

Below are the 17 bills submitted for the January 8th Student Congress. We will be doing 2 chambers for this competition. The docket is split for the chambers, so pay attention to which bills will be in your chamber. Your chamber is listed below:

Chamber 1 (R.Smith Parli)

CS Gruse
CS Dodson
CS Bell
Salem Basham
Salem Rocovich
Salem Hinnant
JF Keith
JF Bellanger
HV Owens
HV LeClaire
Abin Withers
Luray Rothgeb

(3 D, 2 I, 1 E, 2 V, 4 No Submit)

Chamber 2 (E. Roshioru Parli)

CS Wander
CS Kellam
CS Patel
Salem Garcia-Perez
Salem Perez-Benitez
Salem McBride
JF Johnson
JF Haber
HV Pineda
HV Donodeo
Abin McPherson
LB Milko

(3 D, 1 I, 2 E, 3 V, 3 No Submit)

You will want to read over the bills in YOUR chamber, 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 or swvaflcongress@gmail.com. Good luck!

Start of Chamber 1

Legislation: Bill

Bill Area: International

Number: 2088

Leg_Title: A Bill to Promote Public Preparedness and Crisis Response In Taiwan

Line 00: Be it enacted,

Line 01: SECTION 1. The United States Department of Defense will hereby allocate an annual

Line 02: budget of \$500 million through the Department of Defense to a designated Taiwan Crisis

Line 03: Preparedness and Response Fund.

Line 04:

Line 05: SECTION 2. A Taiwan Crisis Preparedness and Response Fund is defined as a federal

Line 06: initiative established by act of Congress to improve Taiwan's emergency response

Line 07: infrastructure, civil defense, and public readiness.

Line 08:

Line 09: SECTION 3. The designated fund of \$500 million in support of Taiwan shall be

Line 10: hosted within the Department of Defense's existing security cooperation accounts

Line 11: in cooperation with the US State Department.

Line 11:

Line 12: SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect on May 1st, 2026.

Line 13: SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Submitted_By: Representative Withers

School: Abingdon High School

Domestic Bill 1120: A bill to restrict Artificial Intelligence in commercial usage

To be enacted:

- Line 01: Article I: Generative Artificial Intelligence shall no longer be used in a professional
Line 02: setting for marketing or other artistic mediums in order to preserve jobs for Americans.
Line 03: Following the passage of this bill, the power to dictate the usage of artificial intelligence
Line 04: shall go to the state legislatures.
Line 05:
Line 06: Article II: Generative Artificial Intelligence is an algorithm which uses human-made
Line 07: training data to generate new material such as text or video. Artistic mediums include
Line 08: fields which are considered to use human creativity for entertainment or appeal, such as
Line 09: the film industry or book industry.
Line 10:
Line 11: Article III: The Federal Trade Commission shall oversee the usage of Artificial
Line 12: Intelligence in the public sector. The Securities and Exchange Commission will ensure
Line 13: that this bill is properly implemented and followed.
Line 14:
Line 15: Article IV: This bill shall go into effect on July 1st, 2026, to allow enough time for
Line 16: businesses to remove Generative Artificial Intelligence.
Line 17:
Line 18: Article V: All laws and policies in conflict with this legislation are hereby deemed null
Line 19: and void.

Respectfully Submitted By,
Representative Josiah Keith
Jefferson Forest High School

Economic Bill 1223: A Bill to Produce Commemorative Coins for Charlie Kirk

To Be Enacted:

Line 01: Article I: This bill will authorize the production of the commemorative quarter in honor
Line 02: of Charlie Kirk.

Line 03:

Line 04: Article II: Charlie Kirk is the Right-Wing political activist and entrepreneur,
Line 06: recently assassinated at Utah Valley University.

Line 07:

Line 08: Article III: The United States Mint, operating under the Department of the Treasury,
Line 09: will oversee the design, production, and distribution of the commemorative quarter
Line 10: authorized by this bill.

Line 11:

Line 12: Article IV: This bill shall take effect on December 23, 2026 and shall expire on December
Line 13: 24, 2027

Line 14:

Line 15: Article V: All laws and policies in conflict with this legislation are hereby deemed
Line 16: null and void.

Respectfully submitted by:

Representative Bellanger

Jefferson Forest

Pierce Rothgeb

Luray High School

A Resolution to improve food availability in rural areas

Virginia

WHEREAS, many rural areas have limited access to affordable, nutritious food; and

WHEREAS, this limited access is caused by a small number of retailers, long distances to full-service stores, and inadequate distribution of storage infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, these shortages increase food prices, reduce food quality, worsen diet-related health outcomes, and deepen economic inequities for seniors, low-income families, and those without reliable transportation; and

WHEREAS, supporting local food producers, expanding distribution options (i.e, food hubs, mobile markets), and improving transportation and cold-chain infrastructure can increase choice, lower prices, and strengthen rural economies, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Student Congress here assembled recommends that state and local leaders provide targeted funding, regulatory support, and incentives for community food hubs, mobile markets, rural transportation or delivery programs, and small-store/coop development to improve access to affordable, nutritious food in rural Virginia.

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Virginia Bill 5432: A Bill to Expand High-Speed Urban Rail in Northern Virginia.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION ONE.** This bill authorises \$2 billion in funding to design, construct,
2 and implement a Virginia Rapid Transit Rail System in Northern Virginia,
3 including Arlington, Alexandria, Fairfax County, Loudoun County, and Prince
4 William County. The purpose for this system is to reduce traffic congestion,
5 shorten commute times, and improve public transportation for residents. An
6 additional \$ 10 million annually will go towards operation, maintenance,
7 and repair to ensure long-term safety, reliability, and efficiency.

8 **SECTION TWO.** A Virginia Rapid Transit Rail System consists of the following:

- 9 A. High speed rail tracks- electrified, designed for speeds up to 250+
10 km/h .
- 11 B. Four electric trains- rapid acceleration, hold up to 300 Virginians.
- 12 C. Five modern stations- Safe and fancy platforms, efficient ticket
13 systems, and modern technology security systems.
- 14 D. Signaling and safety- avoid collision with real time monitoring
15 systems.
- 16 E. Supporting equipment- Operational tools, track maintenance, and
17 emergency response equipment.

18 **SECTION THREE.** The U.S. Department of Transportation shall provide funding
19 for this bill, including the \$10 million annually. The Virginia Department of Rail and
20 Public Transportation (DRPT) will oversee rail planning and implementation. The
21 Virginia Department (VDOT) will coordinate and construct transportation
22 infrastructure.

23 **SECTION FOUR.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1st, 2027. All laws in
24 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Representative London Basham (Salem High School).

**Domestic Bill 6776:
A Bill to Prohibit the Usage of Artificial Intelligence in Hiring Decisions**

Be it enacted,

Line 01: **Section 1.**

Line 02: No employer operating within the United States of America shall use

Line 03: artificial intelligence systems to make or assist in hiring decisions

Line 04:

Line 05: **Section 2.**

Line 06: "Artificial Intelligence" shall be defined as any algorithmic system that

Line 07: automates decision making processes by analyzing applicant data.

Line 09: "Hiring Decision" shall be defined as any process used to

Line 10: screen, rank, waitlist, or reject applicants for employment.

Line 12:

Line 13: **Section 3.**

Line 14: The Department of Labor shall oversee enforcement of this Act.

Line 15: Employers found in violation shall be subject to civil fines not exceeding

Line 16: \$50,000 per offense.

Line 17:

Line 18: **Section 4.**

Line 19: This bill will start on January 1, 2027.

Line 20:

Line 22: **Section 5.**

Line 23: Any previous laws or orders that conflict with the Legislation will be

Line 24: repealed and declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Kody Hinnant

Salem High School

International Bill 0267: The Chips Not Ships Act

Be it enacted,

Line 01: Section 1. U.S. support for Taiwan currently relies heavily on military aid,
Line 02: increasing regional tensions and risking economic instability. To promote
Line 03: long-term security and protect the global semiconductor supply chain, The
Line 04: United States shall reduce military assistance to Taiwan and shift its support
Line 05: toward cooperative semiconductor development and supply-chain resilience.

Line 06: The United States, working with the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) and
Line 07: Taiwan's Ministry of Economic Affairs shall create a U.S.-Taiwan
Line 08: Semiconductor Cooperation Initiative that:
Line 09: (A) Supports joint research, workforce exchanges, and next-generation chip
Line 10: manufacturing advancements;
Line 11: (B) Provides technical assistance and secure equipment sharing between
Line 12: U.S. and Taiwanese semiconductor institutions;
Line 13: (C) Establishes shared emergency reserves of critical semiconductor parts;
Line 14: (D) Phases down U.S. military aid, arms transfers, and joint training not
Line 15: related to Taiwan's direct homeland defense;
Line 16: (E) Ensures all cooperation remains for civilian, economic, and technological use.

Line 17: Section 2. The U.S. Department of State and the Department of Commerce's
Line 18: Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) shall oversee implementation. Annual
Line 19: reports will evaluate program progress, compliance with export controls, and
Line 20: any misuse of shared technology. Entities found diverting support to the military
Line 21: use may be suspended from the program.

Line 22: Section 3. This act shall take effect one year after passage. Military aid
Line 23: reductions shall follow a three-year drawdown schedule. Semiconductor
Line 24: cooperation programs shall begin within six months of enactment. Funding shall
Line 25: come from the State Department's Economic Support and Development budget.

Line 26: Section 4. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Harper Rocovich
Salem High School

Domestic Bill 1419: To Ban People from Claiming AI Artworks as their Own or Human Made

BE IT ENACTED, p

Line 01: ARTICLE I, The United States Government shall prohibit

Line 02: all people when creating AI artworks to claim it as their

Line 03: own or made by a human.

Line 04:

Line 05: ARTICLE II, Artificial Intelligence, also known as AI, is

Line 06: a technological system that can do tasks in a almost

Line 07: human-like fashion. AI artworks can include things like

Line 08: AI made images, paintings, drawings, poetry, songs, etc.

Line 9:

Line 10: ARTICLE III, The United States Department of Homeland

Line 11: Security shall oversee this bill.

Line 12:

Line 13: ARTICLE IV, This bill will be enacted by August 1st,

Line 14: 2026.

Line 15:

Line 17: Article V, All laws and policies in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted by,

Representative, Annalecia Dodson,

Cave Spring High School

End of Chamber 1

Start of Chamber 2

Virginia Bill 1974: Green Urban Redevelopment Act

Line 01: Article I; The Green Urban Redevelopment Act will mandate green roofs, stormwater
Line 02: management, and urban tree canopies for new developments in the state of Virginia.
Line 03: All newly constructed commercial, residential, and mixed-use buildings exceeding
Line 04: 5,000 square feet shall incorporate green roof systems covering no less than 50 percent
Line 05: of total roof space. Developers shall implement approved stormwater management
Line 06: systems, including permeable pavements, rain gardens, or retention basins, to reduce
Line 07: runoff and prevent water pollution. Developers who fail to comply with the
Line 08: requirements of this Act shall be subject to fines, construction delays, or revocation of
Line 09: building permits.
Line 10:
Line 11: Article II; To encourage compliance, the state shall offer tax incentives and grants to
Line 12: developers who exceed the minimum environmental standards outlined in this Act.
Line 13: Urban tree canopy coverage shall be increased by a minimum of 20 percent in all new
Line 14: developments, with native tree species prioritized to support local ecosystems.
Line 15:
Line 16: Article III; The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality shall oversee
Line 17: compliance, establish technical standards, and conduct inspections to ensure proper
Line 18: implementation of this Act.
Line 19:
Line 20: Article IV; This Act shall take effect on June 1, 2026, and apply to all developments
Line 21: approved after that date.
Line 22:
Line 23: Article V: All laws and policies in conflict with new laws are hereby deemed null
Line 24: and void.

Respectfully submitted by:

Elizabeth Johnson

Jefferson Forest High School

Domestic Bill 2319: A Bill requiring all AI plants in the United States function off of green energy

To be enacted:

Line 01: Article I: All AI data centers in the US are required to use green energy, which will

Line 02: prevent further harm to the environment.

Line 03:

Line 04: Article II: Green energy shall be defined as the use of biomass energy to generate clean

Line 05: power.

Line 06:

Line 07: AI data center can be defined as facility that generates power for Artificial Intelligence

Line 08: tasks.

Line 09:

Line 10: Article III: This will be carried out by the U.S. department of energy in coordination

Line 11: with USEPA, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Line 12:

Line 13: Article IV: This will go into effect November 20th, 2027 to give all parties time to make

Line 14: connections and collect enough funds.

Line 15:

Line 16: Article V: All laws and policies in conflict with new laws are hereby deemed null and

Line 17: void.

Respectfully submitted by Representative Haber of Jefferson Forest High school.

Legislation: Bill

Bill Area: Domestic

Number: 2212

Leg_Title: A Bill to Regulate the Usage of Artificial Intelligence in the American Workplace

Line 00: Be it enacted,

Line 01: SECTION 1. The United States Department of Labor will hereby implement a bill to regulate AI

Line 02: usage by establishing guidelines across the U.S. in order to maintain morality and secure data

Line 03: confidentiality, majorly involved with human oversight in the workplace.

Line 04:

Line 05: SECTION 2. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is defined as a the ability of a digital computer or

Line 06: computer-controlled robot to perform tasks commonly associated with intelligent beings.

Line 07: Human oversight is defined as the process of having people monitor, guide, and intervene in

Line 08: automated systems, especially AI, to ensure they are safe, ethical, reliable, and aligned with

Line 09: human values, preventing errors, bias, or unintended harm.

Line 10:

Line 11: SECTION 3. The federal government shall prohibit workers from utilizing AI systems that

Line 12: conduct emotion recognition, perform surveillance of workers, or make termination decisions

Line 13: without human review. Artificial intelligence may be used only as an advisory tool subject to

Line 14: Human Oversight.

Line 15:

Line 16: SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect on November 1st, 2026

Line 17: SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Submitted_By: Representative McPherson

Abingdon High School

Economic Bill 2027: A Bill to Have the US Mint Facilities Improve Coin Recirculation Programs

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** This bill mandates that the United States Mint improve coin recirculation
2 programs by coordinating with financial institutions to reuse existing coins,
3 reducing production costs, and addressing coin shortages through low-cost
4 incentives rather than increased minting.
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- 6 **SECTION 2.** A) "United States Mint" means the bureau of the Department of the
7 Treasury responsible for producing United States coinage.
8 B) "Coin recirculation programs" means efforts to collect and redistribute
9 existing United States coins into active use rather than producing new
10 coins.
11 "Incentives" means voluntary financial or administrative benefits used to
12 encourage participation in coin recirculation programs.
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- 14 **SECTION 3.** The United States Mint will oversee and enforce the enactment of this bill
15 by sending a written warning after the first violation and then charging a
16 fine of \$1,000-\$5,000 after the second violation.
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- 18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on December 25, 2025.
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- 20 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted by,
Nesa Garcia-Perez
Salem High School

Virginia Bill 1498: A Bill to Expand Renewable Energy in Urban Areas Across Virginia.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** This bill shall require public buildings in urban areas to have 20-30% of
2 their energy generated from renewable sources by 2030. 500 million from
3 already existing energy and infrastructure funds will be redirected to this
4 bill.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** (a) Public buildings is defined as a structure that is owned or operated by a
6 government entity and is accessible to the general public during normal
7 business hours.
- 8 (b) Urban areas of Virginia include areas in Northern Virginia (NoVa) like
9 Arlington, Alexandria, Fairfax, and Loudoun counties, part of Washington
10 D.C, and Richmond.
- 11 (c) Renewable energy sources are types of energy that come from natural
12 processes that are constantly replenished like solar energy, wind power,
13 and hydropower.
- 14 **SECTION 3.** The Virginia Department of Energy and the Virginia Department of
15 Environmental Quality will oversee this bill through the following actions:
- 16 (a) The Virginia Department of Energy will oversee the funding to ensure
17 they are properly spent along with the allocation of these funds.
- 18 (b) the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality will determine what
19 renewable energy sources will be placed in urban areas of Virginia.
- 20 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on February 2, 2026. All laws in conflict with
21 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Noemi Perez-Benitez (Salem High School).

International Bill 1999: A Bill to Promote Dual Clarity in US/China/Taiwan Relations

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** This bill shows explicit United States support for Taiwan through dual
2 clarity, allowing the US to publicly defend Taiwan without supporting them
3 if they choose to attack China or declare independence.
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5 **SECTION 2.** (a) *“Dual clarity”* shall be defined as a United States foreign policy position
6 in which the United States commits to the defense of Taiwan only if Taiwan
7 is subjected to unprovoked military aggression by the People’s Republic of
8 China.

9 (b) *“Provocation”* shall be defined as a formal declaration of independence
10 or the initiation of armed hostilities by Taiwan against the People’s Republic
11 of China.
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13 **SECTION 3.** United States military assistance to Taiwan shall be authorized only in
14 accordance with the policy established in this Act. The President, in
15 coordination with the Department of State and Department of Defense,
16 shall ensure that the United States diplomatic and military posture reflects
17 this policy.
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19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2027. All laws in conflict with
20 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Representative Arianna McBride (Salem High School).

Domestic Bill 2816: A Bill To Prohibit the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Public and Private Educational Institutions

BE IT ENACTED,

Line 01: ARTICLE I, Be it enacted The United States shall prohibit the use of Artificial

Line 02: Intelligence (AI) technologies within all public and private educational institutions

Line 03: operating in the United States.

Line 04:

Line 05: ARTICLE II, Artificial Intelligence shall be defined as any software, application, or

Line 06: system capable of generating text, images, audio, video, data analysis, decision-

Line 07: making outputs, or automated instructional assistance without direct human

Line 08: authorship or control.

Line 09:

Line 10: ARTICLE III, The following restrictions shall apply: AI shall not be used by students,

Line 11: teachers, administrators, or staff for instructional purposes, assignment

Line 12: completion, grading, disciplinary review, educational decision-making, tutoring,

Line 13: counseling assistance, or administrative automation within school operations,

Line 14: schools shall remove AI-integrated software from required curriculum platforms,

Line 15: violation of this prohibition may result in institutional penalties including federal

Line 16: education funding review and compliance investigation.

Line 17:

Line 18: ARTICLE IV, Exceptions to this prohibition shall include AI-related instruction for

Line 19: research or educational study purposes in higher-level courses where AI is the

Line 20: subject of instruction, provided AI tools are not used to complete academic work

Line 21: or automate educational responsibilities.

Line 22:

Line 23: ARTICLE V, This bill shall go into effect at the beginning of the first full academic

Line 24: year following passage.

Line 25:

Line 26: ARTICLE VI, All laws and policies in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null

Line 27: and void.

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Respectfully submitted by,
Representative Kellam,
Cave Spring High School

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A Bill to Implement Alternative Metal in Coin Circulation to Reduce Coin Production Costs

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States Government should allow for replacement of the current
2 75/25 cupronickel metal in circulation for 5¢, 10¢, 25¢, and 50¢ coins with
3 C99750TM Low Manganese alloy.

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5 **SECTION 2.** Low Manganese Alloy shall be defined as any alloy with reduced
6 manganese that meets the standards of current cupronickel for color,
7 weight, wear and corrosion resistance, conductivity, and coinability.

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9 **SECTION 3.** This transition will be enforced by the United States Mint under the
10 oversight of the United States Department of the Treasury.

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12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2026. After this date, this new
13 metal will be coined in phases to verify that the low manganese alloy is
14 compatible with current systems. All laws in conflict with this legislation
15 are hereby declared null and void.

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Representative Kinsley B. Milko of Lord Botetourt High School.

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Virginia Bill 1234: A Bill to Limit Urban Development in Flood Plains

BE IT ENACTED,

Line 01: ARTICLE I, The Virginia Government shall limit all urban development by 50% to prevent the

Line 02: degradation and loss of natural functions and habitats.

Line 03:

Line 04: ARTICLE II, Urban development shall be defined as the process of physically growing and

Line 05: improving cities through building infrastructure, housing, and commercial spaces to support

Line 06: economic activity and a growing population. Flood plains shall be defined as low-lying areas

Line 07: adjacent to rivers, lakes, and coastal waters that are susceptible to flooding.

Line 08:

Line 09: ARTICLE III, This legislation shall be overseen by the Virginia Department of Housing and

Line 10: Community Development.

Line 12:

Line 12: ARTICLE IV, This legislation shall be completely enacted immediately upon passage.

Line 13:

Line 14: Article V, All laws and policies in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted by,

Representative Wander,

Cave Spring High School

End of Chamber 2