

A Bill to Enact Compulsory Universal Service for all Americans

WHEREAS: Today's generation of young people is coming of age in a selfish, celebrity-obsessed, lazy society with a lack of commitment to the ideals and work ethic that made our forefathers' generations so successful.

WHEREAS: Our country is currently engaged in two wars that have drained our military's manpower resources and left the armed services in desperate need of recruits.

WHEREAS: Social/charitable organizations in the United States are in dire need of volunteers to be teachers, social workers, manual laborers, and community organizers both in the inner cities and poor rural areas of our country.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. All Americans aged 18-23 be required to complete a compulsory one-year universal service commitment.

Section 2. This commitment is either to be served immediately upon turning 18, or immediately following high school graduation, whichever comes last.

Section 3. The commitment can be fulfilled through a one-year tour of duty in any active military branch or through a one-year volunteer commitment to an approved charitable organization as a full-time worker.

Section 4. Room, board, and a small stipend will be provided to all participants.

Section 5. Enrollment and attendance at any two- or four-year college will be automatically deferred until after completion of the mandatory service. Students will not be allowed to attend college until after completion of service.

Section 6. Physical or medical deferments will be evaluated on a case by case basis, but all people should be able to contribute in some way, even if not physically able to participate in the military.

Section 7. All other laws that are in conflict with this legislation shall hereby be declared null and void.

Section 8. This bill is to enacted on July 1, 2012.

Respectfully submitted by Bishop England HS

A Bill to Mandate Helmets for All Motorcycle Riders

WHEREAS: The lack of proper head protection while riding a motorcycle is an extreme risk to the rider as traffic accidents involving motorcycles often cause the rider to be ejected from the bike.

WHEREAS: Such accidents often result in the death or severe wounding of the rider, as well as long hospitalization stays that must be paid for by insurance – thereby causing society as a whole to pay for one person’s foolishness.

WHEREAS: There are currently 27 states that do not require riders to wear helmets above a certain age.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

A national helmet law be enacted that requires all motorcycle riders to wear helmets any time they access a public thoroughway regardless of age.

Respectfully submitted by Bishop England HS

A Bill to Establish a National Graduation Standard

1. Be it enacted by this student congress that:
2. Section I: A new standard that determines a student's eligibility to graduate will
3. be put into effect.
4. A) This requirement will be an assessment of the individual student's
5. academic growth, relative to an education plan made for each student
6. B) The current diploma value system (graduating, graduating with honors,
7. etc.) shall be further developed on to reflect the academic level of the
8. student.
9. Section II: The enforcement of this bill shall be as follows:
10. A) The goals in section IA will be determined by a conference including a
11. guidance councilor, parent or guardian, and the student. This shall be
12. enforced by the local school and its district.
13. B) Once the student's level is determined and their academic plan is set
14. then they will be placed into their sub-groups where they will be able to
15. obtain their diploma according to that level.
16. C) The levels of diploma weight shall be determined by the Department of
17. Education.
18. Section III: Full effect of this bill will come into effect for the class of 2014
19. Section IV: All laws in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and void.
20. Section V: Funding for this bill shall be appropriated at the beginning of the fiscal
21. year 2010.

Respectfully Submitted,
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A Resolution to Save the American Gray Wolves by Reinstating them onto the Endangered Species List

1 **WHEREAS**, the estimated population of all grey wolves in the United States of
2 America may be as low as 9,743; and

3 **WHEREAS**, on May 4, 2009, the Northern Rockies Grey Wolf was taken off the
4 Endangered Species List by the Bush administration despite studies that
5 show that 2/3 of the wolf population may be killed; and

6 **WHEREAS**, over 50 percent of the population of grey wolves is projected to be killed
7 in the next ten years, which is a reason for a population to be placed on the
8 Endangered Species List; and

9 **WHEREAS**, wolves are considered big game animals, which result in massive killings;
10 and

11 **WHEREAS**, it has been reported that 7,500 wolves have been killed in the past five
12 years; and

13 **WHEREAS**, wolves help control the very large elk population in the Yellowstone
14 National Park; and

15 **WHEREAS**, with the new popular trend of shooting wolves from helicopters, the death
16 count is expected to rise significantly; now, therefore, be it

17 **RESOLVED**, by the Student Congress here assembled that the Northern Rockies Grey
18 Wolf be put back on the Endangered Species List.

19 *Submitted by Leigh Chandler*

20 *Waccamaw High School*

A Resolution to Legalize Marijuana for Medical and
Recreational Use in Order to Decrease Crime and
Increase Revenue in the United States

- 1 **WHEREAS**, arrests for marijuana violations have peaked and are costing American
2 taxpayers billions of dollars a year; and,
3 **WHEREAS**, this peak has resulted in over 750,000 arrests, with over 88% of these
4 arrests being for mere possession of the drug; and,
5 **WHEREAS**, this extraordinary amount of arrests is costing American taxpayers over
6 7.6 billion dollars annually, contributing to the poor state of the economy;
7 and,
8 **WHEREAS**, marijuana has the potential to produce over 2 billion dollars a year if
9 available to be sold and taxed like most consumer goods, or over 6
10 billion dollars a year if available to be sold and taxed like alcohol or
11 tobacco; now, therefore, be it
12 **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled make the following
13 recommendation for solution by legalizing marijuana for medical and
14 recreational use for all those 21 years of age and older; and, be it
15 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that legal marijuana be issued a tax.

Submitted by Courtney Nappier

Waccamaw High School

A Resolution to suspend the purchase of 3D Body Imagers in airports to respect passenger privacy, shorten security screening time and save millions in airport money Top of Form

- WHEREAS**, 3d imagers or 3d scanners are being used in thousands of airports across the world today for enhanced security; and
- WHEREAS**, depending on the model, “personal areas” are usually blurred out for privacy reasons; and
- WHEREAS**, because of the blurring, security is lessened, and
- WHEREAS**, someone could potentially sneak a weapon or other prohibited article onto aircraft; and
- WHEREAS**, hundreds of people go through the scanners every day; and
- WHEREAS**, those people are subjected to virtual near-naked strip searches; and
- WHEREAS**, the scans that these machines generate are very revealing including every part of the body from head to toe including personal areas; and
- WHEREAS**, many passengers feel that this is an extreme violation of privacy; and
- WHEREAS**, these machines waste up to three times the valuable time of the passengers in security checkpoints; and
- WHEREAS**, these 3d scanners cost upwards of \$80,000 per unit; and
- WHEREAS**, these machines also require hours upon hours of extremely expensive training to operate; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled make the recommendation that current scanners be removed and no further scanners purchased, and be it
- FURTHER RESOLVED**, That all passengers be informed of the invasive nature of testing until such time that scanners can be removed.

Submitted by Ross Lindsay

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A Bill to Prohibit Handguns in the United States

BE IN ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. Section 1: That the private ownership of handguns shall be prohibited in the United
2. States of America
3. Section 2: Definition of Terms are as follows:
4. Private Ownership - belonging to, concerning, or reserved for the use of a
5. particular person
6. Handgun - a firearm held and fired with one hand
7. Prohibited – to forbid by authority
8. Section 3: Phase I- The IRS will oversee the enforcement of this bill by establishing
9. designated drop off points in local communities with appraisers who will
10. inspect the handgun and give a value, the owner will thus be awarded a tax
11. reduction of said value.
12. Phase II- Anyone who does not hand in there gun will thus be fined up to
13. 10000 dollars and or up to 24 months in prison.
14. Section 4: Phase I will go into effect immediately among the passage of this bill.
15. Phase II will go into effect 6 months after the date of the passage of this bill
16. Section 5: All other laws that are in conflict of this new policy shall here by be
17. declared null and void.

Introduced by Mauldin High School

A Bill to Help Solve the Problem of Illegal Immigration

BE IN ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. Section 1: The United States apply a new policy towards Illegal Immigrations which
2. Entails a more strict policy and begin to work on attrition through enforcement
3. Section 2: Definition of Terms are as follows:
4. Strict Policy- More Enforcement on the laws and a higher focus on them.
5. Attrition through Enforcement- To create a new work place verification system,
6. Increased border control, State and Local collaborations and curb the Misuse of
7. Social Security and IRS Fraud
8. Section 3: The Department of Homeland Security, along with border patrol officers
9. And local and state law enforcement will enforce this piece of legislation with the
10. Department of Homeland Security overseeing this legislation.
11. Section 4: This bill will go into effect immediately among the passage of this bill.
12. Section 5: All other laws that are in conflict of this new policy shall here by be
13. Declared null and void

Introduced by Mauldin High School

A Resolution to Remove the No Child Left Behind Act

1. Whereas: The No Child Left Behind Act (NCLBA) does not increase achievement
2. It only points out flaws and,
3. Whereas: States are lowering their standards in order to meet tests and,
4. Whereas: Schools lack funding to change for the better under NCLBA and,
5. Whereas: Schools are focused on teaching to the test and not to better understanding
6. Of the curriculum and, .
7. Whereas: The Testing requirements set up under NCLBA are too strict and hurts the
8. Classroom and learning areas therefore,
9. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT,
10. The No Child Left Behind Act be removed from United States education policy and,
11. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT,
12. The United States looks to new ways to improve the education beyond test scores
13. Across all student subgroups.

Introduced by Mauldin High School

A Bill to Stop Obama's Troop Surge to Afghanistan

BE IN ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. Section 1: Obamas Troop Surge be hereby immediately stopped and all troops
2. deployed be returned to the United States.
3. Section 2: Definition of Terms are as follows:
4. Obamas Troop Surge: The 30,000 Troops set to go to Afghanistan to fight the Taliban
5. Section 3: The Department of Homeland Security, will make sure that all 30,000
6. troops are returned home and withdrawn from Afghanistan
7. Section 4: This bill will go into effect immediately among passage with all troops
8. returning within 30 DAYS
9. SECTION 5: ALL LAWS IN CONFLICT WITH THIS LEGISLATION ARE HEREBY DECLARED
NULL AND VOID

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A Bill to Monitor Consumer Credit

Be it enacted by this Student Congress assembled that,

Section I: The Federal Department of Lending Constraints (FDLC) shall be established

- A. The FDLC shall enforce this bill and absorb any current administrations or parts of administrations that regulate any parts of this bill.
- B. The Board of Directors shall be appointed by the President and approved by Congress every four years.
- C. The FDLC shall have access to and monitor the credit scores, and all relevant information to the enforcement of this bill, as defined by the approved credit repositories.
- D. The IRS shall make available to the FDLC all necessary information to enforce this bill.
- E. The FDLC shall make all of its databases available to lenders (defined as any corporation, business, bank, etc. that lends money to consumers as a part or form of business).
- F. The funding for this bill shall be appropriated at the start of the fiscal year of 2009 and the enforcement of this bill shall begin on the 1st of June, 2009.

Section II: All lenders must report to at least one of the approved credit repositories or the FDLC (who shall then report to all of the repositories) with all relevant information regarding loans to consumers and credit scores at a minimum of every month.

- A. Lenders shall be fined \$100,000 for the first offense which shall be raised ten-fold for every subsequent offense within a ten year period.
- B. The approved credit repositories shall be Equifax, TransUnion, Experian, and any other repository that petitions to be on the list and is approved by Congress

Section III: Restrictions on the amount of non-collateralized (NC) credit that each consumer may take each month shall be based on the following stipulations:

- A. Those who are on welfare without a form of disposable income shall not be allowed consumer credit.
- B. Those with credit scores of: 0 – 500 shall not be allowed consumer credit, 501 – 600 shall be allowed 50% of their NMI, 601 – 670 shall be allowed their NMI, 671 – 720 shall be allowed 150% of their NMI and 721 – 850 shall be allowed unlimited consumer credit.

Section IV: Lenders shall not give a consumer any amount of credit that will allow them to exceed the amount allowed in Section III. Lenders shall be fined \$50,000 per offense.

Respectfully submitted by,
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