

**BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**TO BE DEBATED**

**DURING THE**

**SENATE SUPER SESSION**

## # 1 A Bill to Revise the United States Primary System

1 Be it enacted by this Student Congress here assembled that:

2 **Section 1. Whereas,** the current United States Presidential Primary System does not equally  
3 represent all states;

4 **Section 2. Whereas,** The current system gives states with earlier caucuses or primaries, like  
5 New Hampshire and Iowa, an unfair amount of influence in the Presidential Primary  
6 process;

7 **Section 3. Whereas,** the states at the end of the primary schedule have little say in the  
8 primary process, especially since many lesser-known candidates will have pulled out of the  
9 race, and thus creating an unbalanced, undemocratic voting system;

10 **Section 4. Whereas,** a national primary held on a single would let voters from all states to  
11 vote for their candidate choice;

12 **Section 5. Whereas,** a single national primary date would imitate the actual Presidential  
13 election and prevent any early-voting states from biasing the vote;

14 **Section 6. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the student congress here assembled  
15 that the United States adopt a national primary date during which all 50 states will cast their  
16 votes in the Presidential Primary race.

Respectfully submitted,

Rona Sun

North Allegheny

**# 2 A Bill to Reform the US Primary System**

1     **Section 1:**    The United States will be divided into five voting regions consisting of  
2                    ten (10) states each, based on their geographic region.

3     **Section 2:**    Election dates must occur between the months of February and May. All  
4                    states in a specific voting region must vote on the same day.

5     **Section 3:**    Every four years, the order in which each of the voting blocks holds its  
6                    elections will be rotated.

7     **Section 4:**    The provisions of this bill shall only apply to presidential primaries.

8     **Section 5:**    The provisions of this bill shall be overseen by the Federal Elections  
9                    Commission.

10    **Section 6:**    All laws or portions of laws in conflict with this legislation shall hereby be  
11                    declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrew Bell

Mercyhurst

### # 3 A Resolution to Improve Public Health and Safety

1. **Whereas:** There are a number of individuals in the United States with deadly
2. and contagious diseases, and
3. **Whereas:** On occasion these individuals refuse treatment, which make them a
4. danger to themselves and others, and
5. **Whereas:** This refusal of treatment or quarantine could mean the spread of highly
6. contagious diseases, and
7. **Whereas:** With the growing trend of global epidemics, it is not enough to just tell
8. citizens to wash their hands.
9. **Therefore, be it resolved by the Student Congress here assembled that:** A
10. committee shall be formed within the CDC named the Committee for the Elimination
11. of Deadly Afflictions (CEDA).
12. **Be it further resolved that:** This committee shall be granted the power and funding
13. to quarantine and treat diseases and the like that it deems to present a danger to the
14. health or safety of the community. It shall be granted the ability to serve court-ordered
15. quarantines to persons afflicted with aforementioned diseases.
16. **Be it further resolved that:** This committee will be permitted to treat infected
17. persons without their consent, and will be authorized to use military resources
18. if it can demonstrate that such resources are necessary to the prevention of disease.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron Kuntz

Quigley Catholic

# 4 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  
North Allegheny Senior High

# 5 A Resolution to Implement Universal Health Care in America

1 WHEREAS, the infant mortality rate of the United States is higher than that of poverty

2 stricken Cuba, and

3 WHEREAS, Americans receive the recommended care only about 55% of the time, and

4 WHEREAS, more than 75% of Americans are not satisfied with the total cost of health

5 care, and

6 WHEREAS, approximately 46 million Americans do not have healthcare, and

7 WHEREAS, numerous uninsured Americans are denied aid in many hospitals,

8 THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the Student Congress here assembled that universal health

9 care be implemented in the United States by 2010.

Respectfully Submitted,

Randy Mielecki

Saint Joseph High School

# 6 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

North Allegheny

## **# 7 A Resolution to Eliminate the Penny**

- 1 WHEREAS: The cost to the United States mint is 1.7 cents to manufacture the penny  
2 which is greater than its value of one cent; and  
3 WHEREAS: The United States Mint will have manufactured 8.7 million pennies in  
4 2009; and  
5 WHEREAS: The manufacturing costs were equivalent to 14.79 million dollars, almost  
6 twice the market value of the pennies;  
7 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED;  
8 that the minting of the penny be discontinued over the next five years.

Respectfully submitted,

Manasa Ravi  
Bethel Park High School

# 8 A RESOLUTION TO BAN THE PRIVATE OWNERSHIP OF EXOTIC ANIMALS

1 **WHEREAS:** The ownership of exotic animals has become more common as consumers are able  
2 to purchase exotic animals on the internet.

3 **WHEREAS:** When these exotic animals are kept by private owners they are often kept in  
4 inhumane conditions and are malnourished because private owners do not have the knowledge  
5 or monetary means of providing the proper environment for their animals.

6 **WHEREAS:** Owners are also endangered due to the fact that many exotic pets have the  
7 capability to do their owners bodily harm.

8 **WHEREAS:** Many owners are attacked by pets because they do not have the proper education  
9 to interact in a safe manner.

10 **WHEREAS:** The Department of Wildlife will construct a list of exotic animals that will be banned  
11 from private ownership.

12 **WHEREAS:** The animals included on this list will be illegal to own and if they are found in a  
13 private residence, the owner will be fined \$25,000 and the animal will be immediately removed  
14 by the SPCA under Federal jurisdiction.

15 **WHEREAS:** People who own exotic animals as their livelihood will be required to have a license  
16 and will be excluded from this resolution.

17 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** by this Student Congress here assembled that the private  
18 ownership of exotic animals will be illegalized in all fifty states and United States Territories and  
19 put into action six months after the passage of this resolution and any law that contradicts this  
20 resolution will be considered null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dean Borza  
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# 9 A RESOLUTION CONCERNING OBESITY IN AMERICA

- 1 WHEREAS: Currently, obesity is labeled by the House of Representatives as a  
2 “behavioral risk factor” and not a disease, and  
3 WHEREAS: Two-thirds of Americans are labeled overweight or obese on the Body  
4 Mass Index scale, and  
5 WHEREAS: Obesity is an epidemic, reaching all sections of the country, and  
6 WHEREAS: In 2005 obesity accounted for an estimated 1 in 10 deaths among US  
7 adults, and  
8 WHEREAS: In some cases obesity is hereditary and thus cannot be avoided, and  
9 WHEREAS: Obesity can lead to a high decrease in life expectancy, and  
10 WHEREAS: According to the National Consumers League, 78% of American  
11 respondents agreed with the statement "obesity is a serious chronic  
12 disease,”  
13 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that Obesity be hereby labeled by all branches of the  
14 Federal Government as a disease, and  
15 LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED: that healthcare plans must account for obesity and  
16 provide treatment if possible

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Gordon

North Hills

# 10 A Resolution to Prohibit the SAT/ACTs in Public Colleges/Universities in America

1 Whereas, schools are more apt to teach to the test which prevents students from  
2 receiving a full education in all subject areas;

3 Whereas, the SAT/ACTs only measure the students ability to take a standardized  
4 test, not necessarily how intelligent a student is;

5 Whereas, according to the New York Times, admission officers have stated that  
6 that the SAT/ACTs can be coached through private tutoring and expensive  
7 classes;

8 Whereas, only certain people can afford to send their kids to private tutoring or  
9 other classes;

10 Therefore, be it resolved by the Congress assembled here that on September 1,  
11 2010, the SAT/ACTs should hereby be prohibited in the determination of a  
12 student's acceptance into public colleges/universities;

13 Be it further resolved that this bill does not extend to private colleges/universities  
14 because this Congress assembled here does not have jurisdiction over private  
15 colleges/universities;

16 Be it further resolved that public colleges/universities will use the student's  
17 academic and extracurricular performance, among other aspects, in place of the  
18 SAT/ACTs;

19 Be it further resolved that any colleges/universities that fail to comply with this  
20 legislation be denied federal grants until they do so.

Respectfully submitted  
Akshaya Arjunan  
North Allegheny

# 11 A Bill Regarding the International Criminal Court

1. Article 1: The International Criminal Court shall never have jurisdiction over the
2. U.S. and its citizens;
3. Article 2: The U.S. government will never allow the extradition of a citizen,
4. permanent resident, a person given asylum, or a refugee to the ICC;
5. Article 3: The Executive Branch does not have the power to join the ICC
6. through any means;
7. Article 4: The U.S. government does not recognize any ICC claim of
8. jurisdiction over any country who has not signed the Rome Statute;
9. Article 5: The U.S. Department of State has authority to monitor and enforce
10. this legislation;
11. Article 6: Anyone who violates this legislation shall be accused of treason;
12. Article 7: The U.S. Department of Justice has authority to enforce Article 6;
13. Article 8: All treaties, precedents, executive orders, and laws which conflict
14. this legislation are deemed null and void.

Respectfully submitted by

Leo Zausen  
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## **# 12 A Resolution Concerning National Security Appointments**

1. Whereas: it is vital for U.S. national security for key posts at the top levels of the Defense
2. Department and intelligence services to be filled, and
3. Whereas: some 40% of key positions at the top of the Department of Defense requiring
4. presidential appointment remain unfilled, and
5. Whereas: these positions include key officers in charge of the procurement operations
6. at the Pentagon , and
7. Whereas: the Transportation Security Administration has lacked a director for several years
8. due to the refusal of Congress to confirm the president's choice, and
9. Whereas: the same is true for the Drug Enforcement Administration, and
10. Whereas: this leaves the U.S. in a position in which national security is threatened,
11. Therefore, be it resolved by the Student Congress, that the president shall be mandated to
12. nominate candidates for all top posts requiring appointment within 6 months.
13. Be it further resolved that; these appointments shall either be confirmed or denied by
14. Congress within a six-month period or be automatically confirmed to the post.

Respectfully submitted,

Nigel Halliday

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# 13 A Bill to Facilitate the Building of Desalination Water Plants

1 Be in enacted by this Student Congress here Assembled that:

2 Section I: Congress will make available 100 billion dollars to lend for the construction of  
3 desalination water plants.

4 Section II: The money will be available to any community state or private sector organization  
5 for the construction of a desalination plant. Interested parties can borrow up to  
6 500 million dollars, at the same interest that the federal reserve bank charges its  
7 lending institutions.

8 Section III: Payment of the loan will commence one year after the plant has been approved  
9 for operation, and will be paid over a period of 20 years.

10 Section IV: The borrower will receive a 10% forgiveness of the loan after construction has  
11 been completed.

12 Section V: This bill shall be implemented January 1, 2011.

13 Section VI: All other laws that are in conflict with this bill will hereby be declared null and  
12 void.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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