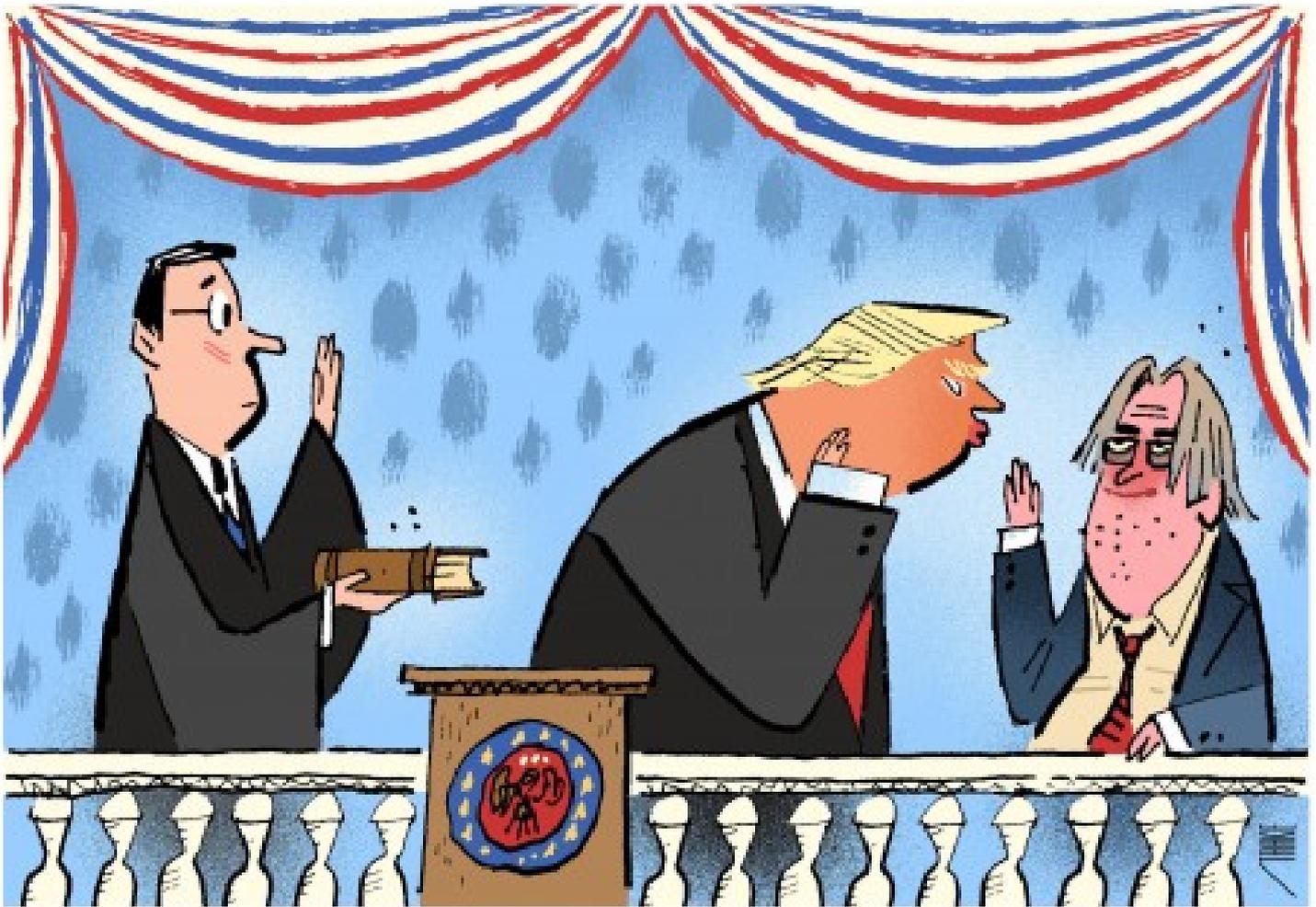


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## Style Invitational Week 1214: The alternaugural address

Write something using words from Trump's speech. Plus the new 'joint legislation' winners



This week's contest: Take some words from his inaugural address and say something great. We mean even greater. (Bob Staake /for The Washington Post)

By Pat Myers 

February 9

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**"My small hands will get bigger — honestly, magnificent! — as long as I salute the one who controls my every move."**

Donald Trump's inaugural address was [1,433 words](#) of pure . . . source material for our perennial word bank game, in which we present some widely known work or passage, and ask you to write something else from some of its words. Last year the Empress used the song "American Pie"; over the years we've offered everything from Genesis to "The Cat in the Hat." **This week: Write a humorous passage — a "quote," an observation, a joke, a dialogue, a poem, anything — using only words that appear in Trump's inaugural address (find it at [bit.ly/trump-address](http://bit.ly/trump-address) or by Googling).** You may use a word only as many times as it appears in the speech; for example, you may use "wealth" up to four times, but "carnage," alas, only once. You must use the whole word as it appears ("honestly" but not "honest"), but you may change capitalization and punctuation however you like. You may attribute your "quote" to someone else.

Submit entries at this website: [bit.ly/enter-invite-1214](http://bit.ly/enter-invite-1214) (all lowercase).



It's called Poopets, but we'll call it the Turdle: a figurine made of (totally unsmelly) dried manure. It, of course, is this week's second prize. (Pat Myers/The Washington Post)

**Winner gets the [Inkin' Memorial](#)**, the Lincoln statue bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy. Second place gets the lovely sculpture pictured here: The brand is [Poopets](#), but we'll call it the Turdle: a figurine made of (totally unsmelly) dried cow manure. It's supposed to break down into fertilizer in your garden, but donor Mike Creveling gave it a coat of varnish: so a Turdle lasts forever. (But alas, it won't arrive in time for Valentine's Day.)

**Other runners-up** win the yearned-for ["This Is Your Brain on Mugs" Loser mug](#) or our Grossery Bag, ["I Got a B in Punmanship."](#) Honorable mentions get one of our new lusted-after Loser magnets, ["No Childishness Left Behind"](#) or ["Magnum Dopus."](#) First Offenders receive only a smelly tree-shaped air "freshener" ([FirStink](#) for their first ink). Deadline is Tuesday night, Feb. 21; results published March 12 (online March 9). See general contest rules and guidelines at [wapo.st/InvRules](#). The headline for this week's results is by John O'Byrne; the honorable-mentions subhead is by Tom Witte. Join the lively Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at [on.fb.me/invdev](#). "Like" the Style Invitational Ink of the Day on Facebook at [bit.ly/inkofday](#); follow [@StyleInvite](#) on Twitter.

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## THE FLOOR SHOW: THE WINNING 'LEGISLATION'

In [Week 1210](#), our biennial "joint legislation" contest, the usual pool of freshmen had shrunk even further in the 115th Congress, forcing the Empress to pad the list with the full local delegations plus a smattering of other incumbents.

As always, some folks in the Loser Community submitted name combinations that sounded like phrases only in the entrants' alternative-minds: Sorry, but *nobody* will read **"Demings-Arrington" as "the Mings are in town."** The bills that follow are much clearer, but just in case you can't figure one out, you can look it up: [Click here](#) to see the list of winners with an "answer key" — but do try them here first. (Pronunciation tips: Hassan is pronounced like Hasson; Kihuen is "kee when"; Crist rhymes with "fist.")

### 4th place:

The **Barr-Crist-Mast-Tenney-Young-Brat** Act to revitalize the Lumps of Coal industry (Paul Jackson, Malabar, Fla, a First Offender)

### 3rd place:

The **Byrne-Norton-Correa** Resolution advocating a preemptive strike on Pyongyang (John Glenn, Tyler, Tex.)

**2nd place and the Capitol Dome squeeze “ball”:**

The **Biggs-Esty-Yoder** Masculine Fragrance Promotional Act (Ann Martin, Falls Church, Va.)

**And the winner of the Inkin’ Memorial:**

The **Dunn-Taylor-Yoder-King** bill requiring truth in online dating profiles (Amy Harris, Charlottesville)

**Deplorabills: honorable mentions**

The **Barr-King-Bacon** proposal to restrict genetic engineering on animals (G.T. Bowman, Falls Church, Va.)

The **Brown-Hice** Amendment to warn of something, in addition to yellow snow, that nobody should eat (Mark Raffman, Reston, Va.; Steve Offutt, Arlington, Va.)

The **Hice-Tenney-Hoyer** resolution to require a daily greeting for the House Democratic whip (Ira Allen, Bethesda, Md.; Jack McBroom, Fort Valley, Va.)

The **Lawson-Dunn** Repeal of Everything Obama Did (Jesse Frankovich, Lansing, Mich.)

The **Biggs-Norton** resolution calling for investigation of Trump’s “sniffles” (Pam Sweeney, Burlington, Mass.)

The **Carson-Davidson-Ferguson-Johnson-Lawson-Simpson** Clean Hair Act (Pete Morelewicz, Fredericksburg, Va.)

The **Gottheimer-King** Act authorizes the DEA to find out what “merking” is and put an end to it (Warren Tanabe, Annapolis, Md.)

The **Hassan-Tenney-Johnson** bathroom equality bill to support transgender rights (Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station, Va.)

The **Dunn-Beyer-Brat-Tenney-Bacon** Initiative for Healthier Children’s Diets (Daniel Galef, Montclair, N.J.)

The **Young-Yoder** More Prequels You Must Make Act (Michael Rolfe, Cape Town, South Africa)

The **Murphy-Lawson-Hill** Act to ensure that any legislation that can go wrong will go wrong (Gordon Cobb, Marietta, Ga.)

The **Hassan-Esty-Yoder** Act to recognize Your Mama (Jeff Shirley, Richmond, Va.)

The **Marshall-Dunn** bill to allow draining of the Everglades (Marleen May, Rockville)

The **Khanna-Lee-Connolly** Civi Rights Act to condemn homophobia (John McCooey, Rehoboth Beach, Del.)

The **Brown-Crist-Mast-Cummings** Climate Change Adaptation Act (Dudley Thompson, Cary, N.C.)

The **Esty-Duckworth-Khanna-Budd-Hice** Commission to study barter patterns in rural America (John Hutchins, Silver Spring, Md.)

The **Hill-Gaetz-Norton-Dunn** Resolution for Congress to do *something* useful (Jesse Frankovich)

The **Marshall-Lawson-Crist-Mast** Act to win the war on that holiday, once and for all (Mark Raffman)

The **Beyer-Dunn-Kihuen-Young** bill to support Future Farmers of America (Sarah Jay, Churchville, Md.)

The **Rush-Beyer-Banks** bill merging Quicken Loans and drive-through banking (Deb Stewart, Damascus, Md.)

The **Schneider-Brat-Dunn** Act to change the ownership of the Washington Redskins (Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.)

The **Ross-Hassan-Tenny-Hice Act** to study global warming effects on the Antarctic Mud Shelf (Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn, Va.)

The **Lewis-Barragan** Provision to Restock the House Chamber with Toilet Paper (Jesse Frankovich)

The **Khanna-Beyer-Young-Brat** Rotten-Child Trafficking Support Act (Gordon Cobb)

The **Delaney-Byrne** Act designating knee pads as “feminine medical devices” under Trumpcare. (Dave Airozo, Silver Spring)

The **Budd-Hassan-Hice-Rush** Legalize It Already bill, a.k.a. Joint Resolution 420 (Nan Reiner, Boca Raton, Fla.)

The **Dunn-King-Hoyer** Act to establish a Georgetown University basketball scholarship (Holly Saunders, Bethesda, a First Offender)

The **Barr-Dunn-King** bill to prohibit waterboarding — or if that won’t pass, to at least reduce coffee stains on neckties (Rob Cohen, Potomac; G.T. Bowman)

The **Budd-Hollingsworth** Act establishing minimum wages for Clydesdale horses (Roy Ashley, Washington)

The **Byrne-Budd** Joint Legislation for the Legislation of Joints (Pete Morelewicz)

The **Polis-Raskin-Yoder-Rush-Carson-Hill** Resolution, endorsing the efforts of D.C. police to make traffic near the Capitol move more efficiently. (John Glenn)

The **Biggs-Carson-Johnson** Declaration, explaining how Huma Abedin knew the photo was of Anthony (William Verkuilen, Brooklyn Park, Minn.)

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The **Connolly-Espailat-Gallagher-Hollingsworth-Marshall-Mitchell-O’Halleran-Van Hollen** bill to tell the president to go two-L (Bill Verkuilen)

The **Dunn-Barr-King** Act to Send Fido to a Nice Farm Upstate (David Smith, Alexandria)

The **Dunn-Masto-Bacon** Act to Automatically Shut Off Tyler’s Internet at Night (Jesse Aronson, Arlington, a First Offender)

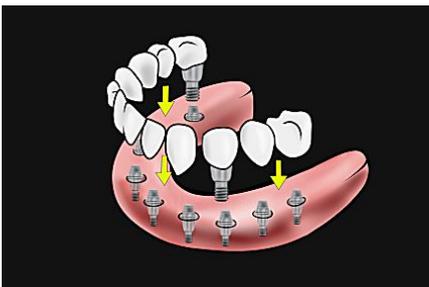
The **Krishnamoorthi-Smucker-Rooney** bill that doesn’t really do anything but is fun to say. (Steve Offutt)

**Still running — deadline Monday night, Feb. 13: our “punku” pun-haiku contest. See [bit.ly/invite1213](https://bit.ly/invite1213).**

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