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Docket A: Economic Bill 324

A Bill To Establish an Affordable Housing Initiative

Be it enacted,

Line01: Article I: The United States Federal government Line02: shall establish an Affordable Housing Initiative Line03: aimed at increasing the availability of affordable Line04: housing units for low to moderate-income

Line05: individuals and families.

Line06:

Line07: Article II: Developers of new housing Line08: projects must allocate a minimum Line09: percentage of units, determined by

Line10: local housing authorities,

Line11: to be designated as affordable housing.

Line12:

Line13: Article III: Financial incentives, such as Line14: tax breaks or grants, shall be provided to Line15: developers who comply with the affordable Line16: housing requirements outlined in this legislation.

Line17:

Line18: Article IV: Local municipalities shall be

Line19: responsible for monitoring and enforcing compliance

Line 20: with the Affordable Housing Initiative within their jurisdiction.

Line21:

Line22: Article V: All laws and policies in conflict with new law

Line23: are hereby deemed null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Susitna Voduru

Westfield High School

on Thu Mar 07 2024 10:58:34 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

A Bill to Reform the Collateral Source Rule

Be it enacted,

Line01: This bill will limit court rulings within the state of Virginia Line02: in favor of the plaintiff within cases relating to tort law

Line03: in compensation to no more than that of the remaining cost of damages

Line04: after subtracting outside compensation.

Line05: Compensation is defined as any good/service with a monetary value

Line06: which seeks to recover the damages dealt to the victim.

Line07: This bill shall go into effect on January 1st, 2025.

Line08: The Virginia Department of Justice shall oversee the enforcement of this bill.

Line09: All laws in conflict with this bill shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By: Senator Julian Higgins Yorktown High School

on Thu Mar 07 2024 16:11:19 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

A Bill to Reform the Collateral Source Rule

Be it enacted,

Line01: SECTION 1:This bill will limit court rulings within the state of Virginia

Line02: in favor of the plaintiff within cases relating to tort law

LineO3: in compensation to no more than that of the remaining cost of damages

Line04: after subtracting outside compensation.

Line05: SECTION 2: Compensation is defined as any good/service with a monetary value

Line06: which seeks to recover the damages dealt to the victim.

Line07: SECTION 3: This bill shall go into effect on January 1st, 2025.

Line08: SECTION 4: The Virginia Department of Justice shall oversee the enforcement of this bill.

Line09: SECTION 5:All laws in conflict with this bill shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Julian Higgins

Yorktown High School

on Thu Mar 07 2024 16:15:45 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

A Bill to Fund the IRS

Be it enacted,

SECTION 1: This bill will allocate \$20 billion in funding to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), to better equip them with time-efficient tax collection.

SECTION 2: Tax collection is defined as money paid to the government that is based on your income or the cost of goods or services.

SECTION 3: This bill shall go into effect on January 2nd, 2025.

SECTION 4: The Department of Defense will provide the funding necessary for this bill, and the Department of Treasury shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 6: All laws in conflict with this bill shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Sophia Robert
Yorktown High School
on Fri Mar 08 2024 07:35:49 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: International Bill 2807

A Bill to Allow United States Aid for Elections to Countries That Have Undergone a Coup D'Etat

Be it enacted,

Line 01: Article I: This legislation will allow the United States to aid countries that have

Line 02: experienced a coup d'etat with their national elections in addition to any

Line 03: humanitarian aid sent.

Line 04:

Line 05: Article II: A coup d'etat can be defined as a military overthrow of a nation's

Line 06: government. This has occurred recently in countries such as Guinea, Burkina Faso,

Line 07: and Mali

Line 08:

Line 09: Article III: This legislation shall be implemented January 1st 2025.

Line 10:

Line 11: Article IV: The State Department in partnership with the UN will proceed with the

Line 12: enforcement of this legislation. The resources allocated for this aid will be

Line 13: distributed through NGO's such as the ACE Program and International Foundation

Line 14: for Electoral Systems.

Line 15:

Line 16: Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation shall hereby be declared null and

Line 17:void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Sophia Butler

Yorktown High School

on Fri Mar 08 2024 09:16:33 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Economic Bill 4990

A Bill to Halt Printing of New American Currency for 3 Years

Be it enacted,

Article I: This legislation will completely halt the production of American currency, coin and cash,

for 3 years.

Article II: Halt can be defined as to fully stop or not continue.

Article III: This legislation shall be implemented immediately.

Article IV: The National Treasury will observe the implementation of this bill.

Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Jameson Black
Yorktown High School
on Fri Mar 08 2024 09:48:49 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Bill to Reform the Supreme Court

Be it enacted,

Article I: Future Supreme Court Justices will be appointed biennially and face a term limit of 18 years. This will help depoliticize the Supreme Court.

Article II: Biennially is defined as once every two years. A term is defined as the maximum amount of time served by each individual justice.

Article III: This bill will take effect as soon as the next Supreme Court judge retires, and exactly 18 years after that date, a new justice will be elected.

Article IV: The Department of Justice will oversee this legislation and will make sure it goes into effect by monitoring the time served by each justice.

Article V: All other laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Asha Jha
James Madison High School
on Fri Mar 08 2024 10:22:59 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

A Bill to Grant the Ability to Vote to Ex-Felons in Order to Combat Recidivism Rates, Increase Voter Turnout, and Include Diverse Viewpoints in Government Policies.

Be it enacted,

SECTION 1. This bill would align the state of Virginia with the majority of the country by restoring the right to felons after they have served their time in prison and finished any parole or probation. Additionally, this bill would change the state policy of Governor approval being the exclusive means of ex-felon voting restoration. Including a group separated from general society for years gives them an opportunity to be involved in their present communities, transitioning them back into society.

SECTION 2. Ex-felon - one who has been convicted of a felony in the past, but has completed their sentence and is cleared for release psychologically as well physically

SECTION 3. The government agency(ies) that will oversee enforcement are:

The governor of Virginia

United States Bureau of Justice Assistance

Government-appointed psychologists assigned to clear the felon for mental stability

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on March 16, 2024. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Lara De
Langley
on Fri Mar 08 2024 10:31:28 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

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Be it enacted,

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Line 03: depoliticize the Supreme Court.

Line 04:

Line 05: SECTION 2. Biennially is defined as once every two years.

Line 06: A term is defined as the maximum amount of time served

Line 07: by each individual justice.

Line 08:

Line 09: SECTION 3. This bill will take effect as soon as the next Supreme

Line 10: Court judge retires, and exactly 18 years after that date, a new

Line 11: justice will be elected.

Line 12: SECTION 4. The Department of Justice will oversee this legislation

Line 13: and will make sure it goes into effect by monitoring the time

Line 14: served by each justice.

Line 15: SECTION 5. All other laws that are in conflict with this new

Line 16: policy shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Asha Jha

James Madison High School

on Fri Mar 08 2024 11:04:25 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: International Bill 3559

A Bill to Give Humanitarian Aid to Help Mitigate the Effects of Natural Disasters in Indonesia

Be it enacted,

Line 01: SECTION 1. The United States shall provide 10 million dollars worth of humanitarian

Line 02: aid to the U.S. Agency for International Development to be distributed to Indonesia

Line 03: for natural disaster relief.

Line 04:

Line 05: SECTION 2. Humanitarian aid is defined as monetary or physical resource being

Line 06: given to individuals who need help, including but are not limited to food, water, and

Line 07: medicine. A natural disaster is defined as a natural occurrence which disrupts

Line 08: public peace, health and safety of the people or damages public and private

Line 09: property.

Line 10:

Line 11: SECTION 3. The US Agency for International Development will oversee enforcement.

Line 12: This legislation will take effect upon ratification.

Line 13:

Line 14: SECTION 4. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and

Line 15: void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Jaiden Rossman

James Madison High School

on Fri Mar 08 2024 11:04:30 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

A Bill to Improve America's Selective Service. System

Be it enacted,

Line01: Article I: The latest date of registration for Selective

Line02: Service for ALL U.S males shall be changed from 30 days

Line03: after their 18th birthday to 90 days after their 18th

Line04: birthday. Additionally, the latest date of registration for

Line05: Selective Service for a male entering the United States

Line06: shall be extended from 30 days after entry to 90 days after

Line07: entry.

Line08:

Line09: Article II: Defining ALL U.S. males as "U.S. born and

Line10: naturalized citizens, immigrants, parolees, undocumented

Line11: immigrants, legal permanent residents, asylum seekers, and

Line12: all males with visas of any kind which expired more than

Line13: 30 days ago." (cited directly from the United State's

Line14: Selective Service System)

Line15:

Line16: Article III: The United State's Selective Service System

Line17: will oversee the enforcement of this bill by waiting until

Line18: the 90-day mark, rather than the 30 day mark, to consider

Line19: prosecuting and placing fines on anyone who has failed to

Line 20: register.

Line21:

Line22: Article IV: This bill shall be implemented immediately

Line23: following its approval and shall stay

Line24: implemented.

Line25:

Line 26: Article V: All other laws that are in conflict with this

Line27: new policy shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Catherine Arockia

Westfield HIgh School

on Fri Mar 08 2024 14:01:44 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

A Bill To Establish Effective Nicotine/Tobacco Regulations

Be it enacted,

Line00: Be it enacted Line01: LineO2: Article I: The Virginia State government shall Line03: require all retailers selling nicotine and tobacco products Line04: to obtain a license from the state, subject to renewal Line05: and compliance with regulations, including Line06: restrictions on sales to minors. Line07: Line08: Article II: The Virginia State government shall Line09: impose excise taxes on nicotine and tobacco products, Line 10: with revenue earmarked for tobacco control programs, Line11: public health initiatives, and youth prevention efforts. Line12: Line13: Article III: The Virginia State government shall Line14: expand the scope of tobacco-free environments by Line15: prohibiting smoking and vaping in additional public spaces, Line16: including parks, beaches, outdoor dining areas, Line17: and multi-unit housing complexes. Line18: Line19: Article IV: The Virginia State government shall enhance Line 20: enforcement mechanisms to ensure compliance with smoke-free Line21: laws and protect non-smokers from secondhand smoke exposure Line 22: through regular inspections of public spaces and Line23: establishments to enforce smoke-free regulations and Line24: penalties for violations. Line25: Line26: Article V: The Virginia State government shall implement Line27: strict limitations on advertising and marketing of nicotine Line28: and tobacco products, especially near school and youth-Line29: oriented areas, including prohibiting marketing tactics Line 30: targeting minors, such as the use of cartoon characters, Line31: celebrity endorsements, and sponsorships Line32: of youth events. Line33: Line34: Article VI: The Virginia State government shall prohibit Line35: retailers and manufacturers from engaging in promotional Line36: activities that directly or indirectly target individuals Line37: under the legal age for purchasing tobacco products.

Line38:

Line39: Article VII: All state laws and policies in conflict with Line40: provisions of this bill are hereby deemed null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Senator Reanna Vardhanapu
Westfield High School
on Fri Mar 08 2024 14:31:05 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

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Line38:

Line39: Article VII: All state laws and policies in conflict with Line40: provisions of this bill are hereby deemed null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Senator Reanna Vardhanapu
Westfield High School
on Fri Mar 08 2024 14:44:02 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Domestic Resolution 0401

A Resolution to Ban AI Use In Official Documents to Secure Governmental Legitimacy

Be it resolved,

Line 01: A Resolution to Ban Al Use In Official Documents to Secure Governmental Legitimacy Line 02:

Line 03: WHEREAS, the rise of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology has undermined the

Line 04: legitimacy and trustworthiness of U.S. government actions;

Line 05:

Line 06: WHEREAS, the extent to which developing AI can be used to easily simulate or

Line 07: replicate an official U.S. document by non-U.S.-government-affiliated third parties

Line 08: threatens not only the security of protected information but also the quality of truth;

Line 09:

Line 010: WHEREAS, the ability of said technology has the potential to destabilize the

Line 011: foundation of truth, efficiency, and security that is so valued in this chamber and

Line 012: by the constitution of these United States;

Line 013:

Line 014: WHEREAS, efforts to hinder the use of AI technology for all official government

Line 015: documents is the primary way to ensure that the American people are given the

Line 016: most accurate and relevant information;

Line 017:

Line 018: RESOLVED, that this Congress will enact a full and complete ban on the use of AI

Line 019: resources, including auto-generative programs and ChatGPT, for all official

Line 020: government documents including when implementing legislation, court

Line 021: precedents, or executive orders;

Line 022:

Line 023: FURTHER RESOLVED, that the manifestation of artificial intelligence in modern

Line 024: times will not prevent the United States Congress from using human

Line 025: representatives—and only human representatives—to model society's changes in a

Line 026: way that secures upward mobility for future generations.

Line 027:

Line 028: Introduced by Inger Logan.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Inger Logan

Langley High School

on Fri Mar 08 2024 14:58:39 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Economic Bill 8450

A Bill to Require Corporate Jobs to Change to Four Day Work Weeks

Be it enacted,

Line 1: Article I: This legislation will require corporate-related workplaces to reduce their

Line 2: work schedules to four days a week with extended hours to preserve resources as

Line 3: well as to benefit the economy of the United States.

Line 4: Article II: Newly required work hours shall be extended by two hours.

Line 5: Article III: This legislation shall be implemented on March 1st, 2024.

Line 6: Article IV: The Department of Labor shall carry on this legislature.

Line 7: Article V: All laws in conflict with this bill shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted, Jonathan Markowitz Yorktown High School

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Jonathan Markowitz
Yorktown
on Fri Mar 08 2024 15:23:23 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

A Bill to Propose the Removal of Pennies from Circulation

Be it enacted,

Be It Enacted By The Langley HS Model Congress

Article I: The US Federal Mint shall cease to produce pennies for the purposes of circulation.

Article II: After the passage of this bill, the government shall announce in two year's notice that the penny as currency shall be deemed as illegitimate for the purposes of transaction and thus not considered legal tender.

Article III: The public will be encouraged to exchange the possession of their pennies for checks or cash to be delivered to them via Federal mail services. Those who undergo this exchange will have their money rounded up to the nickel amount if they desire physical currency, and those who desire to store it through technological means via their banking services will simply receive the exact amount. This exchange may only occur once per person and will be tracked per social security number.

Article IV: Federal enforcement shall extract pennies from coin-collecting machines and the company that owns such machines along with the franchise owner shall be properly compensated by refunding the holder rounded up to the nickel amount

Article V: Once implemented the process for extracting the penny out of the economy shall occur swiftly and not hinder the economic processes of local and international markets

Article VI: Online transactions will not be affected even if prices are listed according to the penny amount, however if such online currency is converted into physical currency, both the buyer and the seller must collude on whether to round up or down to the nickel amount.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Michael Li
Langley High School
on Fri Mar 08 2024 15:41:01 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

A Bill to Reform Federal Prisons

Be it enacted,

Line 01: Article 1: The Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) will receive

Line 02: 1,750,000,000,000 (\$1.75 billion) in funding, around \$14,000,000

Line 03: (\$14 million) allocated for each of the 122 institutions (prisons) that

Line 04: the BOP is responsible for. This funding is put forward in an effort

Line 05: to improve institution infrastructure and staffing shortages. The

Line 06: money for this bill will be raised by a new tax, all American citizens

Line 07: that make over \$750,000 in annual income shall become part of a

Line 8: new tax bracket, which shall be taxed at 40%. All other income tax

Line 9: brackets, except the two lowest brackets, will be raised by 5% to

Line 10: accommodate any leftover funds needed to support this bill.

Line 11: Article 2: "Institutions" are defined as federal prisons. "Infrastructure" is

Line 12: defined as physical facilities and other necessary structures.

Line 13: "Annual income" is defined as all taxable income.

Line 14: Article 3: This bill will be implemented by the Department of Justice.

Line 15: Article 4: This bill will be implemented upon its passage.

Line 16: Article 5: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and

Line 17: void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Neil Rudra

Oakton High School

on Fri Mar 08 2024 22:29:15 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket B: International Resolution 417

Giving Opportunities to Refugees for Work

Be it resolved,

LineO1:WHEREAS Indonesia with its growing number of refugees still

LineO2:has signed a ratifying the convention for the right to work of refugees.

Line03:

Line04: WHEREAS In order to work in Indonesia, refugees must obtain

Line05: Indonesia's nationality or in other words, they have to become Indonesians

Line06: and the paperwork to apply for Indonesia's citizenship is complicated.

Line07:

Line08: WHEREAS The refugees in Indonesia without employment are

LineO9:driven by violence due to the lack of their necessities and are feeling trapped.

Line10:

Line11: WHEREAS By being able to gain employment refugees in Indonesia

Line12:can meet their family's needs and increase their determination to work

Line13:harder and pursue more and break out of poverty.

Line14:

Line15: WHEREAS The rise of refugees in Indonesia has left many in

Line16:poverty and lacking their basic necessities due to the overcrowdedness

Line17: and increase in refugees.

Line18:

Line19: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Student Congress

Line20: Provide safe employment opportunities for refugees in Indonesia,

Line 21: to allow them to work and earn an income that can support their families

Line22:and provide for their basic necessities. In the process creating a safe

Line23:working environment that can help refugees to integrate into society and

Line24:become self-sufficient. Furthermore, recognizing the potential of refugees

Line25: and helping them to contribute to the local economy in Indonesia while

Line 26: also benefiting their own families.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Selamawit Demeke

Westfield High School

on Thu Mar 07 2024 11:08:55 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket B: Economic Bill 2293

The Housing Market Stability and Affordability Act

Be it enacted,

LineO1: Article I: The purpose of this Act is to promote housing market

LineO2: stability, prevent the concentration of single-family homes in the hands

Line03: of large corporations, and enhance affordability for American families.

Line04:

Line05: Article II: Corporations, limited liability companies, and investment funds

Line06: are hereby restricted from acquiring and renting more than 10 single-

Line07: family homes within the United States (small family-owned limited

Line08: liability companies (LLCs) with fewer than 50 employees, and builders

Line09: engaged in the construction of new homes are exempt from the

Line10: limitations outlined above)

Line11:

Line12: Article III: Corporations, limited liability companies, and investment

Line13: funds exceeding the ownership limit outlined in Section 2(a) shall be

Line14: required to divest and sell off excess single-family homes over a ten-year

Line15: period, beginning from the effective date of this Act.

Line16:

Line17: Article IV: The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Line18: shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this Act.

Line19:

Line 20: Article V: All laws and policies in conflict with new law are hereby

Line21: deemed null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Senator Pavankumar Rajasekaran
Westfield HIgh School

on Fri Mar 08 2024 14:27:24 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket B: Virginia Resolution 1394

A Resolution to Urge Further Action on the Right to Work in Virginia

Be it resolved,

Line00: Be it resolved

Line01:

Line02: That WHEREAS, Right to Work Laws were implemented in Virginia during Line03: the 1940's for the benefit and protection of employees, but primarily

Line04: benefit corporations and weaken power unions.

Line05:

LineO6: WHEREAS: this results in higher employment for low wages, discourages

Line07: union membership in Virginia, and compromises worker safety.

Line16:

Line17: RESOLVED: Therefore be it resolved that legislation shall be Line18: created that allows general guarantee of people seeking work,

Line19: and gives the employees full freedom over whether to Line20: join/not join a union, and pay for union membership or

Line21: not in Virginia WITHOUT any doubt.

Line22:

Line23: FURTHER RESOLVED: Corporations in Virginia should raise worker

Line23: wages, encourage increased benefits, enact fair scheduling

Line25: laws, strengthen unions, expand what employees can write,

Line28: criticize, boycott (as constitutionally permitted), and the

Line29: workforce can restore its quality.

Respectfully Submitted By: Representative Anwita Mittal Westfield High School

on Fri Mar 08 2024 14:37:34 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)