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## **Docket A: Domestic Bill 3215**

### *A BILL TO CREATE THE INTERNATIONAL & NATIONAL SEQUENTIAL ENUMERATION & COUNTING TRANSCRIPTION (INSECT)*

Be it enacted,

Line 01: Be it enacted,

Line 02:

Line 03: Article I, the United States shall allocate one hundred

Line 04: million dollars for the establishment of the INSECT, a

Line 05: decennial census of insects across the globe, partnering

Line 06: with international partners for each country's counting.

Line 07:

Line 08: Article II, census shall be defined as a procedure to count,

Line 09: classify, and publish data about the relevant population,

Line 10: using direct surveys or estimates as deemed appropriate by

Line 11: the agency in command.

Line 12:

Line 13: Article III, the Environment Protection Agency shall oversee

Line 14: enforcement of this bill.

Line 15:

Line 16: Article IV, this bill shall take effect immediately.

Line 17:

Line 18: Article V, all laws and policies in conflict with this bill

Line 19: are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Mabel Brockman

Tabb High School

on Fri Feb 06 2026 08:37:32 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: International Resolution 2026**

### *A Resolution to Denounce the Sovereignty of Kosovo and Support Serbia*

Be it enacted,

Line 01: WHEREAS, Kosovo's unilateral declaration of independence has not been

Line 01:

Line 02: recognized by the United Nations Security Council; and

Line 03:

Line 04: WHEREAS, the Republic of Serbia has maintained that Kosovo is part of its territory;

Line 05: and

Line 06:

Line 07: WHEREAS, supporting Serbia's claim to Kosovo would promote regional stability

Line 08: during hostile tensions; and

Line 09:

Line 10: WHEREAS, recognition of Kosovo's independence risks encourages unilateral

Line 11: secessionist movements globally; now, therefore, be it

Line 12:

Line 13: RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled to declare the declaration of

Line 14: independence by the Republic of Kosovo as illegitimate and lead negotiations with

Line 15: Serbia on incorporating Kosovo back into the Republic of Serbia.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Rhett Zhao

Tabb High School

on Wed Feb 11 2026 21:55:49 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

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Line 16: Article V, all laws and policies in conflict with this bill

Line 17: are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Mabel Brockman

Tabb High School

on Thu Feb 12 2026 21:34:38 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Economic Bill 6741**

### *A Bill to Establish Guaranteed Paid Family and Medical Leave*

Be it enacted,

Line 00: Be it enacted,

Line 01:

Line 02: Article I: The United States government shall establish a national paid family and  
Line 03: medical leave program that guarantees eligible workers up to twelve weeks of paid  
Line 04: leave per year.

Line 05:

Line 06: Article II: Paid leave shall be defined as compensated time away from work for the  
Line 07: purposes of caring for a newborn or newly adopted child, recovering from a serious  
Line 08: health condition, or caring for an immediate family member with a serious health  
Line 09: condition.

Line 10:

Line 11: Article III: Funding for this program shall be provided through a joint contribution  
Line 12: system between employers and the federal government.

Line 13:

Line 14: Article IV: The Department of Labor shall oversee the implementation and  
Line 15: enforcement of this bill.

Line 16:

Line 17: Article V: This bill shall go into effect one year after passage.

Line 18:

Line 19: Article VI: All laws and policies in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null  
Line 20: and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Mira Yousef

Tabb High School

on Thu Feb 12 2026 23:40:16 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Economic Bill 1067**

### *A Bill to Establish a National Universal Welfare Income*

Be it enacted,

Line 1: Be It Enacted by the Congress Here Assembled That

Line 2:

Line 3: Section 1. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) shall implement a National

Line 4: Universal Welfare Income (NUWI) for individuals earning below \$40,000 annually.

Line 5: Eligible individuals shall receive a refundable credit equal to 50% of the difference

Line 6: between their income and \$40,000. Payments shall be distributed monthly.

Line 7:

Line 8: Section 2. The credit shall phase out at a rate of 50 cents for every dollar earned

Line 9: above \$0 until the individual reaches \$40,000 in annual income. No individual

Line 10: earning more than \$40,000 shall receive NUWI payments.

Line 11:

Line 12: Section 3. A. The following federal programs shall be replaced by the NUWI.

Line 13: 1. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

Line 14: 2. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) cash benefit components

Line 15: 3. Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

Line 16: 4. Child Tax Credit (CTC) refundable portion

Line 17: B. Non-cash benefits (e.g. SNAP food allocations, WIC, and Medicaid) shall remain

Line 18: unchanged.

Line 19:

Line 20: Section 4. The program will be reevaluated annually to ensure the income

Line 21: threshold meets welfare needs.

Line 22:

Line 23: Section 5: This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2027. All laws in conflict

Line 24: with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Senator Yana Baryctska

York High School

on Fri Feb 13 2026 08:49:32 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Virginia Bill 5120**

*A Bill to remove government funding towards state nutrition programs to maximize money in the schools*

Be it enacted,

Line 01: Article I: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will cut  
Line 02: funding to states' nutrition programs and give the money to the  
Line 03: state directly. States will be in charge of distributing money  
Line 04: to the schools, and schools will have to be in charge of their  
Line 05: own nutrition strands and management of money.

Line 06: Article II: Nutrition Standards - science-based, foundational  
Line 07: guidelines defining the specific quantities of nutrients, foods,  
Line 08: and dietary components necessary to promote health, prevent  
Line 09: chronic disease, and ensure nutritional adequacy.  
Line 10: USDA - A federal executive department established in 1862 that  
Line 11: develops and executes policies on farming, agriculture, food,  
Line 12: forestry, and rural development.

Line 13: Article III: This bill shall take effect on September 1st, 2026.

Line 14: Article IV: The U.S. Department of Agriculture will oversee the  
Line 15: enforcement of this bill. They will enforce it by paying the  
Line 16: states the average amount of money they spend in a year at the  
Line 17: beginning of the school year and giving no more if or when the  
Line 18: state runs out.

Line 19: Article V: All other laws that are in conflict with this new  
Line 20: policy shall hereby be declared null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Aniya Trusty

Appomattox Regional Governor's School

on Fri Feb 13 2026 09:33:00 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Virginia Bill 9101**

### *A Bill to Gradually Increase the Minimum Wage in the Commonwealth of Virginia*

Be it enacted,

Line00: Be in enacted by the congress here assembled that

Line01:

Line02: Article I: The state of Virginia shall increase its minimum wage by one dollar

Line03: every year, starting at 13.00\$ on January 1st 2027, until it reaches 16.00\$ an hour.

Line04:

Line05: Article II: Once the minimum wage requirement has been met, wages will be

Line06: indexed annually to inflation based on the consumer price index (CPI).

Line07:

Line08: Article III: Small businesses, defined by having no more than 25 employed

Line09: workers, shall receive temporary credits given by the state to account for the strain

Line10: created by adjustment to payrolls.

Line11:

Line12: Article IV: The Virginia Department of Labor shall be in charge of enforcement of

Line13: minimum wage requirements and implementation of yearly indexing relating to

Line14: inflation based on CPI.

Line15:

Line16: Article V: This bill shall be implemented on January 1st, 2027 and follow yearly

Line17: guidelines established in Articles I and II.

Line18:

Line19: Article VI: All laws and policies in conflict with this legislation shall now be

Line20: declared null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Owen Stroop

Maggie L. Walker Governor School for's Government and International Studies

on Fri Feb 13 2026 15:29:06 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Domestic Bill 0015**

### *A Bill to Create Special Education Opportunity Vouchers*

Be it enacted,

2 SECTION 1. The Department of Education shall establish a Special Education  
3 Opportunity Voucher Program allowing eligible students with disabilities to  
4 attend an accredited private K-12 school when their assigned public school  
5 cannot provide required accommodations.

6

7 SECTION 2. A student shall be eligible if the student:

8 A. Has an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or a Section 504 Plan; and

9 B. The public school is unable to provide the services required in that plan.

10

11 SECTION 3. Each voucher shall not exceed the lesser of the private school's  
12 tuition and required services or the average per-pupil expenditure of the  
13 student's public school district.

14

15 SECTION 4. Participating schools must be accredited and agree to provide the  
16 services outlined in the student's education plan and may not deny admission  
17 solely based on the severity of a disability.

18

19 SECTION 5. Funding shall be administered by the Department of Education and  
20 shall not reduce existing public school funding formulas.

21

22 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect at the beginning of the next academic  
23 year following passage.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Alexis Dodson

Phoebus High School

on Fri Feb 13 2026 17:07:55 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: International Resolution 1738**

### *A Resolution to Terminate the Temporary Protected Status of Haitians to Continue Deportation of Illegal Immigrants*

Be it resolved,

Line 01: WHEREAS, Haitian aliens are currently residing in the United States;

Line 02: and

Line 03:

Line 04: WHEREAS, Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem has reviewed

Line 05: country conditions and consulted relevant U.S. government agencies to

Line 06: determine that Haiti no longer meets the conditions for its

Line 07: designation for Temporary Protected Status (TPS); and

Line 08:

Line 09: WHEREAS, The Department of Homeland Security disagrees with U.S.

Line 10: District of Columbia District Judge Ana Reyes's order staying the

Line 11: Secretary's TPS termination decision; now, therefore, be it

Line 12:

Line 13: RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled shall terminate the

Line 14: Temporary Protected Status of Haitians effective April 1, 2026.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Senator Sita Lewis

Maggie L. Walker Governor's School

on Fri Feb 13 2026 20:43:16 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Economic Bill 9873**

### ***A BILL TO ESTABLISH A PAID FAMILY LEAVE PROGRAM TO STRENGTHEN THE NATIONAL ECONOMY***

Be it enacted,

Line 01: SECTION 1. Under the passage of this legislation, a national paid family leave

Line 02: program shall be established to support working families and promote economic

Line 03: stability.

Line 04: SECTION 2. SEEING that many workers cannot afford to take unpaid leave;

Line 05: SEEING that paid leave helps families remain financially secure during medical or

Line 06: family emergencies;

Line 07: SEEING that keeping workers employed increases productivity and strengthens the

Line 08: economy;

Line 09: SECTION 3. The Department of Labor shall enforce this bill. Employers must

Line 10: provide paid family leave as required and submit compliance reports. The

Line 11: Department may investigate complaints and issue fines for violations. The program

Line 12: shall be funded through shared payroll contributions from employers and

Line 13: employees.

Line 14: SECTION 4. The provisions of this bill shall take effect one year after passage.

Line 15: SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and

Line 16: void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Leia Blackwell

Tabb High School

on Fri Feb 13 2026 21:42:29 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Domestic Bill 4578**

### *A Bill to Repeal the Laken Riley Act*

Be it enacted,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Laken Riley Act shall be repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 2. "In its entirety" shall be defined as the original act, passed in 2025.

SECTION 3. This bill shall go into effect on July 1, 2026.

SECTION 4. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) shall halt all enforcement of the Laken Riley Act and release all persons detained under this act.

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

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Madeline Radcliffe

Maggie L. Walker Governor's School

on Fri Feb 13 2026 22:10:24 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Domestic Bill 6789**

### *A Bill to Ban Private School Vouchers That Are Funded by Public Education Funds*

Be it enacted,

Line 00: Be it enacted

Line 01:

Line 02: Article I: The United States shall not provide private school vouchers to a majority of

Line 03: students (with certain exceptions). This is because it will reduce funding for public

Line 04: schools and harms a majority of students at those public institutions.

Line 05:

Line 06: Article II: Private school vouchers shall be defined as public education funds to send

Line 07: students to private schools or religious schools.

Line 08:

Line 09: Article III: This bill shall be implemented in FY 2027 to allow sufficient preparation

Line 10: time.

Line 11:

Line 12: Article IV: The U.S. Department of Education and state Departments of Education

Line 13: shall be held responsible in overseeing this bill.

Line 14:

Line 15: Article V: All laws and policies in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and

Line 16: void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Maya Elsaadat

Tabb High School

on Fri Feb 13 2026 23:15:18 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Economic Bill 4011**

*A Bill to Guarantee Eight Weeks of Paid Leave for Mothers Following the Birth or Adoption of a child.*

Be it enacted,

Line00: Be it enacted

Line01:

Line02: Article I: The United States Federal government shall

Line03: ensure that all institutions of employment guarantee up to

Line04: eight weeks of paid maternity leave at a minimum of 65%

Line05: wage replacement. Requirements for qualification include

Line06: mothers who have given birth or adopted a child in infancy.

Line07:

Line08: Article II: All employers who do not comply are subject to

Line09: further financial penalties, including the restitution

Line10: of all unpaid leave wages owed plus fines. On the first

Line11: violation, a minimum of \$2000 will be fined, the fine

Line12: increasing on repeat or willful violations.

Line13:

Line14: Article III: This plan shall be implemented on January 1st

Line15: 2027.

Line16:

Line17: Article IV: The U.S Department of Labor and the shall

Line18: oversee and enforce this program.

Line19:

Line20: Article V: All laws and policies in conflict with the new

Line21: law are hereby deemed null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Senator Lola Acquista

Maggie L. Walker Governor's School

on Fri Feb 13 2026 23:32:11 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## Docket A: Virginia Resolution 0424

### FARM-TO-SCHOOL ACT

Be it resolved,

Line 01: WHEREAS access to nutritious school meals is essential to student health,

Line 02

Line 03:academic performance, and long-term wellbeing; and

Line 04

Line 05

Line 06: WHEREAS locally grown products when incorporated through centralized and

Line 07

Line 08: standardized systems can negate the over reliance on highly processed food, and

Line 09:

Line 10: support Virginia's agricultural economy; and

Line 1:

Line 11:

Line 08: WHEREAS many school divisions lack the kitchen infrustcture necessary to process

Line 09:

Line 09:and distribute locally sourced foods; and

Line 09:

Line 09:

Line 11 WHEREAS, school divisions vary significantly across the commonwealth making a

Line 09:

Line 09:

one size fits all mandate impractical; therefore let it

Line 09:

Line 09:

Line 15: RESOLVED, that we create a voluntary statewide program requiring divisions to

Line 09:

Line 09:develop central kitchens which source food locally to ensure freshness and

Line 09:nutrition; and let

it be

Line 18 FURTHER REOLVED, that incentives such as competitive grants, matching funds,

scholarships, and technical assistance for the development and expansion of central

kitchens or regional food hubs be established, and let it be

FURTHER RESOLVED, schools participating shall receive priority access to state funding,

federal grant support, and procurement flexibility; and be it

FURTHER REOLVED, that participating divisions shall be required to report data on costs,

local food usage, and student meal participation to encourage potential program expansion.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Senator Amani Nzuna

Tabb High School

on Fri Feb 13 2026 23:59:58 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket B: International Bill 8828**

### *A Bill to Send 1.5 Billion Dollars to Serbia for Grid Modernization*

Be it enacted,

Line 01: SECTION 1. The United States will send 1.5 billion dollars in support of energy projects  
Line 02: that will further modernize the grid of Serbia such as replacing aging  
Line 03: transmission infrastructure and installing and digitalizing a smart grid.

Line 04: SECTION 2. The following definitions should apply:  
Line 05: A. Transmission infrastructure should be defined as 110kV, 220kV, and  
Line 06: 400kV high voltage systems that both need modernizing and replacing  
Line 07: as well as improving and building more cross-border transmission lines.  
Line 08: B. Smart grid should be defined as installing more smart meters and  
Line 09: modernizing current medium-voltage grid to work more efficiently as  
Line 10: well as more accessible in building renewable energy infrastructure.

Line 11: SECTION 3. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) shall be  
Line 12: responsible for enforcing this legislation by:  
Line 13: A. Overseeing that all of the money is being applied to where it had been  
Line 14: predetermined and utilizing the funds to be most beneficial.

Line 15: SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect beginning FY 2027. All laws in conflict with  
Line 16: this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Navya Agarwal

Maggie L. Walker Governor's School

on Fri Feb 13 2026 23:06:23 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)