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## **Docket A: Domestic Bill 5670**

### *A Bill to Raise the Drafting Age to 25*

Be it enacted,

Line 01: Section 1. The United States shall increase the drafting age

Line 02: during wartime from ages 18-25 to 25-32 years of age.

Line 03: This will allow for young men to be fully developed

Line 03: mentally and finish college before being drafted

Line 04:

Line 05: Section 2. Upon passage of this legislation all currently

Line 06: drafted soldiers under 25 shall remain drafted in the military.

Line 07:

Line 08: Section 3. The US Department of Defense and the Selective

Line 09: Service System shall jointly oversee the implementation and

Line 10: enforcement of this legislation.

Line 11:

Line 12: Section 4. This bill will take effect on January 1st, 2025, or

Line 13: if the US is currently at war when this legislation would

Line 14: take effect, it shall take effect immediately after the

Line 15: end of that war.

Line 16:

Line 17: Section 5. All other laws in conflict with this legislation

Line 18: shall hereby be declared null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Rebekah Steinweg

Salem High School

on Wed Feb 28 2024 16:30:49 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Economic Bill 3487**

### *A Bill to Establish a National Program to Promote the Future Financial Success of Infant Americans Through Government Bonds*

Be it enacted,

Line 01: Section 1. This is to support the wellbeing of future Americans

Line 02: and bring them out of poverty. The government of the United

Line 03: States of America will provide \$1,000 dollars in treasury

Line 04: bonds to all infants born into families who qualify for medicaid.

Line 05: Up to an additional \$2,000 a year will be added depending on

Line 06: the income of the family that year.

Line 07:

Line 08: Section 2. The funds from sed bonds may only be acquired

Line 09: when the infant becomes 18-30 years of age, and may only

Line 10: be used for the following purposes: paying for higher education,

Line 11: buying a house, saving for retirement, or starting a business.

Line 12:

Line 13: Section 3. The funds for these bonds shall be acquired by 100%

Line 14: cutting all federal and state programs, grants, and government job

Line 15: positions relating to DEI (Diversity Equity and Inclusion).

Line 16:

Line 17: Section 4. This bill will be enacted immediately upon passage.

Line 18:

Line 19: Section 5. All other laws in conflict with this policy will hereby be

Line 20: declared null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Charles Bain

Salem High School

on Wed Feb 28 2024 16:31:56 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: International Bill 2009**

*A Bill to Create the Indo-Pacific Treaty Organization (IPTO) to Promote the Interests of the United States and Its Indo-Pacific Allies*

Be it enacted,

SECTION 1. The United States will create the Indo-Pacific Treaty Organization (IPTO).

SECTION 2. IPTO will be governed by the Indo-Pacific Treaty, which will be almost identical to the North Atlantic (Washington) Treaty.

SECTION 3. The United States will invite the following nations to join IPTO: Australia, Bhutan, East Timor, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kiribati, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Mongolia, Nauru, Nepal, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Palau, Philippines, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, Tonga, and Vanuatu

SECTION 4. The National Security Council (NSC) will oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

SECTION 5. This legislation will take effect immediately upon its passage. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Dylan Hancock

Salem High School

on Wed Feb 28 2024 16:43:18 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Virginia Bill 7767**

### *A Bill To Provide Proportional State Tax Credits To Compensate Striking Union Members*

Be it enacted,

Line 01: SECTION 1. A Virginia state tax credit should be established to compensate  
Line 02: workers making less than 100,000 taxable dollars of income a year during union  
Line 03: strikes. State income taxes shall be slashed in complete proportional relation to  
Line 04: wages lost during the process of striking, however, this tax credit shall only apply  
Line 05: for a maximum of 3 strikes annually, to encourage unionization and workers  
Line 06: benefits, and benefit the declining working and middle class.

Line 07:

Line 08: SECTION 2. State income tax is defined as taxes on all taxable income (which is  
Line 09: your total income minus deductions), that is calculated through state tax rates, and  
Line 10: is proportional to income. Tax credits are defined as tax breaks that equal the total  
Line 11: potential income lost.

Line 12:

Line 13: SECTION 3. The Virginia Department of Taxation shall manage the allocation and  
Line 14: nuances of distributing tax credits, and the Virginia department of labor will identify  
Line 15: all persons eligible, and appropriately inform the IRS.

Line 16:

Line 17: SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025. All laws in conflict  
Line 18: with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Naveed Jantzen

Blacksburg High School

on Thu Feb 29 2024 15:55:03 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Virginia Bill 5823**

### *A Bill to Establish Tobacco-Free Zones to Protect Children*

Be it enacted,

Line 01: SECTION 1. The state of Virginia will establish required tobacco-free zones within  
Line 02: a 100-foot radius of all schools, public playgrounds, and daycare centers.

Line 03:

Line 04: SECTION 2. Within tobacco-free zones, the use of all tobacco products including  
Line 05: cigarettes and vapes will be banned.

Line 06:

Line 07: SECTION 3. Signs that clearly indicate tobacco-free zones will be placed at all  
Line 08: entry points. Funding for the production and installation of these signs will come  
Line 09: from the state's public health budget. The Virginia Department of Health  
Line 10: will oversee the enforcement of this bill.

Line 11: A. Violations of the tobacco-free zone regulations shall result in fines of up  
Line 12: to \$250 for individuals and \$1000 for establishments found in  
Line 13: non-compliance.

Line 14:

Line 15: SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on May 1st, 2024. All laws in conflict  
Line 16: with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Alexandra Ni

Blacksburg High School

on Thu Feb 29 2024 15:57:39 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Domestic Bill 2624**

### *A Bill to Include Women in the Selective Services*

Be it enacted,

Line 01: SECTION 1. The Selective Service Act will be amended to include women;. If called  
Line 02: upon in a draft, women will go through the same standardized physical, mental, and  
Line 03: moral evaluation as men to determine whether they are fit for military service.

Line 04:

Line 05: SECTION 2. The Selective Services draft is defined as a compulsory enrollment for  
Line 06: service in a country's armed forces. The draft may be called in a national  
Line 07: emergency decided by Congress and the President, exceeding the Department of  
Line 08: Defense's capability to recruit and retain its total force strength.

Line 09:

Line 10: SECTION 3. The Department of Defense will be responsible for overseeing this  
Line 11: piece of legislation.

Line 12:

Line 13: SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect upon passage.

Line 14:

Line 15: SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and  
Line 16: void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Gwendolyn McCrickard

Blacksburg High School

on Thu Feb 29 2024 15:58:29 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)



## **Docket A: Virginia Bill 0911**

*A Bill to increase the age to buy nicotine-based products to 25*

Be it enacted,

Line 01: Section 1 The age to buy nicotine-based products will increase to 25 in Virginia

Line 02: because the brain will be fully developed.

Line 03:

Line 04: Section 2 Nicotine-based products can be defined as any product made or derived

Line 05: from tobacco, or containing nicotine from any source, that is intended

Line 06: for human consumption, including any component, part, or accessory of

Line 07: a tobacco product.

Line 08:

Line 09: Section 3 The Virginia Department of Health will oversee and enforce the

Line 10: enactment of this bill

Line 11:

Line 12: Section 4 This bill will be enacted on April 25, 2024

Line 13:

Line 14: Section 5 All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby

Line 15: declared null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Nesa Garcia Perez

Salem High School

on Thu Feb 29 2024 16:14:10 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Economic Bill 1080**

### *A Bill to Expand Affordable Housing by Eliminating Oppressive Exclusionary Zones*

Be it enacted,

Line 01: SECTION 1. All states shall remove any exclusionary zone laws in order to  
Line 02: facilitate the transition to allow for more affordable housing in the United States.

Line 03:

Line 04: SECTION 2. Exclusionary zoning may be defined as property regulations that  
Line 05: exclude certain areas of land from community use, usually to restrict economic  
Line 06: diversity by prohibiting marginalized communities from buying homes on specific  
Line 07: plots of land. Affordable housing may be defined as housing where the occupant(s)  
Line 08: is paying no more than 30% of their income.

Line 09:

Line 10: SECTION 3. The Department of Housing and Urban Development shall oversee the  
Line 11: implementation of this bill to ensure all states are adequately reforming their zoning  
Line 12: ordinances.

Line 13: A. Failure to comply with this bill shall result in a reduction or suspension of  
Line 14: federal highway funding until compliance is reached.

Line 15: B. The decision to reduce funding and the amount, if applicable, shall be done  
Line 16: at the discretion of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Line 17:

Line 18: SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

Line 19:

Line 20: SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and  
Line 21: void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Christina Yang

Blacksburg High School

on Thu Feb 29 2024 16:14:50 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Domestic Bill 4545**

### *A Bill to Create Term Limits for Supreme Court Justices*

Be it enacted,

Line 01: SECTION 1. The United States Congress will mandate a maximum of two terms for  
Line 02: all Supreme Court Justices, and the Senate must reapprove that Justice, unless that  
Line 03: Justice is found otherwise incapable of performing their duties.

Line 04:

Line 05: SECTION 2. A term limit shall be defined as the maximum number of terms a  
Line 06: Justice may serve.

Line 07: A term shall be defined as a period of 5 years.

Line 08:

Line 09: SECTION 3. The Senate shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

Line 10: At the end of each term, the Senate must reapprove a Justice to run for another  
Line 11: term, before that Justice is able to begin their second term.

Line 12:

Line 13: SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2024. All laws in conflict with  
Line 14: this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Ahona Sarder

Blacksburg High School

on Thu Feb 29 2024 16:15:55 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Economic Bill 0413**

### *Split-Level House Eradication Bill*

Be it enacted,

Line 01: Article I: Following the implementation of this legislation, once a split level house  
Line 02: is vacated, or alternatively wants to be sold, the government must buy it and the  
Line 03: house will be reconstructed into government funded low income housing and  
Line 04: homeless shelters.

Line 05:

Line 06: Article II: These homeless shelters will take in homeless people for a few months  
Line 07: and help rehabilitate them with Federal Housing Assistance.

Line 08:

Line 09: Article III: The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will oversee  
Line 10: and implement this bill.

Line 11:

Line 12: This bill will be enacted on April 12th, 2024.

Line 13:

Line 14: All laws and policies in conflict with new laws are hereby deemed null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Anna Oquendo

Jefferson Forest High School

on Thu Feb 29 2024 18:23:52 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: International Bill 1019**

### *A Bill to Establish Nickel Trade Provisions with Indonesia*

Be it enacted,

Line 01: Article I: The United States shall implement this bill to negotiate a trade  
Line 02: agreement with Indonesia to include provisions on the import of nickel to  
Line 03: streamline procedures, and ensure fair trade practices.

Line 04:

Line 05: Article II: The bill will enact a trade agreement related to the import of nickel  
Line 06: from Indonesia. By negotiating a trade agreement with Indonesia to include  
Line 07: provisions to the import of nickel to ensure fair trade practices on a highly  
Line 08: influential product for the United States.

Line 09:

Line 10: Article III: Office of the United States Trade Representative and the World Trade  
Line 11: Organization will work hand in hand to negotiate better trade relations with  
Line 12: Indonesia.

Line 13:

Line 14: Article IV: This bill will be enacted January 1st, 2025, allowing for enough time for  
Line 15: those in office, and those internationally supporting, to prepare.

Line 16:

Line 17: Article V: All laws and policies in conflict with new laws are hereby deemed null  
Line 18: and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Jacob O'Fiel

Jefferson Forest High School

on Thu Feb 29 2024 18:31:16 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Virginia Resolution 5555**

### *Resolution to Eliminate the Production of Tobacco/Nicotine Products*

Be it resolved,

Line 01: Whereas, Cigarette smoking leads to disease and disability and harms nearly

Line 02: nearly every organ of the body. Smoking causes cancer, heart disease, stroke,

Line 03: lung diseases, Type 2 diabetes, and other chronic health conditions;

Line 04:

Line 05: Whereas, Nicotine is well known to have serious systemic side effects in addition

Line 06: to being highly addictive;

Line 07:

Line 08: Whereas, Nicotine can damage how synapses are formed, part of the brain that

Line 09: controls learning and attention;

Line 10:

Line 11: Whereas, Tobacco contains a chemical called nicotine, nicotine is an addictive

Line 12: substance;

Line 13:

Line 14: Whereas, The nicotine hit from smoking and vaping might produce more

Line 15: noticeable spikes in blood pressure;

Line 16:

Line 17: THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the production of tobacco/nicotine products

Line 18: will come to a complete stop by 2026 to help protect the people of Virginia.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Elizabeth Johnson

Jefferson Forest High School

on Thu Feb 29 2024 18:38:33 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: International Bill 2022**

### *A Bill For the U.S. to Take Away Funding For Ukraine in the Ukraine-Russia War*

Be it enacted,

Line 01: Article I: The United States will remove funding being sent to Ukraine seeing how

Line 02: Ukraine is no longer powerless in the war.

Line 03:

Line 04: Article II: Funding will be redistributed towards domestic items.

Line 05:

Line 06: Article III: The United States Congress will ensure this bill is implemented.

Line 07:

Line 08: Article IV: This bill will go into effect immediately upon approval.

Line 09:

Line 10: Article V: All laws in conflict with this law are hereby deemed null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Elijah Lucas

Jefferson Forest High School

on Thu Feb 29 2024 18:45:40 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## Docket A: International Bill 2025

### *A Bill to Develop European Defense Systems to Deter Russian Aggression*

Be it enacted,

Line 01: SECTION 1. The United States shall display its dedication to Europe against the  
Line 02: totalitarian power of Russia. Aid shall be sent so these countries invest in new  
Line 03: military technologies and improve their armed forces.

Line 04:

Line 05: SECTION 2. At the start of each FY, twenty billion dollars of aid will be allocated to  
Line 06: the defense budget of the United Kingdom and thirty billion dollars of aid will be  
Line 07: allocated to the defense budgets of France and Germany each. An additional twenty  
Line 08:

: billion dollars will be allocated to other EU member countries at the discretion of  
Line 09: the European Defense Advancement Initiative.

Line 10:

Line 11: SECTION 3. Defense budget: The amount of available money for the military  
Line 12: expenditure of a country in one year under their equivalent of the United State's  
Line 13: Department of Defense.

Line 14:

Line 15: SECTION 4. The Department of Defense shall oversee and fund the  
Line 16: implementation of this bill.

Line 17: A. The European Defense Advancement Initiative will be formed to work with the  
Line 18: UK's Ministry of Defense, France's Ministry of Armed Forces, and Germany's  
Line 19: Ministry of Defense, as well as other defense agencies in the European Union.

Line 20: B. The Department of Defense shall submit a biannual report to the Senate and  
Line 21: House of Representatives to report on the progress of this aid. Then, a  
Line 22: two-thirds majority in the Senate will be sufficient to stop funding for this  
Line 23: legislation at the start of the next FY.

Line 24:

Line 25: SECTION 5. This legislation will take effect in FY 2025. All laws in conflict with this  
Line 26: legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Sepehr Agah

Blacksburg High School

on Thu Feb 29 2024 19:49:03 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)



## **Docket A: Economic Bill 1979**

### *A bill to build Affordable housing for the American Public*

Be it enacted,

Line00: Be it enacted:

Line01:

Line02: Article I: since 2019, housing prices have continued to rise,

Line03: while availability continues to drop. Inflation and rent is also

Line04: steadily increasing, creating the beginnings of a possible

Line05: housing crisis.

Line06:

Line07: Article II: by increasing federal spending and prioritizing its use

Line08: for building affordable housing across the nation, we can insure

Line09: mortgage, rent, and inflation rates lower. A budget of \$50 million

Line10: will allow for 200 apartments to be built, prioritizing places where

Line11: the housing market is the worst, like in Flint, Michigan or

Line12: Monroe, Michigan.

Line13:

Line14: Article III: this bill will go into effect 90 days after passage.

Line15:

Line16:

Line17: Article IV: the office of the U.S. Department of Housing and

Line18: Urban Development will oversee this bill.

Line19:

Line20: Article V: All laws and policies in conflict with new law

Line21: are hereby deemed null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Penelope Craghead-Way

Charlottesville High School

on Fri Mar 01 2024 16:27:25 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Domestic Bill 1980**

### *A Bill To Repeal the Military Selective Service*

Be it enacted,

Line00: Be it enacted

Line01:

Line02: Article I: The United States Federal Government shall repeal

Line03: the Military Selective Service Act.

Line04:

Line05: Article II: This will be implemented immediately upon passage.

Line06:

Line07: Article III: The Selective Service System,

Line08: within the executive branch of the US government,

Line09: will oversee the enforcement of this bill.

Line10:

Line11: Article V: All laws and policies in conflict with this new law

Line12: are hereby deemed null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Senator Mira Masri

Charlottesville High School

on Fri Mar 01 2024 16:29:56 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Virginia Bill 1981**

### *A Bill to Limit the Sale and Advertisement of E-Cigarette and Vape Products*

Be it enacted,

Line 01: Be it Enacted by the Student Congress Here Assembled that:

Line 02:

Line 03: Section 1. The sale and advertisement of vape and e-cigarette products with any  
Line 04: flavoring other than menthol or tobacco is prohibited in the state of Virginia.

Line 05:

Line 06: Section 2. E-cigarette and vape products are defined as battery powered devices  
Line 07: used to inhale an aerosol such as cannabis, nicotine, and/or other substances.

Line 08:

Line 09: Section 3. This Bill will be enforced by the Virginia Department of Health.

Line 10:

Line 11: Section 4. This Bill will be enacted by January 2025.

Line 12:

Line 13: Section 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Lucy Clarens

Charlottesville High School

on Fri Mar 01 2024 16:33:55 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Domestic Bill 0206**

### *A Bill To Expand The Number of Supreme Court Justices*

Be it enacted,

Line 01: Article I. The United States of America will expand the number of Supreme

Line 02: Court justices to thirteen.

Line 03:

Line 04: Article II. A Supreme Court Justice is defined as any person who is employed

Line 05: as a judge in the nation's highest court, the Supreme Court, who serve

Line 06: lifetime appointments.

Line 07:

Line 08: Article III. Congress shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

Line 09:

Line 10: Article IV. This will go into effect on January 1, 2024.

Line 11:

Line 12: Article V. All laws in conflict are hereby null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Makenzy Stanley

Jefferson Forest High School

on Fri Mar 01 2024 19:51:13 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)