

***Legislation
for the Irmo Tournament
January 8***

Irmo Legislation (#15-17) May be sponsored by any school.

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A Resolution Regarding Doctor-Assisted Suicide

1. **Whereas**, many patients who are suffering day in and day
2. out want to be put out of their misery, and
3. **Whereas**, we control our own lives, and
4. Whereas, it is an individual's right to end his / her own life, not the
5. government's, and
6. **Whereas**, for patients who yearn for death, doctors can
7. consult a psychiatrist for help and advice, and
8. **Whereas**, a non-supervised suicide attempt can be
9. dangerous to others in the surrounding area; therefore,
10. **BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS THAT:**
11. Patients who express a written desire to participate in doctor-assisted suicide, have
12. undergone professional analysis and treatment by a licensed psychiatrist, and are
13. deemed to be of sane mind by their physician and psychiatrist have the right to
15. participate in doctor-assisted suicide without penalty.

Respectfully Submitted,

Neel Mehta

Mauldin High School

**A Resolution Concerning Greater United States
Border Protection**

1 **Whereas**, the entire United States border is not protected or patrolled, and
2 **Whereas**, this leaves the United States open to foreign terrorists and terrorist attacks,
3 and
4 **Whereas**, terrorists and drug smugglers can and have entered the United States
5 undetected, and
6 **Whereas**, illegal immigrants can and have hurt the United States economy by abusing
7 government services and by taking the jobs of United States citizens,
8 **Therefore**, be it resolved by the Student Congress assembled here today that the entire
9 United States border be protected or patrolled.
10 **Be it further resolved that** all parts of the United States border be strengthened
11 by, but not limited to, one of the following: fencing, checkpoints, surveillance
12 systems, and increased patrols; and that United States increase the number of
13 border patrol agents by at least 25%.

Respectfully submitted for debate,

Brian Jones

Mauldin High School

A Resolution Concerning Iran

1. **Whereas**, Iran is developing nuclear capabilities, and
2. **Whereas**, intelligence is unsure of whether these capabilities are for benign or
3. malignant purposes, and
4. **Whereas**, America could benefit economically from a trade agreement with Iran,
5. therefore
6. **BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the student congress here assembled that the United
7. States resume talks with Iran for diplomatic and economic purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

Drew Everson

Mauldin High School

Mandatory Prescription for All Steroids

1. **Section I:** This bill aims to comply with the Anabolic Steroid Control Act and is
2. in ordinance with the Controlled Substances Act.
3. **Section II:** Upon the enactment of this bill, all physicians must
4. comply with the restraining laws.
5. **Section III:** Insubordination of this bill by a physician will result in temporary
6. removal of his/her medical license.
7. **Definition I:** Temporary removal will be defined by this bill as confiscation of said license for a time
- period of two months.
8. **Section IV:** A physician prescription of any of the steroids listed below after
9. the enactment of this bill will result in permanent removal of the physician's
10. certification: Anabolic steroids, especially Androstenedione, 4-Androstenediol,
11. 5-Androstenediol, 19-Norandrostenedione, and finally 19-Norandrostenediol.
12. **Definition II:** Anabolic Steroid will be defined by this bill as a synthetic derivative of the
13. male hormone testosterone.
14. **Section V:** Upon ratification of this bill a physician may not prescribe nor provide
15. steroids to any being under the age of 21.
16. **Section VI:** Section V will apply to all people with the exception of
17. those with disabilities or disease that require steroid usage.
18. **Section VII:** Three months after the enactment of this bill, any over the counter
19. steroids will require a physician's prescription to be legally obtained.

Respectfully Submitted,
Megan Novak
Mauldin High School

A Resolution Concerning Mass Media Advertising for Political Candidates

1. **Whereas**, candidates who are running for public office do not necessarily
2. endorse certain types of “mud-slinging” advertisements, and
3. **Whereas**, the accuracy of particular advertisements are in question, and
4. **Whereas**, media released by outside sources often slants the truth with
5. the essential goal being to minimize one politician’s character, therefore:
6. **BE IT RESOLVED** by the student congress here assembled that no organization other
7. than the political candidate’s election committee can pay for or endorse political
8. advertising.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathryn Witzke

Mauldin High School

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A Resolution to Ban the Electoral College

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Whereas, the Electoral College does not always elect the candidate

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that has won the majority vote of the people, and

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Whereas, every other elected official in this country is elected

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through the method of majority vote, and

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Whereas, our elected candidate should show the true voice of the

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people, and

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Whereas, the Electoral College causes voter turnout to be

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decreased by going against voter efficacy, therefore

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Student Congress here assembled that the

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US Constitution be amended to ban the use of the Electoral College

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in any election of a government official.

Respectfully Submitted,

Prashant Patel

Mauldin High School

A Resolution Concerning Humanitarian Aid to North Korea

1. **Whereas**, the United States of America cut all humanitarian aid to North Korea,
2. **Whereas**, the North Korea citizens currently live in poverty, and
3. **Whereas**, energy, which could be provided by nuclear reactors, is currently
4. lacking in the nation,
5. **Therefore be it resolved** that the United States should provide immediate
6. humanitarian aid of food and water to North Korea;
7. **Be it further resolved** that in exchange for the freezing and disbandment of the
8. North Korean nuclear program, the United States will provide financial,
9. technological, and human aid in the designing and construction of non-
10. nuclear power plants.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Cooper

J. L. Mann High School

A Bill Concerning Political Parties

1. **Section 1:** Political parties shall be deemed as illegal in the United States of
2. America.
3. **Section 2:** A “political party” is to be defined as any grouping of two or more
4. otherwise unrelated candidates for office or office holders and their
5. supporters, or a grouping of four or more related candidates for office
6. of office holders. Examples include the current Democratic,
7. Republican, and Green parties.
8. **Section 3:** “Related” candidates or office holders are and candidate or office
9. holders that are typically grouped, such as president and vice-
10. president, serving in the same congressional branch from the same
11. state, or state government equivalents.
12. **Section 4:** All current political associations for candidates and voters shall be
13. thrown out.
14. **Section 5:** “Alliances,” groupings, or transferring of funds of or between any
15. grouping defined as acceptable by Section 2 shall be deemed as illegal.
16. **Section 6:** This bill shall go into effect exactly six months after passage and
17. approval by the president.

Respectfully submitted,

Logan Kincaid

J. L. Mann High School

A Resolution Concerning Sudan

1. **Whereas**, the so-called “acts of genocide” in Sudan much parallel those of Rwanda in
2. 1994,
3. **Whereas**, the Sudanese in the Darfur region are unable to protect themselves from
4. their own government, and
5. **Whereas**, millions are estimated dead,
6. **Therefore be it resolved** that the United States consider the acts in Sudan to be
7. genocide, and take the necessary steps as called for in the United Nations
8. Genocide Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Williams

J. L. Mann High School

A Resolution Concerning Foreign and Domestic Aid

1. **Whereas**, many nations misuse, abuse, or dislike American financial aid,
2. **Whereas**, millions of Americans are homeless, starving, or both,
3. **Whereas**, increased productivity and internal strength could increase America's
4. ability to help foreign nations in the future,
5. **Therefore be it resolved** that the United States should greatly reduce money put
6. towards foreign aid, redirecting all cut money towards domestic aid such as
7. homeless shelters, food banks, and the like.

Respectfully submitted,

James Menezes

J. L. Mann High School

A Bill Making Creationism Part of the High School Curriculum.

- 1 **Whereas** evolution is only one theory of human modification. And has minute factual
- 2 information.
- 3 **Be it hereby resolved** by the student congress that creationism be taught in schools.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Cid
Stratford High School

A Bill to Remove Electoral Votes

- 1 **Whereas**, with removing the electoral votes U.S. citizens' votes mean more.
- 2 **Whereas**, every state will take care of its own votes- no red states or blue
- 3 states.
- 4 **Whereas**, the old way seemed easier, it still was a bad system.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Bassett
Stratford High School

A Resolution to Recognize Same Sex Marriage

- 1 **Whereas**, the definition of marriage as given by the government of the United States
2 is, "A civil agreement between two parties that requires no religious ceremony for
it solemnization."
3 **Whereas**, Article I of the United States Constitution requires the separation of church
4 and state.
5 **Whereas**, Article XIV of the United States Constitution requires that all American
6 citizens be protected by the laws and states that a citizen of the United States is
7 entitled to life, liberty, and property.
8 **Be it hereby resolved** by this Student Congress here assembled that Same Sex
9 marriages are legal and recognized in all states.

Respectfully submitted

Kayla Barber
Stratford High School

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A Resolution Concerning a National Sales Tax

1 **Whereas**, the current system of taxation of the United States is full of

2 Loopholes and is extremely confusing, and,

3 **Whereas**, the country wastes billions so that they can properly tax the people

4 According to their financial and status in life in general, and,

5 **Whereas**, the country also wastes billions in administrative costs on the tax

6 Every year, and,

7 **Whereas**, a National Sales Tax (or Value Added Tax) system is simple,

8 Properly taxes those who need it and those who don't, and will increase revenue,

9 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE**

10 **ASSEMBLED** that the United States Income Tax be discontinued after April

11 2005 and that it be replaced by a National Sales Tax of 17% that will slowly

12 Decrease over time when it is possible to decrease the tax.

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this tax may never go above 20% or will be

14 Able to tax essential items such as clothes, food, and anything else deemed within

15 Reasonable belief to be essential by the Secretary of the Interior.

Respectfully Submitted,

Prashant Patel

Mauldin High School

A Resolution Concerning Farm Subsidies

1. **WHEREAS**, the current farm subsidies do little to help American family farms,
2. **WHEREAS**, farm subsidies unfairly impede the ability of third-world farmers to
3. compete with richer nations,
4. **WHEREAS**, the WTO has ruled that all members must begin rolling back farm
5. subsidies,
6. **WHEREAS**, we spend \$15 billion dollars on farm subsidies while facing massive
7. deficits,
8. **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by this Student Congress here assembled that
9. farm subsidies be gradually eliminated.

Respectfully Submitted,

Irmo High School

RESOLUTION TO REFORM SOCIAL SECURITY

1. **WHEREAS:** Social Security is expected to decrease all the way down to two people in
2. the work force per retiree by 2008 and eventually reach bankruptcy.
3. **WHEREAS:** A reform would close the wealth gap.
4. **WHEREAS:** A reform is a better solution than increasing social security taxes and the
5. retirement age.
6. **WHEREAS:** Placing social security money in stocks will allow investors to earn more
7. money with their social security.

8. **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Americans will have the ability to place their social
9. security into stocks as well as use the modern social security system.

Respectfully Submitted,
Irmo High School

RESOLUTION TO RENEW THE PATRIOT ACT

- 1 **WHEREAS:** The Patriot Act is set to expire on December 31, 2005.
- 2 **WHEREAS:** The Patriot Act helps enhance justice department agencies enhance their
- 3 investigative tools to fight terrorism on American soil.
- 4 **WHEREAS:** The Patriot Act only enables the United States to do to terrorists what we
- 5 already do to mobsters.
- 6 **WHEREAS:** The Patriot Act protects us from terrorists living in the United States.
- 7 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** The United States renews the Patriot Act when it is
- 8 set to expire on December 31, 2005.

Respectfully Submitted,

Irmo High School