

FINALS 101

A Resolution to Force Repeat Drunk Drivers to Use Specialized License Plates

1 **WHEREAS**, Drunk driving is a serious threat to public safety; and

2 **WHEREAS**, An annual average of 220 people died in Maryland from drunk driving-
3 related accidents between 2004 and 2007; and

4 **WHEREAS**, citizens have the right to know if a driver is a potential threat to their
5 safety; and

6 **WHEREAS**, people might be discouraged from drinking and driving if their actions
7 were not anonymous; therefore, be it

8 **RESOLVED**, by this Student Congress herein assembled that Marylanders convicted of
9 three drunk driving violations be forced to use a specialized yellow license
10 plate with the acronym, D.U.I., in addition to the tag number, which
11 clearly identifies them to the public as repeat offenders; and, be it

12 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the license plates be required in use for five years after
13 the final conviction.

Respectfully Submitted by Nate Macon
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(Adopted from a Current Resolution Proposed by a Prince George's County Lawmaker)

FINALS 102

Restore America's Integrity Act

Whereas, The United States of America currently lacks an effective means to judiciously capture and try those accused of being terrorists.

And Whereas, much of the current system in place does more harm than good for both the detainees and the country.

Section 1: The closure of the Detainment Facility operated by Joint Task Force Guantanamo is to be fully funded in accordance with Executive Order #13492.

Section 1(a): Detainees are to be transferred to an appropriately deemed prison facility within the United States.

Section 2: All laws granting the United States Military the authority to detain, adjudicate, and punish individuals deemed unlawful enemy combatants, as defined by the US Code, are void.

Section 2(a): The authority to conduct affairs relating to unlawful enemy combatants, including prosecution, is now granted to the Department of Justice.

Section 2(b): The United States Military shall continue to be permitted to capture unlawful enemy combatants so long as custody over the individuals is granted to the Department of Justice as soon as it is feasible.

Section 2(c): All proceedings relating to unlawful enemy combatants are to be conducted in conformance with civilian legal regulations.

Section 2(c)i: In instances where The Court finds that a jury would be inappropriate due to national

security classification of evidence, a 3 judge panel may be used instead.

Section 3: The Executive Branch is authorized to spend no more than \$1 million to meet the requirements of implementing Section 2.

Section 4: This bill is to be enacted 91 days after passage.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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FINALS 103

MILITARY EDUCATION REFORM

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States Military shall now fund 25% of private Ivy League education tuition for its subjects that wish to go to, and are accepted to Ivy League colleges.

SECTION 2. Currently the United States Military only funds in-state public school education (public colleges).

The U.S Military will not fund any private education outside of the Ivy League.

This will be paid for by diverting 3% of annual Federal income tax revenue .

SECTION 3. The provisions of this bill shall take place at the end of the 2010.

SECTION 4. The Department of Veterans Affairs and the IRS shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

SECTION 5. All laws or portions of laws in conflict with the provisions of this bill shall considered null in void .

Presented By:

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FINALS 104

A Bill to Open All Levels of United States Government to The Public Via Technology and Accountability

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All legislative sessions, legislative committee hearings, regulatory
3 hearings, and court hearings from local, state and federal government
4 levels must be transcribed, video recorded, and audio recorded and must
5 be made available to be downloaded on a centralized government website.
6 All government documents not classified within the last 25 years or
7 deemed too sensitive to declassify or not currently sensitive within any
8 period of time, or deemed to be personal records must be put on the same
9 website that the transcripts of the hearings are on. The documents must be
10 put in PDF format and be able to be downloaded. All classified documents
11 must be given a declassification review after 25 years of being declared
12 classified and deemed either not sensitive or sensitive, and thus
13 reclassified for 5 years until there is another review, which the same
14 choices are considered again. All heads of the executive branch of all three
15 levels of government must testify before their legislative branch either as a
16 whole if the executive is a local executive, or in front of a committee to be
17 made up evenly of the two major parties in congress, with each house
18 being evenly represented. This testimony must be under oath and be
19 recorded as any other legislative hearing. All proposed bills and
20 amendments, legislative actions, laws and court decisions as well as
21 regulations must be posted the same as government documents on the
22 centralized website created by this bill; all three levels of government shall

23 abide by what was said before the semicolon. The website that all of these
24 documents and files will be stored in will have a search function, and it
25 will have a site map, as well as any other type of navigational aid that
26 would aid finding of material quickly. This website shall be made free of
27 charge. A 4 dollar a pack tax on cigarettes and a 4 dollar tax on each unit
28 of alcohol sold will be used to pay for this bill to be enacted, with 2 dollars
29 from each purchase going to the federal government, 1 dollar of each
30 purchase going to state governments and 1 dollar going towards local
31 government. The tax money for state and local government shall be based
32 60% on purchase, and 40% on an equalized distribution of funds. If a state
33 or locality does not agree to follow this law, that entity shall lose all
34 federal funds allocated to that entity.

35 **SECTION 2.** equal distribution- money divided per capita among each state and among
36 each local entity. Entity- political area ruled by a government. National
37 Security- anything necessary for the survival of the state.

38 **SECTION 3.** All government agencies at all levels that are acknowledged by the
39 government that it reports to must participate. If a agency is not
40 recognized by the government it works for, it is exempt from this bill.
41 Only agencies dealing with national security can be exempt from this bill.

42 **SECTION 4.** This bill is to take effect immediately, except for the website which should
43 be written by the end of the year 2010, and the scanning of documents
44 already written to be completed by the year 2020 at least.

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

*Introduced by
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FINALS 105

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PRESEIDENCEY OF THE UNITED STATES

1 Whereas, the United States Constitution explicitly prohibits foreigners,
2 naturalized or otherwise, from being able to run for president, and
3 Whereas, the United States prides itself in being a true representative
4 democracy, and
5 Whereas, denying an entire portion of the population from being eligible
6 to run for president is antithetical to everything the United States stands for, and
7 Whereas, this portion of our population includes, but is not limited to,
8 such individuals as Arnold Schwarzenegger, Madeleine Albright, and Henry
9 Kissinger, therefore
10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Student Congress here assembled that all
11 citizens naturalized or born in America shall be eligible to run for president.

Introduced by

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FINALS 106

RESOLUTION FOR AFRICAN ALLIANCES

1. WHEREAS, the nations within the continent of Africa have an enormous supply of natural resources;
2. WHEREAS, these nations cannot use these resources to their fullest extent without infrastructure;
3. WHEREAS, the anti-Americanism in Sub-Saharan Africa is subsiding; and,
4. WHEREAS, the United States needs African allies for AFRICOM and the War on Terror; therefore,
5. BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS, that the United States give funding and
6. advisers to nations in Africa for improving infrastructure and diplomacy between the African Union,
7. nations in Africa, and the United States.

Respectfully Submitted,

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FINALS 107

A Bill to Mandate Drug Testing in Order to Receive Government Services

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. Mandatory drug tests will be required for any adult citizen wanting to receive or already receiving government services.

Section 2. Government services include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. Welfare
- B. Food Stamps
- C. Housing Allowance
- D. Health Care
- E. Utilities and Heating Assistance

Adult citizens are citizens 18 years of age and older.

Section 3. This mandate shall be under the purview of the Department of Health and Human Services.

- A. Tests will be administered where citizens apply for the services defined in Section 2.
- B. The tests shall be administered randomly not more than four (4) times a year.
- C. Any test positive for illegal substances shall result in the loss or denial of said government services.

SECTION 4. This mandate shall go into effect 90 days after the passing of this legislation.

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

Un-sponsored legislation

FINALS 108

A Resolution Amending the Constitution to Allow Voting Rights to the District of Columbia

1 **WHEREAS,** the District of Columbia was intended for the occupancy of members of the
2 Federal Government, and not for the general public, and

3 **WHEREAS,** the population of the District of Columbia has reached almost 600,000 and
4 includes the residents of four major universities, and

5 **WHEREAS,** the State of Wyoming has a population of only 533,000, and yet has three full voting
6 representatives, and

7 **WHEREAS,** currently, the major reason for the denial of a representative by Congress is partisan
8 politics, as the District is mainly Democratic, and

9 **WHEREAS,** partisan politics is no reason to deny American citizens representation in Congress;
10 therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED,** That upon approval of two-thirds of the chamber of this Student Congress here
12 assembled, the following Constitutional amendment be sent to the state
13 legislatures for approval:

14 SECTION 1: The District of Columbia be given representatives in proportion
15 to its population to the United States Federal Congress;

16 SECTION 2: Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
17 legislation.

18 Un-sponsored legislation

FINALS 109

A Resolution to increase funding for the fine arts in public schools

- 1 **Whereas:** many students have shown a blatant ignorance and apathy towards the fine arts;
2 and
- 3 **Whereas:** the fine arts departments of public schools have been losing the battle for funding
4 and recognition since the passage of laws like No Child Left Behind that
5 diminish the importance of subjects that are adjunct to the curriculum; and
- 6 **Whereas:** a regeneration of fine arts departments around the country will help students
7 discover themselves and their full creative potential through art, dance, and
8 music;
- 9 **Therefore:** Be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that we strive to improve
10 fine arts departments throughout the United States' public school system by both
11 funding them and supporting them.

Respectfully submitted,

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Central MD Homeschoolers

FINALS 110

A Resolution to Implement a “Three Strikes Policy” Combating Internet Piracy of Intellectual Property

1. Whereas: Theft and subsequent distribution of intellectual property (IP) is
2. responsible for the loss of \$200 to \$250 billion in the US alone; and;
3. Whereas: A great majority of stolen IP is disseminated via the internet; and;
4. Whereas: Previous measures taken against online piracy have proven to be
5. ineffective and costly, justifying the trial of new methods.
6. Therefore be it hereby resolved by the BCFL herein assembled that more severe
7. disciplinary measures be taken in regards to persons convicted of IP theft
8. and/or distribution of IP via the internet. This would be accomplished by the
9. implementation of a “Three Strikes Policy” where the **first violation** warrants a
10. monetary fine (as well as financial reparations paid to the owner(s) of the IP),
11. the **second violation** to include confiscation of devices used in said piracy
12. and/or severance of broadband connection, and the **third violation** resulting in
13. an injunction forbidding the use of any computer by the convicted. This
14. is intended to combat theft and illicit distribution of IP in the US.

Respectfully Submitted,
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