

# 2023-24 VHSL STUDENT CONGRESS LEGISLATION REGION 5A

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#### **Docket A: International Bill 4532**

The Vessels For Natuna Plan (VFN Plan)

Be it enacted,

Line 01: SECTION 1. With the intention to further diplomatic relations with

Line 02: the Republic of Indonesia, and protect the Natuna Islands from the

Line 03: Chinese government's efforts to undermine Maritime Law in the South

Line 04: China Sea, the US federal government will hereby provide financial and

Line 05: industrial aid in the manufacturing of local Indonesian warships.

Line 06:

Line 07: SECTION 2. The warships are to be constructed by the local shipbuilding

Line 08: Republic of Indonesia's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) in waters within

Line 09: 200 nautical miles off of the Natuna Islands' territorial sea baseline.

Line 10:

Line 11: SECTION 3. Funding for this initiative is to be reallocated from part of

Line 12: the DOD's FY2024 budget plan which currently proposes that \$37.7 billion

Line 13: is to go into funding nuclear weaponry; instead, \$20B from this proposed

Line 14: fund is to go into money spent investing in Indonesia, with an estimated

Line 15: \$5B going into the fund of each vessel.

Line 16:

Line 17: SECTION 4. This will be done under the collaboration of the Indonesian

Line 18: Navy (TNI AL) and the US Department of Defense (DOD). The DOD is also

Line 19: to oversee the enactment of this bill.

Line 20:

Line 21: SECTION 5. This legislation will take effect on July 1st, 2024. All laws in

Line 22: conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Leyra Jane Rillorta
Bayside High School
on Tue Feb 13 2024 07:17:14 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Domestic Resolution 9830**

#### A Resolution to Make Housing Affordable

Be it resolved,

Line 01: WHEREAS, The cost of home ownership in the United States is becoming

Line 02: unattainable, with millions of young Americans feeling that home

Line 03: ownership is an impossible to reach part of the 'American Dream'

Line 04: WHEREAS, the average cost of rent is 1,700 dollars for a

Line 05: 900-square-foot apartment

Line 06: WHEREAS, there are 600 thousand people without stable housing, many of

Line 07: whom have children or other dependents

Line 08: WHEREAS, more than half of Americans live paycheck to paycheck and are one

Line 09: crisis away from homelessness

Line 10: RESOLVED, that the Student Congress here assembled supports this

Line 11: that the United States shall take steps to create a more

Line 12: affordable housing market for vulnerable and impoverished Americans by

Line 13: creating a new standard low-interest rate loan for investors to rehabilitate

Line 14: abandoned properties and supports the drafting and passage of further

Line 15: binding legislation setting market caps on the cost of said rehabilitated

Line 16: housing in an effort to promote affordability.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Trinity Wiley
Bayside High School
on Tue Feb 13 2024 10:32:21 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

# **Docket A: Virginia Resolution 7683**

# A Resolution to Ban Smoking/Nicotine in Virginia

Be it resolved,

Line 01: WHEREAS, 8 million people have died from either tobacco products or

Line 02: children, etc.

Line 03: WHEREAS, 10,300 people have gained and passed with multiple effects

Line 04: and healthcare risks increasing over the years as well as a loss of

Line 05: environmental protection in Virginia.

Line 06: WHEREAS, Action is needed fast and people's lives are on the line, to resolve

Line 07: this legislation and save not only the people but our planet and ecosystem. Line 08: RESOLVED,

Tobacco and nicotine products will be banned among all Line 09: individuals of any age and therefore illegal within the Commonwealth of

Line 10: Virginia.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Sophia Bolivar
Bayside High School
on Tue Feb 13 2024 11:45:34 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

#### **Docket A: Domestic Resolution 8678**

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Enact Significant Supreme Court Justice Reform

Be it resolved,

Line 01: RESOLVED, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the

Line 02: following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of

Line 03: the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as

Line 04: part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of

Line 05: three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the

Line 06: date of its submission by the Congress:

Line 07: ARTICLE --

Line 08: SECTION 1: In action to amend Article III in section 1 of the

Line 09: U.S constitution; the United States shall establish a legal age

Line 10: requirement and term of service for the Supreme Court Justices.

Line 11: A Justice must be a minimum of thirty years of age in order to be

Line 12: appointed as a Supreme Court Justice. Additionally, no member of

Line 13: the Supreme Court appointed after the time of the ratification of

Line 14: this amendment shall serve more than twenty years beyond the

Line 15: date of their official confirmation.

Line 16: SECTION 2: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article

Line 17: by appropriate legislation.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Paris Cooper
Bayside High School
on Tue Feb 13 2024 12:01:43 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

#### **Docket A: Economic Bill 8521**

# Housing Supply Control Act

Be it enacted,

Line 01: The United States will hire an outside company to mass produce small cheap

Line 02: houses to increase the supply and decrease demand.

Line 03: The higher the demand and lower the supply, the higher the cost.

Line 04: Passage will be overseen by the Department of Housing and Urban Development

Line 05: Bill will be taken into effect March 31st

Line 06: All laws and portions of laws in conflict with this bill shall be null and void

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Killian Adams
Salem High School
on Tue Feb 13 2024 21:09:17 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

# **Docket A: Virginia Bill 2224**

#### The Tobacco Takedown and Nicotine Nemesis Act

Be it enacted,

Line 01: Article I: To lessen the nicotine addiction crisis among youth, the Commonwealth of

Line 02: Virginia shall prohibit the possession and sale of flavored tobacco and nicotine

Line 03: products. Additionally, businesses that sell tobacco and nicotine products to

Line 04: underage individuals will incur an increased fine of \$2000 from the current \$100 for

Line 05: both the business and the employee who completed the sale and lose their license

Line 06: to sell.

Line 07: Article II:

Line 08: A. Flavored nicotine products shall be defined as any e-cigarette that contains

Line 09: artificially flavored e-juices.

Line 10: B. Businesses that refuse to comply with this legislation will lose their license to

Line 11: sell tobacco and nicotine products.

Line 12: C. Underage individuals shall be defined as any Virginian under the age of 21.

Line 13: D. The current \$100 fine for selling tobacco and nicotine products to underage

Line 14: individuals is for first time offenses, however the fine will not be raised for multiple

Line 15: offenses, as the business will lose their license to sell.

Line 16: Article III: Passage will be overseen by the Virginia Department of Health.

Line 17: Article IV: This legislation shall go into effect immediately after passage.

Line 18: Article V: All laws or portions of laws in conflict with this bill shall be null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Mackenna Wyckoff

Salem High School

on Wed Feb 14 2024 09:53:35 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Economic Bill 5371**

#### A bill to inhibit the issuance of Treasury Bonds

Be it enacted,

Line 01: Article I: In an effort to limit the number of Treasury Bonds issued by the US

Line 02: Treasury, the congress here assembled shall implement a "bond tax

Line 03: reform" with the intention of raising revenue and thereby decreasing

Line 04: the national deficit and with it the need to issue Treasury Bonds.

Line 05:

Line 06: Article II: "bond tax reform" shall include: A) The replacement of the capital

Line 07: gains and dividends special tax rate with the standard personal income tax

Line 08: rate such that all capital gains and dividends shall be taxed at the

Line 09: customary personal income tax rate. B) The implementation of a 5%

Line 10: corporate tax rate to be imposed solely on revenue. This measure shall

Line 11: be accompanied by the elimination of all corporate tax deductions.

Line 12:

Line 13: Article III: Upon its passage, this legislation shall be implemented by the

Line 14: Internal Revenue Service of the United States Department of the Treasury.

Line 15:

Line 16: Article IV: This legislation shall take effect over the course of five years

Line 17: beginning one fiscal year from its passage.

Line 18:

Line 19: Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and

Line 20: void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Reagan McGrath

Princess Anne High School

on Wed Feb 14 2024 21:27:05 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

C.T.L. (Court Term Limit) Act-

Be it enacted,

- 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT
- 2. Article 1: The US Supreme Court shall have a term limit of one 10 year term as part of the checks
- 3. and balances of the US government.
- 4. Article 2: A. Term limit is defined as the maximum amount of terms you can serve in a position
- 5. or office, B. Checks and Balances shall be defined as the separation of power in the government
- 6. between the three different branches of government.
- 7. Article 3: This legislation shall be enforced by the United States Congress.
- 8. Article 4: This legislation shall be enacted once this legislation is approved.
- 9. Article 5: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Hope Pniewski
Frist Colonial High School
on Thu Feb 15 2024 09:30:13 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

The D.S. Act (Defend the Service Act)

Be it enacted,

1. BE IT ENACTED, BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT 2. Article 1: The United States Department of Defense shall require all able-bodied U.S. 3. Citizens and immigrants between the ages of 18 and 35 to serve in a military branch of 4. choice for a minimum of 3 years in place of our current emergency selective service 5. drafting lottery system. 6. 7. Article 2: Able-bodied shall be defined as citizens who meet all mental and physical health requirements. The Selective Service Drafting Lottery shall be defined as the 8. 9. process in which all male U.S. citizens and immigrants between the ages of 18 and 25 10. are drawn randomly from a lottery bin and are drafted. 11. 12. Article 3: Upon passage, this legislation will be enforced by the United States 13. Department of Defense. 14. 15. Article 4: This legislation shall be enforced on January 1st, 2025. 16. 17. Article 5: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Jaida Collins
First Colonial High School
on Thu Feb 15 2024 09:31:22 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

# **Docket A: Virginia Bill 2243**

# Prohibition of Tobacco Act

Be it enacted,

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT 2. Article 1: The Tobacco Enforcement Section under the Attorney General of Virginia shall 3. enforce a prohibition on all Tobacco and Nicotine products in the Commonwealth of 4. Virginia for Virginians of all ages. 5. 6. Article 2: Prohibition shall be defined as the prevention of any product or service from 7. being manufactured, transported, sold, or consumed. 8. 9. Article 3: This Legislation shall be enforced by the Tobacco Enforcement Section under 10. the Attorney General of Virginia. 11. 12. Article 4: This bill shall be implemented immediately upon passing into law. 13. 14. Article 5: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Andrew Hargrove
First Colonial High School
on Thu Feb 15 2024 09:32:27 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Economic Bill 2244**

#### Right to Work Regulation(RWR) Bill

Be it enacted,

- 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT
- 2. Article 1: The Commonwealth of Virginia shall outlaw the right to work to maintain a
- 3. higher quality of life for employees.
- 4. Article 2:
- 5. a. Right to work is defined as an employee's freedom to be employed without joining a
- 6. union.
- 7. b. Quality of life is defined as the perception of an individual's life in correlation to a
- 8. standard of goals, expectations, wants, and needs.
- 9. Article 3: This bill shall be enforced by the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry
- 10. Article 4: This bill shall be enacted on January 1st, 2025.
- 11. Article 5: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Thannesha Doshi
First Colonial High School
on Thu Feb 15 2024 09:34:57 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

#### **Docket A: International Bill 2245**

Cancel Indonesian Corruption Immediately (C.I.C.I. Act)

Be it enacted,

- 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED
- 2. THAT
- 3. Article 1- The United States of America is to establish a sanction for the removal of all
- 4. United States Foreign Direct Investments in Indonesia until political corruption is
- 5. diminished to a satisfactory degree.
- 6. Article 2- A "satisfactory degree" is to be defined as a score of 50 out of 100 or higher on
- 7. the Corruption Perception Index.
- 8. Article 3- This legislation is to be enforced by The United States Treasury, more
- 9. specifically, the Office of Foreign Assets Control.
- 10. Article 4- This legislation is to be enacted immediately upon the passing of the bill.
- 11. Article 5- All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Geneva Wearren
First Colonial High School
on Thu Feb 15 2024 09:36:49 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

#### **Docket A: International Bill 2246**

#### Putin Out Assad Act

Be it enacted,

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT 2. Article 1: Bill to authorize American intervention in the Syrian civil war on the side of 3. the Syrian opposition in order to ensure the downfall of the Russian backed Assad 2 4. Regime. 5. 6. Article 2: Intervention shall be defined as direct American economic and military support 7. for the Syrian Opposition. Economic support shall be defined as allocating 20 billion 8. dollars towards this effort. Additionally, military support is defined as sending American 9. military hardware and 10,000 American military personnel to Syria. 10. 11. Article 3: This legislation shall be enforced by all aspects of the American government, 12. specifically the Departments of Defence, Commerce, and State. 13. 14. Article 4: This bill will go into the planning stages upon passing into law. 15. 16. Article 5: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Nikolai Perry
First Colonial High School
on Thu Feb 15 2024 09:38:51 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Supreme Court Term Limits Act (SCTL)

Be it enacted,

Line 01: Article I: This act aims to instate term limits for Supreme Court Justices within

Line 02: the United States Supreme Court, recognizing the importance of regular

Line 03: turnover in ensuring the Court's effectiveness and maintaining judicial

Line 04: independence. This bill proposes to limit Supreme Court Justices to a maximum

Line 05: term of 18 years to ensure continuity and prevent abrupt turnover.

Line 06: Article II: Term limits refer to the duration of service for Supreme Court

Line 07: Justices, recognizing that fixed terms promote diversity, accountability, and the

Line 08: infusion of fresh perspectives. Under this bill, Supreme Court Justices step down

Line 09: from active service on the Court after their term has passed.

Line 10: Article III: Implementation of term limits for Supreme Court Justices shall be

Line 11: overseen by the Legislative Branch, with amendments to existing laws

Line 12: governing the appointment and tenure of Justices. The President shall nominate

Line 13: replacements for retiring Justices in accordance with the established nomination

Line 14: process.

Line 15: Article IV: Upon passage of this bill, a transition period of five years shall

Line 16: commence, during which current Supreme Court Justices shall remain in their

Line 17: positions until their terms expire or until reaching the age of mandatory

Line 18: retirement, whichever comes first. This transition period allows for the gradual

Line 19: implementation of term limits without disrupting the function of the Court.

Line 20: Article V: All opposing laws with this legislation are declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Crucifisso Cerja

Floyd E. Kellam High School

on Thu Feb 15 2024 10:46:16 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

#### A bill to institute term limits for Supreme Court Justices

Be it enacted,

Line 01: Article I: The length of service of Supreme Court Justices shall be limited to 15

Line 02: years.

Line 03:

Line 04: Article II: Length of service shall be defined as the time spanning from a Justice's

Line 05: confirmation to their retirement.

Line 06:

Line 07: Article III: This bill shall be implemented by the Committee on Codes of

Line 08: Conduct of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts.

Line 09:

Line 10: Article IV: This legislation shall be enacted immediately upon its passage.

Line 11:

Line 12: Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Oscar Cheng

Princess Anne High School

on Thu Feb 15 2024 12:06:41 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

#### **Docket A: International Bill 2345**

#### A bill to suspend funding to Ukraine

Be it enacted,

Line 01: Article I: The OMB (Office of Management and Budget) shall pass a resolution

Line 02: barring all future aid to Ukraine such that all potential funding may be used

Line 03: instead for domestic measures.

Line 04:

Line 05: Article II: Aide to Ukraine shall be defined as any package or funding intended to hinder

Line 06: Russian offenses in the Ukraine region or provide humanitarian assistance

Line 07: therein.

Line 08:

Line 09: Article III: This legislation shall be enforced by the Office of Management and

Line 10: Budget (OMB).

Line 11:

Line 12: Article IV: This legislation shall be enacted immediately upon its passage and

Line 13: continue in effect for one fiscal year.

Line 14:

Line 15: Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Shael Amin

Princess Anne High School

on Thu Feb 15 2024 12:09:12 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Economic Bill 5371**

#### A bill to inhibit the issuance of Treasury Bonds

Be it enacted,

Line 01: Article I: In an effort to limit the number of Treasury Bonds issued by the US

Line 02: Treasury, the congress here assembled shall implement a "bond tax

Line 03: reform" with the intention of raising revenue and thereby decreasing

Line 04: the national deficit and with it the need to issue Treasury Bonds.

Line 05:

Line 06: Article II: "bond tax reform" shall include: A) The replacement of the capital

Line 07: gains and dividends special tax rate with the standard personal income tax

Line 08: rate such that all capital gains and dividends shall be taxed at the

Line 09: customary personal income tax rate. B) The implementation of a 5%

Line 10: corporate tax rate to be imposed solely on revenue. This measure shall

Line 11: be accompanied by the elimination of all corporate tax deductions.

Line 12:

Line 13: Article III: Upon its passage, this legislation shall be implemented by the

Line 14: Internal Revenue Service of the United States Department of the Treasury.

Line 15:

Line 16: Article IV: This legislation shall take effect over the course of five years

Line 17: beginning one fiscal year from its passage.

Line 18:

Line 19: Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and

Line 20: void

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Reagan McGrath

Princess Anne High School

on Thu Feb 15 2024 12:13:18 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Expansion of Selective Service to Encompass Both Men and Women.

Be it enacted,

Line 01: BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Line 02: SECTION 1. The United States shall officially allow women to be

Line 03: included in the Selective Service System, hence allowing them to

Line 04: be drafted into military service if deemed necessary by Congress

Line 05: and the President. It should be stated that there will be no

Line 06: differentiating factor of who is selected or what they are then

Line 07: assigned to do, rather this legislation simply attempts to expand

Line 08: the pool of potential selectees.

Line 09: SECTION 2. For the purpose of this bill, a US citizen will be

Line 10: defined as a "woman" and "man" based on their legal sex.

Line 11: SECTION 3. This legislation shall be enforced by the Selective

Line 12: Service System. They will also revise their contingency planning

Line 13: in conjunction with the Department of Defence in order to make a

Line 14: clear operational plan if the expanded draft is invoked in the

Line 15: future.

Line 16: SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect immediately

Line 17: upon passage.

Line 18: SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation

Line 19: are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Sam DiBelardino

Princess Anne High School

on Thu Feb 15 2024 12:15:25 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

# **Docket B: Virginia Bill 4386**

The Nicotine and Tobacco Distribution Prohibition Act

Be it enacted,

Line 01: Article I: The Tobacco Enforcement Section under the Attorney General of Virginia

Line 02: shall prohibit the distribution, sale, and possession of nicotine and tobacco

Line 03: products within the Commonwealth of Virginia. This prohibition will preside over

Line 04: all Virginians.

Line 05:

Line 06: Article II: A. Nicotine and Tobacco products shall be defined as any product

Line 07: containing nicotine or tobacco; including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars,

Line 08: smokeless tobacco, electronic cigarettes, vaping devices, and any related

Line 09: paraphernalia.

Line 10:

Line 11: Article III: This legislation shall be under the responsibility of the Tobacco

Line 12: Enforcement Section under the Attorney General of Virginia, which will

Line 13: have the power to enforce the provisions outlined herein.

Line 14:

Line 15: Article IV: This legislation shall take effect within five years after passage.

Line 16:

Line 17: Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Riley Cartwright

Princess Anne High School

on Thu Feb 15 2024 12:11:48 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

#### **WNPSSR**

Be it enacted,

Line 01: Article I: This legislation shall expand the eligibility under Selective Service to eliminate

Line 02: current gender discrimination. All other eligibility requirements shall remain as

Line 03: appropriate.

Line 04:

Line 05: Article II: Selective Services shall be defined as a system in which the people are called

Line 06: upon to serve in support of the U.S. in times of war crisis or emergency as dictated by

Line 07: two-thirds of Congress. It shall be a fair and equitable system to include all people

Line 08: eligible in the act of protecting our country.

Line 09:

Line 10: Article III: This shall be overseen by the SSS (Selective Service System). The Selective

Line 11: Service system should remain independent from any agency, including the department

Line 12: of defense.

Line 13:

Line 14: Article IV: The Selective Service Act Amendment shall be implemented on the first day

Line 15: of fiscal year in 2025.

Line 16:

Line 17: Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Anna Hagar

Princess Anne High School

on Thu Feb 15 2024 12:16:56 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

# **Docket B: Virginia Bill 4713**

#### Healthy Futures Act

#### Be it enacted,

Line 01: Article I: This act aims to increase the legal age for tobacco and nicotine

Line 02: consumption to 20 years of age, ensuring that it stays out of reach for most

Line 03: adolescents in the United States.

Line 04: Article II: Adolescents are defined as ages 10 through 19 of age. Consumption

Line 05: is defined as the purchase and personal use of tobacco and nicotine products.

Line 06: Article III: The Bureau of Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) will

Line 07: oversee the implementation of this bill.

Line 08: Article IV: This bill will be in effect immediately after passage and will

Line 09: accommodate those who are currently 18 to 19 years of age who already have

Line 10: tobacco and nicotine products in their possessions.

Line 11: Article V: All opposing laws with this legislation are declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Hayden Hartman

Floyd E. Kellam Highschool

on Thu Feb 15 2024 12:29:23 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)