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Docket A: Economic Resolution 1234

Payday Loans for Small Businesses

Be it resolved,

Line00: Be it Resolved

Line01:

Line02: WHEREAS, many small businesses are shutting down,

Line05:

Line06: WHEREAS, many employees will be furloughed or fired,

Line07:

Line08: WHEREAS, these employees will go on unemployment,

Line09:

Line10: WHEREAS, the unemployment rate is already sky high,

Line11:

Line12: WHEREAS, tax payers are already burdened with the cost of unemployment,

Line13:

Line14: THEREFORE, be it resolved by the student congress here assembled that,

Line 15: loans with 0% interest will be given to small businesses for the purpose of

Line 16: continuing to employ workers.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Tristan Allen

Holston High School

on Thu Mar 11 2021 10:54:12 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Domestic Bill 235

Forest Mangement

Be it resolved,

Line00: Be it resolved

Line01:

Line02:Whereas there are many forest fires that burn more than 300,00 acres of land each year,

Line03:

Line04:Whereas, more employees are needed in order to maintain the millions of acres of

Line05: land owned by the public,

Line06:

Line07: Whereas funds are needed to get more equipment to help put out the

Line08: fight the fires in safe ways,

Line09:

Line10: Whereas, proper forest management would prevent the fires, saving millions

Line11: in disaster relief,

Line12:

Line13: Therefore, be it resolved by this student congress here assembled that, a raise of

Line 14: \$1 Billion will be given to the Forest Service by 2030.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Mattelynn Smith

Holston High Shcool

on Thu Mar 11 2021 10:54:44 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Virginia Bill 0000

Lower Childcare Costs

Be it resolved,

Line 00: Be it resolved

Line 01:

Line 02: that whereas a person has a child that is not able to afford normal childcare nor

Line 03: daycare whether it be with the state or family owned;

Line 04:

Line 05: WHEREAS the average cost of an average family over one month costs over

Line 06: one thousand dollars;

Line 07:

Line 08: WHEREAS the low-wage workers of the state cannot be expected to pay any

Line 09: sum of money to the daycare system;

Line 10:

Line 11: WHEREAS any family with only one sole provider may not be able to keep

Line 12: sending their children to daycare regularly, as they need to keep money for other

Line 13: necessities;

Line 14:

Line 15: WHEREAS many family workers have not been able to appear at work at the

Line 16: standard time to keep their children safe and well-kept;

Line 17:

Line 18: WHEREAS the daycare businesses charge too much money for parents to take

Line 19: their children to the business and with too much money being charged, the

Line 20: business will go out-of-business;

Line 21:

Line 22: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this student congress here assembled that,

Line 23: a daycare system will be added to the state education system to resolve the

Line 24: issue of childcare and daycare costs.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Jessica Schlagle

Holston High School

on Thu Mar 11 2021 10:55:01 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Domestic Resolution 5748

Policing Alternatives

Be it resolved,

Line 00: Be it resolved

Line 01:

Line 02: that whereas law enforcement personnel need required specialized training to
Line 03: respond to a behavior crisis;

Line 04:

Line 05: WHEREAS communities need to strengthen the relationship between citizens
Line 06: and police officers to maintain a safe and trustworthy environment;

Line 07:

Line 08: WHEREAS younger generations are not educated properly about crimes and
Line 09: illegal activity in school;

Line 10:

Line 11: WHEREAS law enforcement personnel do not receive sufficient training,
Line 12: guidance, and response options to respond to mental health issues
Line 13: in the most humane manner as possible;

Line 14:

Line 15: WHEREAS individuals who suffer from a mental illness are more likely to
Line 16: encounter police than a medical professional;

Line 17:

Line 18: THEREFORE, be it resolved by this student congress here assembled that, law
Line 19: enforcement personnel will require higher education and training, social work
Line 20: practice will be placed in police departments to respond to different public
Line 21: emergency situations, social programs will be placed in schools
Line 22: to prevent the youth from illegal activity, and funds towards mental health
Line 23: training will be increased.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Hayley Bordwine

Holston High School

on Thu Mar 11 2021 10:57:38 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Economic Resolution 2323

Debt collection agencies

Be it resolved,

Line00: Be it resolved

Line01:

Line02: that whereas home visits should not allowed during a worldwide pandemic,

Line03:

Line04: Whereas, debt is keeping people from paying essential bills,

Line05:

Line06: Whereas, many Americans lost their jobs during the pandemic

Line07:

Line08: Whereas, mental health issues are more rampant than ever,

Line09:

Line09: Therefore, be it resolved by the student congress here assembled that,

Line10: all medical debt collection, and other debt collection for accounts under \$15,000 will be

Line11: suspended until 2022.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Coltin Puckett

Holston

on Thu Mar 11 2021 11:18:57 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Virginia Bill 1752

A Bill to Adopt a Childcare Tax Credit

Be it enacted,

Line 01: Section 1: The Virginia Assembly shall adopt a child tax credit at the state level for
Line 02: employees of the retail industry earning the current federal minimum wage.

Line 03: Section 2: In this legislation childcare tax credit means a employed benefit paid out
Line 04: by VA per dependent in the tax code. An employee is defined as any individual
Line 05: working for an employer under VA Code § 40.1-28.9. This would affect employees
Line 06: of the retail industry, which is any business which sells finished goods for
Line 07: customers for money. Minimum wage is currently \$7.25/hr in the state of VA.

Line 08: Section 3: The VA Department of Social Services shall implement the policies of
Line 09: this bill.

Line 10: Section 4: This bill will go into effect and be implemented on January 1, 2022

Line 11: Section 5: All other laws that are in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null
Line 12: and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Leslie Stevers

Auburn High School

on Thu Mar 11 2021 15:25:31 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Domestic Bill 1324

A Bill to

Be it enacted,

Line 01: Section 1: A federal mandate for forest protection under prescribed and controlled
Line 02: fires in the several United States shall be adopted.

Line 03: Section 2: Federal mandate means any provision in statute or regulation or any
Line 04: Federal court ruling that imposes an enforceable duty upon state and local
Line 05: governments. A national forest is classified as protected and managed federal
Line 06: lands. Controlled burning, also known as prescribed burning, involves setting
Line 07: planned fires to maintain the health of a forest. These burns are scheduled for a
Line 08: time when the fire will not pose a threat to the public or to fire managers. Several
Line 09: United States includes all 50 states of the United States of America.

Line 10: Section 3: The National Forest Service shall oversee the enforcement of this bill by
Line 11: recording the borders of burning areas and ensuring that no fires cross said
Line 12: borders. They shall also designate and/or approve individual national forests for
Line 13: burnings with a set criteria.

Line 14: Section 4: This bill will go into effect and be implemented on January 1, 2022.

Line 15: Section 5: All other laws that are in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Connor McGlothlin

Auburn High School

on Thu Mar 11 2021 15:33:26 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: International Resolution 0300

A resolution to support the Armenian people

Be it resolved,

Line 01: Whereas, Azerbaijani Government have abused Armenian humanitarian rights; and

Line 02: Whereas; the Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict has raged periodically for over 30 years

Line 03: in the Caucasus Region, and

Line 04: Whereas, Armenian ethnic groups have been traditionally persecuted by

Line 05: governments in the same region; and

Line 06: Whereas, US involvement and aid in this region will discourage further human

Line 07: rights abuses and conflict in the region; and

Line 08: Resolved, by this student congress here assembled that the United States

Line 09: shall grant amnesty to anyone considered an Armenian refugee by the federal

Line 10: government,

Line 11: Further Resolved, that the United States federal government shall provide

Line 12: international aid to areas affected by the Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Daniel Haynes

Auburn High School

on Thu Mar 11 2021 16:05:46 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: International Resolution 8491

Human trafficking in Peru

Be it resolved,

Line 1: WHEREAS, human trafficking is a large area of concern in Peru,

Line 2:

Line 3: WHEREAS, illegal mining operations in eastern Peru are sources of human trafficking,

Line 4:

Line 5: WHEREAS, brothels are rampant in Peru,

Line 6:

Line 7: WHEREAS, bars are major sources of human trafficking in Peru,

Line 8:

Line 9: THEREFORE, be it resolved this student congress here assibled that,

Line 10: the United States will supply funding to the Peruvian police forces to

Line 11: help ensure the end of suffering due to human trafficking.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Phoebe Fizer

Holston

on Fri Mar 12 2021 10:10:45 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: International Resolution 5705

A Resolution to Support an Autonomous Nagorno-Karabakh

Be it resolved,

Line 01: WHEREAS, Nagorno-Karabakh is recognized as part of Azerbaijan, but it is

Line 02: controlled by ethnic Armenians; and

Line 03: WHEREAS, The two countries suffered a war between the 1980s and 90s over the

Line 04: region that has been the root of severe violence since; and

Line 05: WHEREAS, Thousands of soldiers and hundreds of civilians die annually from both

Line 06: the countries of Armenia and Azerbaijan within the region of Nagorno-Karabakh;

Line 07: and

Line 08: WHEREAS, The two country's hate for one another has resulted in the destruction of

Line 09: civilian's lives; now, therefore, be it

Line 10: RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled support the creation of an

Line 11: autonomous Nagorno-Karabakh; and, be it

Line 12: FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State should work with various

Line 13: countries and multilateral organizations to achieve autonomy in Nagorno-Karabakh.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Emma Roshioru

Cave Spring High School

on Fri Mar 12 2021 12:44:55 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Virginia Bill 2187

Bill to Subsidize Child Care for Single Parents

Be it enacted,

Line 01: ARTICLE 1. Full-custody single parents in Virginia making less than \$125,000

Line 02: annually will have up to \$10,000 annually of their Child Care costs paid for by the

Line 03: Virginian government.

Line 04: ARTICLE 2. a) Child Care costs are defined as the costs of supervisory care for

Line 05: children such as daycare or nannies.

Line 06: b) Full-custody single parents are defined as unmarried or legally

Line 07: separated individuals who have full-custody of at least one child.

Line 08: ARTICLE 3. The Virginia Department of Social Services will enforce this bill to

Line 09: determine the parents eligible as well as determine qualifying Child Care costs.

Line 10: ARTICLE 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2022. All laws in conflict

Line 11: with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Charlotte Miller

Hidden Valley

on Fri Mar 12 2021 14:41:26 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Virginia Bill 6297

A Bill to Free the Day Care Industry Tax in Virginia

Be it enacted,

Line 01: The Virginia government will free tax on Day Care Industry.

Line 02: Day Care Industry shall be defined as daytime care for the need of people who

Line 03: cannot be fully independent, such as children or elderly people.

Line 04: The Virginia States Department of Taxation shall be responsible for the

Line 05: implementation of this legislation.

Line 06: This legislation will take effect on September 1, 2021. All laws in conflict with this

Line 07: legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Christina Su

Cave Spring High School

on Fri Mar 12 2021 21:42:19 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket B: Domestic Bill 5489

Allocate Police Funds to Social Services

Be it enacted,

Line 01: ARTICLE I, in the United States officers are prepared to treat every

Line 02: person as a threat, and an unchecked system of policing leads to a lack of internal

Line 03: accountability; and

Line 04:

Line 05: ARTICLE II, distributing a part of the police departments budget towards social

Line 06: services allows for less political policing while helping already under funded

Line 07: services; and

Line 08:

Line 09: ARTICLE III, by reallocating these funds the police will have more emphasis on

Line 10: actual policing issues which they are trained for rather than community issues

Line 11: which could be solved with better social services; and

Line 12:

Line 13: ARTICLE IV, the Department of Justice (DOJ) shall oversee the implementation of

Line 14: this bill.

Line 15:

Line 16: ARTICLE V, this bill shall be federally implemented on January 1st, 2022 within the

Line 17: United States.

Line 18:

Line 19: ARTICLE VI, all laws and policies in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Juliana Gabrielson

Cave Spring High School

on Fri Mar 12 2021 16:32:15 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)