

1 **F1: A Resolution to Create Equality Within the Military**

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3 WHEREAS, The Don't ask Don't Tell policy prohibits openly gay soldiers from
4 joining the military; and

5 WHEREAS, Since the policy was enacted, over 12,000 gay soldiers have been
6 discharged from the military; and

7 WHEREAS, The United States has become more accepting of the gay
8 community since this policy was passed; and

9 WHEREAS, Allied countries across the world allow homosexual citizens to
10 serve within their army without any effects upon soldier morale,
11 therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled that the United
13 States will repeal the Don't Ask Don't Tell policy and, be it,

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the same policies for discrimination by soldiers
15 because of race or gender will be adopted to apply for sexual
16 orientation.

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1 **F2: A Resolution to Reinstate Honduran Leader Manuel Zelaya**

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4 Whereas, democratically-elected Honduran President Manuel Zelaya was
5 kidnapped and ousted by a Honduran military coup in June of 2009,
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7 Whereas, leaders of nations around the world have condemned the coup as
8 illegal, and

9 Whereas, the current de facto leader, Roberto Micheletti, has an overwhelmingly
10 unsatisfactory approval rating among Hondurans, and

11 Whereas, Zelaya's supposed resignation letter read to the Honduran National
12 Congress was not written by Zelaya himself, and

13 Whereas, Honduras has traditionally been a key ally of the United States;
14 therefore,

15 Be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that the United States
16 should strengthen its support for the reinstatement of ousted
17 Honduran President Manuel Zelaya.

18 Be it further resolved that the ongoing violence by Honduran security forces
19 against peaceful protesters in Honduras shall be condemned.

1 **F3: A Bill Replacing the Federal Income Tax with a Sales Tax**
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3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED
4 THAT:

5 SECTION 1. This Bill if passed, will remove all federal income taxes: personal
6 and corporate income taxes, gift, estate, capital gains, alternative minimum,
7 Social Security, Medicare, and self-employment taxes.

8 SECTION 2. A 10% Federal Sales Tax would be placed to replace the
9 income tax.

10 SECTION 3. Since the IRS as we know it would be unnecessary because
11 only businesses

12 would file for taxes, the IRS would be changed into a new agency
13 to oversee the collection of sales taxes from businesses.

14 SECTION 4. To ensure that people in poverty aren't burdened by the sales
15 tax. Every family would be given a federal rebate equivalent to the amount
16 that the Department of Health claims that each family in poverty would spend
17 on taxes.

18 SECTION 5. This would be implemented two years after the passage of this
19 bill.

F4: A Bill to Standardize Gas Mileage

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

4 Section 1. All new automobiles/pick-up trucks sold in the United States must
5 have a minimum gas mileage of 30 Miles per Gallon.

6 Section 2. All cars with a gas mileage of under 30 miles per gallon (combined)
7 cannot be sold in the United States. The MPG rating must be in compliance with
8 the EPA standards with a combined average of city, highway, high-speed, AC
9 and cold temperature conditions.

10 Section 3. All duties of this bill will be regulated under the Secretary of Energy.

11 Section 4. Any model not meeting EPA requirements cannot be manufactured or
12 sold. Foreign manufacturers cannot import, build, or sell any model that does not
13 meet EPA requirements.

14 Section 5. Implementation of this bill will occur on January 1, 2013.

15 Section 6. All Laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
16 void.

1 **F5: A BILL TO SUPPORT THE CREATION OF**
2 **ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURES IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA**
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4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

5 SECTION 1. The United States shall assist in the creation of energy
6 infrastructures in Sub-Saharan Africa.

7 SECTION 2. Energy infrastructures shall be defined as the programs and tools
8 necessary to produce efficient and reliable energy sources to African
9 nations.

10 SECTION 3. The United States shall contribute 1 billion dollars to the
11 International Energy Agency (IEA) to assist in completing this task.

12 SECTION 4. This legislation shall go into effect upon passage and the funds will
13 be distributed over a period of 5 years. The Department of USAID will be
14 responsible for enforcement.

15 SECTION 5. All laws or portions of laws in conflict with the provisions of this
16 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

1 **F6: A Resolution to Repeal the Organ Market Law**

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3 WHEREAS, inadequate supply of organ donations is responsible for more than
4 4,000 deaths per year; and

5 WHEREAS, the creation of a market place for organs may eliminate the
6 shortage of organ transplants, and lead to fewer deaths each year;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, people are entitled to ownership of their body; and

9 WHEREAS, the creation of a market may increase the level of employment in
10 several sectors of the US economy;

11 WHEREAS, nearly 74,000 Americans are placed on a complex organ recipient
12 waiting list;

13 WHEREAS, globally, “an estimated \$1 billion-per year illegal market in human
14 organs has emerged;”

15 WHEREAS, blood, semen, and other bodily fluids have already been
16 established as products on the open market for medical practice;
17 now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled make the following
19 recommendation for solution that the federal government repeal
20 laws restricting the market on human organ trade.

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1 **F7: A Resolution to Negotiate a Treaty to End the Korean War**

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3 WHEREAS, In 2009 North Korea unilaterally withdrew from the 1953 Armistice
4 that paused the Korean War; and

5 WHEREAS, This de facto state of war increases the likelihood of conflict; and

6 WHEREAS, Hostility from North Korea could cause another proxy war, or
7 worsen American relations with China; and

8 WHEREAS, Ending the Korean War would create prospects for peace on the
9 Korean Peninsula, and decrease the likelihood of a nuclear
10 catastrophe; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled propose and negotiate
12 a treaty ending the Korean War.

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1 **F8: A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE US FOREIGN POLICY**

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WHEREAS, Economic Sanctions were once seen as a way of dealing with hostile nations without the use of military force; and

WHEREAS, Whereas the people of these nations end up suffering from hunger and disease while the leaders remain in power; and

WHEREAS, Whereas, Economic Sanctions only hurt our national image and further give cause to the Dictators of many nations; be it

RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled no longer support the use of Economic Sanctions as a means of Foreign Policy; be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the United States Federal Government ceases supporting UN resolutions that introduce Economic Sanctions.

1 **F9: A Resolution to Mandate Breathalyzers**

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3 Whereas, There were seventeen thousand (17,000) people in the U.S. that
4 died from drunk driving accidents in 2008 alone, and one thousand seven
5 hundred eighty four (1,784) of those were children under the age of
6 fourteen (14); and

7 Whereas, Breathalyzers are only being put in cars after a person is convicted
8 of drunk driving; and

9 Whereas, The lack of action may cause the amount of deaths from drunk drivers
10 to rise; and

11 Whereas, Texas has had one of the highest number of drunk driving accidents
12 in the United States; and

13 Whereas, According to the National Security Agency (NSA), the amount of
14 currently distributed breathalyzers have already decreased the amount of
15 drunk driving accidents by 32%; therefore be it

16 Resolved, By the congress here assembled that: By Two Thousand Twelve
17 (2012), breathalyzers be fully installed and functioning in all cars driven in
18 U.S.

1 **F10: A RESOLUTION TO BAN FRIVOLOUS LAWSUITS**

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3 WHEREAS, Frivolous lawsuits are lawsuits “filed by a party or attorney who is
4 aware they are without merit, due to a lack of supporting legal argument or
5 factual basis for the claims;” and

6 WHEREAS, Frivolous lawsuits, because of their inherently facetious nature,
7 waste time, money, and judicial resources, clogging up the court system;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The Growth of U.S. tort costs have exceeded the Gross Domestic
10 Product (GDP) by 2-3 percentage points in the past 50 years; and

11 WHEREAS, The U.S. tort system still only returns less than 22 cents on the
12 dollar for actual economic loss to claimants; and

13 WHEREAS, Complainants are able to multiply penalties with no need to prove
14 actual injury; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, By the Student Congress here assembled that the justice system of
16 the United States ought to mandate the showing of actual injury and legal
17 and factual basis before a lawsuit may be filed seeking damages.

1 **F11: A Resolution to Arm and Protect US Merchant Vessels from Threats at**
2 **Sea**

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5 WHEREAS, United States economy is impacted negatively each time a U.S.
6 vessel carrying trade is attacked in international waters; and

7 WHEREAS, Pirate attacks can harm trade relations and cause international
8 tensions; and

9 WHEREAS, Without proper defense systems, the pirates plaguing international
10 waters currently will have control of shipping routes, vessels, and
11 trade cargo; and

12 WHEREAS, The acts of pirates are terroristic in nature; and

13 WHEREAS, The United States has vowed to fight terror and not submit to
14 terrorists, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled make the following
16 recommendation to arm United States merchant vessels for
17 protection against the threats of pirates trying to harm U.S.
18 interests; and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the reserve Navy, Coast Guard, and Merchant
20 Marines to protect the ships and United States trade routes.
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1 **F12: A Bill to Reform Election Voting Day**

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

5 SECTION 1. The United States Federal Government Declare the 2nd Saturday in

6 November as Election Day.

7 SECTION 2. The first Tuesday in November will be replaced by the 2nd Saturday

8 in November.

9 SECTION 3. The Federal Election Commission will oversee the change of days.

10 SECTION 4. The Election Day Change will take effect for the Presidential

11 Elections in 2012.

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

13 void.

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F13: A Resolution to Guarantee Internet Neutrality

Whereas cable and telecommunications companies such as AT&T, Comcast, Time Warner, and Verizon want to be Internet gatekeepers, deciding which Web sites go fast or slow and which won't load at all, and

Whereas Vinton Cerf co-inventor of the Internet Protocol (IP) and current Vice-President and Chief Internet Evangelist at Google, has argued that the Internet was designed with no gatekeepers over new content or services, and

Whereas allowing broadband carriers to control what people see and do online would fundamentally undermine the principles that have made the Internet such a success, and

Whereas net neutrality seeks to ensure that the Internet remains a free and open technology, fostering, amongst others, democratic communication, and,

Whereas without net neutrality, the Internet would have a handful of massive companies that would control access and distribution of content, deciding what consumers get to see and how much it costs, therefore

Be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that any and all Internet regulation with regards to speed of an Internet Service Provider's bandwidth and its relation to the content of the material being accessed be banned.

1 **F14: A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE PRESIDENCY**

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3 WHEREAS, America is rapidly diversifying its cultural outreach in political
4 and social manners, and

5 WHEREAS, the 2000 Census records about 28 million first generation
6 immigrants within the country, and

7 WHEREAS, our diplomatic relations requiring multilateral cooperation
8 open up America's melting pot mentality, therefore

9 BE IT RESOLVED by the congress here assembled, that a naturalized
10 citizen residing in the confines of the fifty states for a minimum of twenty years
11 and complying with other Constitutional restrictions may be a candidate for
12 Presidential office of the United States of America.

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1 **F15: A Resolution to Fund Research & Development of Algae Bio Fuels**

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3 WHEREAS, The United States' dependency on foreign oil is unfavorable and
4 creates unnecessary pressure to act in favor of oil-rich authoritarian
5 regimes at the expense of promoting representative government, human
6 rights, and other important values, and

7 WHEREAS, the United States is presently suffering through an energy crisis, and

8 WHEREAS, bio fuel from algae could be a meaningful part of the solution in the
9 future because of its potential as an economically viable, low emissions
10 transportation fuel, and

11 WHEREAS, Algae can be grown using land and water unsuitable for plant or
12 food production, unlike some other sources of biofuel, and

13 WHEREAS, the production of algae utilizes carbon dioxide, thus providing
14 greenhouse gas alleviation, and

15 WHEREAS, algae have the potential to generate superior quantities of biofuel
16 per acre than other bio fuel sources,

17 BE IT RESOLVED, by the student Congress here assembled that funding for
18 further research and development of algae be increased.

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1 **A Resolution to Make Money Off Plant Production and Sale**

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3 **WHEREAS**, Estimations suggest that 25 million Americas smoke marijuana on a
4 regular basis; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Marijuana has been claimed to be the United States most valuable
6 cash crop; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Over 7.7 billion dollars is spent a year enforce laws against
8 marijuana use, therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled that the United States
10 will legalize the production, sale and use of marijuana immediately,
11 and, be it,

12 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that marijuana will be taxed at the same rate the current
13 cigarettes.

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