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Docket A: International Resolution 4454

A Resolution to Prohibit the Reclamation of the Panama Canal

Be it resolved,

Line 01: WHEREAS, the United States recognized Panamanian control of the Panama Canal

Line 02: after 1999 with the Panama Canal Treaty of 1977; and

Line 03:

Line 04: WHEREAS, the Panamanian economy has become too economically integrated

Line 05: with the Canal to the point that the American occupation of the Canal would

Line 06: significantly disrupt the country's economy; and

Line 07:

Line 08: WHEREAS, if the United States were to retake the Panama Canal by force, then it

Line 09: would undermine its international reputation and paint it as a neo-imperialist

Line 10: state; therefore, let it be

Line 11:

Line 12: RESOLVED, that the Student Congress here assembled block any executive action

Line 13: that seeks a negotiated or armed reclamation of the Panama Canal.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Geronimo Ritcheson

Jamestown High School

on Wed Mar 05 2025 21:59:33 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Economic Resolution 5643

A Resolution to Prevent the Shutdown of Congressionally Established Agencies Without Congressional Approval

Be it resolved,

Line 01: Whereas, agencies like the CFPB, once created by Congress, serve critical functions
Line 02: to regulate, protect, and serve the interests of the public in various sectors of
Line 03: government and society;

Line 04: Whereas, on February 9, 2025, current and former employees of the Consumer
Line 05: Financial Protection Bureau filed a case with the DC district court which accuses
Line 06: acting Director Russ Vought of attempting to illegally shut down the agency

Line 07: Whereas the shutdown or defunding of a congressionally established agency
Line 08: without Congressional approval undermines the checks and balances inherent in
Line 09: the separation of powers as outlined in the U.S. Constitution;

Line 10: Whereas, Congress, as the duly elected legislative body, holds the constitutional
Line 11: authority to create, modify, or dismantle federal agencies;

Line 12: Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Student Congress strongly supports
Line 13: legislation that would require Congressional approval for any efforts to shut down
Line 14: or eliminate congressionally established agencies such as the Consumer Financial
Line 15: Protection Bureau (CFPB);

Line 16: Be it further resolved, that any attempt by the executive branch to defund, terminate,
Line 17: or significantly reduce the function of agencies without Congressional authorization
Line 18: shall be considered a violation of the separation of powers doctrine and the
Line 19: principles of representative democracy;

Line 20: Be it further resolved, that the Student Congress calls on Congress to reaffirm its
Line 21: role in overseeing the operations and potential closure of congressionally
Line 22: established agencies, ensuring that such decisions reflect the will of the people
Line 23: through the legislative process.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Lilliana Naseef

Jamestown High School

on Wed Mar 05 2025 22:09:03 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Domestic Bill 5383

A Bill to limit the Regulations of Opioids

Be it enacted,

Line 1: ARTICLE I: The United Sates shall legalize the purchase and consumption
Line 2: of all drugs derived from the Papaver somniferum (Opium Poopy) without
Line 3: the requirement of a licensed physician's prescription to consumers over
Line 4: the age of 21.

Line 5: ARTICLE II: The United Sates shall legalize the prescription and
Line 6: consumption of all drugs derived from the Papaver somniferum (Opium
Line 7: Poppy) to patients under the age of 21 by state licensed physicians.

Line 8: ARTICLE III: The Department of Commerce in coordination with the
Line 9: Food and Drug Administration and the department of Health and Human
Line 10: Services will implement this bill.

Line 11: ARTICLE IV: All drugs derived from the Papaver somniferum (Opium
Line 12: Poppy) will undergo certification by the Food and Drug Administration in
Line 13: order to be sold in markets within the United Sates of America and all
Line 14: territories under its jurisdiction.

Line 15: ARTICLE V: In order for a business to sell a drug derived from the
Line 16: Papaver somniferum (Opium Poppy) they must have a licensed
Line 17: Pharmacist employed at each location they plan to sell these drugs.

Line 18: ARTICLE VI: All Current laws, policies, and bills that conflict with this
Line 19: Bill will now be deemed null and void.

Line 20: ARTICLE VII: This Bill shall be implemented exactly 16 days upon its
Line 21: passage.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Alexander Ortiz

Jamestown High School

on Wed Mar 05 2025 22:12:06 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: International Resolution 1234

A Resolution to Send Military Reinforcements to Sudan

Be it resolved,

Line 01: WHEREAS, Sudan is currently facing numerous atrocities such as food

Line 02: shortages, water shortages and ongoing fighting, and

Line 03:

Line 04: WHEREAS, Sudan is in need of the US's assistance in handling these

Line 05: matters and simply sending aid is not enough, and

Line 06:

Line 07: WHEREAS, with the help of US military reinforcements (specifically

Line 08: weapons) it is possible that Sudan may recover and enter into an era of

Line 09: lasting peace; therefore, let it be

Line 10:

Line 11: RESOLVED, that the Student Congress here assembled send weapons to

Line 12: Sudan

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Camryn Hicks

Smithfield High School

on Thu Mar 06 2025 12:44:27 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Economic Resolution 4321

A Resolution to Abolish the Bureau of Consumer Protection

Be it resolved,

Line 01: WHEREAS, The Bureau of Consumer Protection Promotes fair and ethical

Line 02: standards for transactions between businesses and consumers, and

Line 03:

Line 04: WHEREAS, Due to this the BCP prevents corporations from adequately

Line 05: adjusting their prices to keep pace with the economy and rising inflation, and

Line 06:

Line 07: WHEREAS, With opposition to price gouging increasing, it is imminent that we

Line 08: take action to eliminate the BCP while the option is still there; therefore let it be,

Line 09:

Line 10: RESOLVED, that the Student Congress here assembled abolish the Bureau for

Line 11: Consumer Protection

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Reese Wicker

Smithfield High School

on Fri Mar 07 2025 09:24:02 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: International Resolution 8313

A Resolution To Construct A Manned Border Wall Around The Country Of Panama

Be it resolved,

Line 01: WHEREAS, Panama has been a US ally for a great deal of time, since the

Line 02: 1989 US invasion to topple the regime of General Manuel Noriega, and

Line 03:

Line 04: WHEREAS, Panama is facing an imminent crisis from rising sea levels that could

Line 05: threaten the lives of Panamanian citizens and US interests in this country, and

Line 06:

Line 07: WHEREAS, The US sends roughly 40% of its water traffic through the Panama

Line 08: Canal generating significant income, and

Line 09:

Line 10: WHEREAS, Panama has had a massive crime issue as of late that could be

Line 11: dissipated with US intervention, therefore be it,

Line 12:

Line 13: RESOLVED, That the student congress here assembled supports the creation

Line 14: of a manned border wall around our ally country of Panama.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Liam O'Boyle

Smithfield High School

on Fri Mar 07 2025 09:29:12 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Economic Resolution 0208

A Resolution To Reinforce The Office Of Management And Budget As The Agency Responsible For Identifying Fraud, Waste, And Abuse In The Executive Branch

Be it resolved,

Line 01: WHEREAS, The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is responsible for

Line 02: budget development and execution, and

Line 03:

Line 04: WHEREAS, the Department of Government Efficiency is not a federally

Line 05: recognized entity, and

Line 06:

Line 07: WHEREAS, the Department of Government Efficiency has no jurisdiction over

Line 08: the federal budget or employees thereof,

Line 09:

Line 10: WHEREAS, the Department of Government Efficiency has erroneously

Line 11: terminated lawfully administered contracts and terminated federal

Line 12: employees without cause; therefore, let it be

Line 13:

Line 14: RESOLVED, that the Office of Management and Budget suspend all actions

Line 15: and activities of the Department of Government Efficiency and review all

Line 16: budget activities.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Wyatt Richardson

Smithfield High School

on Fri Mar 07 2025 09:35:36 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Virginia Bill 2025

A Bill To Establish The State Juvenile Defender Department

Be it enacted,

Line 01: ARTICLE I: The purpose of this bill is to create a State Juvenile Defender
Line 02: Department (SJDD), a state funded and managed agency responsible for
Line 03: employing and providing public defenders who exclusively represent
Line 04: juveniles in juvenile courts across all Virginia counties and cities.This
Line 05: department will ensure that every minor, regardless of financial status,
Line 06: has access to adequate legal representation in all juvenile proceedings.
Line 07:

Line 08: ARTICLE II:

Line 09: Juvenile – Any individual under the age of 18 who is involved in legal
Line 10: proceedings within the juvenile justice system.
Line 11: State Juvenile Defender Department (SJDD) –A newly established federal
Line 12: agency under the Department of Justice, tasked with hiring, training, and
Line 13: overseeing public defenders specializing in juvenile law.
Line 14:

Line 15: ARTICLE III:The Department of Justice (DOJ) will oversee the State
Line 16: Juvenile Defender Department, ensuring its proper funding, operation, and
Line 17: compliance with legal standards.The SJDD will employ a sufficient
Line 18: number of attorneys to provide at least one juvenile public defender per
Line 19: county, with additional staffing for high-population areas.The department
Line 20: will be allocated an initial annual budget of \$70 million.
Line 21:

Line 22: ARTICLE IV: This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2026, to allow time
Line 23: for hiring, training, and infrastructure development.
Line 24:

Line 25: ARTICLE V: All laws or articles in conflict with this bill are hereby declared
Line 26: null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Andrew Thompson

Smithfield High School

on Fri Mar 07 2025 09:45:50 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Domestic Resolution 3005

A Resolution To Decriminalize The Use Of Illegal Drugs

Be it resolved,

Line 01: WHEREAS, Drug addiction is an ever-growing problem in America, with

Line 02: millions of Americans suffering from this disease, and

Line 03:

Line 04: WHEREAS, Harsh Punishment and Criminalization have been the default

Line 05: position against this disease for far too long, and

Line 06:

Line 07: WHEREAS, this legislation will benefit not just those suffering from drug

Line 08: addiction, but the American legal system as a whole; therefore, let it be

Line 09:

Line 10: RESOLVED, that the Student Congress here assembled decriminalize the

Line 11: use of illegal drugs to pursue more effective methods of reducing addiction

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Seth Baker

Smithfield High School

on Fri Mar 07 2025 09:51:12 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Virginia Bill 1234

BILL: Requirement for Jury Trials for Juveniles in Virginia

Be it enacted,

BILL: Requirement for Jury Trials for Juveniles in Virginia

Section 1:

This Bill aims to mandate that juveniles aged 15 to 17 who are charged with a crime in the Commonwealth of Virginia be required to have a jury trial. This will ensure their right to a fair legal process and proper representation in the justice system.

Section 2:

In providing a structured approach to justice for juveniles, the Bill stipulates that all cases involving these individuals shall be dealt with in a court setting that includes a jury, thereby enhancing the accountability of the judicial process.

Section 3:

(a) This Bill seeks to uphold the principles of juvenile justice, ensuring that young individuals are afforded the same rights to a jury trial as adults, thus reinforcing the integrity of the legal system.

(b) The Judicial Advisory Board will review local court practices regarding juvenile cases, and a report will be submitted to the General Assembly annually to ensure compliance with this requirement and evaluate any necessary adjustments.

Section 4:

This Bill shall take effect on July 1, 2025, directing relevant judicial authorities to implement the necessary changes to ensure that all juvenile cases involving individuals aged 15 to 17 are processed with the inclusion of jury trials.

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Respectfully submitted,

Awa Ba

Varina High School

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Awa Ba

Varina

on Fri Mar 07 2025 16:53:17 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Virginia Bill 1234

Requirement for Photographic Evidence in Speed Camera Violations

Be it enacted,

BILL: Requirement for Photographic Evidence in Speed Camera Violations

Section 1:

This Bill aims to enhance the accuracy and fairness of speed camera violations by mandating the inclusion of photographic evidence of the driver alongside the license plate in all related citations

Section 2:

All speed cameras utilized for traffic enforcement must be equipped with technology capable of capturing clear images of both the vehicle's license plate and the driver's face at the time of the violation. Citations issued for speed camera violations shall include this photographic evidence to ensure proper identification and accountability of the driver.

Section 3:

(a) This bill seeks to protect the rights of drivers by ensuring that violations are substantiated with identifiable evidence, reducing the potential for wrongful citations.

(b) A Compliance Assessment Board, consisting of experts in traffic law and civil rights, will monitor the implementation of this requirement and assess its impact on traffic enforcement. The Board will submit findings to Congress annually.

Section 4:

This bill will take effect on January 1, 2026, directing relevant transportation and law enforcement agencies to update their speed camera systems and practices following this legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

Awa Ba
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Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Awa Ba

Varina

on Fri Mar 07 2025 16:58:58 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Economic Bill 1001

A Bill To Reform the Office Of Management and Budget Reforms

Be it enacted,

Line 01: SECTION 1. This Bill reforms the way OMB gives money across the board, focusing
Line 02: more on giving it to American citizens through Veteran Benefits, Housing,
Line 03: Education, Transportation, and Agriculture while reducing the funding with stricter
Line 04: regulations on Social Security and Unemployment, Medicare and Health, and
Line 05: International Affairs.
Line 06: SECTION 2. International Affairs is defined as interactions between nations,
Line 07: including their politics, economies, and culture.
Line 08: SECTION 3. The Department of Accounting and General Services will be .
Line 09: responsible for the implementation.
Line 10: SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on March 27, 2025. All Laws in conflict
Line 11: with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Steele Myers

Caroline High School

on Fri Mar 07 2025 21:46:43 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: International Bill 1002

A Bill to Seize Panama

Be it enacted,

Line 01: SECTION 1. This bill acts to seize Panama to make it a territory of the United
Line 02: States, as we look to improve living conditions, have new economic opportunities,
Line 03: cut down on the smuggling of illegal substances, and improve the security of the
Line 04: country.

Line 05: SECTION 2. To seize means to take control of something suddenly and sometimes
Line 06: forcefully.

Line 07: SECTION 3. The Office of Internal Affairs and the United States Military will be
Line 08: responsible for enforcing this bill.

Line 09: SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on March 27, 2025. All Laws in conflict
Line 10: with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Steele Myers

Caroline High School

on Fri Mar 07 2025 21:56:13 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: International Bill 5984

A Bill to Invest Further into Data Centers in the Commonwealth of Virginia

Be it enacted,

Line 01: SECTION 1 . The Commonwealth of Virginia shall amend the budget to include

Line 02: \$98,000,000 of investment to Virginia data centers.

Line 03:

Line 04: SECTION 2 . A. "Budget" shall be defined as the current Commonwealth 2024-2026

Line 05: biennium budget.

Line 06:

Line 07: B. "Investment" shall be defined as actions that encourage, create and

Line 08: financially support the operation and construction of data centers.

Line 09:

Line 10: SECTION 3 . Implementation of this bill shall be carried out by the Virginia Economic

Line 11: Development Partnership, which operates under the Secretary of Commerce and

Line 12: Trade. The agency will ensure funds appropriated by this bill will be invested into

Line 13: data centers across the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Line 14:

Line 15: SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect on November 1, 2024. All laws in

Line 16: conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Rafaeh Babar

Atlee High School

on Fri Mar 07 2025 22:00:38 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: International Bill 6313

A Bill to Reclaim the Panama Canal

Be it enacted,

Line 01: SECTION 1 . The United States shall enter into diplomatic negotiations with The
Line 02: Republic of Panama to establish a framework for the shared administration and
Line 03: eventual reclamation of the Panama Canal for economic and security benefits.

Line 04:

Line 05: SECTION 2. "Shared Administration" shall be defined as a cooperative governance
Line 06: model in which both U.S. and Panamanian authorities oversee operations, security,
Line 07: and maintenance of the canal. "Reclamation" shall refer to a negotiated process in
Line 08: which the United States assumes the primary role of maintaining and protecting the
Line 09: Panama canal and the operational zone around it while respecting Panamanian sovereignty and
economic interests.

Line 10:

Line 11: SECTION 3. A. The Department of State shall lead diplomatic efforts engaging with
Line 12: the Panamanian government to negotiate terms for shared administration and
Line 13: potential reclamation.

Line 14:

Line 15: B. The Department of Defense shall provide strategic assessments on security
Line 16: cooperation with Panama ensuring that U.S. involvement in the canal enhances
Line 17: regional stability, protects global trade routes, and prevents foreign influence that
Line 18: could threaten U.S. economic interests and security concerns.

Line 19:

Line 20: SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws in conflict
Line 21: with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Jeremy Taylor

Atlee High School

on Fri Mar 07 2025 22:12:23 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket B: Virginia Resolution 2715

Juvenile Courts

Be it resolved,

2715

A Resolution to minimizing discrimination from the juvenile court system

Be it resolved,

Line 01: WHEREAS, The American Juvenile Court System intervenes

Line 02: in delinquent behavior through police, court, and correctional involvement,

Line 03: with the goal of rehabilitation.

Line 04: WHEREAS, Minimizing discrimination in juvenile courts will provide more just

Line 05: verdicts.

Line 06: WHEREAS, Minimizing discrimination in juvenile court will help create a

Line 07: more fair justice system for the youth of America.

Line 08: WHEREAS, Minimizing discrimination in juvenile court will reduce racial and

Line 09: economic disparities in verdicts.

Line 10: RESOLVED, The student congress here assembled implement legislation to

Line 12: prevent the discrimination of youth in juvenile courts.

Respectfully submitted by:

Representative Cassandra Richards

Jamestown Highschool

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Cassandra Richards

Jamestown High School

on Fri Mar 07 2025 14:52:49 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket B: Virginia Bill 2751

A Requirement for Jury Trials for Juveniles in Virginia

Be it enacted,

Line 01: Section 1: This Bill aims to mandate that juveniles aged 15 to 17 who are charged
Line 02: with a crime in the Commonwealth of Virginia be required to have a jury trial. This
Line 03: will ensure their right to a fair legal process and proper representation in the justice
Line 04: system.

Line 05:

Line 06: Section 2: In providing a structured approach to justice for juveniles, the Bill
Line 07: stipulates that all cases involving these individuals shall be dealt with in a court
Line 08: setting that includes a jury, thereby enhancing the accountability of the judicial
Line 09: process.

Line 10: Section 3:(a) This Bill seeks to uphold the principles of juvenile justice, ensuring that
Line 11: young individuals are afforded the same rights to a jury trial as adults, thus
Line 12: reinforcing the integrity of the legal system.

Line 13:

Line 14: (b) The Judicial Advisory Board will review local court practices regarding juvenile
Line 15: cases, and a report will be submitted to the General Assembly annually to ensure
Line 16: compliance with this requirement and evaluate any necessary adjustments.

Line 17:

Line 18: Section 4: This Bill shall take effect on July 1, 2025, directing relevant judicial
Line 19: authorities to implement the necessary changes to ensure that all juvenile cases
Line 20: involving individuals aged 15 to 17 are processed with the inclusion of jury trials.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Awa Ba

Varina High School

on Fri Mar 07 2025 22:24:02 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)