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function alpha()
{
  // INITIAL SETTINGS *****//*****
  JHTML::_('behavior.tooltip'); // load tooltip behaviour
  JHTML::_('behavior.calendar'); // Load calendar behaviour
  $params = &JComponentHelper::getParams( 'com_legislation' ); // Get parameters from JOS_COMPONENTS
  $params->merge( &$row->params ); // Establish parameters array
  $db = & JFactory::getDBO(); // Load database object
  $user = & JFactory::getUser(); // Get current user
  $post = JRequest::get( 'post' ); // Get POST array details
  $filetype = $params->get( 'filetype' ); // get .ext
  $filetypename = $params->get( 'filetypename' ); // get PDF
  $country = $params->get( 'country' ); // Get value of country parameter
  $countrysecond = $params->get( 'countrysecond' ); // Get value of second country parameter
  $copyright = $params->get( 'copyright' ); // Get value of copyright parameter
  $itemdisplay = $params->get( 'activateitem' ); // Get value of ITEM (1 = YES, 0 = NO)
  $alpha = $params->get( 'activatealpha' ); // Get value of A-Z Navigation (1 = YES, 0 = NO)
  $notes = $params->get( 'activatenotes' ); // Get value of NOTES (1 = YES, 0 = NO)
  $pit = $params->get( 'pointintime' ); // Get value of POINT IN TIME (1 = YES, 0 = NO)
  $amending = $params->get( 'activateamending' ); // Get value of AMENDING (1 = YES, 0 = NO)
  $cases = $params->get( 'activatecases' ); // Get value of CASES (1 = YES, 0 = NO)
  $flags = $params->get( 'activateflags' ); // Get value of FLAGS (1 = YES, 0 = NO)
  $cmm = $params->get( 'activatecommencement' ); // Get value of COMMENCEMENT (1 = YES, 0 = NO)
  $submit4 = JRequest::getVar( 'submit4', '', 'post', 'string' ); // Get value of SUBMIT4 in POST
  $pointintime = JRequest::getVar( 'pointintime', '', 'post', 'string' ); // Get date value of POINTINTIME in POST
  $flag = strtolower($country) . '.png'; // Make the name for the country1 flag image
  $flag2 = strtolower($countrysecond) . '.png'; // Make the name for the country2 flag image
  $flaglink = JURI::base() . 'administrator' . DS . 'components' . DS . 'com_legislation' . DS . 'assets' . DS . 'flags' . DS . $flag; // Full path to country1 flag
  $flaglink2 = JURI::base() . 'administrator' . DS . 'components' . DS . 'com_legislation' . DS . 'assets' . DS . 'flags' . DS . $flag2; // Full path to country2 flag
  $nulldate = '0000-00-00 00:00:00'; // Set default NULL date
  if ( ( $countrysecond == '' ) || ( $countrysecond == NULL ) ) $countrystatus = 'not set'; // Only one country
  else $countrystatus = 'set'; // Two Countries
  if ( $countrystatus == 'set' ) $countryheading = $country . ' and ' . $countrysecond; // Title for two countries
  else $countryheading = $country; // Title for one country
  if ( $countrysecond != NULL ) { $col = 4; } else { $col = 3; } // Sets the number of columns depending if one or two countries
  if ( $itemdisplay != 1 ) $col = $col-1; // Reduce column count if ITEMS NO is required
  if ( $cmm != 1 ) $col = $col-1; // Reduce column count if COMMENCEMENT is required
  if( $submit4 == "" ) $submit4 = "A"; // SUBMIT4 not set so set default page of A
  if( $pointintime == "" ) $pointintime = strftime('%Y-%m-%d'); // POINTINTIME not set so set default to today 2008-08-29
  $dateLong = JHTML::date($pointintime); // Convert to textual version of the date

  // INFORMATION AND DATE SELECTION ROWS *****//*****
}
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