

Grand Tournament – Bill Packet

Final Bill Packet

SuperSession Bills added Wednesday, Jan 26.

Those bills do not have school identifications

There are no guaranteed authorships.

All bills will be introduced with Sponsorship speeches only.

Normal precedent procedures should be used to determine speaking order.

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2 / 2 / 10 Revision

Ver. 1.0 Final Bill Packet

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Finalized on Wednesday, January 27, 2010 @ 10pm

A BILL TO IMPLEMENT TORT REFORM

1. **BE IT ENACTED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**
2. **SECTION 1.** From hereafter there shall be a \$250,000 cap on non-economic malpractice
3. lawsuits.
4. **SECTION 2.** From hereafter there shall be a cap on attorney's fees in malpractice
5. lawsuits.
6. **SECTION 3.** A plaintiff's attorney fees would be limited to 50% of the first \$50,000
7. recovered; 40% of the following 50% recovered; 30% of any amounts exceeding
8. \$100,000.
9. **SECTION 4.** The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the
10. implementation of this legislation.
11. **SECTION 5.** This bill would go into effect immediately upon passage.
12. **SECTION 6.** Any states who fail to comply with this legislation by FY2010 will face the
13. elimination of federal funding for their Medicare and Medicaid programs.
14. **SECTION 7.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Monsignor Farrell High School

A Resolution to Remove Sanctions on Cuban Trade

1. Whereas: Cubans are becoming less and less communist in spirit; and
2. Whereas: Allowing Cuba to trade with the United States would bring capitalistic ideals to Cuba;
3. and
4. Whereas: The United States already has trade relationships with communist countries such as
5. China; and
6. Whereas: Fidel Castro is no longer in power, and his successor, Raul Castro, is more open to
7. policy reform; and
8. Whereas: Economic reforms have already taken place since the start of Raul Castro's rule; and
9. Therefore, be it enacted by the student congress here assembled that open trade with Cuba will
10. be permitted.

Respectfully submitted, Convent of the Sacred Heart (CT)

A Resolution on the use of Torture

1. Whereas, We find that Torture is against the basic values of the human rights culture such
2. as it exists today;
3. Whereas, We find that the judgments made by the previous regime in regard to torture hold
4. no value, being made under duress and fear;
5. Whereas, we find torture, or acts resembling torture, against both our own domestic law
6. and that of the international community;
7. LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT: the United States will sanction no further torture in its name,
8. either by its own officers, or those of our allies, and that those violating this resolution
9. shall be processed to the fullest extent of the law.
10. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: immunity from such proceedings shall be granted to those
11. who have acted under previous advice, and have tortured individuals under such advice.

Respectfully Submitted,

Loyola High School

A Resolution to Purchase Afghanistan's Opium

1. **WHEREAS**, Afghanistan produces over 90% of the world's opium
2. **WHEREAS**, revenue from opium sales directly fund Taliban operations
3. **WHEREAS**, current opium eradication methods disenfranchise Afghani farmers
4. **WHEREAS**, the United States is currently facing a shortage of opium based
5. pharmaceuticals, therefore, be it
6. **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled give opium contracts to
7. Afghanistan and, be it
8. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, That Afghanistan be made to reinvest revenue from
9. these contracts for reforestation and diversification of its agricultural
10. sector.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stuyvesant High School

A Resolution to Require Products Containing Bisphenol-A to be Labeled

- 1: **WHEREAS**, Bisphenol-A (BPA) has been shown to be a harmful carcinogen found in
- 2: commonly used plastic containers and plastic-lined cans
- 3: **WHEREAS**, Many Americans are unaware of the dangers associated with products
- 4: containing Bisphenol-A
- 5: **WHEREAS**, There are many Bisphenol-A-free alternatives for consumers to purchase
- 6: **WHEREAS**, Currently, there is no easy way to discern between containers that do and do not
- 7: contain Bisphenol-A
- 8: **BE IT RESOLVED** that all consumer products containing Bisphenol-A must be clearly
- 9: labeled that they contain Bisphenol-A.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pelham Memorial High School

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A Resolution Regarding Sex-Offender Registries

1. Whereas, sex offender registries are designed to warn parents of those who may
2. harm their children
3. And whereas, including nonviolent offenders such as those guilty of statutory
4. rape, prostitution, and indecent exposure in the sex offender registry makes it
5. harder for parents to know which sex offenders on the list are truly dangerous,
6. And whereas, the lack of differentiation between violent and nonviolent sex
7. offenders and the public nature of the registry leads nonviolent offenders to be
8. unfairly victimized by association with dangerous sex offenders
9. Be it resolved that state sex offender registries should only include those
10. convicted of violent crimes and should not be publicly disseminated, but still
11. available by request

Respectfully Submitted,

Regis HS

A Resolution to End the Banning of Books

1 **WHEREAS**, The banning of books in public institutions is in direct
2 violation of right guaranteed of the United States Constitution and,
3 **WHEREAS**, Books are often banned or challenged purely because they
4 conflict with the moral or religious views of the challenger(s) and,
5 **WHEREAS**, It is the right of the individual to have access to any works
6 of literature that they please according to their own discretion and,
7 **WHEREAS**, A list of the most commonly banned or challenged books in
8 America contains many works considered to be quintessential
9 American novels,
10 **THEREFORE**, Let this congress here assembled decree that an
11 immediate course of action shall be taken towards forbidding the
12 banning or restriction of any work of literature in all public
13 institutions including schools and libraries; excepting those where the
14 authors sole intent in writing is to educate the reader in how to kill,
15 steal or cause any type harm to anyone or anything

Respectfully Submitted,

Pleasantville High School

Resolution to Designate Funding to the Construction of Nuclear Power Plants

- 1 Whereas most of America's current power production is based on economically
2 inefficient and environmentally damaging power production methods and
3 Whereas the fuels for above energy sources are owned by nations not friendly to the
4 United States, and
5 Whereas nuclear power is the most efficient form of energy production in both
6 environmental and economic efficiency, and
7 Whereas new technology has enabled nuclear reactors to be extremely safe, and
8 Whereas the fuel needed for nuclear energy lies in countries that are friendly to the
9 United States,
10 **Be It Resolved** by this Student Congress that the US provide subsidies for ten new
11 nuclear power plants.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fordham Preparatory School

A BILL CONCERNING US RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN

1. Whereas: Recent events within Pakistan indicate that terrorist organizations are
2. operating within the Pakistani borders.
3. Whereas: The government in Pakistan is unstable and Islamic extremism in the
4. country is creating a volatile political situation.
5. Whereas: The border between Pakistan and Afghanistan is porous and difficult to
6. control, leading individuals that seek to harm the US to move from
7. Afghanistan into Pakistan
8. Whereas: This situation is creating a threat to our national security.
9. Therefore, be it resolved that
10. A) Representatives from the US will lobby the UN to negotiate with the
11. Pakistani government to provide security in the form of peace-
12. keeping troops.
13. B) The US will arrange for frequent communication between representatives
14. from the governments of the US and Pakistan, aimed at preventing
15. violence and terrorism towards both countries.
16. C) The US will utilize covert forces such as the CIA to investigate suspicious
17. activities within the Pakistani borders.

Respectfully Submitted

Bronx Preparatory Charter School

**A RESOLUTION TO ELIMINATE SEX-REASSIGNMENT SURGERY FOR INTERSEX
INFANTS**

1. WHEREAS, infants born with ambiguous genitalia are often assigned
2. a sex to disambiguate the situation,
3. WHEREAS sex-reassignment surgery is too commonly given to
4. intersexual infants because it is seen as the only
5. hope for a normal life,
6. WHEREAS the infants have no say in this matter,
7. and frequently resent the decision that is made later on in life,
8. WHEREAS intersexual children assigned the wrong gender
9. can feel trapped in the wrong body, feel different from their peers,
10. have identity conflicts, and sometimes resort to suicide,
11. WHEREAS those assigned the wrong sex must often desire
12. to change their gender once again,
13. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Student Congress here assembled
14. that arbitrary sex-reassignment surgeries for intersexual infants must
15. come to an end, and that no one will receive a sex-reassignment surgery
16. unless they are mature enough to make an informed decision for
17. themselves.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

ST. JOSEPH HILL ACADEMY

A Resolution to Withdraw the United States from NATO

- 1 **WHEREAS**, Membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is no
2 longer in the interest of the United States; and
- 3 **WHEREAS**, The collapse of the Soviet Union and the reunification of Germany
4 rendered NATO a purposeless and superfluous military alliance; and
- 5 **WHEREAS**, NATO incorporates weak states that do not augment the security of the
6 United States; and
- 7 **WHEREAS**, Article V of the North Atlantic Treaty mandates that the United States
8 protect those aforementioned states should they come under attack; and
- 9 **WHEREAS**, NATO's inclusion of former Soviet satellite states strains relations with
10 Russia and threatens to force the United States into conflict with a nuclear-
11 armed adversary; and
- 12 **WHEREAS**, The militaries of Western Europe are becoming smaller and increasingly
13 outmoded due to the reliance of member states on the protection afforded
14 by the United States in accordance with Article V; and
- 15 **WHEREAS**, American withdrawal from NATO will compel Europe to become
16 militarily independent and will extricate the United States from an alliance
17 that endangers, rather than strengthens, its national security; therefore, be
18 it
- 19 **RESOLVED**, That the United States withdraw its membership in NATO.

Respectfully submitted,

Iona Preparatory

A RESOLUTION TO NULLIFY THE PATRIOT ACT

1. WHEREAS agencies such as the FBI and the CIA are granted powers by the
2. Patriot Act which allow them to investigate a citizen's bank accounts,
3. credit card history, medical records, and establish wire taps if
4. he/she is suspected of any illegal activity, and
5. WHEREAS the Patriot Act severely violates the citizen's constitutional
6. right to privacy; and
7. WHEREAS the Patriot Act was ratified during a time of severe national
8. crisis which might have distorted the federal government's judgment
9. regarding its constitutional validity,
10. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Student Congress here assembled that
11. the Patriot Act shall be nullified immediately upon passage of this resolution.

A RESOLUTION TO AUGMENT SUPPORT FOR SOUTHEAST ASIA

- 1 **WHEREAS**, Thailand's drug cartels have become stronger in recent years, and
- 2 **WHEREAS**, the United States has significant economic, humanitarian, and political
- 3 interests in Asia, and
- 4 **WHEREAS**, ASEAN needs more United States support and aid to help curb human
- 5 rights abuses, and
- 6 **WHEREAS**, Drug cartels are one of the primary causes of the human rights abuses in
- 7 South East Asia; therefore,
- 8 **BE IT RESOLVED** by this Student Congress here assembled that: the United States aid
- 9 Thailand in curbing the growth and sale of drugs, and
- 10 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the United States endorse ASEAN's human rights
- 11 goals.

1 Whereas, there are up to twenty-million illegal immigrants currently in the United States,
2 and;

3 Whereas, mass deportation of said immigrants is impractical, and;

4 Whereas, amnesty has often been regarded as a practical and essential solution for the
5 security of America, and;

6 Whereas, an increase in border security is necessary for the safety of all citizens, and;

7 Whereas, lax enforcement of immigration policies has created a generation of
8 undocumented individuals;

9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Congress here assembled that all individuals living in the
10 United States of America illegally, shall be given the opportunity to apply for full
11 citizenship.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in order to stop a recurrence as this, and to provide
13 for the safety and security of all Americans, Congress allocates \$400 million to the
14 Immigration and Customs Enforcement of the United States Department of Homeland
15 Security for improvement of border security through an increase in personnel,
16 heightened awareness amongst state and local governments, and overall improvement
17 to national security.

A Resolution Regarding Mandatory-Minimum Drug Sentences

1. Whereas, mandatory-minimum drug sentences (hereafter, "mandatory minimums")
2. discriminate unfairly against crack-cocaine users, and
3. Whereas, by doing so, mandatory-minimums discriminate unfairly against minorities, and
4. Whereas, judges ought to retain discretion over sentencing,
5. Be it resolved that: The Student Congress here assembled advise the Justice Department
6. to review and revise mandatory-minimum drug sentences