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Docket A Domestic Resolution No. 113

Be it resolved,

Line 01: Whereas there are currently few regulations concerning language

Line 02: requirements for holders of public office;

Line 03:Whereas currently laws are written in English;

Line 04: Whereas English is the predominately spoken and written language in the

Line 05: United States;

Line 06: Whereas a proficiency in English is needed to sufficiently perform the

Line 07: needed duties of a public office holder;

Line 08: Therefore be it resolved by this Student Congress that proficient spoken

Line 09: and written English be made a requirement

Line 10: to all who wish to run for and hold a public office.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Abigail Cloney

Christiansburg High School

on 2/21/2012 4:08:48 PM

Docket A Domestic Resolution No. 6784

Be it resolved,

WHEREAS, illegal piracy of media via the internet has existed since its conception; and

WHEREAS, past efforts by media companies to prevent internet piracy have been ineffective; and

WHEREAS, recent anti-piracy legislation has provoke widespread protests; and

WHEREAS, such protests have further degraded the reputation and integrity of the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, there exist alternative, non-legislative methods to combat piracy far more effectively; and

WHEREAS, there exist more pressing issues other than internet piracy,

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Student Congress here assembled declare that no legislative action be taken to prevent internet piracy.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Phillip Huang

Blacksburg High

on 3/1/2012 3:42:10 PM

Docket A Domestic Resolution No. 7836

Be it resolved,

WHEREAS, uranium mining has become much safer in recent years; and

WHEREAS, our dependency on foreign energy sources oil is crippling the United States; and

WHEREAS, Nuclear energy is the most viable option to obtain energy independence; and

WHEREAS, there is an abundant supply of Uranium ore located in America; and

WHEREAS, Nuclear power has relatively few accidents,

THEREFORE be it resolved by the Student Congress here assembled declares that the United States increase uranium mining efforts in an attempt to bring us closer to energy independence.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative David Rivera

Blacksburg High

on 3/1/2012 5:04:54 PM

Docket A Domestic Resolution No. 4565

Be it resolved,

WHEREAS, uranium mining has become much safer in recent years; and

WHEREAS, our dependency on foreign energy sources oil is crippling the United States; and

WHEREAS, Nuclear energy is the most viable option to obtain energy independence; and

WHEREAS, there is an abundant supply of Uranium ore located in America; and

WHEREAS, Nuclear power has relatively few accidents,

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Student Congress here assembled that the United States increase uranium mining efforts in an attempt to bring us closer to energy independence.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Cyrus Tafti

Blacksburg High

on 3/1/2012 5:15:59 PM

Docket A Economic Resolution No. 4455

Be it resolved,

WHEREAS, the United States is currently recovering from the worst economic recession since the Great Depression, and

WHEREAS, college enrollment is at an all time high, and

WHEREAS, in spite of this, there are inherent difficulties arising from taking out student loans to fund the academic fulfillment of prospective college students, and

WHEREAS, student loans are a major burden on postgraduate students, as six out of ten students cannot find a job after graduation, and

WHEREAS, the Pell Grant, a federal student aid program, has recently had the number of semesters of use changed from 18 semesters to 12, and

WHEREAS, this change in the Pell Grant will cause more graduate students to be subject to rising student loans in the private sector, and,

WHEREAS, other alternatives to the Pell Grant, such as the G.I. bill, have faced budget cuts as well, and

WHEREAS, the private sector of federally unsupported student loans is prone to the whims of firms that can increase interest rates to an astronomical rate,

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the student congress here assembled that, Congress reinstates the 18 semester use limit of the Pell Grant in order to aid students in alleviating their debts after graduating.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative David Rivera
Blacksburg High
on 2/28/2012 4:30:14 PM

Docket A Economic Resolution No. 3333

Be it resolved,

A Resolution to Consider Veterans as a Minority in Affirmative Action

Laws:

01. WHEREAS: the unemployment rate for all veterans is 7.5 percent;
02. and
03. WHEREAS: Veterans have valuable experience that could be used in
04. the job field; and
05. WHEREAS: There are certain jobs that could be psychologically
06. beneficial to veterans; and
07. WHEREAS: Due to their tremendous sacrifices for their families and
08. the country, they deserve these opportunities; and
09. BE IT RESOLVED by the student congress assembled here that veterans
10. receive preferential opportunity in job selection.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Zach Staton

Salem High School

on 3/1/2012 10:37:57 PM

Docket A Economic Resolution No. 1294

Be it resolved,

Leg_Title: Veterans Unemployment

Line01: Be it resolved

Line02:

Line03: That whereas returning veterans who have served our

Line04: country are facing unemployment;

Line05:

Line06: WHEREAS veterans should have a percentage of federal

Line07: jobs such as FBI, CIA, and the Post Office should be

Line08: reserved for them;

Line09:

Line10: WHEREAS veterans benefits such as the GI Bill and

Line11: health benefits should not be reduced.

Line12:

Line13: WHEREAS the federal government should provide grants

Line14: and low cost loans to veterans;

Line15:

Line16: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this student congress

Line17: that the federal government should do more to provide

Line18: veterans with a chance of receiving a job and

Line19: benefits after their services in the military.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Zachary Meller

Christiansburg High

on 3/2/2012 3:51:05 PM

Docket A International Bill No. 7896

Be it enacted,

A Bill to Enact Preemptive Action Against Iran to Protect the Strait of
Hormuz

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1: The United States enact a determined stance in dealing with the continual threats from Iran regarding closing the Strait of Hormuz by taking preemptive action with military force upon receiving indication from the Iranian government to close the Strait of Hormuz.

SECTION 2: Preemptive action would necessitate the destruction of all Iranian vessels, air and naval, as well as any additional defences used by the Iranian government to enforce the threat to close the Strait of Hormuz and defend it. A threat would be defined as any stated intention to close the Strait of Hormuz.

SECTION 3: American military operations would be limited to naval and air elements of the 5th Fleet based in Bahrain, and headed by the aircraft carrier, USS John C. Stennis. A retaliative operation would consist of using the available 5th Fleet to secure safe transport through the Strait without invoking cause for a land invasion of Iran, merely returning the Strait to the status quo.

B. Additional support will also be requested from NATO to provide further resources in the naval and air operation.

C. Funding for this operation will be provided by means of an emergency legislative measure.

SECTION 4: This military operation will take place immediately upon receiving any Iranian threat to close the Strait of Hormuz.

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

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Samuel Spencer

Blacksburg Highschool

on 2/28/2012 4:25:48 PM

Docket A International Resolution No. 6575

Be it resolved,

WHEREAS, since the beginning of the Syrian protests, almost 10,000 civilians have been killed by the Syrian government

WHEREAS, Syria has stockpiles of chemical weapons for use against their own people or against nations they deem hostile; and

WHEREAS, the Syrian government has a strong connection to Hezbollah, potentially putting their chemical weapons in the hands of a terrorist organization, and,

WHEREAS, Hezbollah is opposed to Israel and the United States; and

WHEREAS, in the likely chance that civil war breaks out in Syria, the government would use chemical weapons to heavily suppress areas of high resistance; and

WHEREAS, the sale of arms to the rebels would boost the US economy

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the student congress here assembled that the United States should sell weapons and armaments to the Syrian rebels.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Kevin Gjata
Blacksburg High
on 2/28/2012 4:30:18 PM

Docket A International Resolution No. 1995

Be it resolved,

Leg_Title: Intervention in Syria

Line00: Be it resolved

Line01:

Line02: That whereas the United States should take a non-violent

Line03: approach towards the intervention in Syria, while still taking an

Line04: immediate action;

Line05:

Line06: WHEREAS a military intervention would contribute to the

Line07: instability of Syria and its relationship with other countries;

Line 08:

Line09: WHEREAS an immediate intervention is necessary to protect the

Line10: human rights of Syrian citizens

Line11:

Line12: WHEREAS a compromise is needed between Syrian rebels and

Line13: its government before external influences intervene and a war

Line14: erupts, as more of Syria's allies and enemies contribute to the

Line15: conflict

Line16:

Line17: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this student congress that

Line18: the United States should have immediate non-violent

Line19: intervention with Syria to promote peace and stability;

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Byronae Lewis

Christiansburg High School

on 2/29/2012 3:20:15 PM

Docket A International Resolution No. 2222

Be it resolved,

A Resolution to Engage in an Intervention in Syria:

01. Whereas, Intervening would boost the world's view of the United

02. States' reputation of nobility; and

03. Whereas, The U.S. would assist the rebels with basic humanity

04. necessities; and

05. Whereas, The U.S. would strongly oppose the use of force by the

06. Syrian government to suppress the rebels; and, therefore, be it

07. RESOLVED, By the Student Congress here assembled, that the U.S.

08. interfere with Syria.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Sarah Parsons

Salem High School

on 3/1/2012 11:24:41 PM

Docket A Virginia Resolution No. 9616

Be it resolved,

Leg_Title: College Campus Gun Restrictions

Line00: Be it resolved

Line01: WHEREAS: There should be no guns on campus except for police officers.

Line02: WHEREAS: There should be more actions taken to ensure a safe campus.

Line03: WHEREAS: A campus orientation should be held once every year concerning campus safety.

Line04: WHEREAS: A better way of reporting suspicious behavior should be developed for both students and staff.

Line05: WHEREAS: Counseling should be required to those who are referred or in need by the campus personnel.

Line08: THEREFORE: There should be no guns on campus, and awareness programs should be required of all campuses.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Bree Smith
Christansburg High School
on 2/29/2012 4:13:48 PM

Docket A Virginia Resolution No. 1111

Be it resolved,

A Resolution to Legalize Uranium Mining in Virginia:

01. WHEREAS, A moratorium has been imposed on uranium mining in the
02. Commonwealth of Virginia for three decades; and
03. WHEREAS, The moratorium has stopped a conservative estimate of 119
04. million pounds of uranium, from being mined in Pittsylvania
05. County, Virginia alone; and
06. WHEREAS, The moratorium has deprived Southwestern Virginia of
07. approximately 350 jobs and a conservative estimate \$140 million a
08. year to the local economy, brought by the uranium mining industry
09. in the Pittsylvania County, Virginia; now, therefore, be it
10. RESOLVED, By the Student Congress here assembled, that uranium
11. mining be legalized in Virginia.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Thomas Legg

Salem High School

on 3/1/2012 11:04:15 PM

Docket A Virginia Resolution No. 897

Be it resolved,

A RESOLUTION TO REGULATE POSSESSION OF CONCEALED WEAPONS ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

Line 1: WHEREAS, concealed weapons must not be permitted by non law enforcement officers on college campuses; and

Line 2: WHEREAS, too many have died in school shootings in recent times; and

Line 3: WHEREAS, future shootings at schools such as those at Virginia Tech must be prevented to save innocent lives;

Line 4: WHEREAS, the need for college student and faculty concealed weapons is unnecessary due to other forms of safety such as police force and personal self-defense; therefore, be it;

Line 5: Therefore, be it RESOLVED by the the Student Congress here assembled that prohibitive regulation be maintained regarding the possession of concealed weapons by students on college campuses.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Michael Corrigan

Blacksburg High School

on 3/2/2012 9:25:47 AM

Super Session Economic Bill No. 5555

Be it enacted,

A Bill to Stay Out of the European Debt Crisis, thereby avoiding unnecessary conflict and saving precious energy for problem solutions and success pursuits within our own country.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED

THAT:

01. SECTION 1. The United States will disassociate itself from European
02. financial matters and will abstain from future involvement with the
03. European debt crisis.

04. SECTION 2. "Disassociation" in this context refers to parting,
05. ceasing, and breaking association. "Financial matters" in this
06. context, refer to money, banking, investments, and credit.

07. "Abstain" is synonymous in meaning with "refrain." "Future
08. involvement" refers to any entanglement or intertwined occurrence
09. after the date on which this bill will be implemented.

10. SECTION 3. The Federal Reserve Board will oversee the
11. enforcement of the bill by closely monitoring all communication
12. with Europe, to assure that financial matters cease as a topic of
13. communicative exchange.

14. SECTION 4. This policy will be implemented on the date of October
15. 1, 2012.

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

Introduced by Salem High School

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Thomas Legg, Sarah Parsons, Zach Staton
Salem High School
on 3/2/2012 12:23:40 AM

Super Session International Resolution No. 113

Be it resolved,

Line 01: That whereas currently the United States has spent \$1.4 trillion dollars

Line 02: in Iraq and Afghanistan alone;

Line 03: Whereas most of the U.S troops stationed in Afghanistan are being pulled

Line 04: out by the end of the year;

Line 05: Whereas the current nation building programs in place are not sustainable

Line 06: for a long period of time and may not last when the aid is pulled;

Line 07: Whereas these programs are creating a distorted war-time economy;

Line 08: Therefore be it resolved by this student Congress that the United States

Line 09: should focus on managing the state of our own country and slow the amount of aid

Line 10: and money going into Afghanistan.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Abigail Cloney, Bree Smith, Zach Meller, Byronae Lewis

Christiansburg High School

on 3/2/2012 7:12:02 PM