

BILL 601

SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. In order to offer better protection from identity theft for the American public; the United States government will mandate that all places of business that accept credit cards as a form of payment, also keep a record through drivers license or any other form of identification of that consumer's name and current address for a minimum of 3 months and a maximum of 5 months.

SECTION 2. Any place of business that violates the language of this bill is liable for any charges of Identity theft from a previously served consumer that has fallen victim to identity theft if the culprit cannot be located within 3 months.

SECTION 3. The provisions of this bill shall take place at the end of the 2012 fiscal year.

SECTION 4. The Department of Justice 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.

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RESOLUTION 602

A Resolution to Prevent Federally-funded Adoption and/or Foster Care to Discriminate Against Potential Adopting Parents

- 1 **Whereas**, there are an estimated 463,000 children in foster care today; and,
- 2 **Whereas**, most foster care facilities are run with the financial backing of the federal
3 government; and
- 4 **Whereas**, the groups that care for foster children before they are placed into firm
5 familial foundations often have no supervision by the local or federal government;
6 and,
- 7 **Whereas**, these groups have the ability to decide who can and can not adopt a
8 foster child under their charge; and,
- 9 **Whereas**, these groups can discriminate against individuals whose marital status,
10 gender identification, sexual orientation, etc., are not favorable to their own
11 philosophies and deny deserving potential-adopting parents from adopting at all;
12 and,
- 13 **Whereas**, this process is both morally wrong and can be debilitating to the rearing of
14 the child(ren) under which these groups have charge and is degrading to the
15 individuals being discriminated against; now, therefore, be it
- 16 **Resolved**, that the Student Congress assembled here make the following
17 recommendation that federally-funded adoption and foster care groups be under
18 regular inspections to ensure that these groups are not denying adoption to
19 individuals and/or families based on marital status, gender identification, sexual
20 orientation, etc.

Introduced by

The Catholic High School of Baltimore

BILL 603

A Bill to Mandate Electronic Textbooks

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Maryland legislature should enact a law to mandate electronic textbooks instead of printed textbooks be used in all Maryland schools.

SECTION 2. The electronic textbook is a paperless, updatable electronic device, capable of storing large amounts of information in a compact and more efficient manner.

SECTION 3. The Maryland State Board of education will purchase the electronic textbooks and parents will purchase the devices from the Maryland State Board of Education or its designee (the school district) at a discounted price.

SECTION 4. This bill will take effect in the 2013-2014 school year.

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

Un-sponsored legislation

RESOLUTION 604

A Resolution to Fund Algae Farm Biofuels

1. **Whereas**, the United States currently spends \$200,000 per minute on foreign oil or \$13
2. million per hour, and,
3. **Whereas**, the America's dependence on foreign oil is a threat to our national security and
4. economy, and,
5. **Whereas**, installing hydrogen pumps in gas stations across the U.S. would cost about
6. \$167 billion and the use of liquid biofuels could completely eliminate this cost, and,
7. **Whereas**, about 7.5 billion gallons of biodiesel can be produced from only 780 square
8. miles of algae farms, which would undermine the fear that biodiesel will take up land in
9. the United States currently used for growing crops for food, and,
10. **Whereas**, the oil in this fast growing algae can be used as a form of biodiesel, and,
11. **Whereas**, the operating costs for these farms would add up to about \$46.2 billion per
12. year, which is significantly less than what is being spent on fuels outside the country,
13. and,
14. **Whereas**, biofuels from algae farms produce about 200,000 gallons per acre per year,
15. compared to soy beans, which produce about 48 gallons per acre per year, or palm, which
16. produces 630 gallons per acre per year, therefore, be it
17. **Resolved**, by this student congress here assembled, that the United States government
18. will fund the production of biofuels in the form of algae farms placed in the United
19. States.

Un-sponsored legislation

RESOLUTION 605

Resolution to Abolish Gun Control Laws

1. **Whereas**, there are Americans who use guns for recreational sports such as hunting,
2. target practice and professional shooting, and,
3. **Whereas**, guns also provide in-home protection for Americans, and,
4. **Whereas**, there are thousands of home invasions each year in the United States and guns
5. can help people protect themselves and their families from these criminals, and,
6. **Whereas**, establishing more stringent gun control laws would encourage more people to break these
7. laws, and,
8. **Whereas**, gun control laws would make criminals aware that families have no means to
9. protect themselves, therefore, be it
10. **Resolved**, by this student congress here assembled, that all legislation promoting gun
11. control laws be abolished.

Un-sponsored legislation

BILL 606

A Bill to Require Ignition Interlock Devices on All Motor Vehicles

- 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED**
- 2. that all motor vehicles in the Unites States will be required to have an**
- 3. ignition interlock device, in effort to reduce drunk driving.**
- 4. Section 1.** Penalties: A.) Any driver caught driving without an ignition interlock
5. device will be issued a \$500 fine and will be required to show proof to a state
6. official within the next month.
7. B.) Failure to do so will result in suspension of the driver's license.
8. C.) If a driver is caught drunk driving with an ignition interlock device installed,
9. their current license will be suspended for a minimum of one year and the driver
10. will serve no less than 30 days in jail.
- 11. Section 2.** Enforcement: The United States Federal Government and appropriate
12. state agencies will track ignition interlocks installation and proper use. This will
13. be checked for maintenance and proper function every other year in conjunction
14. with emissions testing.
- 15. Section 3.** Financing: A.) It is the responsibility of Automakers to install ignition
16. interlock devices on all new motor vehicles.
17. B.) The Federal Government of The United States will provide ignition interlock
18. devices for all other insured drivers in The United States through local
19. maintenance shops.
- 20. Section 4.** Time Frame: All insured drivers and automobile manufacturers
21. distributing in the United States will have one calendar year from the
22. passage of this legislation to properly install an ignition interlock device.

BILL 607

Bill Concerning Housing Opportunities for the Homeless

1. **Be it enacted by the Student Congress here assembled that:**
2. The law preventing the homeless from moving into abandoned and foreclosed houses be
3. revoked and a program be created to move the homeless people and their children into said
4. houses.
5. **Section 1: Purpose** People who are homeless will be allowed to live in homes that were
6. abandoned and not resold after foreclosure. Any laws in conflict with this bill will be
7. considered null and void.
8. **Section 2: Screening Program** People who are eligible for moving into an abandoned and
9. foreclosed home will go through a screening process to make sure they are not currently drug
10. addicts, drug dealers, convicted felons, sex offenders, human traffickers, and persons with
11. uncontrolled mental issues.
12. **Section 3: Obligations** Tenants, once they have been approved and have moved into the
13. home, will be responsible for maintaining the home and the property. Furthermore, when
14. they reach a certain income level, which will be determined according to the cost of living in
15. their area, they can no longer live in the home.
16. **Section 4: Financing** Finances for the program will come from the U.S. Department of
17. Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
18. **Section 5: Time Frame** This bill will be implemented one year from the date of passage.

Un-sponsored legislation

RESOLUTION 608

A Resolution to Ban the Use of Non-Organic Pesticides

WHEREAS, Non-organic pesticides can be toxic to humans and can build up in the human body contributing significantly to disease; and

WHEREAS, there is an average of 547 death each year which have been related to pesticide poisoning; and

WHEREAS, Oranophosphate-induced protein deformation, Alzheimer's and related diseases have be frequently related to having been in contact with or ingesting non-organic pesticides; and

WHEREAS, Mental instability has also been a side effect of pesticide contamination of drinking water; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled make the following recommendation that all non-organic pesticides be banned and replaced in agriculture and house-hold use by organic or natural pesticides.

Un-sponsored legislation