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A Bill to improve Antitrust policy to Stop monopolistic gains.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States government shall increase funding and improve the
2 current antitrust policy of the United States.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** a) shall increase the budget of the antitrust division to four hundred million
4 dollars.
5 b) consummate mergers must go under systemic review and the whole
6 process must be transparent.
7 c) algorithmic manipulation by digital platforms to harm competition will be
8 seen as anti-competitive and shall receive severe fines.
- 9 **SECTION 3.** The department of justice and federal trade commissions shall oversee the
10 enforcement with fines and jail time.
11 A. Anti-competitive practices will be a class 4 felony for all leadership in
12 corporations.
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- 14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025. All laws in conflict with
15 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
- 16 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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- 18 *Respectfully submitted by,*
19 *Joshua Alvarez*
20 *James river highschool*

A Bill to Ban No Fault Divorce to Decrease Virginia Divorces

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **ARTICLE 1.** In the state of Virginia spouses will no longer be able to obtain a no fault
3 divorce

4 **ARTICLE 2.** A. A No Fault Divorce is defined as the dissolution of a marriage that does
5 not require a showing of wrongdoing by either party B. A Trial Marriage is
6 defined as an arrangement by which a couple lives together for a period
7 of time to see if they are compatible for marriage.

8 **ARTICLE 3.** The Virginia General Assembly will oversee the enforcement of this
9 legislation.

10 **ARTICLE 4.** This legislation shall be enacted once this legislation is approved.

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12 **ARTICLE 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Megan Baker.

**Sustainable and Advanced Fracking Expansion Bill
(SAFE Bill)**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States will allocate funding to expand hydraulic fracturing ("fracking") operations in eligible regions with substantial shale deposits.

SECTION 2. A. Fracking will be defined as the process of extracting natural gas or oil from deep underground rock formations through high-pressure injection of water, sand, and chemicals.

B. Eligible regions include states with proven shale gas reserves as identified by the U.S. Geological Survey.

C. A minimum of 30% of the funding will be directed toward research and development of environmentally safer fracking technologies.

SECTION 3. The Department of Energy (DOE) will oversee the implementation of this bill, in coordination with state environmental agencies to ensure compliance with environmental standards.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Josue Benavides
Manchester High School

A Resolution to Eliminate the Period of Separation for No-Fault Divorce to Ensure All Can Equally Begin the Divorce Process

- WHEREAS,** Current qualifications for no-fault divorces in Virginia require six months of separation if the couple has no children and twelve months for couples with minor children; and
- WHEREAS,** This implies one person in the couple must live separately from the other, which requires enough living space and economic stability for proper arrangements to be made; and
- WHEREAS,** In the case that not all people seeking divorce can effectively live separately; and
- WHEREAS,** This issue may disproportionately affect those of lower socioeconomic status who desire divorce all the same; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled eliminate the required amount of separation time a couple must spend to qualify for no-fault divorce; and, be it
- FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this separation period be eliminated for couples irrespective of their parenting status.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Isabella Catalano of Glen Allen High School.

A Bill to Ban Fracking

BE IT ENACTED BY CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

- SECTION 1.** No Federal agency shall permit new projects implementing the practice or use of hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, to extract natural gas or oil, nor shall any Federal agency permit the expansion of any current projects implementing the practice or use of fracking.
- SECTION 2.** “Fracking”, or hydraulic fracturing, is defined as the act of drilling into the earth and injecting pressurized fluids into rock formations to capture resources such as natural gas or oil.
- SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency shall oversee the implementation of this bill. The Bureau of Land Management will oversee the enforcement of this legislation.
- SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rep. Hank Hethcote

Fauquier

A Bill to Expand Tax Cuts to Fracking Companies

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States of America shall issue a further 5% tax cut on every
fracking companies total tax bill

SECTION 2. This legislation shall apply to every corporation and company in the United
States that the Department of Energy considers a fracking company

SECTION 3. The Department of energy shall oversee this legislation and execute it.

SECTION 4. This bill shall go into effect January 1, 2025.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Senator Maddox Johnson.

**A BILL TO SHORTEN THE WAITING PERIOD FOR NO-FAULT DIVORCE TO
HELP OUR PEOPLE**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The waiting period to file for no-fault divorce will be 6 months to make the process of divorce easier.

SECTION 2. No-fault divorce refers to the dissolution of a marriage that does not require a showing of wrong-doing from either party.

The waiting period to file for no-fault divorce refers to the minimum amount of time a couple must live separately before they can legally file for divorce, without needing to prove fault.

SECTION 3. The Virginia Judicial System will oversee the provisions of this bill.

SECTION 4. All provisions of this bill will go into effect January 1 2026

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Matthews
Cosby High School

A Bill to Give Human Rights to the Incarcerated in Guantanamo Bay

SECTION 1. Applying the Constitution to the incarcerated in Guantanamo Bay, allowing for Quick Trials, Not allowing for indefinite holding of Prisoners, Getting rid of the Torture and Cruel Punishment of Innocent Men, and allowing for innocent until Proven Guilty.

SECTION 2. The Constitution mainly is referring to the 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th Amendments

SECTION 3. It is the job of the Southern Command of the Department of Defense (DoD) to enforce and Apply these Regulations

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2025. All Laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted by Representative Steele Myers – Caroline High School

A Bill to Repair the Debt in our Country

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall implement a comprehensive plan to reduce the national debt by 20% over the next ten fiscal years through a combination of spending cuts, revenue increases, and economic growth initiatives.

SECTION 2. For the purposes of this legislation:

- “National debt” refers to the total amount of money that the federal government owes to creditors.
- “Revenue increases” may include but are not limited to tax reforms, closing tax loopholes, and enhancing tax collection efficiency
- “Spending cuts” refer to reductions in government expenditures across various departments and programs without compromising essential services.

SECTION 3. The Department of Treasury shall oversee the enforcement of this policy.

- A. The enforcement mechanism will include annual audits conducted by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to ensure compliance with the debt reduction targets.
- B. A bi-annual report shall be submitted to Congress detailing progress, challenges, and adjustments needed to stay on track.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Julin Myrick,
Manchester High School

A RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE DIPLOMATIC ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND IRAN

- WHEREAS,** the United States and Iran have experienced decades of tension, stemming from political, military, and economic disagreements; and
- WHEREAS,** despite these longstanding challenges, there is a growing recognition that diplomacy and direct dialogue are essential to de-escalate conflicts and foster greater cooperation between the two nations; and
- WHEREAS,** the lack of meaningful engagement has perpetuated misunderstandings, hindered cooperation on global security issues such as nuclear non-proliferation, and contributed to instability in the Middle East; and
- WHEREAS,** continued isolation and conflict can have detrimental effects on the security and well-being of both nations, the broader region, and global peace; and
- WHEREAS,** recent historical precedents, such as the Iran Nuclear Deal (JCPOA), demonstrate that diplomatic negotiations can yield productive outcomes, addressing critical issues while opening avenues for long-term cooperation; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** that the Student Congress here assembled call for the President of the United States to initiate direct diplomatic talks with the President of Iran to improve relations and address mutual concerns, such as nuclear non-proliferation, regional security, and economic cooperation

Respectfully submitted,

Connor Preciado, Cosby High School

A Bill to Comprehensively Reform Virginia Campaign Finance

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Funds that were contributed to a political candidate or campaign committee running for
2 office in Virginia may not be converted to personal use at any time, regardless of whether
3 such funds are surplus following the conclusion of a political campaign.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** No corporation or union may contribute funds to a political candidate or campaign
5 committee running for a statewide or legislative office in Virginia.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** No person, organization, or PAC may contribute more than \$20,000 to any statewide political
7 candidate or their campaign running for office in Virginia. Additionally, no person,
8 organization, or PAC may contribute more than \$10,000 to a legislative political candidate or
9 their campaign. These thresholds do not apply to a political candidate's own contributions to
10 their campaign.
- 11 **SECTION 4.** The thresholds defined in Section 3 will be adjusted each January in even-numbered years
12 (using the threshold that is current at the time as a base) according to the Consumer Price
13 Index for all items, all urban consumers, (CPI-U), as published by the Bureau of Labor
14 Statistics, rounded to the nearest multiple of 100.
- 15 **SECTION 5.** A political candidate's (or campaign committee's) knowing acceptance and a contributor's
16 knowing contribution of funds that violate the provisions defined in Section 2 and Section 3
17 of this legislation will result in a civil penalty for both parties of twice the amount that
18 exceeded the defined legal threshold; in the case of a violation of the provisions in Section 2,
19 this penalty will be twice the total amount that was accepted. Furthermore, a political
20 candidate's (or campaign committee's) violation of the provisions defined in Section 1 of this
21 legislation will result in their disqualification from public office for that election cycle and a
22 civil penalty equal to the amount of campaign funds that were converted to personal use.
- 23 **SECTION 6.** For the purposes of this legislation, the following definitions are valid:
- 24 a. A contribution is considered to have been converted to personal use if the
25 contribution, in whole or in part, is used to fulfill any commitment, obligation, or
26 expense that exists irrespective of the person's seeking, holding, or maintaining of
27 public office.
- 28 b. A statewide political candidate can be defined as a political candidate seeking the
29 office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, or Attorney General.
- 30 c. A legislative political candidate can be defined as a political candidate seeking office
31 in the General Assembly, either in the Senate of Virginia or the Virginia House of
32 Delegates.
- 33 **SECTION 7.** The Virginia Department of Elections will oversee and enforce the provisions of this bill,
34 including the penalties defined in Section 5.
- 35 **SECTION 8.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with this legislation are
36 hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Kendall Walker from Midlothian High School.

A Resolution to Urge President Biden to Close the Guantanamo Bay Detention Camp

- WHEREAS,** The Guantanamo Bay Detention Camp, located on the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba, continues to remain open and in operation since its construction in 2002; and
- WHEREAS,** The United States has left this war prison in operation for over twenty years, even after the end of the War on Terror and the national outcry in relation to the discovery of human rights violations within the detention camp itself on suspected terrorists; and
- WHEREAS,** The continuation of the Guantanamo Bay Detention Camp is unacceptable and a lingering remnant of a failure to the oath to defend the Constitution of the United States, so long as the United States acts as a party who condemns the act of the violation human rights in addition to the unjust disapplication of fair trial; and
- WHEREAS,** as long as the Guantanamo Bay Detention Camp exist so does the existence of the United States in its acceptance of this application and participation of horrific and un-American action toward non-guilty peoples post September 11th, 2001; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled urges and puts pressure on President Biden to officially shut down the Guantanamo Bay Detention Camp, and formally denounce the existence thereof.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sariah Washington of Midlothian High School.

A BILL TO RECONSTRUCT TREASURY BONDS (TBR ACT)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

LINE 01: **SECTION 1.** (A) Treasury bonds that are cashed before 5 years

Line 02: of maturity on the bond shall pay a fee equivalent to 1 year

Line 03: of interest. (B) The maximum amount of treasury bonds an individual

Line 04: can purchase per year shall be increased to no more than \$15,000 per

Line 05: type of bond, which can total up to \$30,000 a year. (C) Electronic

Line 06: treasury bonds shall replace paper treasury purchased through

Line 07: the IRS tax refund opt-in program, ending the purchase of all

Line 08: paper treasury bonds by consumers. Electronic bonds purchased

Line 09: by US citizens through IRS tax refunds shall be placed into a

Line 10: TreasuryDirect.gov bond account linked to their social

Line 11: security number where they can be redeemed, monitored, and

Line 12: managed. If they do not yet have a TreasuryDirect account,

Line 13: one will be made for them and linked to their social security

Line 14: number where the account can then be linked to an email

Line 15: address and logged into.

LINE 16: **SECTION 2.** (A) Treasury bonds are a loan provided to the

Line 17: government which pays interest over time on the bond. The

Line 18: bond's maturity grows over the course of a maximum of 30

Line 19: years. Treasury bonds shall include EE bonds and I bonds. (C)

Line 20: Consumers exclude the federal government and banks who would

Line 21: be able to cash in paper savings bonds through the purchase

Line 22: of them.

LINE 23: **SECTION 3.** The US Department of the Treasury will oversee the

Line 24: enforcement of the bill.

Line 25: **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on

Line 26: January 1st, 2025.

LINE 27: **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are

Line 28: hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Connor Ward
Cosby High School*

Bill to keep no-fault divorce set in place for the safety of victims and children

Section 1: This bill will enforce that no-fault divorce is set in place for the safety of male and female victims and children of all types of assaults and abuse who can't file for an at-fault divorce.

Section 2: This bill will help and make sure that no-fault divorce is set in stone to ensure the safety of both male and female victims and young children of any kind of physical, emotional and sexual abuse or assault, and if the victim/child physical can't show proof due to any sort of threat or the possibility or knowledge that the child/victim will be or could be harmed or do not have enough physical proof to get a fault divorce.

Section 3: The United States Senate will be responsible for enforcing this bill.

Section 4: This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted by Representative Makenzie Ballard

A Bill To Fund A Naval Fleet To The Bay of Bengal

Section 1 This bill provides a more cordial relationship between the United States and Bangladesh whilst the United States unlocks an advantage from the top of the Bay of Bengal funnel and guarding of the Malacca Strait which is vital to the Chinese economy/industry.

Section 2 When we fund this bill, there will be U.S ships in the waters of the Bengal Bay whilst we're doing that we build a more cordial relationship with Bangladesh.

Section 3 Guarding the Malacca Strait provides an economic advantage to the United States, meaning that a possible war is less likely to happen even if China is suspicious of the U.S. How the U.S will fund a naval support fleet will come at a cost of using part of the 568 billion dollars from the 66,000 projects that president Biden announced, the GSA shall handle this decision wisely and what projects to temporarily dismantle for the time being.

Section 4 This bill will be effective immediately upon passage when the citizens of the United States pay their taxes so it will be in effect on the first day of May by 12 PM.

Section 5 All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted
Anthony Stewart
James River High School