

BILL 207

Federal Security Act

Be it enacted by this Student Congress assembled here that:

1 **Section 1:** The Department of Homeland Security is hereby abolished, and a standing
2 subcommittee shall be created to determine the distribution of former DHS
3 organizations among other cabinet departments.

4 **Section 2:** A. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) shall be
5 defined as the cabinet department created by the Homeland Security Act
6 of 2002.

7 B. Organizations shall be defined as Agencies formerly under the
8 jurisdiction of the DHS, including but not limited to the Coast Guard,
9 Federal Emergency Management Agency, and Secret Service.

10 **Section 3:** All funds currently allocated to the Department of Homeland
11 Security shall be diverted proportionally to Cabinet Departments receiving
12 agencies from the former DHS.

13 **Section 4:** This bill shall take effect upon the beginning of the 2011 fiscal year.

14 **Section 5:** All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act shall hereby
15 be null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Salvatore Corasaniti

Loyola Blakefield High School

BILL 208

A Bill to Prohibit Smoking in Enclosed Workplaces

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall enact a ban on smoking in all enclosed workplaces.

3 **SECTION 2.** Enclosed workplaces shall be defined as all public buildings, places of
4 employment and public transportation, including company vehicles. Any
5 persons found in violation shall be fined a minimum of \$150. Any
6 company found to have violated the workplace clause shall be fined a
7 minimum of \$1000. All subsequent fines shall be no less than a minimum
8 of 100% greater than the previous fine.

9 **SECTION 3.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect one year after passage.

10 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Health shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions
11 of this bill.

12 **SECTION 5.** All laws or portions of laws in conflict with the provisions of this bill shall
13 hereby be declared null and void.

Introduced by
Loch Raven High Schoole

RESOLUTION 201

A Resolution to develop a national high school test

WHEREAS, Each state has developed a set of tests which students must pass to graduate; and

WHEREAS, The standard varies from state to state as to how difficult these tests are; and

WHEREAS, The quality of education is a national concerns which will determine the economic development of this country; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled demand that a national test be developed that every student in the country must pass to graduate from high school by May of 2012.

*Introduced by
Westminster High School*

RESOLUTION 202

A Resolution to Increase the Gas Tax to Improve America's Infrastructure

1 **WHEREAS,** The United States is currently lacking a means to effectively pay for
2 massive infrastructure improvements that are necessary for a functioning
3 economy, and

4 **WHEREAS,** Allowing for structural upgrades to continue to be pushed back only
5 increases the risk of disaster, and

6 **WHEREAS,** Creating jobs that improve national highway and transportation systems is
7 one of the most effective ways to stimulate an economy; and

8 **WHEREAS,** Use additional "whereas" clauses to elaborate rationale for the problem
9 that needs to be solved; now, therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled recommend that the federal gas
11 tax be increased by ten cents per gallon, and the revenues collected be
12 used on highway re-construction projects.

*Introduced by
Jonathan Holtzman
Loch Raven High School*

RESOLUTION 203

A Resolution to Initiate Tort Reform to Reduce Costs of Medicine in the US

WHEREAS, Healthcare costs in the United States have been increasing rapidly and

WHEREAS, This increase in cost is in large part due to the necessity of “defensive
medicine”

WHEREAS, Doctors feel they need to perform these unnecessary procedures to avoid
litigation

WHEREAS, One of the most important issues facing the US today is that of healthcare
reform,

RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled make the following
recommendation that any health care reform bill include comprehensive
tort reform.

*Introduced by
Nathan Chai
Central MD Homeschoolers*

RESOLUTION 204

A Resolution to Tax Drinks Whose Sugar Content is Above 30 Grams

1 **WHEREAS**, Diseases caused by the over-consumption of sugar are at epidemic
2 proportions in the United States; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Unhealthy sugar consumption is a risk factor for diseases such as diabetes
4 and obesity which can cause other serious diseases such as glaucoma,
5 cancer, sleep apnea, etc.; and

6 **WHEREAS**, The recommended allowance of sugar per day is 10 teaspoons, or 40
7 grams; and

8 **WHEREAS**, A single serving of many soft drinks, juices, and energy drinks contain
9 more that 40 grams of added sugars and are contributing to the ill-health
10 of the citizens of the United States; now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled make the following
12 recommendation that a tax of 20 percent of the cost of the beverage be
13 added to drinks where the sugar content of a single serving is above 30
14 grams. The revenue from this tax would go to offset the health care
15 system which over-consumption of sugar has over-burdened.

*Introduced by
Allison Schoenauer
The Catholic High School*

RESOLUTION 205

A Resolution to Allow Health Care Industries to Compete Across State Lines

1 **WHEREAS,** Health care costs are sky rocketing; and

2 **WHEREAS,** The national law prohibits the health care industry from serving customers
3 across state lines: and

4 **WHEREAS,** This causes less people in the United States to be able to afford health care;
5 and

6 **WHEREAS,** forty-five million people are uninsured in the United States; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled make the following
9 recommendation to allow health care insurance companies to compete
10 across state lines, giving the public more options and giving the health
11 insurance industry more competition, factors which would drive down the
12 price of health insurance.

*Introduced by
Bobby Lindsey
Towson High School*

RESOLUTION 206

A Resolution to Abandon the Trade Embargo with Cuba

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The U.S. Trade Embargo against Cuba, enacted in response to the
2 communist take-over of the island nation in 1959 has proved ineffective
3 and costly to the United States; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** The embargo is a relic of our Cold war past and has had no success in
5 pressuring the Castro regime from power; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** The U.S. should negotiate quid pro quo measures aimed at the transition
7 toward democratic government and the protection of human rights in order
8 improve the lives of Cuba's citizens; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** U.S. businesses stand to make considerable profit through trade with
10 Cuba; now, therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled move toward the abandonment
12 of its almost half-century policy of a trade embargo against Cuba; and, be
13 it
- 14 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Cuban government be pressured to move towards
15 democratization and greater respect for human rights.

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