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Docket A: Domestic Bill 1430
A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE FDA TO NEGOTIATE DRUG PRICES

Be it enacted,

Line 01: SECTION 1. The Federal Drug Administration (FDA) shall create a 12-person board
Line 02: tasked with negotiating official drug prices on behalf of American citizens. In these
Line 03: negotiations, the price of a drug will not be allowed to rise above 120 percent of the
Line 04: average price of the drug in Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, the United
Line 05: Kingdom. Non-compliant drug manufacturers will be fined 10 percent of their yearly
Line 06: revenue which will increase by 5 percent every non compliant year.
Line 07: SECTION 2. The term ‘negotiate’ means to reach an agreement by compromise.
Line 08: SECTION 3. The Department of Health and the Federal Drug Administration shall
Line 09: oversee the implementation of this legislation. All board members will be appointed
Line 10: by the acting FDA commissioner and approved by majority vote in the senate.
Line 11: SECTION 4. This bill will be implemented at the start of fiscal year 2021.
Line 12: SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
Line 13: void.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Senator Rohit Rajuladevi
Broad Run High School
on 2/23/2020 10:16:02 PM
Docket A: Economic Bill 1425
A Bill to Limit Corporate Media Consolidation to Revitalize Journalism and Democracy

Be it enacted,

Line 01: SECTION 1. Excessive media cross-ownership will be limited by law.
Line 02: A. Title 3, Section 301, of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Public Law
Line 03: 104-104) will be repealed.
Line 04: B. Before any corporate media mergers can occur, employees must have the
Line 05: opportunity to engage in employee stock ownership plans.
Line 06: SECTION 2. Excessive media cross-ownership is defined as owning multiple radio
Line 07: shows, newspapers, or television broadcasts in the same market. Employee stock
Line 08: ownership plans are defined as business models that allocate company shares to
Line 09: employees.
Line 10: SECTION 3. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will be responsible
Line 11: for the enforcement of this legislation.
Line 12: SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2021.
Line 13: SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and

Respectfully Submitted By:
Senator Ben Bressette
Broad Run High School
on 2/23/2020 10:35:38 PM
Docket A: International Bill 1420
A Bill to Combat Deforestation in Bolivia

Be it enacted,

Line 01: SECTION 1. The United States shall give ranchers in Bolivia USD $50,000,000
Line 02: in aid to intensify cattle ranching. Any ranch that receives this aid must
Line 03: stop all deforestation.
Line 04: SECTION 2. Intensifying cattle ranching is defined as any effort to produce
Line 05: more cattle using less land. This includes but is not limited to improved
Line 06: pasture seeds, environmentally safe fertilizers and pesticides, and
Line 07: rotational grazing.
Line 08: SECTION 3. The US Agency for International Development shall be responsible
Line 09: for distributing this aid to ranchers and conducting annual checks to
Line 10: ensure ranches are not engaging in deforestation. Any farm that engages in
Line 11: deforestation shall have all aid to them immediately cut and will not be
Line 12: eligible for future aid
Line 13: SECTION 4. This bill will be implemented upon passage.
Line 14: SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
Line 15: and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Senator Aaryan Kanhere
Broad Run High School
on 2/23/2020 11:03:54 PM
Docket A: Economic Bill 1331

A bill to prevent large-platform companies from dominating the American marketplace

Be it enacted,

Line01: Article I: The United States Federal Government will modify modern
Line02: day predatory pricing laws to include a presumption of predation. This
Line03: presumption of predation is triggered by a greater than 40% market share
Line04: in a specific region, city, or state.
Line05:
Line06: Article II: Be it that certain companies have large national market shares,
Line07: mergers must require scrutiny and approval from the federal government.
Line08:
Line09: Article III: Agencies shall review mergers not only that are of a high
Line10: monetary value, but also that conclude in a large exchange of data.
Line11:
Line12: Article IV: This plan shall be implemented immediately upon
Line13: its passage.
Line14:
Line15: Article V: The United States Department of Justice Antitrust Division
Line16: shall oversee this program and have the right to end it.
Line17:
Line18: Article IV: All laws and policies in conflict with new law
Line19: are hereby deemed null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Nikil Shyamsunder
John Handley High Scholl
on 2/24/2020 9:07:02 AM
Docket A: Domestic Bill 9370
A Call for Appropriate Treatment of Drug Use

Be it enacted,

Article 1: The United States federal government shall create a policy in which all drug use is decriminalized.

Article 2: This policy will call for the immediate release of all criminals sentenced for drug use crimes.

Article 3: All persons charged with drug use crimes will be treated as a mental health issue.

Article 4: This policy will be implemented immediately after its passage.

Article 5: The department of justice and health shall both oversee this policy.

Article 6: All laws and policies in conflict with a new law are hereby deemed null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Sydney Barton
John Handley High School
on 2/24/2020 9:15:29 AM
Docket A: Virginia Bill 1432
A Bill To Create Year Long Public School

Be it enacted,

Line01:     Article I: The state of Virginia shall remove the long break
Line02:     between the end of the school year and the beginning of a new one.
Line03:     These days shall be redistributed into more frequent yet shorter
Line04:     breaks that come at the end of each quarter.
Line05:
Line06:     Article II: This plan shall be implemented immediately upon
Line07:     its passage.
Line08:
Line09:     Article IV: The Department of Education shall
Line10:     oversee this program
Line11:
Line12:     Article V: All laws and policies in conflict with new law
Line13:     are hereby deemed null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Peyton Jones
John Handley High School
on 2/24/2020 9:19:29 AM
Docket A: International Resolution 1010
A Resolution to Respect the Sovereignty of Bolivia

Be it resolved,

Line01: that whereas a nation has the absolute right to be sovereign without
Line02: other countries intervening; and
Line03:
Line04: WHEREAS interference by the US often leads to further conflict; and
Line05:
Line06: WHEREAS the United Nations is set up to preserve international peace
Line07: and security; and
Line08:
Line09: WHEREAS the US overriding the sovereignty of Bolivia
Line10: disregards the function of the United Nations
Line11:
Line12: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this student congress
Line13: that the United States respect the role of the UN and refrain from unilateral
Line14: interference in Bolivia’s sovereignty.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Yajaira Linares
John Handley High School
on 2/24/2020 10:22:41 AM
Docket A: Virginia Resolution 1113

School Calendar Reforms

Be it resolved,

Line 00: Be it resolved
Line 01: that whereas school calendars have been previously adapted to
Line 02: suit the students of Virginia, there remains a need for reform in
Line 03: lieu of a changing world.
Line 04: WHEREAS the implementation of year round school shall be
Line 05: deemed necessary in order to better prepare students for the
Line 06: up and coming world.
Line 07: WHEREAS students will be better able to adjust to the tight
Line 08: schedule that jobs demand and retain the information they
Line 09: learn within the classroom if a year round school policy was
Line 10: adopted by Virginia schools.
Line 11: WHEREAS the two month summer break shall be replaced with
Line 12: shorter but multiple two week breaks, that will be in accordance
Line 13: to the four seasons and can be upon consideration of religious
Line 14: holidays.
Line 15: WHEREAS all federal holidays will be observed by school
Line 16: calendars except for Columbus Day, on which teaching will include
Line 17: discussion of the important day.
Line 18: WHEREAS there will be the creation of Indigineous Peoples Day,
Line 19: on which a similar discussion will be done as on Columbus Day.
Line 20: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this student congress that
Line 21: school calendars integrate year round schooling and full
Line 22: observance of federal holidays with exceptions made as listed,
Line 23: as such these reforms will better prepare Virginia students for the
Line 24: world that is continually moving towards the future

Respectfully Submitted By:
Senator Kashmala Mahmood
Park View High School
on 2/24/2020 1:19:16 PM
Docket A: Economic Bill 1845

A Bill To Ban The Use Of BPA

Be it enacted,

Line 01: Article I: The United States Consumer Product Safety Commission shall ban
Line 02: the use of the industrial chemical BPA in any products manufactured in the
Line 03: United States. BPA can seep into food and has been linked to birth defects.
Line 04:
Line 05: Article II: Any entity found to be manufacturing and selling products with BPA
Line 06: will have to recall such products and be charged a fine of $50,000.
Line 07:
Line 08: Article III: This bill shall be implemented on October 1, 2020, and last for a
Line 09: minimum of 5 years.
Line 10:
Line 11: Article IV: The United States Consumer Product Safety shall oversee the
Line 12: implementation of this bill, and has the right to adjust the fine.
Line 13:
Line 14: Article V: All laws and policies in conflict with this new law are hereby
Line 15: deemed null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Samantha Thomas
John Handley
on 2/24/2020 7:20:36 PM
Docket A: Domestic Bill 1450
A Bill to Protect Birds and Bats

Be it enacted,

Line01: Article I: An additional $2.5 million in grants will be
Line02: awarded to institutions or businesses to fund research into bat and
Line03: bird protection from collision with wind turbines.
Line04:
Line05: Article II: This funding will be considered for both on and offshore
Line06: wind harnessing.
Line07:
Line08: Article III: This bill will be effective beginning 1 January 2021.
Line09:
Line10: Article IV: The Department of Energy will oversee the implementation
Line11: of this bill.
Line12:
Line13: Article V: All laws and policies in conflict with this plan are
Line14: hereby deemed null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Sophia Brubaker
John Handley High School
on 2/24/2020 7:41:31 PM
Docket A: International Bill 1167

Foreign Military Training Agreements

Be it enacted,

Bill #1167
A Bill to Phase Out Foreign Military Training Agreements

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. SECTION I. All Foreign Military Training Agreements to non-NATO countries shall be phased out over the next 5 years.

2. SECTION II. Foreign Military Training Agreements shall be defined as the sale of military training and arms to other countries under the Foreign Military Financing Program.

3. A. Non-NATO countries shall be defined as Saudi Arabia, Japan, Germany and South Korea.

4. SECTION III. The Department of Defense shall oversee the passage of this legislation.

5. SECTION IV. This bill shall be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Divya Lobo of Dominion High School

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Divya Lobo
Dominion
on 2/24/2020 8:00:15 PM
Docket A: Economic Bill 8391
A Bill to Prevent the False Advertisement of Mobile Video Games

Be it enacted,

Bill #8391
A Bill to Prevent the False Advertisement of Mobile Video Games

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. SECTION I. The use of deceptive advertising to deceive a consumer into downloading or purchasing an app should be prohibited. This includes the use of a fake close button or advertising the game fundamentally differently from how it operates.

4. SECTION II. The close button shall be defined as the button with an “X” usually in the corner of a mobile phone’s screen which removes the advertisement from the screen.

7. SECTION III. The NCLC (National Consumer Law Center) should enforce this rule and any reports of this shall be handled by them.

9. A. The advertisement must be taken down and

10. B. The responsible party or parties will be fined

11. SECTION IV. This bill shall be implemented by 1 (one) year after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Representative James Tan of Dominion High School

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative James Tan
Dominion HS
on 2/24/2020 9:39:39 PM
Docket A: Virginia Bill 6969

A Bill to Reduce Time Spent in School and add Breaks to a School Day

Be it enacted,

Bill #6969
A Bill to Reduce Time Spent in School and add Breaks to a School day
BE IT ENACTED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. SECTION I. The State of Virginia will change the school day to 5 hours a day in order to reduce stress in a student’s life.
2. SECTION II. The school day shall be defined as the required number of hours a student attends school.
3. SECTION III. VDOE shall work in conjunction with the Virginia legislature to oversee the passage of this legislation.
4. SECTION IV. This bill shall be implemented immediately upon passage.
5. SECTION V. All laws in conflict with this legislation shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Representative Arin Kodolikar of Dominion High School

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Arin Kodolikar
Dominion HS
on 2/24/2020 9:45:48 PM
Docket A: Domestic Bill 1169
A Bill to Increase Funding for the FDA

Be it enacted,

Bill #1169
A Bill to Increase Funding for the FDA

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION I. The US shall increase funding for the FDA by 25%.

SECTION II. Due to insufficient funding, the FDA has not been able to fully ensure the safety of the United States drug supply. This increased funding is necessary for the FDA to fulfill this mission.

SECTION III. The Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee the increased funding for the FDA at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

SECTION IV. This bill shall be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Representative Praneel Makm of Dominion High School

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Praneel Makam
Dominion HS
on 2/24/2020 10:26:35 PM
Docket B: International Resolution 0

Continue Building Diplomatic Relationships With Bolivia While Promoting Human Rights

Be it resolved,

Line 01: Be it resolved
Line 02:
Line 03: that whereas Bolivia’s interim government has named a temporary
Line 04: ambassador, Walter Oscar Serrate Cuellar, to the United States
Line 05: for the first time in more than a decade;
Line 06:
Line 07: WHEREAS Bolivia is redrawing its internationally ties, including
Line 08: its shunning of traditional allies Venezuela and Cuba;
Line 09:
Line 10: WHEREAS Bolivian foreign minister Longaric has said that she
Line 11: hopes the appointment will help pave the way to better relations
Line 12: with the United States;
Line 13:
Line 14: WHEREAS interim President Jeanine Anez has moved abruptly
Line 15: away from policies under Morales, expelling Venezuelan officials
Line 16: and edging closer to allies in Brazil and the United States;
Line 17: WHEREAS, following the coup, the interim government used
Line 18: physical force to try to restore peace and opposition party
Line 19: members were killed;
Line 20:
Line 21: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this student congress that
Line 22: the United States will continue to strengthen diplomatic ties with
Line 23: Bolivia while applying pressure for improved human rights for the
Line 24: citizens of Bolivia.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Senator Elizabeth Zepeda-Cantarero
Park View High School
on 2/24/2020 3:23:23 PM
Docket B: Domestic Resolution 1908
Abolishing Pipelines in National Parks

Be it resolved,

Line 01: Be it resolved
Line 02: 
Line 03: WHEREAS gas pipelines are inconsistent with the conservation 
Line 04: mandate for national parks.
Line 05: 
Line 06: WHEREAS pipeline construction would result in acres of land and 
Line 07: forest being permanently cleared.
Line 08: 
Line 09: WHEREAS transporting fossil fuels through our parks carries the 
Line 10: risk of rupture and explosion, threatening park system resources 
Line 11: and values, visitor experience, and human health and safety.
Line 12: 
Line 13: WHEREAS the scope and magnitude of many pipeline projects, 
Line 14: including the number of waterways, the high quality of the fishery 
Line 15: resources in many of those waterways and the potential for 
Line 16: impacts to fisheries from spills or construction activities, require 
Line 17: safeguards to protect these important resources.
Line 18: 
Line 19: WHEREAS ROWs may cross different ecosystems and can 
Line 20: fragment habitat, lead to the clearing of sensitive vegetation and 
Line 21: create pathways for the spread of invasive species.
Line 22: 
Line 23: WHEREAS ROW maintenance often involves the chemical or 
Line 24: mechanical control of vegetation within the ROW contributing to 
Line 25: the loss of native plant species diversity.
Line 26: 
Line 27: WHEREAS ROWs and other linear developments like 
Line 28: transmission lines, roads, seismic lines and trails can increase 
Line 29: human access into new areas, displace wildlife from their habitat, 
Line 30: act as barriers to wildlife movement and affect migration routes. 
Line 31: WHEREAS pipeline constructions require developers to 
Line 32: permanently clear land, and other pipes running through parks 
Line 33: could explode and destroy, ruining the landscape and putting 
Line 34: human health and safety in danger.
Line 35: 
Line 36: WHEREAS in the past 10 years there have been nearly 2,700 
Line 37: significant gas pipeline accidents, resulting in fires, explosions, 
Line 38: casualties, and air and water pollution – that’s more than 20 
Line 39: accidents per month.
Line 40: 
Line 41: WHEREAS repairing and maintenance activities can also disturb 
Line 42: wildlife, result in spills and contribute to continued habitat loss. 
Line 43: 
Line 44: WHEREAS the mission of our national parks is to conserve
unimpaired natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park system for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. Therefore, be it resolved of all future buildings of gas pipelines in National Parks will hereby be abolished.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Senator Sokthyda Heng
Park View High School
on 2/24/2020 3:34:29 PM