

Below are the 15 bills submitted for the December 10th Student Congress at the Snowball Forensics and Debate Invitational.

You will want to read over them, print them out, and prepare to:

1. Give a 3-minute speech about your bill as the author
2. Have questions for the other congressmen about their bills
3. Give a speech for or against a bill, if desired (maximum 3 minutes)
  - a. Note: You do NOT need a speech for EACH bill/resolution
4. Have amendments to bills, if desired

Ignore formatting issues as they may have come from my copying the bills from Microsoft Word to Google Docs.

We will be using the VHSL scoring sheets for this competition.

If you have any questions, please send them to [bmarkey@campbell.k12.va.us](mailto:bmarkey@campbell.k12.va.us) or [swvaflcongress@gmail.com](mailto:swvaflcongress@gmail.com). Good luck!

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**International Bill 1019:**

**Raising of Agricultural Tariffs Bill**

**Line 01: Article I. The United States shall implement this bill to increase U.S agricultural tariffs**

**Line 02: on Japan from 15% to 20%.**

**Line 03:**

**Line 04:**

**Line 05: Article II. The agricultural tariff imposes a cost on all products that involve the science or**

**Line 06: practice of farming. This includes anything from cultivation of soil to the nurture of**

**Line 07: animals to provide food and other products.**

**Line 08:**

**Line 09:**

**Line 10: Article III. The United States Department of State and the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Line**

**11: Affairs will oversee the international relations between the United States and Japan.**

**Line 12:**

**Line 13:**

**Line 14: Article IV. This bill will be enacted at the beginning of the next fiscal year, October 1,**

**Line 15: 2023, allowing for enough time for Japan and those responsible to prepare.**

**Line 16:**

**Line 17: Article V. All policies in conflict with this law are hereby deemed null and void.**

**Respectfully submitted by**

**Representative Jacob O’Fiel**

**Jefferson Forest High School**

## **Economic Bill 1029**

**Line 01: Article I. The U.S. Mint and the U.S. Treasury will permanently halt the manufacturing**

**Line 02: and distribution of the United States Penny.**

**Line 03:**

**Line 04: Article II. The United States penny is defined as the U.S. coin with the value of \$0.01**

**Line 05: USD. There are currently estimated to be 288 million pennies in use in the United  
Line 08: States, with an estimated 13 billion pennies manufactured each year. In 2021, it also**

**Line 09: cost 2.1 cents in order to manufacture each penny. The Penny Manufacturing Act will**

**Line 10: permanently end the manufacturing of the U.S. penny, though all existing pennies can**

**Line 11: still be used.**

**Line 12:**

**Line 13: Article III. The Penny Manufacturing Act will be enforced by the U.S. Mint and the**

**Line 14: U.S. Treasury.**

**Line 15:**

**Line 16: Article IV. This act will go into effect October 1, 2023 to give the U.S. Mint and all  
Line 17: affected parties adequate time to prepare.**

**Line 18:**

**Line 19: Article V. All policies in conflict with this law are hereby deemed null and void.**

**Respectfully submitted by**

**Representative John Hoegerl**

**Jefferson Forest High School**

**Domestic Resolution 2938: A Resolution to Improve National Park's Safety Due to Climate Change**

**WHEREAS, National parks are at risk from increasing problems due to climate change and may face issues such as increase in wildfires and higher sea levels and**

**WHEREAS, these changes due to climate change may cause species to die off or the population to dwindle and**

**WHEREAS, the lack of regulation of companies that are producing large quantities of pollution creates a threat to nearly all national parks and**

**WHEREAS, the call to make changes to save national parks are desperate, as it is threatening human life as we know it, and therefore be it,**

**RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled shall urge the National Climate Change Task Force and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to work hand in hand to increase domestic regulations of large corporations that are producing pollution at an alarming rate.**

**Respectfully submitted by:  
Representative Aurora Davison  
Jefferson Forest High School**

**Domestic Resolution 1256**

**A Resolution to Decrease All Visitors in National Parks**

**Line 01: Whereas, Tourism generates land degradation, air and noise pollution, littering, trampling**

**Line 02: and the alternation of ecosystems; and**

**Line 03:**  
**Line 04: Whereas, Typical impacts in parks and reserves include soil erosion and compaction,**

**Line 05: damage to vegetation, disturbance to wildlife, water pollution, increased fire frequency,**

**Line 06: vandalism and noise; and**

**Line 07:**

**Line 08: Whereas, Wildlife tourism can cause significant disturbances to animals in their natural**

**Line 09: habitats. This may frighten animals, especially at sensitive times of their life cycle, and**

**Line 10: have an adverse effect on breeding; and**

**Line 11:**

**Line 12: Whereas, One example is Human interaction with the ecosystem has rapidly spread**

**Line 13: disease to Yellowstone's wildlife, which has proven to have adverse effects on**

**Line 14: populations; and**

**Line 15:**

**Line 14: THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Parks service work to decrease**

**Line 15: and limit the amount of visitors allowed within the National Parks by 37% by the year**

**Line 16: 2025.**

**Respectfully submitted by:**

**Representative Elizabeth Johnson**

**Jefferson Forest High School**

**Virginia Bill 2639**

**Virginia Senator Term Limit Act**

**Be it enacted,**

**Line01: Section I: By the Congress here assembled that the Virginia government shall adopt the**

**Line02: Virginia Senator Term Limit Act in order to reduce the total number of terms which a**

**Line03: that senator may serve and shall be three terms**

**Line04:**

**Line05: Section II: Senators who are currently in office shall finish their current term and that**

**Line06: will be considered one full term and will only be eligible for two more full terms.**

**Line07: Senators who have served in the past but are not currently serving will be eligible for**

**Line08: three new total terms (does not need to be consecutive) as someone who has never served.**

**Line09: A full term is four years.**

**Line10:**

**Line11: Section III: The Virginia General Assembly shall see the implementation of this bill**

**Line12:**

**Line13: Section IV: This bill shall be implemented on January 4, 2024, this is when elected**

**Line14: members officially take office**

**Line15:**

**Line16: Section V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.**

**Respectfully by:**

**Representative Gideon Egan**

**Jefferson Forest High school**

**Domestic Bill 3847: A Bill to improve national parks to improve the well-being of the American people**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

**SECTION 1. National parks should be improved for Americans to have positive effects on their physical and emotional well-being**

**SECTION 2. National Parks are defined by the Oxford dictionary as “a scenic or historically important area of countryside protected by the federal government for the enjoyment of the general public or the preservation of wildlife”.**

**SECTION 3. This bill will be overseen by the National Parks Service (NPS)**

**SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on FY 2023**

**Introduced for Congressional Debate by Representative Sara Elmi, Midlothian High School**

**Domestic Bill 4655: A Resolution to Increase Collaboration and Communication Between Border Patrol Officers and Law Enforcement to Decrease Drug and Human Trafficking**

**Be it resolved,**

**Whereas, drug and human trafficking is a large concern when people travel across borders into**

**the U.S.; and**

**Whereas, With greater collaboration between law enforcement in the U.S. there is a possibility**

**of reducing that concern; and**

**Whereas, this has the possibility to reduce the access to drugs and human trafficking in the U.S.; now, therefore be it**

**Resolved, by the Congress here assembled that the U.S. law enforcement agencies along all U.S. borders and within the U.S. will collaborate and communicate when important information**

**arises about drug and human trafficking; and**

**Further Resolved, that Congress commends all border control officers and law enforcement**

**officers who have already taken steps in this direction.**

**Respectfully submitted by:**

**Representative Rebekah Steinweg**

**Salem High School**

# Virginia Bill 1892: A Bill to Ban Betting Money on Collegiate Level Sports in Virginia to Protect Athletes' Health

BE IT ENACTED BY CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

Line 1 **Section I.** Betting money on all collegiate-level sports and activities within the state of  
line 2 Virginia will be made illegal both online and in person;

Line 3

Line 4 **Section II.** College sports are defined as an institutional activity sponsored by a club or  
line 5 varsity level with the intent to compete against other collegiate teams by the NCAA;

Line 6

Line 7 **Section III.** Betting on teams based in Virginia will remain illegal (in accordance with HB  
line 8 896) and citizens of Virginia will not be able to bet on any school sport or activity;

Line 9

Line 10 **Section III.** This bill will be enforced by The Virginia Lottery;

Line 11

Line 12 **Section IV.** This bill will be enacted on January first, 2023;

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Representative Sarah Butler  
Cave Spring High School*

**Domestic Resolution 4406: A Resolution to Stop the Smuggling of Illegal Goods and Peoples**

**Line 01: Whereas, smuggling peoples and goods over the US border has increased within the past years;**

**Line 02: and**

**Line 03:**

**Line 04: Whereas, somewhere around 900,000 pounds of drugs have been caught being smuggled over**

**Line 05: the border. In August of 2022 alone 295 children were found being smuggled across the U.S.**

**Line 06: borders for possibly human trafficking intents; and**

**Line 07:**

**Line 08: Whereas, illegal goods that are transported across the U.S. border can help fuel the U.S. drug**

**Line 09: epidemic. ICE agents alone put their lives on the line constantly to do drug busts that can result**

**Line 10: in many deaths; and**

**Line 11:**

**Line 12: Whereas, to solve this problem not just ICE agents should do drug or human trafficking busts**

**Line 13: but localized police and Border Police around the United States borders; and**

**Line 14:**

**Line 15: Resolved, That the Congress here assembled can agree that Border and localized Police have the**

**Line 16: right to under any suspicion to search someone who is crossing the border; now, therefore, be**

**Line 17: it**

**Respectfully submitted by:**

**Representative Gabriel Toryak**

**Cave Spring High School**

## **International Resolution 8493: A Resolution to Admit Japan into AUKUS**

**1 WHEREAS, Japan is one of the most vital democratic powers in the world and  
2 especially in the Pacific; and  
3 WHEREAS, Japan signaled interest in joining the AUKUS security alliance and made  
4 efforts to develop technological and security policies to parity with the  
5 three members of AUKUS; and  
6 WHEREAS, this makes possible a near-seamless Japanese entrance into the alliance;  
7 and  
8 WHEREAS, now, therefore, be it  
9 RESOLVED, that the Congress here assembled, upon securing approval from the  
10 United Kingdom and Australia, immediately invite Japan into the AUKUS  
11 security alliance.**

**Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jackson Pretus, Fork Union Military Academy**

**International Bill 9102: A Bill to Decrease the Funding to the Poland**

**1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

**2 SECTION 1. All military aid sent to Poland from the United States used in preparation  
for future conflicts,**

**3 shall be ceased.**

**4 SECTION 2. Military aid is defined as aid from one country to another which goes  
directly into the recipient**

**5 military budget.**

**6 SECTION 3. The Bureau of Political Military Affairs will be responsible for the future  
enforcement of this**

**7 law.**

**SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1st 8 , 2023, all laws in conflict  
with this legislation are**

**9 hereby declared null and void.**

**Introduced for Congressional Debate by Joseph Athey, Fork Union Military Academy**

**Virginia Bill 3076: A Bill to Ensure the Protection of Sports Betting.**

**1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

**2 SECTION 1. States and the Unites States government are starting to infringe on the**  
**3 rights and making it illegal to commit the act of sports betting. This bill**  
**4 will ensure the protection of the act of sports betting.**

**5 SECTION 2. Sports Betting is the act of betting on a team(s) or player(s) and how they**  
**6 will perform in an act or organized game.**

**7 SECTION 3. The Virginia Lottery Department will oversee the protecting of Sports**  
**8 Betting.**

**9 A. States and Federal Districts will have the right to tax up to 4.0% for**  
**10 every winning or losing bet.**

**11**

**12 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on FY 2022. All laws in conflict with this**  
**13 legislation are hereby declared null and void.**

**Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ian Egbert, Fork Union Military Academy**

**Domestic Bill 4710: A Bill to Increase Funding to the National Parks Service**

**1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

**2 SECTION 1. The US Shall increase funding to the US National Parks Service by 50%.**

**3 SECTION 2. Funding shall be defined as federal financial aid received to complete  
4 parks services; increases shall be based on current funding numbers as of  
5 FY 2022.**

**6 SECTION 3. The US Department of Treasury and the National Parks Service shall  
7 oversee the dispersal of funds and enforcement of this legislation.**

**8 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect July 1, 2023. All laws in conflict with this  
9 legislation are hereby declared null and void.**

**Introduced for Congressional Debate by Noah Foley, Fork Union Military Academy**

**Economic Bill 2901: A Bill to Allocate At Least 30% of Social Security Trust Funds and Future Surpluses into Private Securities & Markets**

**1 WHEREAS, Social Security outstanding trust funds ( ≈\$2.85 trillion) invest all current  
2 reserves and future Social Security program surpluses in government treasuries and  
other**

**3 forms of government related debt; and**

**4 WHEREAS, the interest rate on new government securities acquired by Social Security  
5 funds are based on current multi-year treasury yields, which has struggled to produce a  
6 positive real rate of return (treasury coupon – inflation rate) over the back decade amidst  
7 quantitative easing (QE) and near 0% long-term treasury rates; and**

**8 WHEREAS, these active investments in U.S. federal debt (although risk-averse) have  
9 failed to produce positive return rates, unlike privately owned public & alternative  
private**

**10 market investments, which have produced 7-10% per annum; now, therefore, be it**

**11 RESOLVED, that the Congress assembled here today immediately push towards**

**12 increasing Social Security reserve investments into alternatives by 30% of the total**

**13 amount of assets managed by trust funds, in order to produce long-term sustainability  
and**

**14 greater financial and retirement stability amongst America's working class.**

**Introduced for Congressional Debate by James Clarke, Fork Union Military Academy**

## **Virginia Bill 3579: A Bill to Introduce Congressional Term Limits**

**Be it enacted,**

**Line 01 : Article 1. Due to the fact that limiting the amount of terms a single politician is allowed**

**Line 02 : to, helps to reduce corruption, enables people with new ideas and solutions to take**

**Line 03 : office, and helps to reduce taxes, this bill will introduce congressional term limits to**

**Line 04 : enrich the lives of the American people.**

**Line 05 :**

**Line 06 : Article 2. All elected members of congress will be allowed to hold congress for two**

**Line 07 : two-year terms. However if a member of congress has already been elected twice then**

**Line 08 : they will not be able to run for congress again. All current and past members of**

**Line 09 : Congress that have already served two or more terms, or that are currently serving**

**Line 10 : their second term, will not be able to run for congress again after this bill goes into**

**Line 11 : effect. However, if a member of congress is currently holding the first term in office,**

**Line 12 : then they will be able to run for a second term after this bill is passed.**

**Line 13 :**

**Line 14 : Article 3. This legislation will be overseen by the Federal Election Commission (FEC)**

**Line 15 :**

**Line 16 : Article 4. This legislation will be enacted at the beginning of the fiscal year on January**

**Line 17 : 01 2024.**

**Line 18 :**

**Line 19 : Article 5. All other laws in conflict with this legislation shall be declared null and void.**

**Respectfully submitted by:**

**Representative Luke Stovall**

**Salem High School**