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## **Docket A: Domestic Resolution 1467**

### *The Gender Equality in Selective Service Act*

Be it resolved,

Line 01: WHEREAS, the exclusion of females from the draft perpetuates gender

Line 02: inequality and undermines principles of equal opportunity,

Line 03:

Line 04: WHEREAS, it is unjust to limit eligibility for military service based

Line 05: solely on gender, denying capable individuals the opportunity

Line 06: to contribute to national defense.

Line 07:

Line 08: WHEREAS, the inclusion of females in the draft would enhance

Line 09: the readiness and effectiveness of the Armed Forces by

Line 10: expanding the pool of eligible recruits.

Line 11:

Line 12: WHEREAS, equality under the law is a fundamental principle

Line 13: of democracy and should extend to military service obligations.

Line 14:

Line 15: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the student congress here assembled

Line 16: moves that females shall be included in the draft registration process

Line 17: and be subject to the same requirements and obligations as males.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Sydney Beachboard Representative

Fauquier High School

on Sun Feb 25 2024 14:25:16 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: International Bill 1101**

### *A Bill to decrease gas turbine exportation to Russia*

Be it enacted,

Section One: A swift cutoff of 75% of commercial gas based turbine exportation to Russia. The usage of gas turbines will be redirected to private industry within the United States. To alleviate any drop off in engine related economics, exportation will be increased to other countries such as Japan and Britain. Exportation of engines and automotive items will be increased and slightly decreased in price to countries at threat from Russia, such as Poland and Ukraine.

Section Two: Gas turbines are any engine type run off of gas that can be used to produce work.

Section Three: The US Department of Commerce will enforce the implementation of this bill.

Section Four: This bill will go into effect on May 1, 2024.

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

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Rae Haugen Representative

Luray High School

on Mon Feb 26 2024 16:34:24 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Economic Bill 5455**

### *A Bill to Cap the Housing Market Interest Rate*

Be it enacted,

Section 1: The United States will cap the interest rate for buying a home for a 30 year fixed mortgage at 6% from the current average housing market interest rate of 7.30%.

Section 2: Interest rate is defined as the proportion of a loan that is charged as interest to the borrower, typically expressed as an annual percentage of the loan outstanding. A 30 year fixed mortgage is defined as a home loan with a repayment term of 30 years and an interest rate that remains the same throughout the life of the loan.

Section 3: The United States Federal Reserve will enforce the implementation of this bill.

Section 4: This bill will go into effect on July 1, 2024.

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

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Melany Molina Senator

Luray High School

on Tue Feb 27 2024 09:23:23 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Virginia Bill 4250**

### *A Bill to Increase the Consequences for Illegally Possessing Nicotine or Tobacco Products in*

Be it enacted,

Section 1: Purchasing, attempting to purchase, and possessing nicotine or tobacco products under the age of 21 is illegal in Virginia.

Section 2: The punishment right now for possessing nicotine or tobacco products is punishable by a civil penalty for up to \$100 for the first violation. A second violation can lead to a fine of up to \$250. As an alternative the judge may order up to 40 hours of community service.

Section 3: In 2023, 1 of every 10 high school students reported that they had used electronic cigarettes in the past 30 days. It was reported that nearly 9 out of 10 adults who smoke cigarettes daily first try smoking by age 18.

Section 4: Young adults who smoke are in danger of addiction to nicotine, reduced lung growth/function, and early cardiovascular damage. It can also cause cancer, heart disease, stroke, lung diseases, diabetes, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

Section 5: The parents often have to pay the fines given to minors. Instead the minor caught illegally owning nicotine or tobacco products should be put through a treatment program to ensure they will not try it again. Community service or unpaid work should also be implemented as an alternative or additive.

Section 6: This bill goes into effect immediately after passage.

Section 7: ALL laws conflict with this legislation will be declared null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Virginia Grieb Senator

LURAY HIGH SCHOOL

on Tue Feb 27 2024 15:51:20 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Domestic Resolution 5356**

### *Resolution to Increase Required Age to Enlist in the Military*

Be it enacted,

Section 1: People of the age of 18 lack the maturity of those in the 25-35 age range

Section 2: Giving a few years after high school will give them time to train, making all branches more skilled

Section 3: Older people who enlist are more likely to stay because they've had the time to truly consider their enlistment

Section 4: Citizens who are 25 or older have the opportunity to get a higher level of education, whereas those who are 18 are fresh out of high school

Section 5: Brains aren't fully developed until the age of 25. The prefrontal cortex is the last of which to mature. This is the area that is responsible for good decision making, which is essential when in any branch of the military.

Section 6: This bill goes into effect immediately after passage

Section 7: All laws that afflicted with this bill are now null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

BRIGID DUDLEY Representative

LURAY HIGH SCHOOL

on Wed Feb 28 2024 12:11:22 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Virginia Bill 1012**

### *A Bill to Allow Collective Bargaining in Virginia Unions*

Be it enacted,

Line00: Be it enacted,

Line01:

Line02: Section 1. Virginia should repeal law §40.1-57.2 effectively allowing unions to  
Line03: collectively bargain on workplace issues pertaining to workplace rights and  
Line04: conditions.

Line05:

Line06: Section 2. Law §40.1-57.2 states that no unions in districts of any sort within the  
Line07: Virginia Commonwealth may start or participate in collective bargaining.

Line08:

Line09: Section 3. The Virginia government and Legislature will repeal law §40.1-57.2.

Line10:

Line11: Section 4. This law shall hereby be enacted upon the date of approval.

Line12:

Line13: Section 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and  
Line14: void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Joseph Kohrs Senator

Mountain View High School

on Thu Feb 29 2024 11:30:40 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)



## **Docket A: Domestic Bill 1214**

### *A Bill to Get Rid of the Selective Service*

Be it enacted,

Section 1. This legislation will make it mandatory to dispose of the Selective Service mandate.

Section 2. Disposing of the Selective Service System (SSS) will assure all citizens in America are treated equally. A big issue with the Selective Service System is that it is unfair depending on your religion, gender, and age depending on if you have to sign up for it. If you are part of a religion that does not associate with violence then you do not have to sign up for SSS. If you are a woman or a woman who changed their gender to a male then you are not obligated to sign up for SSS. If you are under 18 or over 25 then you are also not obligated to sign up for SSS. The Selective Service is unfair due to the fact many can avoid signing up due to their religion, gender, and age and this leaves a small amount of people left to defend their country if needed. This is unfair to all the male U.S citizens and immigrants coming into the United States who are over 18 and under 25. It is unfair to the immigrants coming into America seeking shelter to be obliged to sign up for the SSS. Most immigrants are most likely unaware of what they are really signing up for along with the U.S citizens who are obliged to sign up for the SSS. This bill will focus on how the United States of America can abolish the Selective Service System and be fair to all U.S citizens and immigrants coming into the country.

Section 3. The Selective Service System Agency will enforce these regulations, thus they will see the enforcement of this bill.

Section 4. The bill will be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Briana Plum Representative

Luray High School

on Thu Feb 29 2024 13:46:00 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Virginia Bill 1232**

### *A Bill to Change Virginia from Right to Work to Union State*

Be it enacted,

Section 1: This bill will change the state of Virginia from a right-to-work State to a union state.

Section 2: A Right-to-work state is defined as “ each employee at a workplace to decide whether or not to join the union and pay dues, even though all workers are protected by the collective bargaining agreement negotiated by the union” and a union state is defined as “employees being hired and automatically joining the union that represents them within their work organization.”

Section 3: This legislation will be enforced and overseen by the Department of Labor.

Section 4: This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025.

Section 5: All laws in conflict will be declared null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Jadan Tylee Representative

Luray High School

on Thu Feb 29 2024 17:11:20 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Economic Bill 1216**

### *A Bill To Prohibit Chinese Ownership of Farmland*

Be it enacted,

Line 00: Be It Enacted,

Line 01:

Line 02: Article I: All corporations or entities involved with  
Line 03: the People's Republic of China shall not be allowed to  
Line 04: purchase or own any farmland in the United States.

Line 05:

Line 06: Article II: Farmland shall be defined as any plot of  
Line 07: land which can be used for agricultural purposes.

Line 08: Corporations and Entities shall be defined as any  
Line 09: organization with the purpose of making a profit or  
Line 10: furthering the goals of the Chinese government.

Line 11:

Line 12: Article III: This legislation shall take effect

Line 13: immediately upon passage.

Line 14:

Line 15: Article IV: The Department of Homeland Security shall  
Line 16: enforce this bill in collaboration with the Department  
Line 17: of the Interior and the Department of Commerce.

Line 18:

Line 19: Article V: All laws and practices in conflict with this  
Line 20: legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Noah Bauserman Senator

Mountain View High School

on Fri Mar 01 2024 11:40:06 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Domestic Bill 2007**

### *A Bill To Increase Court Justices*

Be it enacted,

Line00: Be it enacted,

Line01:

Line02: Section 1. United States Legislature shall increase the number of justices

Line03: serving on the Supreme Court from nine to thirteen.

Line04:

Line05: Section 2. The United States Legislature shall be defined as the United States

Line05: House of Representatives and Senate

Line06:

Line07: Section 3. The Judicial branch shall oversee this bill and the president

Line08: shall nominate the new Supreme Court members and the

Line09: The Senate shall vote on the Supreme Court nominees to be instated.

Line10:

Line11: Section 4. This bill shall take effect in 8 to 16 years with two new justices being

Line12: instated eight years after the passage of the bill and another two justices being

Line13: instated sixteen years after the passage of this bill.

Line16:

Line17: Section 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and

Line18: void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Fletcher Moyers Senator

Mountain View High School - Quicksburg

on Fri Mar 01 2024 12:05:11 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## Super Session: Domestic Bill 8722

### *Amending the Endangered Species Act for the Protection of Critical Habitats*

Be it enacted,

Line 01: SECTION 1. The Endangered Species Act (ESA) is hereby amended to  
Line 02: enhance the protection of critical habitats for endangered and  
Line 03: threatened species.

Line 04:

Line 05: SECTION 2. Definitions:

Line 06: (a) For the purposes of this Act, "critical habitat" shall refer to  
Line 07: areas designated under the Endangered Species Act as essential for  
Line 08: the conservation of endangered and threatened species.

Line 09: (b) "Endangered Species Act" refers to the federal law enacted to  
Line 10: provide for the conservation of species that are endangered or  
Line 11: threatened.

Line 12:

Line 13: SECTION 3. Amendment:

Line 14: (a) Section 3 of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. § 1532) is  
Line 15: hereby amended as follows:

Line 16: (1) The following subsection shall be added:

Line 17:

Line 18: "Sec. 3A. Additional Protections for Critical Habitats

Line 19:

Line 20: (a) In addition to the provisions outlined in this Act, critical  
Line 21: habitats designated under section 4 of this Act shall be subject  
Line 22: to the following protections:

Line 23:

Line 24: (1) Prohibition of Destruction or Adverse Modification: It shall  
Line 25: be unlawful for any person to destroy or adversely modify  
Line 26: critical habitats designated under this Act, except as provided  
Line 27: in subsection (b).

Line 28:

Line 29: (2) Mandatory Consultation: Federal agencies shall consult with  
Line 30: the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or the National Marine  
Line 31: Fisheries Service, as appropriate, to ensure that any action  
Line 32: authorized, funded, or carried out by such agency is not likely  
Line 33: to destroy or adversely modify critical habitats.

Line 34:

Line 35: (b) Exceptions: The prohibition under subsection (a)(1) shall not  
Line 36: apply if the Secretary determines, based on the best scientific  
Line 37: and commercial data available, that:

Line 38:

Line 39: (1) The benefits of the proposed action outweigh the benefits of

Line 40: conserving the critical habitat, and such action is in the public  
Line 41: interest; or  
Line 42:  
Line 43: (2) There are no reasonable alternatives to the proposed action,  
Line 44: and such action is necessary for national security reasons.  
Line 45:  
Line 46: (c) Enforcement: Violations of the provisions outlined in this  
Line 47: section shall be subject to penalties as provided in section 11 of  
Line 48: this Act."  
Line 49:  
Line 50: SECTION 4. Funding:  
Line 51: The Secretary of the Interior shall allocate additional funding  
Line 52: to support the implementation and enforcement of the provisions  
Line 53: outlined in this Act.  
Line 54:  
Line 55: SECTION 5. Effective Date:  
Line 56: This Act shall take effect 90 days after its enactment.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Sydney Beachboard Representative

Fauquier High School

on Sun Feb 25 2024 14:52:03 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Super Session: Virginia Bill 1122**

### *A Bill to Alter the Primary Election Age Restriction*

Be it enacted,

Section 1: A cutoff of the age in which a person's ballot can be counted within the primary election. 70 years of age will now be the new maximum for partaking in the primary election due to a significant loss in cognitive ability. Voting for laws will be unaffected but for presidential elections (specifically the primary) a maximum age of 70 will be incited.

Section 2: Cognitive is the ability to think and general intelligence, a drop off in such means a drop in thinking ability. The primary election is where a party's candidates will be decided upon.

Section 3: The Virginia Department of Elections will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

Section 4: This bill will go into effect January 1, 2025.

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

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Rae Haugen Representative

Luray High School

on Fri Mar 01 2024 16:43:38 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## Super Session: Economic Resolution 1959

### *A Resolution to Cease the Production of Pennies*

Be it resolved,

Line 00: Be it resolved,

Line 01:

Line 02: that whereas the United States Mint loses money for

Line 03: each penny that is produced;

Line 04:

Line 05: WHEREAS the United States lost over seventy million

Line 06: dollars producing pennies in the previous year;

Line 07:

Line 08: WHEREAS the production of pennies will continue to rise

Line 09: in cost and their continued production will be

Line 10: problematic for the United States;

Line 11:

Line 12: WHEREAS the digitization of money and the usage of

Line 13: credit and debit cards make the minting of coins

Line 14: unnecessary and obsolete;

Line 15:

Line 16: WHEREAS other countries have phased out production of

Line 17: their lowest value coins and have not experienced

Line 18: any major problems as a result of this action;

Line 19:

Line 20: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by this student congress that

Line 21: United States Mint Shall phase out production of the

Line 22: Penny.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Noah Bauserman Senator

Mountain View High School

on Fri Mar 01 2024 22:29:10 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)