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Item 1

A Bill to Protect Civil Liberties

1. Be it enacted by this NFL Student Congress here assembled the Foreign
2. Intelligence Surveillance Act, hereby referred to as FISA, shall be amended and
3. clarified by the following sections:

4. Section 1: No surveillance shall be made on Americans on American soil
5. by any portion of the United States Federal Government without a court order
6. or warrant according to FISA rules and regulations.

7. Section 2: In times of war all FISA rules shall continue to be enforced
8. unless modified or amended by the US Congress and Senate.

9. Section 3: No person, agency or branch of government that is elected or
10. otherwise shall be considered “above the law” and excluded from FISA
11. regulations.

12. Section 4: Enforcement: This bill shall have full force of the law
13. including Articles of Impeachment where needed.

Item 2

A Resolution to Enforce Random Background Checks

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2 Whereas, there are an estimated twenty million working illegal immigrants in the
3 country and the number continues to grow, and

4 Whereas, the cost of social services for illegal immigrants has added up to
5 approximately \$397,448,585,012 since 1996, and

6 Whereas, skilled jobs are being occupied by illegal immigrants that can be given
7 to capable American citizens and in fact, more than nine million have been taken.

8 Whereas, the government will actually save money by investing in more security
9 of companies from illegal immigrants, and

10 Whereas, random background checks can filter out illegal workers, ensuring the
11 best work atmosphere for corporations and can reveal employers not following proper
12 hiring laws; therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED by this TFA Student Congress here assembled that federal law
14 officials should perform random background checks to limit illegal immigrants in the
15 country.

Item 3

A Bill on Alternative Fuel for Texas

1. Be it enacted by the student congress here assembled that:
2. Article 1: Texas shall encourage the research, development, and conversion to
3. the use of alternative Fuel.
4. Article 2: "Alternative fuel" means a non-petroleum fuel, including, but
5. not limited to, electricity, ethanol, biodiesel, methanol, and may also include
6. petroleum fuel blended with non-petroleum constituents.
7. Article 3: Items to be funded include Alternative and Renewable fuel
8. research to develop: low carbon fuels, renewable fuel deployment for existing and
9. developing engine technologies, projects to decrease the overall impact of a fuel's
10. life-cycle carbon footprint, developing fuel infrastructure, fueling stations,
11. and equipment incentive projects, efficient vehicle technology research that provides
12. for better fuel efficiency; alternative fuel usage and storage; or emission reductions,
13. development of light weight materials, energy storage, engine optimization, hybrid
14. technology, and fuel cell technology.
15. Article 3: Loans will be made available to businesses and municipalities to
16. retrofit existing fleets with technologies that create higher fuel efficiencies and
17. decreased fuel consumption, as well as, conversions needed for public transit.
18. Article 4: All applicable taxes shall be waved on individual and corporate
19. purchases of Hybrid Automobiles through December of 2010.
20. Article 5: Any Laws in conflict with this Act shall be declared null and void.

Item 4

A RESOLUTION TO ABOLISH SELECTIVE SERVICE

1 Whereas, the U.S. Federal Government continues to
2 rely upon the use of conscription during wartime, and
3 Whereas, a compulsory draft is no longer necessary to maintain
4 a robust and dominant military force due to technological and
5 strategic advances, and
6 Whereas, the principles of individual liberty are threatened
7 when people are forced to serve, and
8 Whereas, the termination of the Selective Service system would
9 save money and allow military spending on more effective
10 technology to preserve national security.
11 Therefore, be it resolved by the Student Congress here
12 assembled that the U.S. will completely discontinue the
13 use of compulsory draft and Selective Service systems
14 within the United States related to military conscription.

Item 5

A Resolution Concerning Public Schools in Texas

1. **Whereas**, home school and private school families
2. produce funding for other students besides their children, and
3. **Whereas**, money is saved by providing their own
4. children with education that suits the family's needs, and
5. **Whereas**, tax deductions, education credits, or tax-free
6. savings accounts should be proposed to put education dollars
7. to work for their children,
8. **Be It Resolved** that the United States allow
9. homeschool or private school families to send their tax
10. dollars to the schools their children attend instead of public
11. schools.

Item 6

A Bill Concerning Sexual Education in Public Schools

1. **Section 1** Be it enacted by the Texas Forensic Association Student Congress
2. here assembled that, starting in Junior High and ending in High School that
3. sexual education courses will be taught.
4. **Section 2** The sexual education classes will be weighted, but not mandatory,
5. unless the school districts STD and teen pregnancy rate is above the national
6. average.
7. **Section 3** If the STD and teen pregnancy rate is above the national average
8. and therefore making the class mandatory, but there are parental objections the
9. student will be exempt from the course, and will not receive the credit for the
10. sexual education course.
11. **Section 4** The courses will cover material ranging from STDs to
12. contraception to pregnancies and parenting skills. If the teacher of the course
13. feels there are other areas that need to be discussed than after administrative
14. approval he/she will be permitted to add it to the curriculum.
15. **Section 5** The sexual education course will be a full two semesters and
16. must be taught by a certified sexual education teacher.

Item 7

A Resolution Concerning Victimless Crime

1. Whereas, in today's society the line between consensual sex and prostitution
2. is becoming blurred, and
3. Whereas the growing number of river boat and Native American casinos
4. have made gambling accessible to almost all Americans, and
5. Whereas the States would benefit from increased tax revenue to help balance
6. their budgets, and
7. Whereas State control would protect citizens engaging in prostitution and casino
8. gambling from disease and fraud,
9. BE IT RESOLVED by the Student Congress here assembled that licensed
10. brothels and gambling casinos be allowed to operate legally in all 50 States.

Item 8

A Bill to Repeal Wet Feet Dry Feet

1 Be it enacted by the Texas Forensics Association Student Congress
2 here assembled that:

3 Section 1. The United States Federal Government shall no longer
4 honor the “Wet Feet, Dry Feet” Policy in regards to Cuba.

5 Section 2. Immigrations from all Caribbean Nations, including Haiti and
6 Cuba will be allowed to reach their destination as long as it is in the on
7 the eastern coast of the United States and personal information is
8 received about their status

9 Section 3. Once they reach the East Coast, they are automatically
10 eligible to begin the application for lawful permanent residency

11 Section 4. If they do not pursue their application for lawful permanent
12 residency within 45 days, they must be deported immediately

13 Section 5. This Bill shall take effect on January 1, 2008.

14 Section 6. The Senate Judiciary Committee Subcommittee on
15 Immigration shall oversee enforcement of this bill

Item 9

A Resolution Regarding Invasive Plants

1. Whereas: Invasive plants are nonnative species that are capable of moving
2. aggressively into a habitat and monopolizing resources such as light, water, and space
3. to the detriment of other species; and
4. Whereas: Estimates indicate that invasive plants are spreading at the rate of about
5. 4,600 acres per day; and
6. Whereas: Land values may drop to as low as 10% of their original value when
7. infested with invasive plants; and
8. Whereas: When new plant species are introduced, they come without natural
9. predators; and
10. Whereas: Many invasive plants have aggressive root systems, produce large
11. numbers of seeds, and cast extremely dense shade beneath which natural vegetation
12. cannot survive; and
13. Whereas: The fruits and seeds of many invasive plants are considered “junk
14. food” for the animals that eat them, requiring them to eat more frequently; therefore
15. Be it resolved by this group assembled, that the intentional planting of invasive
16. plant species be restricted.

Item 10

A Resolution Concerning the Future of the Military

1 Whereas, America believes in the power of allocative and productive
2 efficiency naturally achieved by capitalism, and

3 Whereas, the private sector has successfully run other public service
4 functions such as gas, electric, telephone, and cable operation, and

5 Whereas, a more motivated armed forces is a better fighting force, and

6 Whereas, national guardsmen are needed in disaster areas, and

7 Whereas, national guardsmen were meant originally to work, “One
8 weekend a month, two weeks a year,” therefore

9 BE IT RESOLED by the Texas Forensic Association Student Congress
10 here assembled that the Department of Defense replace all national guard
11 units in Iraq and Afghanistan with additional private security units from
12 Private Military Companies (PMCs) under the same operational control as
13 traditional military units.

Item 11

A Resolution to Ensure Fairness and Equality in College Admissions

1 Whereas, the current affirmative action system used in college admissions
2 encourages and perpetuates a brand of discrimination against all those involved
3 and,
4 Whereas, this creates a stigma which alienates minority students by suggesting
5 that
6 they did not get admitted to a university on merit alone, and,
7 Whereas, the best education should go to the most educated students in the
8 country,
9 without regard to racial or ethnic background, and
10 Whereas, this pseudo-desire for a color-blind society has actually acknowledged,
11 and
12 propagated the existence of a protruding achievement gap, and
13 Whereas, the methods used in the status quo negate the ideals of a society free
14 from racial distinctions in education, as established in the case of Brown v. Board
15 of Education, therefore,
16 BE IT RESOLVED by the Texas Forensic Association Student Congress here
17 assembled that race or ethnicity shall no longer be a determining factor in
18 admission to an institution of higher education, and
19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said institutions be compelled to cease the
20 usage of any affirmative action system.

Item 12

A Resolution Regarding State Gas Tax

**1 Whereas, the price of gasoline across the state is rising faster the rate
2 of inflation, and**

**3 Whereas, salaries across the state are not increasing as fast as the rate
4 of gasoline prices, and**

**5 Whereas, traffic in the state is increasing, meaning more
6 gasoline will be used waiting in traffic, and**

**7 Whereas, businesses would flock to the state for the cheap gas prices,
8 therefore**

**9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Texas Forensic Association Student
10 Congress here assembled that the state of Texas suspend the state
11 gasoline tax until gas prices fall to levels that are payable by civilians.**

**12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state of Texas use its budget
13 surplus to pay for the loss of funds from this tax.**

Item 13

A Resolution to Eliminate Unnecessary Core Classes in College

- 1 Whereas, all students attending college do not need all the core classes to advance
- 2 in their majors, and
- 3 Whereas, if they were not expected to take these unnecessary classes students
- 4 would be less dependent on financial aide in the form of student loans
- 5 Therefore be it resolved by the Texas Forensic Association Student Congress here
- 6 assembled that core classes in college should be removed, and students should
- 7 only be expected to complete requirements toward their major of study.

Item 14

Resolution to Expand Employment Opportunities for Saudi Women

1 **Whereas**, Saudi women are prohibited from entering the work force
2 without the permission of a male relative, and
3 **Whereas**, the Saudi Arabian Labor Minister is seeking legal changes to Saudi
4 Arabia's sexual segregation laws allow women to work in retail jobs and 5
5 Factories, and
6 **Whereas**, Saudi women are graduating from universities at a higher rate than
7 Men, and
8 **Whereas**, job opportunities for Saudi women in education, medicine, and
9 Banking are limited and many obstacles exist for women's advancement
10 **Therefore**, BE IT RESOLVED by the Texas Forensic Association Student
11 Congress here assembled the United States Government should support the
12 Saudi Arabian Labor Minister's efforts to expand opportunities for Saudi
13 women.

Item 15

A Resolution Concerning US Foreign Policy with Iran

1 Whereas, Iran's nuclear potential is a direct threat to American prospects
2 within the Middle East, and

3 Whereas, aggression toward the United States has increased drastically
4 since its occupation of the state of Iraq, and

5 Whereas, it is crucial the United States establish allies within regions
6 directly linked to Al Qaeda to effectively counter terrorism, and

7 Whereas, Iran has been labeled as a country with direct contacts with
8 terrorist organizations, and

9 Whereas, the continuation of the current policies toward Iran will plunge
10 the United States into an armed conflict, therefore

11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Texas Forensic Associate Student Congress
12 here assembled that the United States increase open talks with the state of Iran and
13 its neighbors and establish a foreign embassy within Iran.

Item 16

A Resolution on the Use of Paramilitary Police Tactics

1 Whereas SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) units and other paramilitary
2 police units are increasingly being deployed for routine police duties, and

3 Whereas these teams routinely serve warrants by breaking into homes, with little
4 or no warning, at night or in pre-dawn hours while people are sleeping, and

5 Whereas these paramilitary raids generally include breaking down doors with
6 battering rams or explosive devices followed by the use of flashbang grenades or similar
7 devices designed to disorient the occupants, and

8 Whereas occupants, believing that their homes have been invaded by criminals
9 with intent to harm, frequently attempt to defend themselves and their property as is their
10 right by law, and

11 Whereas any perceived noncompliance by occupants in these raids is typically
12 met with potentially lethal force, and

13 Whereas information giving rise to these raids is often based on unverified
14 information from police “snitches” who gain either monetarily or through leniency in
15 their own criminal cases in exchange for information, and

16 Whereas an alarming number of these raids are made in error on the basis of
17 faulty information, resulting in the brutal storming of homes of innocent citizens who
18 have committed no crimes, and

19 Whereas police records indicate at least 150 cases of “wrong door” raids
20 resulting in the deaths of 40 innocent citizens and 15 police officers, therefore

21 **Be it resolved** by the student congress assembled that the United States federal
22 government should restrict the use of SWAT and other paramilitary police units to their
23 original duties of hostage negotiation and interventions in situations deemed to be of
24 extreme danger.

Item 17

A Bill to Enact Popular Impeachment

- 1 Be it enacted by this Student Congress here assembled that:
- 2 **Section 1:** Office of the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives
- 3 shall conduct biannually a Presidential approval rating poll. This shall be an
- 4 extension, not a redefinition of the Office of Clerk responsibilities.
- 5 **Section 2:** Following one year in office, if the President's approval
- 6 rating should drop below 35% in two consecutive polls, that
- 7 President will be popularly impeached.
- 8 **Section 3:** The poll shall take the place of the customary congressional
- 9 vote, and the President shall be forced to step down.
- 10 **Section 4:** The customary procedure for filling the vacancy of
- 11 of the Presidency shall be followed, and the Vice-President
- 12 shall serve the remainder of the Presidential term, provided they
- 13 do not violate this legislation.
- 14 **Section 5:** This legislation shall carry the full force of law.
- 15 **Section 6:** All other legislation in conflict with this bill (with
- 16 the exception of the legislation impeachment process) will be declared
- 17 null and void.
- 18 **Section 7:** This legislation shall take effect January 1, 2009.

Item 18

A Bill to Shut the Revolving Door

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

2 Section 1. The minimum time period which a former member of Congress
3 must wait before working as a lobbyist will be raised from one year to ten.

4 Section 2. Special privileges granting former members of Congress access
5 to their former colleagues shall be made null and void during the time period that
6 the former member is working as a lobbyist.

7 Section 3. These “special privileges,” include, but are not limited to,
8 access to the House and Senate floor, as well as member only gymnasiums and
9 restaurants.

10 Section 4. This law shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

11 Section 5. All current laws in conflict with this legislation shall be null and
12 void.

Item 19

A Resolution Concerning the Superfund

1 Whereas, the “polluter pays principle” was used to create a
2 superfund which was used to rebuild and cleanup heavily polluted
3 areas, and

4 Whereas, this superfund was previously funded by oil and
5 chemical companies, who would compensate for their pollution by
6 paying taxes, and

7 Whereas, the polluter pays principle has aided in making
8 previous site cleanup run very efficiently and even encouraged
9 waste producers to begin using more sustainable and less wasteful
10 practices, and

11 Whereas in 2002, the liability of the superfund has gone
12 from waste producing companies to the taxpayers, and

13 Whereas, the superfund is now under funded and taxpayers
14 are feeling the heavy burden whenever a site is in need of cleanup
15 and the party responsible of cleaning the site cannot be located.

16 Be it resolved by the Texas Forensic Association Student
17 Congress here assembled that we reinstate the tax on oil and
18 chemical companies, making more money available for current
19 and future superfund sites.

Item 20

A Bill to Save Marriages

1 Be It Enacted By The Texas Forensic Association Student Congress that:

2 Section 1: All couples seeking a marriage license in any state must have proof of
3 attending premarital counseling with a duration of at least 4 hours, faith based or
4 community based, within six months of issuing of the license.

5 Section 2: Any organization or individual, faith based or community based, who
6 conducts premarital counseling must be registered as an official premarital
7 counselor.

8 Section 3: Any State or County office issuing a marriage license without proof of
9 premarital counseling will lose the funding acquired from all marriage license
10 fees for five years.

11 Section 4: Any organization or individual conducting premarital counseling, for
12 the purposes of obtaining a marriage license, who is not registered, will be fined
13 \$1,000 per couple counseled until the organization or individual is registered.

14 Section 5: All other State laws concerning marriage that do not conflict with this
15 law will still be enforced.

16 Section 6: This bill will be effective January 1, 2009.

Item 21

A Resolution to Allow Indian Casino Gambling in Texas

1. Whereas, the state of Texas runs a huge lottery, has legalized pari-
2. mutual horse racing, allows raffles, recognizes private club exemptions which
3. host various forms of gambling, permit eight-liner machines in public, and has
4. legislation under consideration which would permit high stakes poker games on a
5. limited basis; and

6. Whereas, court orders in 2002 effectively trampled on the sovereignty of
7. both the Tigua and Albama-Coushatta Indian tribes, effectively making Indian
8. tribal governments illegitimate and invalid, wreaked havoc on the tribes ability to
9. provide health, housing, and educational services to its people, caused the direct
10. loss of nearly 1,500 jobs and affected the employment of thousands in related
11. industries all while the Texas unemployment fund is being depleted by rising
12. numbers of claims; and

13. Whereas, for a few short years the tribes were making an income to aid a
14. people long assailed and neglected by Texas when other states are presently
15. upholding and even encouraging mutually beneficial Native economic
16. development through gaming; therefore,

14. Be it Resolved, by this student congress here assembled that the tribes
15. should be allowed to open and operate casinos on any native owned lands.

Item 22

A Resolution to Abolish No Child Left Behind

1 Whereas, thousands of children at the top of their class are being brought
2 down to a lower level of learning; and
3 Whereas, many children who are at the bottom of their class are not improving
4 their grades or test scores; and
5 Whereas, test scores around the country are not improving with No Child Left
6 Behind; and
7 Whereas, the failure of this program is putting a strain on students and teachers;
8 and
9 Whereas, no improvement has happened within the last 4 years;
10 Therefore be it resolved, by the House of Representatives to abolish No Child
11 Left Behind to improve the quality of education for teachers and students.

Item 23

A Resolution to Promote Safer Driving

1. Whereas driver distraction is a factor in 25% of all traffic accidents, and
2. Whereas the use of hand-held cellular phones is a distraction to drivers of motor
3. vehicles, and
4. Whereas research has shown that teenage drivers who are interacting with other
5. teenagers are twice as likely to be involved in a fatal automobile accident as teen
6. drivers driving alone, and
7. Whereas traffic accidents are the number one killer of teenagers in the United
8. States,
9. BE IT RESOLVED by the student congress here assembled that driver use of
10. cellular telephones be restricted to drivers over the age of twenty-one who are
11. using hands-free cell phones.

Item 24

A Resolution to Promote Education in the Arts

1 Whereas, Research confirms that education in the Arts is beneficial in
2 includes 62 separate studies pointing to “critical links” between arts
3 education and reading, writing, mathematics, cognitive skills, motivation,
4 social behavior, and the school environment, and

5 Whereas, President Bush allotted no new funding for the National
6 Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and eliminated all funding for the
7 Department of Education’s Arts in Education Programs, and

8 Whereas, Since the Introduction of NCLB arts education has been
9 neglected or eliminated, and

10 Whereas, According to the American Arts Alliance, students educated in
11 the arts have a better academic performance as opposed to individuals that
12 do not.

13 BE IT RESOLVED, by the Texas Forensic Association Student Congress
14 here assembled that the United States Federal government, via the
15 Department of Education, mandate that each student receiving a high
16 school diploma or the equivalent thereof be required to complete no less
17 than 3 semesters coursework in the Arts and substantially increase funding
18 to NEA and Arts in Education Programs.

Item 25

A Bill to Regulate Animal Experimentation

Be it Enacted by the Texas Forensic Association Student Congress here assembled that:

1 Section 1. An agency to protect the welfare of all animals being used in laboratory testing,
2 named The Humane Care and Treatment of Laboratory Animals Authority (HCTLAA), shall be
3 established under the auspices of the United States Department of Agriculture.

4 Section 2. HCTLAA will enact regulations to protect animals against abuse and torture in testing
5 and experimentation. Funds allocated by the National Institutes of Health for current programs
6 under the Animal Welfare Act and the Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care and Use of
7 Laboratory Animals shall be diverted to HCTLAA.

8 Section 3. All laboratory settings and research institutions using animals in testing shall be
9 routinely inspected by a third party under the auspices of HCTLAA to ensure no unnecessary
10 harm comes to the animals in use.

11 Section 4. Facilities and persons that fail to comply with the new program's regulations will be
12 fined up to \$2,500 per day per violation, each animal being improperly tested or subjected to
13 abuse counting as a separate violation. Fines collected shall be provided to HCTLAA to fund its
14 programs. In addition, institutions violating the HCTLAA protocols may be subjected to denial
15 of federal grants and/or other federal funding.

16 Section 5. Establishment of HCTLAA shall begin immediately upon passage of this bill and all
17 necessary operational needs shall be completed on or before the beginning of the next fiscal year
18 following ratification of this legislation.

Item 26

A Resolution Regarding Presidential Signing Statements

1. Whereas: The Supreme Court has held that line-item vetoes are unconstitutional;
2. and
3. Whereas: The use of presidential signing statements are often similar in purpose
4. to line-item vetoes; and
5. Whereas: Presidential signing statements abuse the balance of powers among the
6. country's three branches of government; and
7. Whereas: Presidential signing statements are being used to exempt the president
8. from the laws he is signing; therefore
9. Be it resolved by this group assembled, that the president no longer be allowed to
10. use signing statements to circumvent or reinterpret laws submitted by the Congress
11. for him to sign.

Item 27

1 **A Bill Concerning Sex Offenders and the Public Safety**

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3 BE IT ENACTED by the Texas Forensic Association Student Congress here assembled

4 that,

5 Section 1: The following provisions apply to sex offenders after their release from prison:

6 a. Sex offenders are forbidden from living within 1000 feet of a child.

7 b. Sex offenders are required to wear electronic ankle bracelets in order to monitor
8 their location.

9 c. Sex offenders are forbidden from obtaining an account on any social networking
10 or dating site.

11 Section 2: The aforementioned provisions only apply to sex offenders whose guilt has
12 been confirmed by DNA evidence after the passage of this piece of legislation.

13 Section 3: Any individual who violates the provisions of this bill will be subject to the
14 following penalties:

15 a. First Offense: one thousand dollar (\$1000) fine.

16 b. Second Offense: five years in jail.

17 Section 4: This bill shall be enforced by the Department of Justice.

18 Section 5: This bill shall take effect immediately after passage.

Item 28

A Resolution Regarding Public Transportation

1 Whereas, the rapid growth of urban areas such as Dallas, Houston, Austin, and the Rio
2 Grande Valley has strained the freeway system in these areas, and

3 Whereas, these urban areas do not have as complex of public transportation systems as
4 other areas of the United States of comparable size and population density, and

5 Whereas, the greater usage of public transportation would not only lessen the strain on
6 Texas' urban freeway systems, but also lessen the amount of air pollution given off by
7 passenger vehicles, and

8 Whereas, without expanding the current public transportation systems, Texas' urban
9 freeway corridors will rapidly become more and more overused and inadequate, therefore

10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Texas Forensic Association Student Congress here assembled
11 that the state of Texas encourages local transportation authorities to expand current public
12 transportation systems.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state of Texas allocates additional funding
14 toward the expansion of public transportation.

Item 29

A Resolution Regarding North Korea

1 Whereas, North Korea has been isolated because of its nuclear capabilities, and
2 Whereas, countries across the globe have nuclear power and North Korea should
3 not be condemned for taking similar action, and
4 Whereas, in past negotiations, North Korea agreed to suspend its enrichment
5 programs in exchange for two light-water nuclear reactors (LWR), and
6 Whereas, the US chose to ignore the Agreed Framework and halted construction
7 of the LWRs, and
8 Whereas, North Korea removed itself from the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty
9 and is increasingly frustrated with US hostility, therefore
10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Texas Forensic Association Student Congress here
11 assembled that the United States be more open to negotiation with North Korea
12 whether it is through the Six-party talks or one-on-one cooperation and in
13 addition, reconsider the option of providing North Korea with a civilian nuclear
14 reactor.

Item 30

A Resolution on Kosovo Independence

1 Whereas Kosovo has functioned as a virtually independent nation under
2 the protection of the United Nations since the end of the Balkans war in 1999, and

3 Whereas its formal status as part of Serbia has generated instability in the
4 region and promoted violence in the streets of Kosovo, and

5 Whereas the massive ethnic cleansing of the majority Albanian population
6 perpetrated under Serbian rule precludes any return to Serbian autonomy over the
7 region, and

8 Whereas current proposals for independence include protections for
9 Kosovo's Serbian minority, and

10 Whereas resolution of the Kosovo issue is critical to the integration of
11 both Kosovo and Serbia into the European Union, and

12 Whereas European integration is necessary for needed economic growth in
13 both nations, therefore

14 **Be it resolved** by the student congress assembled that the United Nations
15 Security Council should support Kosovo independence.

Item 31

A Resolution to Bring International Focus Away from Iran

1. Whereas, the nation of Iran has received the attention of the
2. international media concerning its nuclear capabilities, and
3. Whereas, Iran draws upon this attention to establish itself as a
4. regional hegemony in the Middle East, and
5. Whereas, Iran could have enriched weapons grade fissile
6. material long before now, but chose not to, in favor of a policy
7. that gives them more international recognition, and
8. Whereas, Iran desires the international influence that comes with
9. obtaining nuclear capabilities without actually possessing these
10. capabilities, and
11. Whereas, the international response towards Iran has accomplished
12. very little, and
13. Whereas, the current U.S. policy towards Iran gives them too much
14. international importance and recognition,
15. BE IT RESOLVED that the United States should ignore Iran's
16. rhetoric concerning nuclear enrichment programs until such time
17. as they have tested a nuclear weapon and encourage other nations
18. to do the same.

Item 32

A Resolution to Remove Sanctions on Cuba

1 Whereas, the United States has had trade sanctions on Cuba since 1962,

2 and

3 Whereas, these sanctions were put into place in the context of the Cold

4 War, and

5 Whereas, the Cold War has long since been over, and

6 Whereas, the United States has rebuilt its relations with Russia since the

7 1960's, and

8 Whereas, the United States' economic sanctions on Cuba have been

9 detrimental to the Cuban economy, as well as to the people of Cuba, therefore

10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Student Congress here assembled that the

11 United States remove the trade sanctions on Cuba as soon as Fidel Castro is no

12 longer in power.

Item 33

A Resolution to Fairly Distribute Taxation

1 Whereas, those who are more financially successful in a capitalist society like
2 America usually have had to work very adamantly for their money and,
3 Whereas, many wealthy individuals are prone to selfless acts of philanthropy such
4 as donating money to charities and cities and,
5 Whereas, wealthy individuals have to pay sky-high property, income, and estate
6 taxes simply because they had more fortune financially than a majority of other
7 Americans therefore,
8 BE IT RESOLVED by the Texas Forensic Association Student Congress here
9 assembled that taxation upon wealthy citizens of America shall be substantially
10 decreased.

Item 34

A Resolution to Repeal Mandatory Minimum Sentencing

1. Whereas mandatory minimum sentencing has impacted low level
2. dealers instead of drug king pins as intended, and
3. Whereas there has been an 80% increase in prison population since
4. mandatory minimum sentencing was enacted, and
5. Whereas it, among other things, has lead to a disproportionate number
6. of minorities in prison, and
7. Whereas there has been a 461% increase in the number of women
8. convicted and incarcerated for nonviolent, low level drug
9. convictions since mandatory minimum sentencing was enacted, and
10. Whereas there is no substantial evidence linking mandatory minimum
11. sentencing to any decrease in illicit drug use, therefore
12. Be it resolved by the Texas Forensic Association Student Congress
13. here assembled that mandatory minimum sentencing laws be
14. repealed and all Americans who were convicted by them have their
15. cases reviewed.

Item 35

A Resolution Concerning the Safety of Unaccompanied Minors on Commercial Flights

1 Whereas, not all commercial airliners provide hotel rooms to passengers under 18
2 when they are stranded overnight due to a fault made by the airliners themselves,
3 and
4 Whereas, more than 600,000 unaccompanied minors fly every year, and
5 Whereas, some unaccompanied minors have had to resort to sleeping in airport
6 chairs overnight, and
7 Whereas, this is a serious safety problem in the U.S.,
8 Be it resolved by the National Student Congress assembled here today to require
9 all commercial airliners to check passengers under 18 into hotel rooms for the
10 necessary period of time when they are stranded overnight due to a fault made by
11 the airliners themselves.

Item 36

Bill to Create a National DNA Bank

Be it enacted by the Texas Forensic Association Student Congress assembled that:

1 Section 1: Each child born in a United States hospital will have a DNA sample taken before
2 being released from the hospital under the auspices of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

3 Section 2: Said program would provide criminal investigators with a national bank of DNA
4 samples to lessen errors made due to inadequate or incorrect DNA matching.

5 Section 3: Funding for each DNA sample collection at birth shall be included in the hospital fees
6 the parents of children pay. Parents of newborn children, foreigners seeking citizenship, those
7 who are arrested, and general citizens needing a DNA sample will pay for their individual DNA
8 sampling and related costs. The fees shall be regulated by state and federal governments.

9 Section 4: Enforcement shall be executed by all hospitals in the nation and any District Attorney,
10 who is investigating a felony crime, may request a DNA analysis. The following also apply:

11 a. A citizen must have a DNA sample on file before being issued a Social Security card.

12 b. Foreigners seeking citizenship must provide a DNA sample before their request is granted.

13 c. Upon an arrest, if said person does not have a DNA sample on file, a sample will be taken.

14 d. Citizens born before this legislation is enacted may refrain from the sampling, unless arrested.

15 Section 5: Establishment of said National DNA Bank shall begin immediately upon passage of
16 this bill, and all necessary operational needs shall be completed on or before the beginning of the
17 next fiscal year following ratification of this legislation.

Item 37

A Resolution to Retire the Penny

1 Whereas, the rising cost of zinc has made the cost of manufacturing
2 a penny climb to 1.3 cents, and
3 Whereas, 58% of Americans stash away their pennies instead of spending
4 them, and
5 Whereas, the US government spends over \$100 million a year producing
6 new pennies, and
7 Whereas, retail transactions are slowed so much by penny usage that every
8 American loses several hours of productivity every year,
9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Student Congress here assembled that the US
10 mint should end production of the penny, and all prices should be rounded
11 to the nearest nickel price point.

Item 38

A Resolution to Decrease the National Security Budget

1 Whereas, president Bush proposed and 2.7 trillion dollar increase in
2 the funding for national security programs such as homeland
3 Security and criminal justice, and
4 Whereas, this increase would cause a deficit in societies welfare
5 Programs such as healthcare, medicare/medicade and,
6 Whereas, the budget for the 2007 fiscal year would further reshape the
7 government in ways that would that would foreshadow a dramatic
8 increase in America's debt,
9 Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED by the Texas Forensic League Student
10 Congress here assembled that the national security funds should be
11 significantly lowered to keep the budget equally distributed among all
12 American programs.

Item 39

A Resolution to Normalize Diplomatic Relations with Venezuela

1 Whereas, in recent years, the Bush administration has taken a liking to engage in
2 inflammatory rhetoric against other nations, and

3 Whereas, this extremist stance has alienated the majority of Latin America and
4 resumed a degree of political and ideological polarization not evident since the
5 Cold War, and

6 Whereas, the United States should be a Good Neighbor to all countries, not just
7 the ones that agree with its policies, and

8 Whereas, Hugo Chávez's Venezuela possesses more democratic qualities than
9 some would like to admit, and

10 Whereas, diplomatically befriending the one Western Hemisphere member of
11 OPEC could solve the current energy crisis and potentially stabilize relations with
12 other member nations, therefore

13 BE IT RESOLVED by the Texas Forensic Association Student Congress here
14 assembled that the United States shall make every feasible effort to renew our
15 two-way diplomatic commitment to Venezuela.

Item 40

A Resolution Regarding Restaurant Employees

1. Whereas: The National Safety Council reports that choking is the third-leading
2. cause of accidental death among people 65 and older; and
3. Whereas: Choking cuts off the flow of oxygen to the brain and medical teams
4. may not arrive in time to save a choking victim's life; and
5. Whereas: The brain begins to die without oxygen within 4 to 6 minutes; and
6. Whereas: Choking is often caused by improper chewing of food or eating too
7. fast; and
8. Whereas: Research has shown that the Heimlich Maneuver has an extremely high
9. success rate in a pre-hospital setting; therefore
10. Be it resolved by this group assembled, that CPR training and training in the
11. Heimlich Maneuver be required for all restaurant employees.

Item 41

A Resolution to End Civil War in Uganda

1 Whereas the 20-year civil war in Uganda has resulted in the deaths of tens
2 of thousands and the displacement of more than 1.4 million Ugandans, and

3 Whereas child soldiers, many of whom have been kidnapped, brutalized
4 and forced into service, account for nearly 90 percent of the military forces of
5 Uganda's opposition group, the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), and

6 Whereas the Ugandan government and the LRA rebels have been on the
7 verge of negotiating a treaty to end their long civil war, and

8 Whereas these treaty negotiations have broken down because of a lack of
9 third-party mediation, and

10 Whereas other regional factions have shown little interest in brokering a
11 deal, and

12 Whereas the United States has a vested interest in the volatile Horn of
13 Africa where failed and failing states breed havens for international terrorism,
14 therefore

15 **Be it resolved** that the US State Department should offer its services as
16 mediator to broker a peace agreement in Uganda.

Item 42

A Resolution on Afghanistan Poppy Eradication

1 Whereas opium production decreased in Afghanistan after the US invasion
2 as a result of US promises to rebuild the fractured nation and to provide farmers
3 with alternatives to poppy production, and

4 Whereas after the US invasion of Iraq, the US scaled back its mission to
5 stabilize Afghanistan and failed to provide farmers with seeds for alternate crops, and

6 Whereas the return of a warlord mentality coupled with a lack of other options
7 has driven farmers to return to the crop with which they are most familiar, and

8 Whereas opium production has historically been used to fund international
9 terrorism and repressive regimes which may directly threaten vital US interests, and

10 Whereas opium poppy production in Afghanistan is expected to reach historic
11 highs this year, therefore

12 **Be it resolved** by the student congress assembled that the United States federal
13 government should honor its commitment to Afghanistan by accelerating programs for
14 stabilization, revitalization of infrastructure, and poppy eradication.

Item 43

A Bill Establishing a National Identification System

1 Section 1. Every citizen of the United States shall be required to obtain a national 2
identification card.

3 Section 2. Temporary workers and legal residents in the United States shall be
4 required to obtain a similar identification card, indicating their legal status.

5 Section 3. This identification card shall include a photograph, a biometric
6 identifier, social security number, and a computer chip containing personal data. Data
7 shall include basic identification and personal information, residential status, and criminal
8 record.

9 Section 4. Failure to obtain a national identification card shall result in criminal
10 charges. Failure to notify the Department of Homeland Security of any changes in
11 address or any other relevant personal details within one month shall result in a \$500
12 fine.

13 Section 5. This bill shall come into effect on January 1, 2008.

14 Section 6. All current laws and regulations in conflict with this piece of
15 legislation shall become null and void.

Item 44

A Resolution to Protect Veteran's Rights

1. Whereas the Walter Reed scandal uncovered a plethora of neglect of wounded
2. U.S service and retired veterans, and
3. Whereas it took an investigation by the Washington Post, not the federal
4. government, to uncover the scandal, and
5. Whereas the only steps taken by the Bush administration have been the
6. removal of the military officers directly responsible without taking any
7. long term steps to remedy the situation, and
8. Whereas many soldiers have been reprimanded for speaking to the media, and
9. Whereas First Lt. Julian Goodrum even received a court martial for seeking
10. medical service elsewhere, therefore,
11. Be it resolved by the Texas Forensic Association Student Congress
12. here assembled that all military medical centers be fully funded and report
13. bi-monthly to the congress the ensure this atrocity does not occur again.

Item 45

A Resolution Regarding the National Motto

1. WHEREAS, an act by Congress in 1956 established the phrase “In God We
2. Trust” as the national motto; and
3. WHEREAS, with the freedom to practice any religion comes the freedom to
4. not adhere to any specific religion in any way; and
5. WHEREAS, “In God We Trust” has been cited as an establishment of religion
6. within the government; and
7. WHEREAS, “E Pluribus Unum” is a secular phrase that was the unofficial
8. national motto before the 1956 act was established; therefore
9. BE IT RESOLVED by the Texas Forensics Association Student Congress here
10. assembled that the phrase “E Pluribus Unum” be established as the new national
11. motto and be replaced on all United States currency and;
12. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other federal, state, and public
13. concerns including but not limited to state mottos and flags be modified to
14. remove the word “God,” regardless of the language in which it is written.

Item 46

A Resolution Concerning the Acceptance of Homosexuals in the Military

1. Whereas, Under the “Don’t Ask, Don’t tell” policy, more than 10,000 service
2. members have been discharged from service for homosexuality since 1994,
3. and,
4. Whereas, two lesbian, gay, or bisexual military members have been
5. discharged per day since the DADT policy was enacted, and
6. Whereas, over 300 language specialists, including 55 Arabic-language
7. specialists have been discharged in a time of war where such specialists are
8. needed, and
9. Whereas, an empirical British example proves the abolishment of the DADT
10. policy solvent, and
11. Whereas, the DADT policy has cost the Federal Government \$364 million
12. since its enactment, and
13. Whereas, the military is currently experiencing an overstretch that will be
14. solved with the abolishment of the DADT policy, therefore
15. **BE IT RESOLVED** by the TFA Student Congress here assembled
16. that the United States Federal Government repeal the “Don’t Ask Don’t tell”
17. policy.
18. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the United States Federal Government
19. enact a new policy accepting homosexuals in the military.

Item 47

A Resolution to Repeal Cohabitation Laws

1. Whereas there are seven states that enforce anti-cohabitation laws, and
2. Whereas 1.6 million Americans who could face imprisonment for
3. violating these laws, and
4. Whereas, cohabitation such an accepted practice in the United States that
5. there are 5 million couples living together out of wedlock,
6. BE IT RESOLVED by the Student Congress here assembled that the United
7. States government should press all States to repeal anti-cohabitation laws.

Item 48

*** DUPLICATE ITEM REMOVED ***

1. The original item #48 was duplicated and has been removed.

Item 49

A Resolution Concerning Commercial Space Travel Restrictions

1 Whereas, it is widely predicted among scientists that private business ventures are
2 getting closer to sending the common man into space commercially, and
3 Whereas, there are already several disputes over the territory which these private
4 businesses can send their guests, and
5 Whereas, there are no current laws or restrictions in place regarding the concept
6 of commercial space travel,
7 Be it resolved by the National Student Congress assembled here today to install a
8 government organization whose primary purpose is to create laws and place the
9 necessary restrictions regarding commercial space travel.

Item 50

A Resolution Concerning Blue Laws

1. Whereas: Blue laws regulate public and private conduct related to Sabbath
2. observation; and
3. Whereas: Blue laws are only applied to the Christian Sabbath and do not protect
4. the Sabbath of other religions, such as Jewish and Muslim; and
5. Whereas: Courts in New York and Connecticut have ruled that because blue laws
6. were created and propogated for religious purposes, they are unconstitutional; and
7. Whereas: Blue laws interfere with a business' right to commerce; therefore
8. Be it resolved by this group assembled, that blue laws be abolished.

Item 51

A Resolution to Protect Human Rights

1 Whereas economic growth, particularly in Asia, has spurred significant
2 increases in international demand for oil, and

3 Whereas the securitization of energy supplies has become a driving force
4 in the foreign policy of many nations, and

5 Whereas numerous energy producing nations use those revenues to fund
6 civil war, genocide, terrorism, war, or other human rights abuses, and

7 Whereas energy deals with these countries allow abusive governments to
8 remain in power, therefore

9 **Be it resolved** by the student congress assembled that sanctions should be
10 applied to nations whose energy trade policies knowingly fund civil war, terrorism, or
11 human rights abuses.

Item 52

Resolution to Ban Police from Engaging in Car Chases

- 1 Whereas, numerous deaths have been reported due to car chases and
- 2 Whereas, the public tax dollars are wasted on the resulting damage caused to
- 3 property and persons and
- 4 Whereas, the results of such chases bring up only “minute gains” and
- 5 Whereas, the ends do not benefit the means
- 6 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Texas Forensic Student Congress here assembled
- 7 that police forces shall cease to engage in car chases.

Item 53

A Resolution for Individualized Education

1. WHEREAS, the American educational system has adapted to the mentality
2. that students with special needs are entitled to individualized educational
3. programs in the public schools; and
4. WHEREAS, all students are entitled to equal educational opportunities,
5. because of their unique and different interests, talents, skills, and abilities; and
6. WHEREAS, the present educational system continues to offer a cookie-
7. cutter mentality to the provision of the educational services; and
8. WHEREAS, the high school educational experience should be viewed as
9. vocational preparation regardless of a student's desire to pursue a trade or college
10. education; and
11. WHEREAS, offering all students an individualized educational plan which
12. emphasizes their unique career goals would better prepare students for their
13. future career; therefore
14. BE IT RESOLVED by the Texas Forensic Association Student Congress here
15. assembled that all Texas public high schools provide each individual
16. student the opportunity to select their own courses based on their personal
17. career goals, after completion of general education coursework of the 9th and 10th
18. grade years.

Item 54

A Resolution for Congressional Term Limits

1 Whereas, career politicians have a tendency to look out for
2 themselves rather than the best interest of America and,

3 Whereas, by not having term limits on members of congress,
4 career representatives or senators are more likely to establish close ties
5 with lobbyist or special interest groups, threatening the legitimacy of
6 the ethics on the house floor, and

7 Whereas, establishing term limits, we are allowing for a fairer
8 political system and new ideas, and

9 Whereas, term limits will change mid term elections from being
10 about which representative is better known, to being about which
11 representative is better for the job, and

12 Whereas the only reason why congressional term limits have not
13 been established is because the law would have had to have been voted
14 on by congress members themselves, which proves that most
15 representatives are mainly working towards their own agendas,

16 Be it resolved by the Texas Forensic Association Student Congress
17 here assembled that starting with the 2008 National elections, a
18 congressional term limit of 4 terms are established on all pre-existing
19 and future Senate and house representatives.

Item 55

Bill to Move Control of the Internet from the ICANN to the U.N.

1. Be it enacted by the Texas Forensic Association Student Congress here assembled that the
2. Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers henceforth be accountable to the U.N.

3. Section 1: The governance of the ICANN, which includes managing the assignment of
4. domain names and IP addresses, and settling disputes over domain names, along with
5. standards of use, will henceforth come under direct discretion of the U.N. and have no
6. connection to the United States or any other single nation or groups thereof, except through
7. U.N.channels.

8. Section 2: The governance of the Internet that lays with the ICANN will be given to a
9. working group inside the U.N. in which developing and developed countries have equal
10. representation in the working group, allowing all member nations of the U.N. to participate in
11. the governance.

12. Section 3: The funds required to implement the governance board shall be appropriated
13. from the U.N., and it shall be at the U.N.'s discretion to gather funds to enforce its
14. governance.

15. Section 4: The declaration of the multinational working group must include clauses that
16. protect the right to free press, and to free expression, as laid out by the Universal Declaration
17. of Human Rights.

18. Section 5: Member nations shall have autonomy over whether to defer to U.N.'s clauses of
19. free speech and free press, or to follow its own independent policies. Thus, there will be two
20. levels of governance and accountability: accountability to the member nation, and
21. accountability to the U.N.

22. Section 6: All political connections to any one member nation that favor it above another
23. member nation, or group thereof, must be severed upon formation of the working group, such
24. that the governance may be by a neutral group.

25. Section 7: Participation of the private-sector will be encouraged in such a working group;
26. the ICANN shall retain its commercial framework, but it shall be accountable to the U.N.

Item 56

A Resolution Concerning Immigration

1 Whereas, immigration in America largely comes from Mexico and,
2 Whereas, the massive influx of Mexican immigrants largely dilutes the
3 preexisting American culture and,
4 Whereas, many of these immigrants are unprepared for life in English-speaking
5 America and,
6 Whereas, ending immigration from certain areas of the world has been historically
7 successful,
8 BE IT RESOLVED by the Texas Forensic Association Student Congress here
9 assembled that the United States Federal Government end immigration from
10 Mexico for the years 2008 to 2013.

Item 57

A Resolution Concerning International Currency

- 1 WHEREAS, the current system of international currency is overly complex and leads
- 2 to political instability on the countries affected,
- 3 WHEREAS, a unified currency would encourage trade and economic prosperity,
- 4 WHEREAS, this policy would lead to the encouragement of economic prosperity as
- 5 citizens of third world nations no longer need fear collapse or hyper-inflation of the
- 6 currency,
- 7 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Texas Forensic Association Student
- 8 Congress here assembled that we promote a unified currency globally.

Item 58

A Resolution to Ban Direct-To-Consumer (DOC) Prescription Drug Advertising

1. Whereas prescription drug dependency is a growing problem, and
2. Whereas medical professionals should be neutral and objective when prescribing
3. medicine, and
4. Whereas this is impossible when a patient has a preconceived notion about a
5. particular drug, and
6. Whereas the amount of money spent by pharmaceutical companies on DOC ads
7. has increased 200% in the past twenty years, and
8. Whereas this money could otherwise be spent on improving the quality of
9. prescription drugs or lowering their price, therefore
10. Be it resolved by the Texas Forensic Association Student Congress
11. here assembled that a ban be placed on DOC prescription drug
12. advertisements and all violators subject to heavy fines.

Item 59

A Resolution Regarding the Presidential Succession Act of 1947

1. Whereas the current line of succession allows for the Speaker of the House
2. to obtain the presidency in the event that the President and Vice President are
3. unable to fulfill their duties, and
4. Whereas the Speaker of the House is elected by a few thousand people in one
5. specific district, and
6. Whereas a mass attack on the Washington D.C area would disable every person
7. on the succession list, therefore
8. Be it resolved by the Texas Forensic Association Student Congress here
9. assembled that the Line of Succession be modified to replace legislators and
10. cabinet secretaries with the governors of the nation's most populous states who
11. will serve the remainder of the term.

Item 60

A Resolution to Tax American Citizens for Internet Use

1. **Whereas** 204.3 million people have access to the internet, and
2. **Whereas** the average person is estimated to spend a little over a week
3. on the Internet in 2007, and
4. **Whereas**, if taxed monthly at \$.03 a minute, the government could make
5. surplus money,
6. **Be It Resolved** that Americans should be taxed \$.03 a minute for internet
7. use.

Item 61

A Resolution to End Military Aid to Israel

1 Whereas, Israel ranks as the 30th wealthiest country in the world, and
2 Whereas, Israel's GNP is higher than the combined GNP of Egypt,
3 Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and the Occupied Palestinian Territories, and
4 Whereas, since 28 September 2000, Israeli police, soldiers and settlers
5 have killed more than 2,050 Palestinians – the vast majority of them
6 civilians – in contravention of international law, and
7 Whereas, United States support of Israel has seriously damaged relations
8 with other Middle Eastern nations, and
9 Whereas, Israel is in possession of nuclear weapons, therefore
10 BE IT RESOLVED by the TFA Student Congress here assembled that the
11 United States should end military aid to Israel.

Item 62

A Resolution Valuing Human Rights over National Sovereignty

1 Whereas: The world is experiencing a rise of Authoritarian States especially in third
2 world countries,

3 Whereas: Dictators are flouting the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

4 Whereas: National Sovereignty is used to prevent Multilateral Intervention by the UN
5 and other international bodies,

6 Whereas, Human Rights are the Basis of legitimate Government and governments that
7 abuse them should be stripped of their status,

8 Whereas: Supporting Democracy and Human Rights has always been a goal of the
9 United States,

10 BE IT RESOLVED: By the NFL student congress here assembled, that the United
11 States should declare that protecting Human Rights is more important than respecting
12 National Sovereignty.

Item 63

A Resolution to Send Help to Zimbabwe

1 Whereas Zimbabwe is on stages towards genocide against its people, and
2 Whereas Robert Mugabe is known for being cruel and unfair to those who
3 contradict him, and
4 Whereas it is one of the United States principles to protect and promote
5 democracy all around the world, and
6 Whereas Mugabe's inept leadership has let to an extreme inflation and
7 unemployment rate, and
8 Whereas Mugabe is compared to a dictator by corrupting the democratic system
9 of Zimbabwe, be it therefore resolved by the Texas Forensic Association Student
10 Congress here assembled, United States will send help to Zimbabwe to restore
11 democracy and protect human rights.

Item 64

A Resolution to End Internet Security in Public Schools

1. **Whereas**, internet filters filter out web sites that should not be filtered out; and
2. **Whereas**, many of the filters web sites that our filtered out old educational value; and
3. **Whereas**, the filters oftentimes restrict students from web sites needed to complete
4. Assignments; and
5. **Whereas**, these students may have no other to place to access these web sites that are
6. Needed to complete their assignment; now, therefore, be it
7. **Resolved**, by the TFA Student Congress here assembled that all computers as well as
8. Computer networks in public schools have all internet filters removed.

Item 65

A Resolution Increasing Usage of Renewable Energy in the United States

1 Whereas the United States currently imports 62% of its energy from foreign countries,

2 and

3 Whereas the United States' energy usage is 86% nonrenewable resources, and

4 Whereas if every country were to consume as much energy as the United States it would

5 take 5 planets the size of the Earth, and

6 Whereas the United States has the money and the resources to invest more money into

7 renewable resources, and

8 Whereas the United States currently lags behind Europe in the usage of renewable

9 resources despite the United State's wealth, and

10 Whereas the United States is currently using 1.25 times more nonrenewable energy than

11 the Earth can produce; now, therefore

12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Texas Forensic Association Student Congress here assembled

13 that every power company be required to use a certain amount of renewable energy in

14 order to make the United States' energy consumption more stable.

Item 66

A Resolution Concerning American Interrogation Techniques

1 Whereas, U.S. interrogation techniques have widely been renounced by the international
2 community,

3 Whereas, U.S. interrogation techniques have been proven to cause permanent mental
4 damage to the interrogated subject,

5 Whereas, usage of harsh interrogation techniques encourages captors to act in unusual
6 and brutal ways,

7 Whereas, Philip G. Zimbardo has proven by his Stanford Prison Experiment that captors
8 become unintentionally sadistic towards prisoners,

9 Whereas, the usage of these techniques clearly constitute a permanent withdrawal of U.S.
10 sentiment, especially in politically disordered countries such as those in the Middle East,
11 therefore

12 BE IN RESOLVED by the Texas Forensic Association Student Congress here assembled
13 that the United States shall abandon the usage of such interrogation techniques not
14 approved by the United Nations, and enforce the law to all American holding facilities in
15 the regions under United States sovereignty.

Item 67

A Resolution Concerning Our Future In Iraq

1 Whereas, Democrats and Republicans are fundamentally opposed to each others views on
2 how to end the war in Iraq, and

3 Whereas, attempts to make a time table for withdrawal are narrowly passing in the House
4 and the Senate, and

5 Whereas, President Bush has stated that he will veto any legislative attempts to end the
6 war, therefore

7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Texas Forensics Association Student Congress here
8 assembled that a committee of 3 Democrats, 3 Republicans, and 3 Military Commanders
9 should be formed to investigate and advise Congress on a plan to step down U.S. military
10 presence as per the ability of the Iraqi government.

Item 68

A Resolution to Ban Video Slot Machines

1 Whereas, the Texas Attorney General ruled that video slot machines are illegal
2 gambling devices, and
3 Whereas, the Texas Department of Public Safety estimates that Texas has up to
4 45,000 video slot machines, more than double the number in the state two years
5 ago, and
6 Whereas, operators of these video games cheat the state out of \$15 million
7 annually in uncollected tax revenue and make illegal payments to players, and
8 Whereas, video slot machine operators victimize the urban poor, creating a land
9 of trouble, rising bankruptcies, disintegrating families, escalating crime, damaged
10 productivity and lost opportunity, and
11 Whereas, monitoring the industry can be difficult since the city and county license
12 the games and collect annual fees from game owners based on the honor system,
13 therefore,
14 BE IT RESOLVED by the Texas Forensic Association Student Congress here
15 assembled that the United States Federal Government should ban the selling and
16 purchasing of these and other gambling machines to public businesses all together.

Item 69

A Resolution to Abolish the United Nations

1 WHEREAS, the United Nations is poorly managed and has had too many scandals,
2 such as the Food for Sex Scandal, to allow it to run effectively,
3 WHEREAS, Real Politick and the Concert of Vienna proved that international
4 organizations are not required for peace,
5 WHEREAS, the United Nations limits the sovereignty of the individual member
6 nations thus depriving them of necessary rights,
7 And WHEREAS, it becomes a focal point for attacks on western ideologies and has
8 united the forces opposing democracy,
9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Texas Forensic Association Student Congress here
10 Assembled, that we move to abolish the United Nations.

Item 70

A Resolution to Regulate Video Posting Websites

1 Whereas, video uploading website give teens and minors the
2 ability to post homemade
3 video clips that are viewed by mass audiences, and whereas,
4 it is popular for youth to post videos containing school violence,
5 sexual images, racism, rape, and on occasion murder,
6 and
7 whereas, these videos are easily uploaded to sites where other minors
8 are not restricted from viewing or even participating in the
9 video uploading, and whereas,
10 the only filter to remove these disrespectful and destructive clips from internet
11 sites
12 is a written complaint to remove a video consider to be
13 offensive, therefore
14 BE IT RESOLVED, by the Texas Forensic Association Student Government here
15 assembled that the support of strict federal regulation regarding age and content
16 matter within internet video posting sites be implemented.

Item 71

A Bill to Reform the Food for Peace Program

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

2 Section 1. The following requirements for food aid under the Food for
3 Peace Program established by Public Law 480 and reauthorized through the
4 Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 shall be repealed:

5 A. All food aid under this program must be grown within the U.S.

6 B. This food aid shall be mostly transported on U.S.-flagged
7 vessels.

8 Section 2. At least one quarter of the Food for Peace budget shall go to
9 purchasing food supplies outside of the U.S, and near the country receiving the
10 food aid.

11 Section 3. The U.S. Department of Agriculture shall be responsible for the
12 execution of this policy.

13 Section 4. This law shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

14 Section 5. All current laws in conflict with this legislation shall be null and
15 void.

Item 72

Resolution to End Wind Power Expansion

1. **Whereas**, the greatest wind power resources exist where electrical
2. demands are weakest
3. **Whereas**, wind power expansion requires transmission lines to cut
4. through national forests, wildlife refuges and other protected land areas.
5. **Whereas**, continued clearing of national forests and protected landmasses
6. will result in greater environmental catastrophes such as erosion and flooding
7. **Whereas** wind power is ineffective providing less than 20% of energy
8. demands.
9. **Whereas** wind power is expensive; costing the state of California in
10. excess of \$4 billion to build power lines, substations, and transmission lines for
11. less than a quarter of the state.
12. **Therefore**, BE IT RESOLVED by the Texas Forensic Association
13. Student Congress here assembled, that the United States should abandon all
14. efforts to promote the expansion of wind power.

Item 73

A Resolution to Support a Free Tibet

1 Whereas, Tibet has been semi-autonomous for hundreds of years, and is thus
2 capable of successful self-governance, and

3 Whereas, multiple countries hold competing land claims in the region, thus
4 intensifying the political quagmire, and

5 Whereas, Tibetans and Chinese possess radically different cultural, linguistic,
6 religious, and societal norms,

7 Whereas, the United States' current policy in favor of One China exists in contrast
8 to the dedication, both past and present, to freeing peoples around the world from
9 oppressive governments, and

10 Whereas, the People's Republic of China has regularly incarcerated and tortured
11 those who peacefully express their dissent in regards to the occupation of Tibet as
12 prisoners of conscience, and

13 Whereas, refugees who attempt to flee to Nepal in hopes of escaping these
14 conditions are routinely murdered by the Chinese military, therefore

15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Texas Forensic Association Student Congress here
16 assembled that the United States shall heretofore formally adopt a foreign policy that
17 supports full Tibetan independence.

Item 74

A Resolution Calling for the Expansion of NATO

1 Whereas, NATO is currently is extremely inefficient with its current limited
2 amount of members and,
3 Whereas, Our allies in Asia and Latin America can greatly improve NATO and,
4 Whereas, Expanding NATO well beyond Europe will help NATO look beyond
5 solely European causes and,
6 Whereas, The War on Terror would be fought better after the expansion of NATO
7 and,
8 Whereas, NATO can improve the world it expands, therefore
9 Be it resolved by the Texas Forensic Association Student Congress here
10 assembled that the United States work with NATO members to urge the
11 organization to admit members of Asia and Latin America.