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Docket A Legislation



Docket: Docket A
Legislation: Resolution
Area: International
Number: 1

Legislation Title: UN Peacekeeping in Africa

Line00: Be it resolved
Line01: that, Whereas Africa's extended reliance on the UN is making
Line02: the continent weaker; and
Line03: Whereas this is also taking a significant toll on the UN's
Line04: resources; and
Line05: Whereas this problem was caused by European colonization
Line06: starting in the 1400's and still exist to this very; and
Line07: Therefore be it resolved that the United States should
Line08: gradually withdraw from UN missions in Africa.

Respectfully Submitted By: Representative Lenny Enkbold
School: Salem High School
Date: 02 Mar 2010
Time: 15:29:20



Docket: Docket A
Legislation: Resolution
Area: Domestic
Number: 2

Legislation Title: Airline Security

Line00: Be it resolved
Line01: That whereas a person goes into an airport with the intent
Line02: to travel and is checked by security guards;
Line03: Whereas the US government is planning even more security,
Line04: such as random hand swabs and full body scans making travel
Line05: more complicated
Line06: Whereas security is so tight, making people wary to
Line07: travel by airplane;
Line08: Whereas security is also very stereotypical, often checking
Line09: people who look like they are of Middle Eastern, Arab
Line10: descent or of the Islamic religion;
Line11: Therefore be it resolved that airline security have
Line12: safeguards preventing the airports from having security
Line13: checks that are invasive and/or stereotypical
Line14: thus promoting travel and the economy.

Respectfully Submitted By: Representative Abigail Cloney
School: Christiansburg High School
Date: 16 Mar 2010
Time: 16:01:41



Docket: Docket A
Legislation: Resolution
Area: Economic
Number: 1

Legislation Title: Increased Support for Unemployed Americans

Line00: Be it enacted

Line01: WHEREAS: Over 14.3 million Americans are currently unemployed

Line02: due to the recent economic recession; and

Line03: WHEREAS: Due to lack of employment, many Americans are unable

Line04: to afford basic necessities such food, medical care,

Line05: and electricity; and

Line06: WHEREAS: Federal welfare agencies only receive 43% of the

Line07: funds needed to adequately assist families in need; and

Line08: WHEREAS: As of 2008, 20% of children living in the United

Line09: States live at or below the poverty level

Line10:

Line11: THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS

Line12: HERE ASSEMBLED THAT: The federal government should increase

Line13: federal funds to TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy

Line14: Families) by \$120 million for the 2010 fiscal year, with \$60

Line15: million of those funds coming from cuts in government pork

Line16: projects.

Respectfully Submitted By: Representative Elizabeth O'Brien
School: Carroll County High School
Date: 17 Mar 2010
Time: 16:27:38



Docket: Docket A
Legislation: Resolution
Area: International
Number: 1

Legislation Title: Al Queda in Pakistan

Line00: Be it resolved
Line01: Whereas: the United States does not currently buy opium from
Line02: Afgahnistan, unlike Turkey and India; and
Line03: Whereas: The Afghani opium funds the majority of Al Queda
Line04: operations in Pakistan; and
Line05: Whereas: the current method of eradication by burning opium
Line06: fields is ineffective;
Line07: THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS HERE
Line08: ASSEMBLED THAT: the US should buy opium from Afghani farmers
Line09: for medicinal purposes
Line10: as it does from farmers in Turkey and India
Line11: so the money doesn't fund Al Queda operations in Pakistan

Respectfully Submitted By: Representative Luke Childress
School: Carroll County High School
Date: 17 Mar 2010
Time: 16:57:56



Docket: Docket A
Legislation: Resolution
Area: Domestic
Number: 2

Legislation Title: Airline Security

Line00: Be it resolved

Line01: That whereas a person goes to an airport with the intent to

Line02: travel and is checked by security guards;

Line03:

Line04: Whereas the security checks are often stereotypical,

Line05: checking passengers who look like they are of Arab or

Line06: Middle Eastern descent, or if they look like they

Line07: are of the Islamic religion;

Line08:

Line09: Whereas the Transportation Security Administration, or TSA,

Line10: is now adding even more security checks, such as random

Line11: hand swabs or full body scans;

Line12:

Line13: Whereas airline security is already strict, the TSA is

Line14: making travel more complicated;

Line15:

Line16: Therefore be it resolved that airline security should

Line17: provide safeguards that protect the American passengers from

Line18: invasive procedures and from discriminatory behavior, thus

Line19: promoting travel and the economy.

Respectfully Submitted By: Representative Abigail Cloney
School: Christiansburg High School
Date: 18 Mar 2010
Time: 16:05:21



Docket: Docket A
Legislation: Resolution
Area: International
Number: 2

Legislation Title: Increasing the Efficiency of the U.S. Aid to Pakistan

Line00: Be it resolved

Line01: Whereas Al-Qaeda is a serious, destabilising force in

Line02: Afghanistan; and

Line03: Whereas Al-Qaeda forces are known to have bases in

Line04: the Federally Administered Tribal Area in Pakistan; and

Line05: Whereas these terrorist elements are detrimental to

Line06: the security of Pakistan and Afghanistan;

Line07: Therefore be it resolved that of th \$7.5 billion that the US

Line08: has contributed to Pakistan's military, \$1 billion be

Line09: contributed specifically to fighting Al-Qaeda in Pakistan;

Line10: and be it furthur Resolved, that the spending of this money

Line11: be documented and submitted to the U.S. on an annual basis

Line12: until the bill providing Pakistan's funding expires.

Respectfully Submitted By: Representative J. Ledbetter

School: Salem High School

Date: 23 Mar 2010

Time: 15:27:52



Docket: Docket A
Legislation: Resolution
Area: Domestic
Number: 3

Legislation Title: Immediate use of full body scanners to ensure US safety

Line00: Be it resolved

Line01: Whereas the United States of America's national security is

Line02: in constant threat; and

Line03: Whereas Commercial airliners have been a frequent target of

Line04: of terror; and

Line05: Whereas Utilizing full-body scanners will significantly aid

Line06: in increasing the safety of American airline travelers; and

Line07: Whereas A multitude of full body scanners have already been

Line08: purchased and had they been used could have prevented

Line09: previous security breaches.

Line10: Therefore, be it resolved by this student congress here

Line11: assembled that full-body scanners shall immediately be used

Line12: by commercial airlines.

Respectfully Submitted By: Representative Joanne Tranquille

School: Salem High School

Date: 23 Mar 2010

Time: 15:44:42



Docket: Docket A
Legislation: Resolution
Area: Virginia
Number: 4

Legislation Title: Create & Require a VA Handgun License to Purchase a Handgun

Line00: Be it resolved

Line01: Whereas Currently people may purchase handguns in Virginia

Line02: with no knowledge of how to use them, how to defend

Line03: themselves with them, or the law that governs them; and

Line04: Whereas Virginians need to understand the responsibility of

Line05: owning a handgun before being allowed to purchase one; and

Line06: Whereas By taking and passing a required class a Virginian

Line07: can obtain the Virginia Handgun License, thus obtaining the

Line08: knowledge needed to be safe in owning a handgun.

Line09: Therefore Be it resolved by this Student Congress here

Line10: assembled that a Virginia Handgun license be created then

Line11: required for all future handgun purchases.

Respectfully Submitted By: Representative Olivia Mischianti
School: Salem High School
Date: 23 Mar 2010
Time: 15:54:19



Docket: Docket A
Legislation: Resolution
Area: Domestic
Number: 12345

Legislation Title: Immediate Removal of "Don't ask Don't tell" Policy

Line00: Be it resolved

Line01: Whereas, The US constitution prevents any kind of

Line02: discrimination.

Line03: Whereas, The policy of "Don't ask Don't tell clearly

Line04: violates most institutional anti-discrimination policies.

Line05: Whereas, Any military personnel currently serving within

Line06: the ranks of the US military have proved their competency

Line07: as determined by military standards.

Line08: Be it resolved that the policy of "don't ask don't tell has

Line09: no application in todays military.

Respectfully Submitted By: Representative Douglas Miller
School: Carroll County High School
Date: 24 Mar 2010
Time: 16:55:25



Docket: Docket A
Legislation: Resolution
Area: International
Number: 1

Legislation Title: Resolution To Encourage International Forces in Pakistan

Line00: Be it resolved

Line01: Whereas, the Al-Qaeda terrorist organization has become a

Line02: major threat to Pakistani national security, and

Line03: Whereas, Pakistan's limited attempts to rid the region of

Line04: Al-Qaeda has had little effect and in some cases has become

Line05: detrimental, and

Line06: Whereas, currently there is no major international force

Line07: aiding the Pakistani attempts to rid the Al-Qaeda influence

Line08: Therefore, be it resolved that the federal government should

Line09: implement a plan that should work to promote an

Line10: international peace keeping force in Pakistan.

Respectfully Submitted By: Representative Sam Spencer
School: Blacksburg High School
Date: 25 Mar 2010
Time: 11:35:05



Docket: Docket A
Legislation: Resolution
Area: Economic
Number: 2

Legislation Title: Resolution To Provide Jobs Through Construction Projects

Line00: Be it resolved

Line01: Whereas, the US faces a 9.7% unemployment rate due to the

Line02: economic downturn, and

Line03: Whereas, this will affect other key sectors of the economy

Line04: such as housing, and

Line05: Whereas, outdated and costly energy use will only contribute

Line06: to this problem,

Line07: Therefore, be it resolved by this Student Congress here

Line08: assembled that the federal government should aid unemployed

Line09: persons through implementing a plan that will give the

Line10: unemployed jobs through the construction of alternative

Line11: energy systems on recently built and developing building

Line12: projects.

Respectfully Submitted By: Representative David Rivera

School: Blacksburg High School

Date: 25 Mar 2010

Time: 11:57:45



Docket: Docket A
Legislation: Resolution
Area: Domestic
Number: 1

Legislation Title: Ending the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" Policy in the US Military

Line00: Be it resolved

Line01: Whereas, since 1993, the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy has

Line02: been in effect in the US military, preventing gay, lesbian,

Line03: and bisexual members of the Armed Forces from openly

Line04: stating their sexual orientation, and

Line05: Whereas, this has resulted in over 13,000 people from being

Line06: discharged solely for openly stating their homosexual or

Line07: bisexual orientation, and

Line08: Whereas, this is an outdated and unnecessary policy which

Line09: violates people's civil rights,

Line10: Therefore, be it resolved by this Student Congress here

Line11: assembled that the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy be removed

Line12: from the US military, allowing members of the Armed Forces

Line13: to openly state their sexual orientation without the fear

Line14: of being discharged.

Respectfully Submitted By: Representative Chris Arthur
School: Blacksburg High School
Date: 25 Mar 2010
Time: 12:29:36



Docket: Docket A
Legislation: Resolution
Area: Economic
Number: 7

Legislation Title: Increase funding for Charter Schools

Line00: Be it resolved

Line01: Whereas: Charter schools currently receive only 61% of the

Line02: funding of their public counterparts; and

Line03: Whereas: Charter schools are independent public schools, and

Line04: are free from most rules and regulations prescribed by local

Line05: school districts; and

Line06: Whereas: Charter schools have 9% higher test scores than

Line07: students who attend normal public schools, but are extremely

Line08: under funded; and

Line09: Whereas: Charter schools are innovative and focus driven

Line10: schools.

Line11: Therefore: Be it resolved by this student congress here

Line12: assembled, to increase the amount of funding to charter

Line13: schools.

Respectfully Submitted By: Representative Barkari Brown
School: Salem High School
Date: 25 Mar 2010
Time: 15:03:28



Docket: Docket A
Legislation: Resolution
Area: International
Number: 8

Legislation Title: Peacekeeping efforts in Africa

Line00: Be it resolved

Line01: Whereas The UN currently has many intertwined peacekeeping

Line02: challenges in Africa, such as ethnic tension, poverty and

Line03: historical wars; and

Line04: Whereas These peacekeeping efforts need to continue to put

Line05: an end to the tragic wars and poverty in Africa; and

Line06: Whereas These peacekeeping efforts should be extended to

Line07: strengthen and create more democracies.

Line08: Therefore Be it resolved by this Student Congress here

Line09: assembled that additional funding and aid be authorized to

Line10: support UN peacekeeping efforts in Africa.

Respectfully Submitted By: Representative Andrew Franklin
School: Salem High School
Date: 25 Mar 2010
Time: 15:10:01



Docket: Docket A
Legislation: Resolution
Area: Virginia
Number: 2

Legislation Title: A Resolution to Keep Virginia Green

Line00: Be it resolved

Line01: Whereas the United States faces the growing threat of

Line02: climate change, which can be attributed to greenhouse gas

Line03: and carbon emissions, and

Line04: Whereas, personal vehicle use contributes up to 18% of such

Line05: emissions, and

Line06: Whereas, the American government has failed to regulate

Line07: automotive vehicle emissions as rigorously as the

Line08: international community, and

Line09: Whereas, 13 states already follow a stricter set of vehicle

Line10: emissions standards outline by the California Air Resources

Line11: Board, with the intent of reducing fuel use and air

Line12: pollution

Line13: Therefore, be it resolved by the student congress here

Line14: assembled, that Virginia adopt the more stringent vehicle

Line15: emissions standards of the Air Resources Board.

Respectfully Submitted By: Representative Nikki Luke
School: Blacksburg High School
Date: 26 Mar 2010
Time: 09:11:33



Docket: Docket A
Legislation: Resolution
Area: International
Number: 3

Legislation Title: A Resolution to Support U.N. Peacekeeping in the Congo

Line00: Be it resolved
Line01: Whereas , the Democratic Republic of the Congo is a failed
Line02: state plagued by perpetual violence, and
Line03: Whereas, the lack of infrastructure and effective governing
Line04: institutions prevent the nation from fighting the violence
Line05: in the Eastern region, and
Line06: Whereas, the United Nations peacekeeping force of 18,000
Line07: troops stationed in the country has proven inadequate to
Line08: effectively promote peace, and
Line09: Whereas, the United States is involved in two foreign wars
Line10: and does not have the capacity to support the U.N. force
Line11: militarily, and
Line12: Whereas, America has already committed 3.5 billion dollars
Line13: to economic development in Africa,
Line14: Therefore, be it resolved by this student congress here
Line15: assembled that the U.S. designate 500 million dollars of
Line16: this money to supplement the U.N. peacekeeping force
Line17: with a civilian-led infrastructure development program
Line18: intended to promote the Congo's long term peace and
Line19: stability.

Respectfully Submitted By: Representative Carl David Goette-Luciak
School: Blacksburg High School
Date: 26 Mar 2010
Time: 09:17:26



Docket: Docket A
Legislation: Resolution
Area: Virginia
Number: 16

Legislation Title: Green Jobs for Virginia

Line00: Be it resolved

Line01: The current problem in the state of Virginia is that their

Line02: are not enough "green jobs" to help the state economy

Line03: and the state environment; Virginia clearly lacks the

Line04: advancements in the fields of making it a more environmentally

Line05: friendly state; currently Virginia gets more than 50 percent

Line06: of its power from coal, if Virginia would take advantage of

Line07: its green jobs opportunities it would boost the state

Line08: economy and preserve Virginia for generations to come; the

Line09: current unemployment rate in Virginia is 6.9 percent, that

Line10: could very easily change if Virginia would invest some of

Line11: the 70 billion dollars that the state has been granted for

Line12: efficiency and conservation; Virginia is equipped with the

Line13: materials such as: using natural energy wind, solar, off

Line14: shore oil, and people would be willing to occupy the

Line15: available jobs; and so Virginia definitely needs to start

Line16: considering and creating "green jobs" for the state.

Respectfully Submitted By: Representative Cody Boyd
School: Carroll County High School
Date: 26 Mar 2010
Time: 14:35:50



Docket: Docket A
Legislation: Resolution
Area: Virginia
Number: 1

Legislation Title: Resolution to Regulate Gun-Show Sales

Line00: Be it resolved

Line01: Whereas, current Virginia law on the sale of firearms

Line02: maintains a loophole in the form of gun-shows, and

Line03: Whereas, gun-shows allow unlicensed dealers to distribute

Line04: firearms, and

Line05: Whereas, these unlicensed dealers do not require background

Line06: checks of purchasers, resulting in citizens obtaining fire-

Line07: arms they would not otherwise be able to

Line08: Therefore, be it resolved by this student congress here

Line09: assembled that the state of Virginia require all gun-show

Line10: dealers to become licensed, thereby requiring background

Line11: checks for purchasers.

Respectfully Submitted By: Representative Sunil L. Puri
School: Blacksburg High School
Date: 27 Mar 2010
Time: 19:41:18



Docket B Legislation



There was no Docket B legislation submitted for this competition.



Super Session Legislation



There was no Super Session legislation submitted for this competition.