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Docket A: Virginia Resolution 1009

Drug Testing for Welfare Recipients

Be it resolved,

Line 01 WHEREAS assistance is defined as any aid given by federal, state,
or local governments

Line 02 WHEREAS This aid is intrended to be used for basic neccesities
of those people within the household

Line 03 WHEREAS If people are using this aid for pruposes other than which
it is intended

Line 04 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED- Mandatory Drug tests will be required for all welfare recipients applying for Federal Aid and, random follow-up testing will be implemented in order to ensure that this aid is not being used for illegal drug use.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Kayla Ackelson

Riverheads High School

on 4/3/2012 3:13:34 PM

Docket A: Domestic Resolution 910

Teacher Evaluation

Be it resolved,

Line 01 WHEREAS: Peer teaching review is a form of evaluation designed to provide feedback to instructors about teaching and learning.

Line 02 WHEREAS: peer reviews reports help inform the instructor from outside perspectives on changes that can be made.

Line 03 WHEREAS: Most teachers and students find this learning environment more positive than the current one.

Line 04 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The new teacher evaluation be peer/faculty evaluation instead of the Standards of Learning.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Kelsey Morris

Riverheads High School

on 4/3/2012 9:22:13 PM

Docket A: Virginia Resolution 5966

mandatory drug tests for welfare recipients

Be it resolved,

Senator Victoria Munoz

East Rockingham High School

Virginia

A Resolution to have required drug tests for welfare recipients

WHEREAS: American tax dollars goes towards welfare users who then use it for drugs and alcohol; and

WHEREAS: Six million children live with atleast one parent who abuses drugs/alcohol; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota and Florida currently have this bill and Georgia is looking at this bill

THEREFORE: Be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that welfare recipients ages 16 and up will be randomly drug tested

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Victoria Munoz

East Rockingham

on 4/4/2012 9:58:19 PM

Docket A: Virginia Bill 1369

Adoption Clause

Be it enacted,

Line 1: SECTION 1. That a "conscience clause" shall now be an option for

Line 2: all faith based organizations involved in adoption if they so desire.

Line 3: SECTION 2. With a conscience clause being defined as an

Line 4: exemption clause for matters of conscience: a clause in an act,

Line 5: law, or contract that exempts those who have moral or religious

Line 6: objections to complying.

Line 7: SECTION 3. This bill will be overseen by Virginia Department of

Line 8: Social Services.

Line 9: SECTION 4. This will come into effect January 1st, 2014.

Line 10: SECTION 5. All other laws that are in conflict with this new policy

Line 11: shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Garrett Taylor

East Rockingham High School

on 4/5/2012 4:30:29 PM

Docket A: Virginia Resolution 1234

Stop Discrimination Towards Same Sex Couples Planning to Adopt In Private Adoption Agencies

Be it resolved,

Line 01: Whereas; Same sex couples should be able to adopt without

Line 02: discrimination; and

Line 03: Whereas; By allowing more gay couples to adopt, the number of children

Line 04: awaiting adoption will decrease; and

Line 05: Whereas; Just because they are attracted to people of the same gender

Line 06: does not mean that they cannot raise a child effectively; and

Line 07: Whereas; The Conscious Clause is violating the couple's right to the

Line 08: pursuit of happiness;

Line 09: Therefore, Be it resolved by the Student Congress here assembled that

Line 10: discrimination be stopped towards same sex couples who are planning to

Line 11: adopt by overturning the Commonwealth of Virginia's Conscious Clause.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Megan Kato

Stonewall Jackson High School

on 4/11/2012 10:41:31 AM

Docket A: Domestic Bill 1

Super PAC Fairness Law

Be it enacted,

Line01: Article I: Any excessive campaign contribution over half a million dollars by corporate entities to Super PACS will be subject to a 200% income tax.

Line02: Article II: A corporation is defined as juridicial person or persons organized under corporate or company laws of any local, state, national, or international jurisdiction.

Line03: Article III: This bill shall take effect on January 1, 2013.

Line04: Article IV: Federal Elections Commission will oversee this.

Line05: Article V: All laws in conflict with this bill will hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Stephanie Long

Wilson Memorial

on 4/11/2012 1:40:06 PM

Docket A: Domestic Resolution 2

A Resolution to Partially Base Teachers' Pay on Performance-Based Evaluations Run by School Administrators and Peers

Be it resolved,

Line01: WHEREAS some teacher assessments are unfair and biased; and

Line02: WHEREAS teachers will be able to set up these evaluations with the peers and administrators; and

Line03: WHEREAS teachers' results will be based on several things, one of them being their own performance in the classroom; and

Line04: WHEREAS the conductors of the evaluations will be fair and unbiased; and

Line05: WHEREAS these evaluations would ensure taht the teachers are doing their jobs at a professional level; and

Line06: WHEREAS with peers and one or more administrators doing evaluations, checks and balances can be ensured to prevent bias.

Line07: THEREFORE be it RESLOVED by this Student Congress here assembled that teachers' pay be partially dependent on performance-based evaluations conducted by school administrators and fellow teachers.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Mary Alexander

Wilson Memorial

on 4/11/2012 1:44:10 PM

Docket A: International Resolution 3

A Resolution to Cease Intervention in Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Be it resolved,

Line01: WHEREAS we should not further infuriate the countries of the Middle East; and

Line02: WHEREAS Israel has rightfully conquered these territories; and

Line03: WHEREAS an ideal American society would involve isolationism.

Line04: THEREFORE be it RESOLVED by this Student Congress here assembled that the United States withhold further intervention in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Thomas Weidner

Wilson Memorial

on 4/11/2012 1:46:02 PM

Docket A: Virginia Resolution 4

A Resolution to Make Drug Tests Mandatory for all Welfare Recipients

Be it resolved,

Line01: WHEREAS a required drug test should be administered to welfare recipients; and

Line02: WHEREAS this will help to diagnose the recipients' needs; and

Line03: WHEREAS this drug test will ensure that they are treated correctly.

Line04: THEREFORE be it RESOLVED by this Student Congress here assembled that a drug test be required before any help is given to a recipient in Virginia.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Katie Feerst

Wilson Memorial

on 4/11/2012 1:48:11 PM

Docket A: Virginia Resolution 5

A Resolution Concerning the Adoption Conscience Clause in Virginia

Be it resolved,

Line01: WHEREAS faith-based organizations should be free to decide for themselves; and

Line02: WHEREAS they know what is best for the children; and

Line03: WHEREAS children who are raised one way in an agency may become confused if their new parents are contradictory to their beliefs.

Line04: THEREFORE be it RESOLVED by this Student Congress here assembled that the Adoption Conscience Clause be passed and implemented in Virginia.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Annie Pingry

Wilson Memorial

on 4/11/2012 1:49:58 PM

Docket A: Economic Resolution 6

A Resolution to Proceed in the Decision of Making Federal Job Creation Programs

Be it resolved,

Line01: WHEREAS many unemployed will have a better chance of getting employed; and

Line02: WHEREAS there will no longer be unemployment; and

Line03: WHEREAS those on welfare will no longer need government help; and

Line04: WHEREAS the government will not have to keep giving away money to those who are not working for it.

Line05: THEREFORE be it RESOLVED by this Student Congress here assembled that we create federal job creation programs.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Kizh'ae Khan

Wilson Memorial

on 4/11/2012 1:51:54 PM

Docket A: Domestic Bill 2497

A Bill to Require Teacher Evaluations Based on Student Ratings and Test Scores

Be it enacted,

Senator Matthew Good

East Rockingham High School

Domestic

A Bill to Require the Evaluation of Teachers Based on Student Ratings and Test Scores.

Section 1: The United States will implement a Teacher Evaluation System that grades teachers based on their students' opinions of their teacher as well as their test scores and class GPA.

Section 2: There is no effective system to tell whether teachers are doing a good job or not, therefore, this will allow for the ability to see how well course material is taught and understood.

Section 3: This Bill will be enforced by the U.S Department of Education.

Section 4: This Bill will be enacted on January 1st, 2013.

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

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Matthew Good

East Rockingham High School

on 4/11/2012 9:45:25 PM

Docket A: Economic Resolution 6545

Federal Mortgage Relief

Be it resolved,

Line 01: Whereas; American homeowners need relief from the mortgage debt that

Line 02: is piling on them; and

Line 03: Whereas; the American dream is being taken away as a result of the

Line 04: housing crisis; and

Line 05: Whereas; the housing market hit rock bottom 3 years ago and is only

Line 06: slowly rebounding; and

Line 07: Whereas; the fault of the housing crisis rests on many banks and

Line 08: predatory lenders; and

Line 09: Whereas; the government can help the housing market and homeowners

Line 10: struggling to make mortgage payments;

Line 11: Therefore; let the Student Congress assembled here today resolve to

Line 12: continue providing mortgage relief and expedite the mortgage relief

Line 13: process.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Hunter Bowers

Stonewall Jackson High School

on 4/12/2012 12:05:48 PM

Docket A: Virginia Resolution 6262

Repeal the Conscience Clause

Be it resolved,

Line 01: Whereas: The state is funding the discrimination of homosexual parents with regards to adoption and;

Line 02: Whereas: Private agencies are responsible for more than 500 adoptions per year and;

Line 03: Whereas: This ban is depriving some children of a loving and caring home and;

Line 04: Whereas: All of the children currently up for adoption have come from heterosexual couples and were in an unwanted by these heterosexual parents and;

Line 05: Whereas: Lesbian and gay parents are just as likely as heterosexual parents to provide supportive and healthy environments for their children and;

Line 06: Therefore be it resolved that the conscience clause should be repealed and;

Line 07: Be it further resolved that no further legislation pertaining to this subject shall be enacted.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Anna Wright

Auburn High School

on 4/12/2012 2:34:02 PM

Docket A: Domestic Resolution 1535

Restricting Super PACs

Be it resolved,

Line 01: Whereas PACs have no limit to the amount of donations and

Line 02: contributions they can raise for their selected candidate.

Line 03: Whereas this turns political elections into billionaire's free for all.

Line 04: Whereas political candidates who rely solely on their own ability to

Line 05: raise money and advertise will more than likely go unnoticed,

Line 06: making the competition between the candidates with the most

Line 07: money.

Line 08: Whereas this creates an environment that inhibits political fairness

Line 09: and exchange of ideas.

Line 10: Whereas the PACs are often run by former staff members of the

Line 11: candidates and this leads to extremely biased political

Line 12: advertisements.

Line 13: Whereas these advertisements often push their own agenda while

Line 14: misinterpreting the platform of the candidates they allegedly support.

Line 15: Whereas today's candidates have wealthy backgrounds that should

Line 16: provide for their own campaigning.

Line 17: Therefore be it resolved by this student congress that a cap on

Line 18: Super Political Action Committees be enforced, and strict rules be

Line 19: set as to what the money can go towards within the campaign.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Marisa Perry

Auburn High School

on 4/12/2012 3:04:41 PM

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Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Marisa Perry

Auburn High School

on 4/12/2012 3:05:45 PM

Docket A: International Resolution 2020

US stay out of Israeli Conflict

Be it resolved,

Line 01 Whereas the tension between Israelis and Palestinians has been going on for

Line 02 thousands of years

Line 03 Whereas Israel has not signed the 1970 treaty on the non-proliferation of

Line 04 nuclear weapons

Line 05 Whereas Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories is an act of aggression

Line 06 Whereas Israel has shown much hate and violence towards the Palestinians

Line 07 causing them to suffer

Line 08 Whereas if the territories were to retaliate another Middle Eastern war could

Line 09 arise

Line 10 Whereas if a war were to arise the US would be expected to step in

Line 11 Whereas the US is not prepared for another war

Line 12 Therefore be it resolved that the US should not get involved but rather an

Line 13 international peacekeeping council should step in and mediate.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Trevor Moore

Auburn High School

on 4/12/2012 9:46:56 PM

Super Session: Virginia Resolution 101

Looking at the Screen

Be it resolved,

Line 01 WHEREAS The recently passed law does not have a requirement
for the woman to see the ultrasound

Line 02 WHEREAS The law recently passed does not legally alter a woman's
to make a choice regarding the pregnancy

Line 03 WHEREAS It is important for a woman to have all information in order
to make an informed decision

Line 04 THEREFORE be it resolved That not only are the ultrasounds to be
required, but the woman is to be compelled to view the
screen.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Kayla Ackelson

Riverheads High School

on 4/3/2012 3:19:46 PM

Super Session: Domestic Resolution 120

DNA Database

Be it resolved,

Line 01 WHEREAS: DNA techniques have considerable advantages in forensic crime evidence.

Line 02 WHEREAS:A DNA database would not be intended for conventional crime investigation.

Line 03 WHEREAS: DNA evidence will minimize risk of wrongful conviction unsolved cases.

Line 04 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: DNA be put in a database by any convicted felons starting January 2013

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Kelsey Morris

Riverheads High School

on 4/3/2012 3:27:22 PM

Super Session: Economic Bill 2468

Tax increase for wealthy

Be it enacted,

Line 1: SECTION 1. That a tax increase of 25% shall now be placed on

Line 2: any person with a personal income greater than \$1,000,000 US

Line 3: dollars a year.

Line 4: SECTION 2. With a personal income being defined as an

Line 5: individual's total annual gross earnings coming from wages,

Line 6: business enterprises and various investments.

Line 7: SECTION 3. This will be enforced by the US Internal Revenue

Line 8: Service.

Line 9: SECTION 4. This will come into effect January 1st, 2014

Line 10: SECTION 5. All other laws that are in conflict with this new policy

Line 11: shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Garrett Taylor

East Rockingham High School

on 4/5/2012 4:55:06 PM

Super Session: Virginia Resolution 7

A Resolution to Make Abdominal Ultrasounds Mandatory Before An Abortion

Be it resolved,

Line01: WHEREAS abdominal ultrasounds are not intrusive like transvaginal ultrasounds; and

Line02: WHEREAS exceptions will be given to those who are pregnant as a result of rape; and

Line03: WHEREAS having an ultrasound before an abortion ensure that the woman is aware of the pregnancy; and

Line04: WHEREAS the ultrasound may change the woman's mind.

Line05: THEREFORE be it RESOLVED by this Student Congress here assembled that all women who wish to have abortions must first undergo an abdominal ultrasound.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Mary Alexander

Wilson Memorial

on 4/11/2012 1:54:41 PM

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Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Mary Alexander

Wilson Memorial

on 4/11/2012 1:54:53 PM