

# Style Invitational

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## 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 E figured 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](http://bit.ly/invite1008); there’s a link to the same list, but with translations.

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

## 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 **Bustos-Titus-Heck** resolution to investigate the safety of the athletic compression bra. (\*Tom Buckley, Centreville)

The **Collins-Murphy-Collins-Murphy-Vargas** Act to promote diversity in law firms. (\*Meagan Keefe, Fairfax Station)

The **Wagner-Bustos** Act to provide training for exotic dancers. (Chris O’Carroll, Emporia, Kan.)

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

**2 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.)

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

**4** 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.)

**DeSantis-Enyart-Titus-Cotton** educational memorandum about the dangers of yoga pants at the beach. (Craig Dykstra, Centreville)

The **Barr-Bridenstine-Sinema** Act to ban simulcasts of the Kim Kardashian wedding. (Kathleen DeBold, Burtonsville)

The **Salmon-Flake-Rice-Barr** Act for research into snacks that are sure to encourage children to set aside their Milky Ways. (\*J.P. Devine, Arlington; \*Kristine DeWitt, Westminster, Md.)

**Barr-Payne-Warren-Daines-Holding-Fischer-Cruz** bill to prohibit the delivery of ransom to any Vikings who have captured a deep-sea trawler. (David Genser, Poway, Calif.)

**Brownley-King-Enyart** Act: An act to regulate contamination from overflowing residential cesspools. (Robert Schechter, Dix Hills, N.Y.)

The **Kilmer-Meadows-Kildee-Brooks** Act to establish specific targets for the effects of global warming. (Arden Levine, New York)

The **Yoho-Sinema** bill to promote aargh-rated films. (\*Joanne Free, Clifton)

The **Kirkpatrick-Stewart** resolution to include the question “Who was the better captain?” as part of the 2020 Census. (\*David Silversmith, Burke)

The **Horsford-Cartwright** Act to discourage getting things out of order. (Dan Walker, Partlow, Va.; Larry

Pryluck, Amissville, Va.; Mae Scanlan, Washington)

The **King-Takano-Cotton** bill to keep visiting dignitaries from walking off with the White House linens. (Will Stutzman, Millersburg, Ohio)

The **Kildee-Joyce** Act offers federal protections for party poopers. (Nancy Schwalb, Washington)

The **Horsford-Hudson** Act to expel Manhattan prostitutes to New Jersey. (Mike Gips, Bethesda)

The **Weber-Scott-Salmon-Cook-King** resolution to declare that dinner’s about ready. (Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase)

The **Kildee-Payne** resolution to investigate liquor, pills, and meaningless sex. (Rob Huffman, Fredericksburg)

The **Warren-Beatty** Act: You probably think this law is about you, don’t you? (Andrew Ballard, London; Kevin Dopart, Washington)

The **Warren-Beatty-Sinema-Payne** Lifetime Achievement Commemoration for “Ishtar.” (Craig Dykstra; Mitch Bailin, Bethesda)

The **Bera-Grayson** Act to support research into complexion disorders in the newborn. (Dixon Wragg, Santa Rosa, Calif.)

The **Barr-Warren-Payne** Act to establish a utopian society. (John Glenn)

The **Yoho-Scott-Schatz** Oldest Profession Immunization Act: Requires pimps to ensure their “charges” have proper inoculations. (Mark Raffman, Reston)

The **Bentivolio-Cartwright** Act to “class up” the Ponderosa by giving the “Bonanza” cast artsy Shakespearean names — and they have to wear tights instead of chaps. (Mark Raffman)

The **Pocan-Scott** Act to Promote Alternatives to Squeezing Charmin (Arden Levine)

The **Barr-Baldwin-King-Cruz** Act to deter flirtatious behavior by skinhead street gangs. (Kevin Dopart)

The **Bustos-Scott-King** Bill to add Coretta to the statue of Martin (Marleen May, Rockville)

The **Flake-Collins-Holding** bill to treat people waiting to talk to Rush Limbaugh. (Ralph Nitkin, Rockville)

And Last: The **Davis-Titus-Heck** resolution condemning one Loser’s gift-buying practices. (Dave Zarrow’s wife, Reston)

\*The entrant is a First Offender.

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## THIS WEEK’S CONTEST

# Week 1008: Switched reels

**“You Are 54: Where Car?”: A senior moment strikes in a parking garage.** (Julie Thomas and Will Cramer; Brendan Beary)

**“The Brief Pelican”:** Impressed with the success of the Aflac Duck, the Hanes underwear company signs a new mascot. (Gene McMath)

**“What? Did Daddy Do You in the War?”** A young girl learns of her father’s overseas affair when a Korean woman comes looking for him. (Russell Beland)

While starting to pore over the past 10 years of Style Invitational — 515 contests — to select its Greatest Hits for our 20th-anniversary ickstravaganza on March 3, the Empress came upon this classic from Week 524, a contest we’d never repeated but clearly begs to be done again: **Rearrange all the words in the title of a movie, and describe the resulting work**, as in these winning entries from 2003. Even given the thousands of films to choose from, we’re certain that many of you will send in the same reconfigured movie title, so it’ll probably be the humor in the plot or description that earns it the ink.

Winner gets the Inkin’ Memorial, the Lincoln-statue bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives a package of Butt/Face soap — with each side of the bar inscribed with “butt” or “face,” not to mention coded in brown and white, so you’ll know which side is for which cheek. Donated by the fastidious longtime Loser Phyllis Reinhard.

**Other runners-up** win their choice of a yearned-for Loser Mug or the ardently desired Grossery Bag. Honorable mentions get a lusted-after Loser magnet. First Offenders receive a smelly, tree-shaped air “freshener” (FirStink for their first ink). E-mail entries to [losers@washpost.com](mailto:losers@washpost.com) or fax to 202-334-4312. Deadline is Monday, Feb. 18; results published March 10 (online March 7). No more than 25 entries per entrant per week. Include “Week 1008” in your e-mail subject line or it might be ignored as spam. Include your real name, postal address and phone number with your entry. See contest rules and guidelines at [wapo.st/inviterules](http://wapo.st/inviterules). The subhead for this week’s honorable mentions is by Christopher Lamora. Join the lively Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at [on.fb.me/invdev](http://on.fb.me/invdev).



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**For Losers who need to clean up their act, this week’s second-prize bars of soap. (Too bad there’s not one marked “elbow.”)**