

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

TO BE DEBATED

DURING THE

HOUSE SUPER SESSION

1 A Resolution to Disallow Jury Nullification in US Courts

1 Whereas: Jury nullification has caused the release of criminals even after they have
2 admitted their guilt; and
3 Whereas: Juries are not a representative sample of the American populous, but in jury
4 nullification are making a judgment on national law and policy; and
5 Whereas: The use of jury nullification directly allows for the use of racial, gender,
6 and other prejudices in making court decisions, thereby encouraging and condoning
7 discriminatory actions by the US government; and
8 Whereas: This is against the ideals and values of our country, particularly that “all
9 men are created equal” and puts at serious disadvantage minority groups who are
10 brought to trial, since almost all instances of jury nullification occur against African
11 American defendants;
12 Therefore be it resolved by the congress assembled here that jury nullification be
13 illegalized in all states.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliana Rabinowitz

North Allegheny

2 A Bill to Ban Bail Enforcement Agents in the United States

1 **Article I:** This bill will ban any and all bail enforcement agents in the United States.

2 Upon the removal of a bail enforcement agent, this agent will be given the
2 option to join the police force. A bail enforcement agent may decline this
4 option and move onto a different career.

5 **Article II:** A bail enforcement agent or bounty hunter is an agent hired by a bail
6 bondsman to capture fugitives who have jumped bail for a monetary
7 reward.

8 **Article III:** This bill shall be enacted immediately upon approval.

9 **Article IV:** The Department of State, in coalition with each county with bail
10 enforcement agents shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of
11 this bill. All fees related to the training of these agents to join the police
12 force will be paid for by the Department of State.

13 **Article V:** All laws or portions of laws in conflict with this bill shall be null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcus Daum
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2 A Resolution Concerning Poverty Camps

- 1 **Whereas:** Poverty is 13 percent and strikes 1.1 million additional people each
2 year in the United States and
- 3 **Whereas:** our economy is staggers with an increasing deficit of over 12
4 trillion dollars with no new sources of cutting funding and
- 5 **Whereas:** people in poverty suffer from severe malnutrition due to the rising
6 expenses of food and
- 7 **Whereas:** homeless shelters are continually overfilled and lack space to
8 house all impoverished and homeless citizens
- 9 **Therefore be it resolved:** by this student congress here that the U.S. Shall create
10 a camp for those who desire to work for free food and shelter with work
11 consisting of general assembly line construction
- 12 **Be it further resolved:** that the camp will be constructed on the remnants of
13 Guantanamo Bay and all laws in conflict will be declared null and void

Sincerely Submitted,

Johnny Bae

North Hills

4 Resolution to Save the United States Newspaper Industry

1. **Whereas:** America's newspapers are suffering due to the explosion of the internet and
2. the widespread availability of free information;
3. **Whereas:** newspapers now face the destruction of their industry: printed press;
4. **Whereas:** all newspapers companies are at a lack of ideas to improve their newspaper
5. revenue;
6. **Whereas:** according to the Washington Post on March 31, 2009, "European
7. newspapers have found innovative ways not only to survive, but thrive in the face of
8. the recession and the Internet";
9. **Whereas:** one method most successful in attracting readers is the "Page 3"
10. phenomenon depicting nude or semi-nude female and male models;
11. **Whereas:** "Page 3" in newspapers is legal and supported in by the governments of
12. Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Italy, Romania, Canada,
13. Chile, Mexico, New Zealand, and South Africa.
14. **Therefore, Be It Resolved:** that the United States government lifts all censorship
15. regulations on newspapers that restrict newspapers from publishing a "Page 3"
16. depicting nude or semi-nude female and male models by March 31, 2010;
17. **Be It Further Resolved:** that the depiction of pornography still be censored.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kyle Zhu

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5 Resolution to End Human Trafficking

- 1 Whereas: According to United Nations estimates, nearly 2.5 million
2 individuals from 127 countries are being trafficked around the
3 world; and
- 4 Whereas: Despite efforts of several international organizations, it continues
5 to be regarded as one of the fastest-growing industries in the
6 world
- 7 Therefore: Be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that: the
8 United States government establishes, leads, and funds an international
9 organization with the purpose of bringing global human trafficking to a swift end.

Respectfully submitted,
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6 A Resolution Abolishing the Electoral College

1 WHEREAS: The Electoral College does not accurately represent the votes of the
2 people and is counter productive for democracy, and

3 WHEREAS: Original basis for the Electoral College lay in the fact that the people
4 were too uninformed,

5 WHEREAS: The Electoral College renders individual votes useless, and

6 WHEREAS: There is the possibility of electing a minority president who does not
7 have the majority of votes, and

8 WHEREAS: There is the possibility of “faithless” electors, and

9 WHEREAS: Furthermore, the Electoral College discourages voter turnout, and

10 WHEREAS: The Electoral College gives small states a disproportionate amount
11 of electoral weight,

12 Therefore, be it resolved by the National Forensic League Student Congress here
13 assembled that the Electoral College be abolished and election be based upon the
14 popular vote

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Fu
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7 A Resolution to Abolish the Department of Education

1 Whereas federalism dictates the separation of powers between the various levels
2 of government; and
3 Whereas action on the federal level is a violation of state sovereignty; and
4 Whereas the Constitution of the United States does not enumerate education as a
5 responsibility of the federal government; and
6 Whereas previous federal initiatives such as NCLB have not improved the
7 education system; and
8 Whereas the 2008 budget, which is the most recent budget without stimulus
9 funds, was \$67.4 billion;
10 Therefore, be it resolved, that the federal government of the U.S. shall not fund
11 nor shall it claim any jurisdiction over education, since education is an individual
12 state's right.

Respectfully submitted by,

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8 A Resolution Regarding Senior Year Bypass

1. Whereas: schools around the nation are researching ways to make
2. themselves more efficient;
3. Whereas: the concept of senior year bypass allows a high school student to
4. spend his or her senior year on campus;
5. Whereas: the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has already implemented this
6. program to great success;
7. Whereas: this option for students will lessen the number of students
8. in high school, especially in regards to schools with high populations, and will\
9. decrease costs;
10. Therefore be it resolved, that the practice of senior year bypass is supported
11. by the federal government as a viable option for high schools around the
12. country.

Respectfully submitted by,

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9 A Bill to create term limits for the house and Senate

- 1 Section 1:** Congressmen and senators have let the desire to stay in office over-
- 2** shadow their duty to the country. Term limits would take away
- 3** their ability to stay in office for many years but at the same time
- 4** term limits would allow more people a chance to get into the
- 5** political process.
- 6 Section 2:** Term limits follow the ideas and beliefs of our Founding Fathers.
- 7** The Founding Fathers wanted a government of limits, but
- 8** in our government today certain people stay in
- 9** Congress for more than 20 years. Power is being controlled by a select
- 10** group that never seems to change and that has been corrupted by
- 11** interest groups.
- 12 Section 3:** This bill will be added to Article I of the Constitution and will go
- 13** under Section 9. The term limits will be as follows: Congressmen
- 14** will be elected to serve for 4 years. They will be limited to 2 terms in
- 15** Senators will be elected to serve for 5 years.
- 16** They will be limited to 2 terms in office.
- 17** All other sections of Article I not
- 18** dealing with time in office will stay the same.

Respectfully submitted
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