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Docket A: International Resolution 7777

A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE SECURITY MEASURES ALONG THE UNITED STATES-MEXICO BORDER

Be it resolved,

Line 01: WHEREAS, the ongoing border crisis is a big issue amongst Americans today, and

Line 02:

Line 03: WHEREAS, we are committing a disservice to our people in not taking greater efforts to

Line 04: keep out illegal immigrants, and

Line 05:

Line 06: WHEREAS, these measures would increase both physical security presence and

Line 07: surveillance technology at the border further ensuring the safety of our citizens

Line 08: Therefore, let it be

Line 09:

Line 10: RESOLVED, by the student Congress here assembled to increase security measures

Line 11: along the United States-Mexico border

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Isabella Meadows

Smithfield High School

on Mon Apr 08 2024 15:38:36 GMT-0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)

Docket A: Economic Resolution 2025

A RESOLUTION TO ELIMINATE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS

Be it resolved,

Line 01: WHEREAS, Controversy over the security of social security numbers is a big issue

Line 02: amongst many Americans today, and

Line 03:

Line 04: WHEREAS, Continued use of social security numbers and the use of databases to store

Line 05: them has made social security numbers susceptible to cyber attacks, and

Line 06:

Line 07: WHEREAS, Eliminating social security numbers in place of a more secure system

Line 08: would benefit millions of Americans; therefore, let it be

Line 09:

Line 10: RESOLVED, that the student Congress here assembled eliminate the use of social

Line 11: security numbers

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Andrew Thompson

Smithfield Highschool

on Mon Apr 08 2024 15:59:20 GMT-0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)

Docket A: Virginia Resolution 1234

A RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE LEGAL PRIVILEGES OF COMPANION ANIMALS TO ALL CREATURES

Be it resolved,

Line 01: WHEREAS, the legal privileges of 'companion animals' are reserved to only cats and

Line 02: dogs, and

Line 03:

Line 04: WHEREAS, all animals have the ability to act as companion animals and as such they

Line 05: are entitled to the rights of one, and

Line 06:

Line 07: WHEREAS, the selective use of this term and the rights that go along with it could be

Line 08: regarded as discriminatory; therefore, let it be

Line 09:

Line 10: RESOLVED, that the Student Congress here assembled move to extend the legal

Line 11: privileges of companion animals to all creatures

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Camryn Hicks

Smithfield High School

on Tue Apr 09 2024 10:04:01 GMT-0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)

Docket A: Domestic Resolution 3005

A RESOLUTION TO PROHIBIT ALL PATENTS ON PHARMACEUTICAL DRUGS

Be it resolved,

Line 01: WHEREAS, access to affordable medications is essential for public health and

Line 02: well-being, and

Line 03:

Line 04: WHEREAS, some diseases can only be cured or prevented by patented drugs, making

Line 05: these drugs a public necessity, and

Line 06:

Line 07: WHEREAS, promoting a free market for pharmaceuticals is beneficial to both

Line 08: consumers; therefore, let it be

Line 09:

Line 10: RESOLVED, that the student Congress here assembled outlaw all patents on

Line 11: pharmaceutical drugs

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Seth Baker

Smithfield High School

on Tue Apr 09 2024 11:34:39 GMT-0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)

Docket A: Economic Resolution 1738

A resolution to lower corporate and personal income taxes

Be it resolved,

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A RESOLUTION TO LOWER CORPORATE AND PERSONAL INCOME TAXES

Be it resolved,

Line 01: WHEREAS, Lowering corporate and personal income taxes can stimulate economic

Line 02: growth by incentivizing investment and consumer spending, and

Line 03:

Line 04: WHEREAS, Lower tax rates can attract foreign investment, spur job creation, and

Line 05: enhance international competitiveness, leading to a more dynamic and prosperous

Line 06: economy, and

Line 07:

Line 08: WHEREAS, Lower taxes can promote entrepreneurship, innovation, and small business

Line 09: development. Therefore, let it be

Line 10:

Line 11: RESOLVED, the Student Congress here assembled lower corporate and personal

Line 12: income taxes.

Line 13:

Respectfully Submitted by,

Tristan Duffy

Smithfield High School

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Tristan Duffy

Smithfield High School

on Tue Apr 09 2024 12:43:28 GMT-0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)

Docket A: Domestic Resolution 9876

A RESOLUTION TO FEDERALIZE RIGHT-TO-REPAIR LAWS

Be it resolved,

Line 01: WHEREAS, the replacement of broken machinery poses a financial risk to businesses

Line 02: around the nation, and

Line 03:

Line 04: WHEREAS, The ability to secure instruction, tools, and parts needed to repair

Line 05: broken machinery will positively benefit manufacturers and product owners alike, and

Line 06:

Line 07: WHEREAS, many states have already taken the initiative to implement right-to-repair

Line 08: laws and bringing these laws to the federal government will bring the opportunity

Line 09: provided by these laws to all 50 states; now, therefore, be it

Line 10:

Line 11: RESOLVED, that the Student Congress here assembled federalize right-to-work laws

Line 12: modeled after the state of California's current right-to-work laws.

Line 13:

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Ryan Snyder

Smithfield High School

on Tue Apr 09 2024 17:14:39 GMT-0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)

Docket A: International Bill 5150

A Bill to Reduce the Flow of Mexican Fentanyl into the United States

Be it enacted,

Line 01: Section 1. The government of the United States shall cut

Line 02: foreign aid to Israel by 33.4% and shall cut foreign aid to

Line 03: Ukraine by 45%.

Line 04:

Line 05: Section 2. These newly gained funds will be reappropriated

Line 06: to the DEA budget with the intent of strengthening the DEA's

Line 07: fight against the Fentanyl crisis and the influx of the drugs

Line 08: over our southern border.

Line 09:

Line 10: Section 3. All other laws in conflict with this policy will hereby be

Line 11: declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Charles Bain

Salem

on Tue Apr 16 2024 15:30:32 GMT-0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)

Docket A: International Resolution 1515

A Resolution Calling for Peace in Israel-Palestine

Be it resolved,

Line01: Whereas, the State of Israel continues to wage an
Line02: offensive war on the Gaza Strip, with many
Line03: Palestinians under threat of ethnic cleansing by the
Line04: Netanyahu Government; and
Line05:
Line06: WHEREAS, the Israeli Defense Force has bombed schools,
Line07: hospitals, and other civilian targets, imposing
Line08: collective punishment on Gazans over Hamas's attacks;
Line09: and
Line10:
Line11: WHEREAS, the failure to recognize and support the
Line12: State of Palestine has led to the rise of Hamas in
Line13: Gaza and and thus the October 7th, 2023 attacks on
Line14: Israel; and
Line15:
Line16: WHEREAS, Israel continues to impose an apartheid
Line17: regime in both Gaza and the West Bank;
Line18:
Line19: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Congress here
Line20: assembled call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza
Line21: contingent on the release of all hostages on both
Line22: sides, the end of apartheid in Israel, and the
Line23: recognition of the State of Palestine. Furthermore,
Line24: let this Student Congress make the following
Line25: recommendation should Israel fail to comply: that the
Line26: U.S. Mission to the U.N. author a Security Council
Line27: Resolution sanctioning Israel economically and call
Line28: upon the Security Council to take steps towards U.N.
Line29: recognition of the State of Palestine.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Maryam Imran

Broad Run High School

on Wed Apr 17 2024 01:36:47 GMT-0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)

Docket A: Domestic Bill 1767

A bill to ban pharmaceutical patents

Be it enacted,

Line 01. SECTION 1: Under this legislation the United States government
Line 02. Shall ban all pharmaceutical related patents and abolish currently
Line 03. Existing patents on medication and other life saving treatments
Line 04.

Line 05. SECTION 2: Pharmaceutical related patents shall be defined as any
Line 06. Patent seeking all rights to medication and pharmaceutical treatment
Line 07.

Line 08. SECTION 3: The United states Patent and trademark office shall
Line 09. Oversee the implementation of this legislation
Line 10.

Line 11. SECTION 4: This bill shall be implemented immediately upon passage
Line 12.

Line 13. SECTION 5: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby
Line 14. Declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Aradhana Ravi

Rock Ridge

on Wed Apr 17 2024 14:37:29 GMT-0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)

Docket A: International Bill 4546

A Bill for the United States to suspend the military aid for Israel

Be it enacted,

SECTION 1. The United States of America shall suspend the annual funding of \$3.3 billion from Israel granted under the Foreign Military Financing program

SECTION 2. The U.S. Agency for International Development will avoid helping those being investigated for the alleged humanitarian crimes and genocide being tried by the International Criminal Court.

SECTION 3. As a result of their actions, the US will only be funding them once they have returned to a permanent ceasefire, only until then will the US fund them again.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take place immediately due to its urgency. All laws in conflict with this legislation are at this moment declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Bayron F. Sandoval

Varina High School

on Wed Apr 17 2024 15:35:11 GMT-0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)

Docket A: Domestic Bill 0567

A Bill to Decrease Pharmaceutical Company Control Over Medication

Be it enacted,

Line 01: Section 1. Pharmaceutical companies patent period will be
Line 02: decreased from 20 years to 10 years. The regulations to
Line 03: apply for a second patent will be changed to a requirement
Line 04: of a difference of 3 ingredients in the new medication
Line 05: compared to the old medication and studies to show increased
Line 06: effectiveness of the new drug.
Line 07:
Line 08: Section 2. Increased effectiveness will be defined as the
Line 09: ability of an intervention or change to produce an increased
Line 10: desired beneficial effect.
Line 11:
Line 12: Section 3. The Food and Drug Administration or FDA will
Line 13: oversee the enactment of this bill.
Line 14:
Line 15: Section 4. This bill will come into effect on January 1, 2025.
Line 16: All patents instated before this enactment will continue with
Line 17: past patent length laws.
Line 18:
Line 19: Section 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby
Line 20: declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Rebekah Steinweg

Salem High School

on Wed Apr 17 2024 16:23:29 GMT-0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)

Docket A: Economic Bill 4529

A Bill to End the FICA Tax Cap to Restore Long-Term Solvency to the Social Security Trust Fund

Be it enacted,

Line 01: SECTION 1. The United States will end the FICA Tax Cap.

Line 02: SECTION 2. The Social Security Administration (SSA) will oversee the enforcement

Line 03: of this bill.

Line 04: SECTION 3. This legislation will take effect on FY 2025. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Dylan Hancock

Salem High School

on Wed Apr 17 2024 16:27:13 GMT-0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)

Docket A: Domestic Bill 1220

A Bill to Prohibit Extensions of Pharmaceutical Patents

Be it enacted,

1220: A Bill to Prohibit Extensions of Pharmaceutical Patents

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. SECTION I. Extension of pharmaceutical patents shall be prohibited once the
2. 20-year life of the patent expires.
3. SECTION II. A pharmaceutical patent shall be defined as a patent that gives a
4. pharmaceutical company the exclusive right to manufacture,
5. market, and profit from a new drug.
6. SECTION III. The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and the
7. Food and Drug Administration shall work alongside state and local
8. governments to oversee the passing of this legislation.
10. SECTION IV. This bill shall be implemented immediately upon passage. All laws
11. in conflict with this legislation shall hereby be declared null and
12. void.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Lobo of Dominion High School

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Roshni Lobo

Dominion High School

on Wed Apr 17 2024 21:38:32 GMT-0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)

Docket A: International Bill 1221

A Bill to Provide Humanitarian Aid to Mexico

Be it enacted,

1221: A Bill to Provide Humanitarian Aid to Mexico

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. SECTION I. The United States shall provide \$20 million worth of humanitarian
2. aid to Mexico to address impoverished communities and displaced
3. Mexicans within the United States.
4. SECTION II. Impoverished communities shall be defined as communities with
5. many families that are living in poverty, inadequate food and water
6. supplies, and inadequate healthcare. Displaced peoples shall be
7. defined as Mexicans that have been forced to leave Mexico for any
8. reason, or people that have been forced to leave their homes, but
9. are still within Mexico's borders. Humanitarian aid shall be
10. defined as food, water, healthcare, etc that is sent and distributed to
11. affected communities and people in Mexico or within United
12. States borders.
13. SECTION III. The U.S. Agency for International Development shall oversee the
14. passage of this legislation.
15. SECTION IV. This bill shall be implemented immediately upon passage.
16. SECTION V. All laws in conflict with this legislation shall hereby be declared
17. null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Chowdhury of Dominion High School

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Ayana Chowdhury

Dominion High School

on Wed Apr 17 2024 21:40:37 GMT-0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)

Docket A: Domestic Resolution 5467

A Resolution to Support the Fair Repair Act

Be it resolved,

Line 01: WHEREAS, Currently, there is no federal Right to Repair law

Line 02: WHEREAS, This has led to inconsistency across the states on the issue of the right to repair

Line 03: WHEREAS, Without the right to repair, there is less competition and freedom when repairing electronic equipment.

Line 04: WHEREAS, This student congress supports H.R. 4006 of the 117th Congress and bills similar to it

Line 05: WHEREAS, H.R. 4006 of the 117th Congress refers to the Fair Repair Act introduced in 2021

Line 06: WHEREAS, The Fair Repair Act requires original equipment manufacturers of digital electronic equipment to make available certain documentation, diagnostic, and repair information to independent repair providers, and for other purposes therefore, be it

Line 07: RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled supports the Fair Repair Act and similar legislation.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Armando Valdez-Machicado

Varina High School

on Thu Apr 18 2024 09:40:28 GMT-0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)

Docket A: Virginia Resolution 0231

A Resolution to Address Animal Neglect and Improve Companion Animal Welfare

Be it resolved,

A Resolution to Address Animal Neglect and Improve Companion Animal Welfare (V)

Line 01:

WHEREAS, Animals, especially companion animals are sentient beings that deserve to be treated with respect, dignity, and compassion, and

Line 02:

WHEREAS, Animal neglect is a serious issue that can lead to suffering, disease, and death among animals, and

Line 03:

WHEREAS, Education, legislation, and programs can help prevent animal neglect and improve animal welfare,

Line 04:

WHEREAS, These programs should be developed and implemented with animal welfare organizations, veterinarians, and other stakeholders.

Line 05:

RESOLVED, That the state of Virginia should allocate funding to establish education and outreach programs to promote responsible pet ownership, companion animal welfare, and the prevention of animal neglect (including companion animals).

Respectfully submitted,

Awa Ba

Varina Highschool

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Awa Ba

Varina High school

on Thu Apr 18 2024 10:23:44 GMT-0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)

Docket A: International Bill 3459

A Bill to Increase H2-B Visa Caps to Strengthen Economic and Trade Relations with Mexico.

Be it enacted,

Line 1: SECTION 1. The government of the United States of America shall

Line 2: raise the caps on H2-B visas to facilitate

Line 3: labor migration and enhance economic cooperation between

Line 4: Mexico and the United States.

Line 5: SECTION 2. For the purposes of this bill, "H2-B visa" shall

Line 6: refer to the temporary work visa designated for

Line 7: non-agricultural labor, as defined in the Immigration and

Line 8: Nationality Act (8 U.S. Code § 1101).

Line 9: A. The DOL shall conduct regular audits of employers

Line 10: utilizing H2-B visas to verify compliance with labor laws

Line 11: and regulations.

Line 12: SECTION 3. The oversight and enforcement of this bill

Line 13: shall be the responsibility of the United States

Line 14: Department of Labor (DOL) in collaboration with the

Line 15: United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)

Line 16: and they, together, shall determine the cap increase.

Line 16: SECTION 5. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025.

Line 17: SECTION 6. All laws in conflict with this legislation

Line 18: are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Aniketh Malipeddi

Rock Ridge High School

on Thu Apr 18 2024 16:53:55 GMT-0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)

Docket A: Economic Bill 0117

A Bill To Privatize Social Security

Be it enacted,

Line 01: ARTICLE 1: The U.S. shall transition a portion
Line 02: of Social Security funds to private retirement
Line 03: accounts.

Line 04:

Line 05: ARTICLE 2: Private Retirement Accounts (PRAs)
Line 06: are personalized retirement accounts managed
Line 07: by workers. A portion of their Social Security
Line 08: contributions will be invested in PRAs.
Line 09: Accounts have restrictions for low-risk
Line 10: investments.

Line 11:

Line 12: ARTICLE 3: The SSA shall oversee the transition
Line 13: and management of PRAs. SSA will establish
Line 14: guidelines and regulations for PRAs. They will
Line 15: provide resources for informed decisions.

Line 16:

Line 17: ARTICLE 4: Funding for PRAs sourced from payroll
Line 18: taxes. Initially, a percentage directed to PRAs,
Line 19: increasing over time.

Line 20:

Line 21: ARTICLE 5: Legislation takes effect immediately
Line 22: upon passage.

Line 23:

Line 24: ARTICLE 6: Laws in conflict with this legislation
Line 25: are null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Rishon Reddy Nimmakayala

Rock Ridge High School

on Thu 18 2024 16:57:57 GMT-0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)

Docket A: Domestic Bill 1548

A Bill to Uphold the Right to Repair Consumer Electronics

Be it enacted,

Line 01: ARTICLE 1: Manufacturers of consumer electronics

Line 02: shall provide fair access to service information,

Line 03: security updates, and replacement parts.

Line 04:

Line 05: ARTICLE 2: "Consumer electronics" are electronic

Line 06: devices for everyday use in private homes.

Line 07: "Service information" includes manuals, schematics,

Line 08: and software for equipment diagnosis and repair.

Line 09: "Independent repair shop" is a third-party provider

Line 10: not affiliated with the manufacturer.

Line 11:

Line 12: ARTICLE 3: The FTC will oversee this bill's

Line 13: enforcement, ensuring compliance and

Line 14: establishing penalties for non-compliance.

Line 15: A. Disclosure of service information and updates

Line 16: is required.

Line 17: B. Fines and legal action for non-compliance.

Line 18:

Line 19: ARTICLE 4: This bill shall be implemented

Line 20: immediately upon its passage.

Line 21:

Line 22: ARTICLE 5: Conflicting laws are null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Arnav Gupta

Rock Ridge High School

on Thu Apr 18 2024 16:59:44 GMT-0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)

Docket A: Virginia Bill 4863

A Bill to remove Virginia's personal property tax

Be it enacted,

Line 01: ARTICLE 1: The personal property tax shall be removed

Line 02: for all constituents within the Commonwealth of Virginia

Line 03:

Line 04: ARTICLE 2: Personal Property shall be defined as assets such as

Line 05: Cars, Trucks, Trailers, Motorcycles, Motor Homes, Aircraft,

Line 06: and Watercraft

Line 07:

Line 08: ARTICLE 3: The Virginia Department of Taxation shall

Line 09: be responsible for overseeing the correct and responsible

Line 10: implementation of this bill

Line 11: A. The Internal Revenue System (IRS) shall work

Line 12: alongside the Virginia Department of Taxation

Line 13: to ensure that this bill is correctly enacted

Line 14:

Line 15: ARTICLE 4: This legislation will take effect immediately

Line 16: upon its passage

Line 17:

Line 18: ARTICLE 6: All laws in conflict with this bill are hereby

Line 19: declared null and void

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Advait Bhamidipati

Rock Ridge High School

on Thu Apr 18 2024 17:00:02 GMT-0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)

Docket B: Domestic Bill 1411

A Bill to Reduce Pharmaceutical Costs By Reforming Patents

Be it enacted,

Line01: Article I: The United States shall reduce
Line02: pharmaceutical drug costs by ending patent thickets
Line03: and removing exclusive patent rights to recipients of
Line04: federal funding, giving rights to the agency
Line05: responsible for the grants.

Line06:
Line07: Article II: Patent thickets shall be defined as an
Line08: overlapping set of patent rights which force small
Line09: competitors to reach licensing deals for multiple
Line10: patents.

Line11:
Line12: Article III: The implementation of this legislation
Line13: shall be overseen by the U.S Patent and Trademark
Line14: Office.

Line15:
Line16: Article V: This bill will take effect fiscal year
Line17: 2025.

Line18:
Line19: Article VI: All laws and policies in conflict with
Line20: this bill are hereby deemed null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Matthew Cifuentes

Broad Run High School

on Thu Apr 18 2024 23:27:21 GMT-0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)