Report from Week 1005

Our biennial contest in which we ask you to create “joint legislation” by combining the names of two or more (often many more) freshman members of Congress. To judge from the many thousands of entries sent in this year from almost 500 people (and by the Empress’s count, 105 of them were entering the Invite for the first time), the 113th Congress should be a productive one; already, Rep. Peters (har har) has 247 pieces of legislation to his name (alas, most are unprintable). As usual, quite a few of the entries were cryptic, to say the least; the Efigured out only from context, for example, that “Yoho-Vela-Williams” was meant to be read as “Jehovah’s Witnesses.” The winners below are much more valid. But if you’re still stuck on any of them, look at the online Invite at bit.ly/invite1008; there’s a link to the same list, but with translations.

Winner of the “Welcome to Loserville” sign: The Kildee-Warren-Yoho Act: Aims to end the fighting in another one of those countries you’d never heard of. (John Glenn, Tyler, Tex.)

The Takano-Schatz bill to study why the Capitolis seldom score. (Steve Fahey, Kensington)

The Warren-Kildee-Kennedy amendment to the Castro-Kildee-Kennedy Act, specifying that all conspiracy-theory research funded by the act include at least one really epic plot twist. (David Smith, Santa Cruz, Calif.)

Lower billing:

Honorable mentions

Barr-Pocan-LaMalfa bill to limit how much gum-jabbing a dental hygienist may do during a routine cleaning. (Rob Wolf, Gaithersburg)

The Hirono-Schatz Act to subsidize gun silencers (Rob Cohen, Potomac)

The Collins-Collins Act to reduce legislative redundancy. Followed closely by the Murphy-Murphy Act to reduce legislative redundancy. (*Andrea Schmahl, Front Royal, Va.)

The Cotton-Kennedy, Kennedy-Barr and Kennedy-Kaine acts to raise the BMI threshold for obesity. (Danielle Nowlin, Woodbridge)

The Barr-King-Cook bill to grant honorary U.S. citizenship to Gordon Ramsay, (Christopher Lamora, Guatemala City)

The Pocan-Scott bill to provide training for exotic dancers. (Chris O’Carroll, Emporia, Kan.)

The Donnelly-Veasey Act to establish limits on emigration. (Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

The Heck-Pocan-Cook-Rice bill to eliminate the food stamp program. (Rick Haynes, Boynton Beach, Fla.)

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