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Docket A: Virginia Bill 2009

A Bill to Raise the Civil Penalty of Smoking in Designated Non-Smoking Areas to \$150

Be it enacted,

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

Line 02: The State of Virginia shall raise the Civil Penalty for smoking in a designated

Line 03: non-smoking area to \$150.

Line 04: Currently the penalty for smoking in a designated non-smoking area is \$25. The

Line 05: state of Virginia considers designated non-smoking areas to be schools and listed

Line 06: restaurants/public amenities.

Line 07: The Secretary of Health will oversee the enforcement of this bill.

Line 08: This bill will take effect immediately upon passage.

Line 09: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Line 10: Respectfully submitted,

Line 11: Rep. McKenzie Graham

Line 12: Cosby High School

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative McKenzie Graham

Cosby

on Thu Feb 15 2024 15:45:25 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Economic Bill 0418

Housing Booms for Infrastructure Woes

Be it enacted,

1. Section 1

2. One percent (1%) of all new residential housing will be used for transportation

3. infrastructure.

4.

5. Section 2

6. New residential housing is defined as new buildings or structures that are primarily for

7. occupancy as a residence by one or more households.

8. Transportation infrastructure includes but is not limited to sidewalks, roads, power supply,

9. railways, bridges, communication, water services, etc.

10.

11. Section 3

12. Government agencies that will oversee the implementation of this bill are The

13. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and The Department of

14. Transportation.

15.

16. Section 4

17. This bill will be implemented by July 1, 2025.

18.

19.

20. Sections 5

21. All other laws that conflict with this new policy shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Emerald Young

Manchester High School

on Tue Feb 20 2024 16:11:01 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Domestic Bill 0519

Bill to Raise The Selective Service Age

Be it enacted,

Bill to Raise The Selective Service Age

Section 1

The age of signing up for selective service will be raised from 18 to 21 years of age.

Section 2

Selective service is defined as a way to keep a list of names in order to increase the armed forces in a state of emergency.

Section 3

The Selective Service System will oversee this bill.

Section 4

This bill shall go into effect January 2026.

Section 5

Any laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Javan Garlick

Manchester

on Wed Feb 21 2024 15:44:04 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Economic Bill 1001

A Bill to Increase Funding for Public Housing

Be it enacted,

Line 01: SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the "Affordable Housing Investment Act."

Line 02: SECTION 2. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will
Line 03: receive an additional 10 billion dollars in funding directed towards the
Line 04: development of public housing.

Line 05: SECTION 3. Development: creation, management, subsidization, and
Line 06: modernization.

Line 07: SECTION 4. HUD will oversee the allocation of the increased budget between
Line 08: the Office of Housing and the Office of Community Planning and Development.
Line 09: These offices will then be responsible for carrying out development efforts.

Line 10: SECTION 5. This bill will go into effect on March 15, 2024, giving HUD time
Line 11: to finalize decisions regarding allocation.

Line 12: SECTION 6. All laws in conflict with the legislation are hereby declared null
Line 13: and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Arthur Demao

Deep Run High School

on Thu Feb 22 2024 13:42:11 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Economic Bill 1002

A Bill to Increase the Issuance of Treasury Bonds

Be it enacted,

Line 01: SECTION 1. The Department of Treasury shall increase the issuance of
Line 02: treasury bonds over the next 3 fiscal years.

Line 03: A. Treasury bonds - Debt securities issued by the federal government, with
Line 04: maturity periods that can range from 10 to 30 years.

Line 05: B. Increase issuance - The Department of the Treasury will raise the total
Line 06: value of treasury bonds issued per fiscal year.

Line 07: SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Treasury shall be responsible for
Line 08: implementing the provisions of this bill, by coordinating with the Bureau of
Line 09: the Fiscal Service to increase the frequency and amount of treasury bond
Line 10: issuances via auction.

Line 11: SECTION 3. This act shall take effect 2 months after its passage.

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

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Dillon Kao

Deep Run High School

on Thu Feb 22 2024 13:52:28 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Domestic Bill 1003

A Bill to Reform the SCOTUS Code of Conduct

Be it enacted,

Line 01: SECTION 1. The purpose of this bill is to reform the Supreme Court's code of
Line 02: conduct by creating accountability for any judge that fails to comply.

Line 03: SECTION 2. The current code is designed to provide ethics rules and principles
Line 04: that guide the conduct of the members of the Court. However, the Code contains
Line 05: no enforcement mechanism of its own and is not designed or intended as a basis
Line 06: for civil liability or criminal prosecution. This new bill is set to enforce
Line 07: accountability for judges who fail to follow their code of conduct.

Line 08: SECTION 3. These provisions will be enforced by Congress and the President.
Line 09: Any violations of the code will be reviewed by Congress with the President
Line 10: deciding the level of disciplinary actions.

Line 11: SECTION 4. The provisions of this bill shall take effect immediately.

Line 12: SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared
Line 13: null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Richard Shi

Deep Run High School

on Thu Feb 22 2024 14:01:19 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: International Bill 1004

A Bill to Invest in European Energy Projects to Reduce NATO Reliance on Russian Energy

Be it enacted,

Line 01: SECTION 1. Loan \$500,000,000 to GE Power to develop American owned
Line 02: electric plants in Germany.

Line 03: SECTION 2: GE Power will finish construction of 500 MW solar farm to
Line 04: provide energy to Germany and surrounding countries that still rely on
Line 05: Russian energy.

Line 06: A. The U.S. Department of Energy will provide a subsidy to GE Power.

Line 06: B. A bimonthly audit will be conducted by a representative from the
Line 07: department to ensure steady progress.

Line 08: SECTION 3: This legislation will take effect on June 8, 2024.

Line 09: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Line 09: This legislation will take

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Joseph Cedeno

Deep Run High School

on Thu Feb 22 2024 14:13:42 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: International Bill 1005

A Bill to End Democratic Backsliding in the Country of Indonesia

Be it enacted,

Line 01: SECTION 1. The enactment of this bill will preserve democracy in Indonesia
Line 02: and prevent Indonesia from reverting back into a dictatorship.

Line 03: SECTION 2. The enactment of this bill force the Constitutional Court to undo
Line 04: its most recent change to requirements for political eligibility.

Line 05: SECTION 3. The United States Congress will have complete jurisdiction over
Line 06: the issue, with the Secretary of State representing our interests to Indonesia.

Line 07: SECTION 4. The provisions of this bill shall take effect immediately upon
Line 08: passage.

Line 09: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Soorya Sridharan

Deep Run High School

on Thu Feb 22 2024 14:22:23 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Virginia Bill 1007

A Bill to Strengthen the Current Regulations on Tobacco & Nicotine Products and Change the Legal Age to Purchase and Use These Products

Be it enacted,

Line 01: SECTION 1. Make the regulations regarding Tobacco & Nicotine products
Line 02: stronger to prevent people under legal age in Virginia from gaining access to
Line 03: them. Additionally, the legal age to purchase and buy tobacco & nicotine
Line 04: products will be increased.

Line 05: SECTION 2. A. Tobacco and Nicotine products are products that contain those
Line 06: products within them. Examples are: Cigarettes, E-Cigarettes

Line 07: B. The legal age in Virginia will be shifted from 21 to 26.

Line 08: SECTION 3. This bill will be enforced and overseen by the Virginia Department
Line 09: of Health Tobacco Control Program (TCP) alongside the Virginia Department of
Line 10: Education.

Line 11: A. They would be able to go to court and fight for the increase of the legal age
Line 12: to purchase these products.

Line 13: B. They will ensure that only certain stores certified by Virginia will be able to
Line 14: sell tobacco/nicotine products.

Line 15: C. These two organizations will work together in order to stop the spread of
Line 16: tobacco and nicotine into the education environment.

Line 17: D. A stronger screening process when purchasing these products.

Line 18: SECTION 4. This will be implemented April 1, 2024.

Line 19: SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
Line 20: and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Obaloluwa Ogunade

Deep Run High School

on Thu Feb 22 2024 14:35:18 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Domestic Resolution 1848

A Resolution to eliminate partisanship in supreme court selection

Be it resolved,

A Resolution to eliminate partisanship in supreme court selection

Whereas, The president is allowed to choose partisan and unqualified supreme court justices pending the senate approval; and

Whereas, Outrage remains around the country due to controversial appointments and decisions by the supreme court; and

Whereas, These decisions go against the best interests of the country while, sowing distrust between the supreme court and the public; and

Whereas, A nonpartisan commission would provide legitimacy and

dependency to a process that the president and Senate cannot provide; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Student Congress here assembled calls for implementation of an amendment to the United States Constitution to create a non-partisan commission that will provide supreme court nominees for Senate consideration, rather than the president.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Connor Preciado

Cosby

on Thu Feb 22 2024 15:10:27 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: International Resolution 1917

A resolution to help rehouse Indonesians

Be it resolved,

Line 01: WHEREAS, 4,000 people have been killed in
Line 02: Christian-Muslim fighting, and a documented 500,000
Line 03: people have been displaced in the conflict in the Malacca and

Line 04: WHEREAS, since 2010 the USA has had friendly-relations
Line 05: with the country of Indonesia and

Line 06: WHEREAS, the United States has given aid to Indonesia
Line 07: though collaboration with Indonesia during the pandemic
Line 08: of 1 billion dollars

Line 09: RESOLVED, The United States in collaboration with
Line 10: the government of Indonesia shall re-appropriate
Line 11: 90 million dollars of aid to help rehabilitate those
Line 12: who have lost their homes in the Indonesian religious fighting

Line 13: FURTHER RESOLVED, This decision shall be expedited
Line 14: upon a meeting with the diplomats of Indonesia

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Vaishnavi Surisetty

Cosby High School

on Thu Feb 22 2024 15:28:17 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Economic Bill 1453

A Bill to Reconstruct Treasury Bonds

Be it enacted,

Line 01: SECTION 1. (A) Treasury bonds that are cashed before 5 years
Line 02: of maturity on the bond shall pay a fee equivalent to 1 year
Line 03: of interest. (B) The maximum amount of treasury bonds an individual
Line 04: can purchase per year shall be increased to no more than \$15,000 per
Line 05: type of bond, which can total up to \$30,000 a year. (C) Electronic
Line 06: treasury bonds shall replace paper treasury purchased through
Line 07: the IRS tax refund opt-in program, ending the purchase of all
Line 08: paper treasury bonds by consumers. Electronic bonds purchased
Line 09: by US citizens through IRS tax refunds shall be placed into a
Line 10: TreasuryDirect.gov bond account linked to their social
Line 11: security number where they can be redeemed, monitored, and
Line 12: managed. If they do not yet have a TreasuryDirect account,
Line 13: one will be made for them and linked to their social security
Line 14: number where the account can then be linked to an email
Line 15: address and logged into.

Line 16: SECTION 2. (A) Treasury bonds are a loan provided to the
Line 17: government which pays interest over time on the bond. The
Line 18: bond's maturity grows over the course of a maximum of 30
Line 19: years. Treasury bonds shall include EE bonds and I bonds. (C)
Line 20: Consumers exclude the federal government and banks who would
Line 21: be able to cash in paper savings bonds through the purchase
Line 22: of them.

Line 23: SECTION 3. The US Department of the Treasury will oversee the
Line 24: enforcement of the bill.

Line 25: SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect on
Line 26: January 1st, 2025.

Line 27: SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are
Line 28: hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Connor Ward

Cosby High School

on Thu Feb 22 2024 15:36:53 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Domestic Bill 1776

A Bill To Make Military Service Mandatory

Be it enacted,

Line 01: Section One:

Line 02: The United States of America will enact a mandatory military

Line 03: service law for 22 year-old citizens that will range from 2-4 years,

Line 04: with the ability to be exempt with a tax on gross income

Line 05: for 2-4 years.

Line 05:

Line 06: Section Two:

Line 07: The mandatory military time will be determined from 2-4 years

Line 08: based on how the USA is doing in foreign/domestic affairs.

Line 09: Disabled persons will be exempted from the service,

Line 10: however women will not be. The tax rate for being exempt will

Line 11: start at 2% of income for the first tax bracket, going up by 2%

Line 12: each bracket.

Line 13:

Line 14: Section Three:

Line 15: The selective service system will oversee and enforce this bill

Line 16:

Line 17: Section Four

Line 18: This bill will go into effect March 31st, 2024

Line 19:

Line 20: Section Five

Line 21: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby

Line 22: declared null and void

Line 23:

Line 24: Respectfully submitted

Line 25: Rep. Georgios Bissi

Line 26: Cosby High School

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Georgios Bissi

Cosby High School

on Thu Feb 22 2024 15:50:44 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: International Resolution 8808

A Resolution to Keep Ukraine Out Of NATO

Be it resolved,

A Resolution to Keep Ukraine Out Of NATO

Line 01: Whereas, Russia's military operations against our ally Ukraine is an illegal

Line 02: invasion of sovereignty, setting a dangerous precedent of Russian

Line 03: military aggression and expansion unseen since 1956 ; however

Line 04: Whereas, Ukraine's membership in NATO, a military defense alliance,

Line 05 would bring NATO nations into direct conflict with Russia ; and

Line 06: Whereas, Russian armed invasion of Ukraine would activate article 5 of

Line 07: the NATO defense obligation, stating that "an armed attack against

Line 08: one or more of them in Europe or North America shall be considered

Line 09: an attack against them all"; and

Line 10: Whereas, Direct conflict between NATO and Russia would likely be the

Line 11: most devastating war in history not to mention the possible

Line 12: deployment of nuclear weapons; and

Line 13: Whereas, Keep in mind that resolutions are calls for action and do not

Line 14: themselves carry the force of law; and

Line 15: Whereas, war with Russia is not what the world needs to end this conflict

Line 16: nor is it what the American people desire; now, therefore, be it

Line 17: Resolved, That the Student Congress here assembled urge that Ukraine

Line 18: be denied NATO membership for the foreseeable future; and be it

Line 19: Further resolved, That the United States use other means such as aid,

Line 20: assistance and arbitration to resolve this conflict for the betterment

Line 21: of the people of Ukraine, and for the safety of the citizens of the

Line 22: world

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Alex Doggett

Cosby High School

on Fri Feb 23 2024 09:34:32 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Economic Bill 7646

A Bill to Invest in Non-Profit Housing Facilities

Be it enacted,

Line 00: ARTICLE 1: Through the passing of this legislation, the government shall select non-profit housing facilities to give a maximum aid of 10 million dollars. The Housing and Urban Development Department should evaluate which facilities will receive this aid by the density of residents.

Line : ARTICLE 2: Non-profit housing is defined as any facility that doesn't gain revenue, but will still receive rent from renters to keep the facility running. To be different from subsidized housing or housing projects.

Line : ARTICLE 3: The US department of Housing and Urban Development will oversee the enforcement of this bill.

Line : ARTICLE 4: This bill will take effect June 1, 2024

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

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Benjamin Piersall

Oscar Smith High School

on Fri Feb 23 2024 16:10:44 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: International Bill 0513

A Bill to Send Funds to Indonesia in Aid

Be it enacted,

Line 01: Article 1: The United States will send \$60 billion (60,000,000,000) to Indonesia to
Line 02: assist the country's government in combating the many natural disasters that have
Line 03: wrecked their country. The money will be used to rebuild buildings, supply food to
Line 04: those who need it, and reestablish an adequate standard of living.

Line 05: Article 2: Natural disasters can be defined as sudden events of extreme destruction
Line 06: that are caused by environmental factors like tornadoes, droughts, wildfires,
Line 07: hurricanes, floods, etc.

Line 08: Article 3: The Defense Security Cooperation Agency using the Foreign Military
Line 09: Financing will oversee the implementation of this policy.

Line 10: Article 4: This legislation will go into immediate effect upon passing.

Line 11: Article 5: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Phoenix Banks

Oscar Smith High School

on Fri Feb 23 2024 16:27:47 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Virginia Bill 1989

A Bill to Ban The Distribution of Flavored Tobacco in Virginia

Be it enacted,

Line 01. Article 1: The sale of all flavored tobacco products is now prohibited.

Line 02. Article 2: "Flavored tobacco products" include e-cigarettes, menthol cigarettes and
Line 03. flavored cigars. This ban shall apply to all retail establishments, including online
Line 04. retailers that sell to Virginia residents.

Line 05. Article 3: The Virginia Department of Health will oversee the enforcement of this
Line 06. legislation.

Line 07. Article 4: This bill shall be implemented July 2024.

Line 08. Article 5: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Chloe Sarvis

Oscar Smith High School

on Fri Feb 23 2024 16:29:09 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket B: Domestic Bill 2601

A Bill to Impose a Regulated Ethics Code onto the Supreme Court

Be it enacted,

Line 00: ARTICLE 1: The Supreme Court of the United States shall be subjected to a code of ethics regulated by a commission comprising both Congress and the Department of Justice. Such a code of conduct shall include but not be limited to the following:

Line 01: Strict limits on gifts with monetary value

Line 02: Required recusals on cases concerning close familial relations, former or current business associates, or the presidents responsible for their appointment.

Line 03: Violations shall result in a maximum punishment of recommendation for impeachment by said committee, and the committee shall have the power to force recusal in cases of close relation.

Line 04: ARTICLE 2: "Presidents responsible for appointment" is defined as both to the Supreme Court or any previous circuit court appointments. "Recusal" is defined as abstaining from judgment in a case.

Line 05: ARTICLE 3: The House Ethics Committee in collaboration with the Justice Department will oversee the enforcement of this bill.

Line 06: ARTICLE 4: This bill will take effect January 1, 2025.

Line 07: ARTICLE 5: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void
Introduced for Congressional Debate by Riley Cornelisse, Oscar Smith High School

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Riley Cornelisse

Oscar F. Smith High School

on Fri Feb 23 2024 19:11:01 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)