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Docket A: Economic Bill 3847

A Bill to eliminate the Department of Housing and Urban Development

Be it enacted,

Line 01: SECTION 1. The U.S. department of housing and urban development (HUD) is

Line 02: hereby and henceforth no longer a recognized department of united states

Line 03: executive government.

Line 04:

Line 04: SECTION 2 The HUD is the department tasked with administers programs that

Line 05: provide housing and community development assistance.

Line 06:

Line 07: SECTION 3. This legislation will be enforced under its own principle and requires

Line 08: no enforcing agency

Line 09:

Line 10: SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect upon passage

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Henry Wisniewski

Grafton High School

on Wed Jan 31 2024 11:41:17 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: International Resolution 8479

A RESOLUTION TO ENACT A STATE OF WAR AGAINST THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT

Be it resolved,

Line 01: WHEREAS, Russia continues its offensive against the innocent people of Ukraine;

Line 02: and

Line 03:

Line 04: WHEREAS, The Russian government has promoted and been part of numerous

Line 05: human rights violations worldwide; and

Line 06:

Line 07: WHEREAS, Antidemocratic suppression of information and opinions continues at

Line 08: the hands of the Russian government; and

Line 09:

Line 10: WHEREAS, Russia threatens our nation's values; now, therefore, be it

Line 11:

Line 12: RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled enact a state of war against the

Line 13: Russian government.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Aruesha Srivastava

Grafton High School

on Wed Jan 31 2024 11:44:16 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Domestic Resolution 2938

A Resolution to Call for the Establishment of an Effective and Independent Review Board for Supreme Court Justices

Be it resolved,

Line 01: WHEREAS, the Supreme Court holds immense power in shaping the laws and lives

Line 02: of all Americans, necessitating the highest standards of ethical conduct and judicial

Line 03: fitness;

Line 04:

Line 05: WHEREAS, concerns have arisen regarding the accountability of Supreme Court

Line 06: justices in instances of potential misconduct, ethical lapses, or unfitness due to

Line 07: cognitive decline;

Line 08:

Line 09: WHEREAS, the current impeachment process presents a high bar and limitations in

Line 10: scope, often making it difficult to remove a justice even in compelling

Line 11: circumstances;

Line 12:

Line 13: WHEREAS, a lack of transparency and public trust in the current system can weaken

Line 14: the legitimacy and public confidence in the Supreme Court;

Line 15:

Line 16: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Congress calls for the establishment of an

Line 17: effective and independent review board (IRB) with the following purposes:

Line 18:

Line 19: 1. To investigate allegations of judicial misconduct, ethical violations, and unfitness

Line 20: for office, including cognitive decline, with thoroughness and objectivity.

Line 21:

Line 22: 2. To ensure due process for justices under review, including access to legal

Line 23: counsel, clear notification of allegations, and an opportunity to respond.

Line 24:

Line 25: 3. To issue non-binding recommendations, ranging from warnings and censure to

Line 26: calls for impeachment and removal through the existing constitutional process,

Line 27: with clear and justifiable reasoning for each recommendation.

Line 28:

Line 29: 4. To operate with transparency and accountability, holding public hearings for

Line 30: significant cases while protecting sensitive information, and publishing thorough

Line 31: reports of investigations and recommendations.

Line 32:

Line 33: 5. To possess diverse and relevant expertise, with members selected through a

Line 34: bipartisan process and confirmed by a supermajority vote, ensuring independent

Line 35: judgment and resistance to political influence.

Line 36

Line 37: 6. To maintain strong ethical standards, with members adhering to a strict code of

Line 38: conduct and subject to potential removal for misconduct.

Line 39:

Line 40: 7. To have access to independent legal and medical evaluations when necessary,

Line 41: ensuring impartial assessments of potential cognitive decline or other health

Line 42:concerns.

Line 43

Line 44: 8. To undergo regular evaluation and potential refinement based on experience and

Line 45: public feedback, continuously improving its effectiveness and legitimacy.

line 46

Line 47: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the creation of this IRB should be achieved through

Line 48: a collaborative and bipartisan effort, ensuring its composition reflects diverse

Line 49: perspectives and expertise.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Mason Edwards

Grafton High School

on Wed Jan 31 2024 11:49:24 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Virginia Bill 8378

A BILL TO REDUCE NICOTINE PURCHASES BY INCREASING SIN TAX ON NICOTINE PRODUCTS BY 5 FOLDS

Be it enacted,

Line 01: SECTION 1. all goods containing nicotine shall enforce a higher sin tax then

Line 02: previous year

Line 03:

Line 04: SECTION 2. Taxes imposed on products that are considered harmful to the public

Line 05: health

Line 06:

Line 07: SECTION 3. The Virginia Department of Taxation shall be responsible for enforcing

Line 08: the provisions of this bill.

Line 09:

Line 10: SECTION 4. The provisions of this bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Line 11:

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

Line 13: void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Ivy Zhang

Grafton High School

on Wed Jan 31 2024 11:54:55 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Domestic Bill 2839

A Bill to enhance individuality of men by removing the draft in America

Be it enacted,

Line 01: SECTION 1. The draft system has taken many opportunities from American men.

Line 02: The removal of the draft will lead to greater opportunities for men.

Line 03:

Line 04: SECTION 2. The draft is the system to get eligible young men into the U.S. army in

Line 05: emergencies.

Line 06:

Line 07: SECTION 3. The U.S. Department of Defense will overlook this legislation.

Line 08:

Line 09: SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect upon passage. All laws in conflict with

Line 10: this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Kevin Zheng

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on Wed Jan 31 2024 11:56:36 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: International Resolution 1928

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN AIDE PACKAGES TO REFUGEES IN INDONESIA

Be it resolved,

Line 01: WHEREAS, there is a surge of Muslim refugees fleeing

Line 02: Myanmar for a safe haven; and,

Line 03:

Line 04: WHEREAS, Indonesia is a neighboring country that is predominantly Muslim; and

Line 05:

Line 06: WHEREAS, Indonesia does not have the governmental capabilities to sustain a large

Line 07: amount of refugees; therefore be it,

Line 08:

Line 09: RESOLVED, that the congress here assembled push the US Agency of International

Line 10: Development to implement a plan for sending immediate humanitarian aide

Line 11: packages in the form of water, shelter, food, medicine, and clothing to help support

Line 12: the influx of refugees in Indonesia.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Sana Ahmad
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on Wed Jan 31 2024 11:58:38 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: International Resolution 7777

A RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE THE UNITED NATIONS TO OVERTHROW THE MYANMAR MILITARY LEADERSHIP AND ESTABLISH A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT

Be it resolved,

Line 01: WHEREAS, the Myanmar military rule is responsible for the genocide of the

Line 02: Rohingya people, leading to a huge influx of refugees to Indonesia and neighboring

Line 03: countries, and

Line 04: WHEREAS, this displacement has caused a humanitarian crisis in these countries

Line 05: who lack the resources to support these refugees and whose people have turned

Line 06: violent in protest, and

Line 07: WHEREAS, severe existing U.S. Sanctions have been incapable of persuading

Line 08: Myanmar leadership to end this genocide, therefore let it be

Line 09: RESOLVED, by the student congress here assembled that the United States

Line 10: encourage the United Nations to take action on behalf of the Rohingya and

Line 11: Indonesian people and forcefully replace Myanmar's military rule with the

Line 12: Democratic government they previously held.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Alexis Golart
Tabb High School
on Wed Jan 31 2024 15:42:22 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Economic Resolution 2371

A resolution to eliminate the use of US treasury bonds

Be it resolved,

Be it resolved,

Line 01: WHEREAS, bonds serve as financial instruments through which governments engage

Line 02: in the strategic acquisition of capital from the public, offering a compelling

Line 03: promise of interest in return, and

Line 04:

Line 05: WHEREAS, the predominant reliance on bonds as a means of financing has

Line 06: contributed significantly to the United States' national debt, and

Line 07:

Line 08:

Line 09: WHEREAS, this indirectly effects our economy by suppressing its ability thrive

Line 10: Therefore, let it be

Line 11:

Line 12: RESOLVED, by the student congress here assembled that we enact the complete removal of US

Treasury Bonds, and the immediate prioritization of paying back investors.

Respectfully Submitted by, Amani Nzuna Tabb High School

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Amani Nzuna
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on Wed Jan 31 2024 15:57:08 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: International Bill 1234

Destroying Russian fighting morale

Be it enacted,

Line 01: Place warheads in Russian cities in case of the need to end a possible Line 02: war before it happens.

Line 03: The part for the warheads would be brought into Russia legally and Line 04: reach a spot where they are swapped with another case then after all

Line 05: the parts are gathered the construction of the warhead will begin in a

Line 06: hidden area but still around an area where large groups of people

Line 07: gather. The International Trade Administration would be responsible

Line 08: for getting the goods to Russia and then the CIA will be responsible

Line 09: for collecting and assembling and placing the warheads near crowded

Line 10: areas. The action of this bill shall take effect immediately upon

Line 11: passage. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby

Line 12: declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Erick Ta'len
Tabb High School
on Thu Feb 01 2024 08:42:15 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Domestic Bill 1224

A Bill to Include Females in The Draft

Be it enacted,

Line 01: WHEREAS, the exclusion of females from the draft stems from sexism and

Line 02: perceptions of females as weaker and,

Line 03: WHEREAS, it is unfair to both males and females to either be excluded or be the only

Line 04: present sex in the draft and,

Line 05: WHEREAS, the inclusion of females in the draft would roughly double the available

Line 06: citizens for military service, therefore let it be

Line 07: RESOLVED, that the student congress here assembled moves to include females in the

Line 08: draft

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Nathaniel Dunster
Tabb High School
on Thu Feb 01 2024 19:38:49 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Virginia Bill 2769

A Bill to eliminate Virginia's right to work laws

Be it enacted,

Line 02: WHEREAS, unionization leads to higher wages for employees, and,

Line 03: WHEREAS, the commonwealth's citizens shall see increases in quality of life from

Line 04: higher wages, therefore, let it be,

Line 05: RESOLVED, that the student congress here assembled eliminates right-to-work laws from

Virginia's legal code

Respectfully Submitted By:
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on Thu Feb 01 2024 19:55:24 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Economic Resolution 7897

A RESOLUTION TO START IMMEDIATE PLANNING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HOUSING AROUND THE COUNTRY

Be it resolved,

Line 01: WHEREAS, The United States is suffering from a severe shortage in available

Line 02: housing; and

Line 03:

Line 04: WHEREAS, this has made it incredibly difficult for civilians to find affordable

Line 05: housing, creating housing instability; and

Line 06:

Line 07: WHEREAS, this can lead to increased rates of mental health issues and

Line 08: homelessness; Line 09: Therefore, let it be

Line 10:

Line 11: RESOLVED, that the Student Congress here assembled call for the start of

Line 12: immediate planning for the construction of new housing around the country.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Michelle Li

Tabb High School

on Fri Feb 02 2024 07:42:26 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Super Session: Virginia Resolution 9999

A Resolution to Abolish Presidential Primaries and Implement a National Ranked-Choice Voting System

Be it resolved,

Line 01: WHEREAS, the current system of presidential primaries in the United States is often

Line 02: divisive, expensive, and time-consuming, and can lead to the nomination of

Line 03: candidates who are not representative of the wishes of the majority of voters; and Line 04:

Line 05: WHEREAS, the current system can favor candidates who are able to win over a

Line 06: small but enthusiastic base of voters, rather than those who appeal to a broader

Line 07: range of the electorate; and

Line 08:

Line 09: WHEREAS, the current system can give undue weight to the early states in the

Line 10: primary schedule, and can disenfranchise voters in states that hold primaries later

Line 11: in the process; and

Line 12:

Line 13: WHEREAS, a national ranked-choice voting system would allow voters to rank their

Line 14: choices for president in order of preference, and would ensure that the winner of

Line 15: the election is the candidate who receives the majority of first-choice votes; and

Line 16:

Line 17: WHEREAS, a national ranked-choice voting system would encourage candidates to

Line 18: campaign on a broader range of issues and to appeal to a wider range of voters,

Line 19: and would make it more likely that the winner of the election would be someone

Line 20: who is acceptable to a majority of the electorate;

Line 21:

Line 22: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Congress of the United States hereby

Line 23: calls for the abolition of the current system of presidential primaries and the

Line 24: implementation of a national ranked-choice voting system for the selection of the

Line 25: President and Vice President of the United States.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Mason Edwards

Grafton High School

on Wed Jan 31 2024 11:53:06 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Super Session: International Resolution 1269

A RESOLUTION TO DISCOURAGE SOUTH AFRICAN PLATINUM EXPORTS TO AMERICAN ALLIES

Be it resolved,

Line 01: WHEREAS, South Africa has made itself an enemy of the United States by allying

Line 02: with China and Russia and,

Line 03: WHEREAS, the UK is the largest buyer of platinum, South Africa's largest export

Line 04: contributing to its GDP and,

Line 05: WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to reduce South Africa's GDP by decreasing Line 06: platinum exports, therefore, let it be

Line 07: RESOLVED, that the student congress here assembled moves to encourage the UK to Line 08: decrease its purchases from South Africa.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Nathaniel Dunster
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on Thu Feb 01 2024 19:40:52 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)