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Docket A Legislation



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

Legislation Title: A Bill To End "Don't Ask, Don't Tell"

Line00: Be it enacted

Line01: Article I: The United States military leaders shall hereby

Line02: end the policy of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" regarding gay

Line03: members of the military.

Line04: Article II: A required document stating that the policy has

Line05: been ended with a fine of \$10,000 for any military leader

Line06: who defies the new law.

Line07: Article III: This plan shall be implemented immediately upon

Line08: its passage and last for a minimum of 12 months.

Line09: Article IV: The Department of Defense and The Department of

Line10: Homeland Security shall oversee this action and have the

Line11: right to end the new policy without the approval of the

Line12: other party at any time after the 12 months.

Line13: Article V: All laws and policies in conflict with the new

Line14: law are hereby deemed null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By: Senator Isabel Henderson

School: Buffalo Gap High School

Date: 25 Feb 2010

Time: 08:48:41 AM



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

Legislation Title: UN Peacekeeping in Africa

Line00: Be it resolved

Line01:

Line02: That whereas the United Natona continuously makes

Line03: ineffective resolutions;

Line04:

Line05: WHEREAS the United Nations Security Council acts in a slow

Line06: and idecisive manner;

Line07:

Line08: WHEREAS the United Nations composes long and sometimes

Line09: unnecessary meetings before acting on a cause;

Line10:

Line11: WHEREAS the United Nations is reluctant to use deadly force

Line12: in situations which deems harmful to UN soldiers or innocent

Line13: civilians;

Line14:

Line15: WHEREAS the United Nation's soldiers are under traind, ill

Line16: equipped and whose numbers are ineffectivley low;

Line17:

Line18: THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by this student congress that the

Line19: United Nations has an "Emergency Reactions Committee"

Line20: elected by the UN's Genral Assembly to approve the call to

Line21: take any measure deemed necessary including the use of

Line22: deadly force in a situatuion where the lives of civlians are

Line23: in danger and to possibly avoid a violent conflict in which

Line24: would result in great loss of life; Also UN soldiers are

Line25: trained to a suffocate level and are always well equipped an

Line26: are always in suffocate enough numbers to respond

Line27: to most any situation.

Respectfully Submitted By: Representative Charles A. Boll

School: Buffalo Gap High School

Date: 26 Feb 2010

Time: 03:22:30 PM



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

Legislation Title: Alleviate the strictness of current gun laws

Line00: Be it resolved

Line01: Whereas, crimes by firearms increase after the establishment

Line02: of a "gun law" and,

Line03: Whereas, current gun laws put harsh enough restrictions on

Line04: gun ownership that an individual cannot properly protect

Line05: him or herself and,

Line06: Whereas, firearms are a more effective defense than any

Line07: other weapon therefore,

Line08: Be it resolved, that excessive gun laws be repealed.

Respectfully Submitted By: Representative Krysta Thomas

School: Riverheads Highschool

Date: 10 Mar 2010

Time: 01:33:11 PM



Docket: Docket A
Legislation: Resolution
Area: Economic
Number: 100

Legislation Title: Charter Schools

Line00: Be it resolved

Line01:

Line02: Whereas; In many states, public schools have very low test

Line03: scores and attendance rates and,

Line04:

Line05: Whereas; The public school systems are doing little to

Line06: improve the quality of education that they are giving their

Line07: students and,

Line08:

Line09: Whereas; Something must be done to resolve this problem,

Line10:

Line11: Therefore, be it resolved by this Student Congress here

Line12: assembled, that Charter Schools must be encouraged in more

Line13: states to compensate for the failures of their public

Line14: counterparts.

Respectfully Submitted By: Representative Josh Fleming

School: Stonewall Jackson

Date: 10 Mar 2010

Time: 01:58:39 PM



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

Legislation Title: Al-Qaeda In Pakistan

Line00: Be it resolved

Line01: Whereas-The number of Al-Qaeda in Pakistan is steadily

Line02: growing.

Line03: Whereas-This threat cannot be ignored.

Line04: Whereas-New technologies make it easier for Al-Qaeda's

Line05: members to communicate.

Line06: Therefore Be it Resolved- The United States will work to

Line07: form a comittee with the Pakistani government to ease the

Line08: communication Al-Qaeda members have.

Respectfully Submitted By: Representative Kayla Ackelson

School: Riverheads High School

Date: 11 Mar 2010

Time: 08:40:49 AM



Docket: Docket A
Legislation: Bill
Area: International
Number: 100a

Legislation Title: Combat Hunger and Aid UN Peacekeeping Efforts in Africa

Line00: Be it enacted

Line01: By this student congress here assembled that the United
Line02: States government shall fund the experimentation and pro-
Line03: duction of genetically modified foods.

Line04: Section 1: The US shall set aside twenty-five million
Line05: dollars to fund the research of Biotech companies who are in
Line06: the process of developing plants resistant to pests, herbi-
Line07: cides, drought, salinity, and disease that now run rampant
Line08: in Africa.

Line09: Section 2: The Biotech companies will receive this grant
Line10: for a total of five yers provided each year a report is
Line11: filed with the Department of Agriculture showing the com-
Line12: pany's progress and successful marketing of plants
Line13: genetically engineered as a result of the experimentation.

Line14: Section 3: Any company failing to show progress or file the
Line15: report with the department will no longer receive future
Line16: grants and will be asked to repay to the federal gov't 80%
Line17: of the awarded grant monies.

Line18: Section 4: Given the fact that poverty and hunger are huge
Line19: stumbling blocks facing the governments of Africa and any
Line20: UN peacekeeping presence in Africa, the foods manufactured
Line21: through genetic engineering shall go to combat the poverty
Line22: and hunger in these nations. Once these social inequalities
Line23: and inefficiencies are addressed, UN Peacekeeping efforts
Line24: will have a greater chance for success.

Line25: Section 5: The remaining crop yield shall be sold at mini-
Line26: mal cost to federal and state prisons.

Line27: Section 6: This bill will go into effect on July 1, 2010,
Line28: with the first grant awarded thereafter and the first foods
Line29: distributed within the year.

Respectfully Submitted By: Representative Caroline Comyn
School: Madison County High School
Date: 11 Mar 2010
Time: 11:11:44 AM



Docket: Docket A
Legislation: Resolution
Area: Domestic
Number: 101

Legislation Title: End Discrimination in Government Service/ Public Employment

Line00: Be it resolved

Line01: WHEREAS, the President of the United States, the Pentagon
Line02: leadership, and the Joint Chiefs of Staff all recommend the
Line03: abolition of Clinton's Policy, "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," and
Line04: WHEREAS, people of alternative lifestyles have served in the
Line05: military with distinction, and
Line06: WHEREAS, homosexuals are contributing citizens of our social
Line07: fabric, are faithful in military service, and participate in
Line08: all facets of American life, and
Line09: WHEREAS, some states, like Virginia have, by executive
Line10: order, failed to insure equal protection for all, including
Line11: alternative lifestyles, from discrimination in the workplace
Line12: and
Line13: WHEREAS, the civil rights of all Americans are guaranteed by
Line14: the United States Constitution,
Line15: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by this student congress here
Line16: assembled that, first, the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy be
Line17: abolished, thereby making it possible for gay men and
Line18: women to serve in the military regardless of their sexual
Line19: preferences; and
Line20: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as a result of this new policy
Line21: the United States Government shall suggest to the states
Line22: that anti-discrimination policies now include sexual
Line23: orientation insuring that no American citizen can be
Line24: discriminated against based on "race, sex, color,
Line25: national origin, disability, religion, age, political
Line26: affiliation, veteran status, or sexual orientation."

Respectfully Submitted By: Representative Chris Haynes

School: Madison County High School

Date: 11 Mar 2010

Time: 11:22:46 AM

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Docket: Docket A
Legislation: Resolution
Area: Virginia
Number: 102

Legislation Title: Maintain the One Handgun Purchase Policy

Line00: Be it resolved

Line01: WHEREAS, it has been Virginia's policy since the term of Gov

Line02: Wilder, Virginia should maintain the one handgun purchase

Line03: policy in the Commonwealth.

Line04: WHEREAS, opponents to the bill maintain that the law's

Line05: usefulness has been depleted, the safety of the citizens of

Line06: the Commonwealth must not be traded for the will of the

Line07: collector.

Line08: WHEREAS, those who wish to see the repeal of the law

Line09: maintain that gun owners are responsible and should have

Line10: the right to own as many guns as he or she wishes is not in

Line11: question.

Line12: WHEREAS, the right of ownership is guaranteed under most

Line13: interpretations of the Second Amendment to the United States

Line14: Constitution; however, the number one can purchase within a

Line15: given period of time is not guaranteed and should be set by

Line16: individual states.

Line17: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Student Congress,

Line18: that this law has served the security of the Commonwealth

Line19: and its citizens, and the law stating that a citizen of the

Line20: Commonwealth shall only be able to purchase one

Line21: handgun within a thirty (30) day period must be

Line22: maintained and upheld as law.

Respectfully Submitted By: Representative Molly Brumfield

School: Madison County High School

Date: 11 Mar 2010

Time: 11:33:25 AM



Docket: Docket A
Legislation: Resolution
Area: Virginia
Number: 100c

Legislation Title: Resolution to Increase Virginia's Go Green Efforts.

Line00: Be it resolved

Line01: Whereas: The Commonwealth of Virginia is too dependent on

Line02: fossil fuels; and

Line03: Whereas: Our commonwealth's environment is becoming very

Line04: polluted and unsafe; and

Line05: Whereas: We need to protect the health and safety of future

Line06: generations; and

Line07: Whereas: We need greater state funding of an alternative

Line08: energy program; and

Line09: Whereas: We need improved Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle

Line10: programs;

Line11: Therefore: Be it resolved that the Virginia government

Line12: increase funds and research into alternative energy

Line13: production.

Respectfully Submitted By: Representative Corey Harlow

School: Stonewall Jackson High School

Date: 11 Mar 2010

Time: 11:34:27 AM



Docket: Docket A
Legislation: Resolution
Area: Domestic
Number: 103

Legislation Title: Encourage Greater Airline Security in Europe

Line00: Be it resolved

Line01: WHEREAS, it has been established that airport security is
Line02: lax in Europe especially with passengers taking internation-
Line03: al flights.

Line04: WHEREAS, it has further been established that airport
Line05: security and screenings are especially lax with those
Line06: traveling on European domestic flights.

Line07: WHEREAS, it has become necessary to protect American
Line08: passengers from the inattention to secure screenings of
Line09: persons traveling abroad.

Line10: WHEREAS, with most flights traveling to the interior of
Line11: Europe and other nations, it is necessary to take
Line12: domestically operated flights between European air-
Line13: ports.

Line14: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by this student congress here
Line15: assembled, that the American government through sincere
Line16: negotiation place pressure on the governments of Europe
Line17: to mandate full body screening for bombs, bomb making
Line18: materials or detonators, or any such materials that could be
Line19: used in a physical or biological terrorist attack involving
Line20: an airliner.

Respectfully Submitted By: Representative Chris Klein

School: Madison County High School

Date: 11 Mar 2010

Time: 11:48:43 AM



Docket: Docket A
Legislation: Resolution
Area: International
Number: 104

Legislation Title: Resolution Condemning Pakistan

Line00: Be it resolved
Line01: WHEREAS in May, 2007, Pakistan and China signed twenty-seven
Line02: new agreements and memoranda re-energizing the bilateral
Line03: cooperation in the areas of defense, space technology, and
Line04: trade;
Line05: WHEREAS, the agreements between Pakistan and China may
Line06: renew an alliance that may include additional testing of
Line07: nuclear weapons;
Line08: WHEREAS, this agreement opened the new major port at Gwadar,
Line09: financed by China, for the supposed purpose of opening a
Line10: major commercial outlet for China to Central Asia, yet most
Line11: consider it a port that may be used for military purposes;
Line12: WHEREAS, Pakistan has failed to rebuke China for their
Line13: treatment and domination of Tibet and for the civil rights
Line14: abuses of the Chinese people by the Communist regime;
Line15: WHEREAS, Pakistan and Indian relations are "shaky" at best,
Line16: and with China's naval presence in the Indian Ocean only
Line17: serves to antagonize that dubious relationship;
Line18: WHEREAS, Pakistan continues to allow Al Qaeda and other
Line19: terrorist to reside within its borders;
Line20: WHEREAS, Pakistan has failed to act responsibly to take
Line21: steps to rid its borders of training camps for Al Qaeda
Line22: operatives;
Line23: WHEREAS, Pakistan has provided monies for the defense of Dr.
Line24: Aafia Siddiqui, a Pakistani Muslim neuroscientist and Al
Line25: Qaeda operative who attacked United States soldiers in
Line26: Afghanistan, yet claims to partner in her prosecution; and
Line27: WHEREAS, Pakistan's involvement with China may deter the
Line28: anti-terrorist alliance with the United States;
Line29: BE IT RESOLVED, by this student congress here assembled that
Line30: the United States take steps to call for negotiations with
Line31: Pakistan's new government to reaffirm its role and commitment
Line32: to rooting out refugee terrorists, commitment of the
Line33: civil rights of all people even in China, and promote a
Line34: further commitment to ousting all Islamic extremists and
Line35: extremist groups.
Line36: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Pakistan must profess
Line37: and demonstrate that it will no longer be a safe-haven for
Line38: terrorists.

Respectfully Submitted By: Representative David Jarrell
School: Madison County High School
Date: 11 Mar 2010
Time: 12:08:27 PM



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

Legislation Title: Do Not Extend The Unemployment Benefits

Line00: Be it resolved

Line01: WHEREAS the unemployment rate is currently 9.7%,

Line02: WHEREAS there are jobs available for unemployed Americans,

Line03: WHEREAS an unemployed American can accept a position in one

Line04: of those jobs, even if it is not in his /her field of

Line05: expertise,

Line06: THERFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, unemplyed Americans will no longer

Line07: be supported after the 6 month benefit has expired by

Line08: federal assistance where jobs are available.

Respectfully Submitted By: Representative Victoria Cempe-Cohen

School: Riverheads High School

Date: 11 Mar 2010

Time: 01:53:38 PM



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

Legislation Title: Revision of Airport Security

Line00: Be it resolved

Line01: WHEREAS airport security causes unnecessary stress and time

Line02: consumption.

Line03: WHEREAS fear has been instilled in Americans by many

Line04: different sources.

Line05: WHEREAS airport security is often intrusive on a person's

Line06: body.

Line07: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Student Congress here

Line08: assembled that airport security should not add full body

Line09: scanners unless there is some proof that a person is a

Line10: threat.

Respectfully Submitted By: Representative Kelsey Klotz

School: Riverheads High School

Date: 11 Mar 2010

Time: 02:04:06 PM



Docket: Docket A
Legislation: Resolution
Area: International
Number: 100d

Legislation Title: UN Peacekeeping in Africa

Line00: Be it resolved

Line01: Whereas: Many African countries are politically and socially

Line02: unstable; and

Line03: Whereas: Some people may feel that these countries need

Line04: outside help to solve their problems; and

Line05: Whereas: The United States could benefit from keeping funds

Line06: within the country and not sending money to the UN to

Line07: support efforts in Africa;

Line08: Therefore: The United States should not support UN

Line09: peacekeeping efforts in Africa.

Respectfully Submitted By: Representative Catherine Daugharty

School: Stonewall Jackson High School

Date: 11 Mar 2010

Time: 03:34:42 PM



Docket: Docket A
Legislation: Resolution
Area: International
Number: 94785

Legislation Title: A resolution to set up border control

Line00: Be it resolved

Line01: Whereas: It's too risky to put our troops in the Al-Qaeda

Line02: region of Pakistan.

Line03: Whereas: We are already fighting two wars and can't afford

Line04: to have another.

Line05: Whereas: If we increase border control then we can prevent

Line06: Al-Qaeda from moving back into Afghanistan

Line07: Therefore, be it resolved by this student congress here

Line08: assembled that we strengthen border control measures on the

Line09: Afghanistan side by stationing Afghanistan and American

Line10: troops there.

Respectfully Submitted By: Representative Chelsea Garcia

School: Central High School

Date: 13 Mar 2010

Time: 10:13:07 PM



Docket: Docket A
Legislation: Bill
Area: Economic
Number: 105

Legislation Title: Coverage of Medicare to the Unemployed

Line00: Be it enacted

Line01: by this student congress here assembled that Medicare

Line02: coverage be offered to all unemployed persons over forty

Line03: (40) years of age and not yet sixty-two (62) years of age

Line04: provided they meet certain qualificatons.

Line05: Section 1: All Medicare coverage shall be extended to all

Line06: unemployed persons at age 40-61 who live at or below the

Line07: national poverty level and have been unemployed for at least

Line08: six months and show proof of no other medical insurance.

Line09: Section 2: These Medicare benefits shall be extended to

Line10: one's spouse or children providing the family member(s) is/

Line11: are living at home and have no other insurance.

Line12: Section 3: All who receive this unemployment Medicare

Line13: coverage shall be eligible for Medicaid coverage and the

Line14: federal prescription drug plan provided their or their

Line15: family's income is at or below the national poverty level

Line16: as a result of their unemployed status.

Line17: Section 4: All those who are eligible for Medicare/

Line18: Medicade coverage shall receive all medicines for \$1 per

Line19: prescription out-of-pocket expense, doctor's office visits

Line20: at \$5 out-of-pocket expense, and free hospitalization.

Line21: Section 5: All costs other than out-of-pocket expenses

Line22: shall be the responsibility of government through the

Line23: Social Security Administration.

Line24: Section 6: This coverage shall be effectual for no more

Line25: than one year and shall cease when the recipient

Line26: returns to the workforce.

Line27: Section 7: An person found defrauding the government

Line28: and this unemployment Medicare Social Security

Line29: option shall receive a mandatory five year jail term in

Line30: federal prison without the possiblity of parole.

Line31: Section 8: This law shall go into effect on July 1, 2010.

Respectfully Submitted By: Representative Matt Estes

School: Madison County High School

Date: 13 Mar 2010

Time: 10:52:30 PM



Docket: Docket A
Legislation: Resolution
Area: Virginia
Number: 81694

Legislation Title: A resolution concerning concealed carry on college campuses.

Line00: Be it resolved

Line01: Whereas guns don't kill people, people kill people

Line02: Whereas guns used in defense have saved many lives in the

Line03: past

Line04: Whereas The government should allow people to protect

Line05: themselves when the authorities can't do a suffice job

Line06: Therefore, be it resolved by this student congress here

Line07: assembled that students who are 21 and have passed checks

Line08: may be able to obtain a concealed weapon carry permit in

Line09: public colleges in Virginia.

Respectfully Submitted By: Representative Hannah Huddle

School: Central High School

Date: 13 Mar 2010

Time: 10:58:08 PM



Docket B Legislation



Docket: Docket B
Legislation: Bill
Area: Domestic
Number: 1

Legislation Title: A Bill to Repeal "Don't Ask, Don't Tell"

Line00: Be it enacted

Line01: Article I: Military officials will no longer be required to
Line02: hide their sexual orientation from others, instead it will
Line03: be up to the individual to decide whether or not they will
Line04: share this personal information with others.

Line05:

Line06: Article II: It is not illegal within the United States of
Line07: America to be homosexual, but it is illegal to discriminate
Line08: based on sexual preference, therefore laws regarding
Line09: sexuality in the military are not necessary nor ethical.

Line10:

Line11: Article III: This law has been proven not only to turn away
Line12: possible soldiers, but also to be completely ineffective.
Line13: Over one hundred army veterans have called for a repeal of
Line14: this policy, and approximately 4,000 soldiers have been
Line15: dismissed from service based solely on their sexuality.

Line16:

Line17: Article IV: If this law is repealed and conditions have been
Line18: proven better when the policy was active, the law will be
Line19: reinstated immediately.

Line20:

Line21: Article V: Any laws currently in effect contend with this
Line22: repeal will be dismissed immediately.

Respectfully Submitted By: Representative Helen Boyd-Pratt

School: Buffalo Gap High School

Date: 26 Feb 2010

Time: 07:51:39 PM



Super Session Legislation



There is no Super Session Legislation for this competition.