term benefit of the American economy.

SECTION 2. A "Sovereign Wealth Fund" is defined as a state-owned investment fund composed of financial assets such as stocks, bonds, and real estate.

SECTION 3. The Department of the Treasury shall oversee the fund's management.

A. The fund shall be initially capitalized by a one-time **\$500 billion** allocation from the Treasury.

B. 25% of all future federal revenue from offshore oil and gas leases shall be directed to this fund annually.

C. Dividends from the fund may only be withdrawn to fund infrastructure projects or to provide emergency relief during a declared national recession.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect in Fiscal Year 2027.

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