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2010 Finals Legislation



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- ❖ **PLEASE NOTE:** An error was discovered with the sponsoring district for Semifinal Legislation #5. It should have been listed as Southern Wisconsin. This has been updated in the docket packet online.

- ❖ This publication is a *docket* of all legislation that can be considered at the National Congress. Each chamber sets its own *agenda* at the beginning of the preliminary, semifinal and final sessions. There is **no** alpha or omega designation.

- ❖ This year, a student whose district legislation is on the docket gets first right of refusal for the authorship privilege. The NFL will study correlation between success of students at the National Congress with whether their district had legislation at the tournament.

- ❖ This addendum includes legislation for **finals** as prepared by the Stennis Center for Public Service Leadership.

- ❖ **Four reserve items** of preliminary legislation are included here; these were the next-highest rated items by the committee who reviewed legislation submitted by districts. These items may only be considered in session 4, *after* all other preliminary legislation (items 1-25) have been acted upon.

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A Bill to Require United States Citizens Between the Ages of 18 and 28 to Perform National Service

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** It is the obligation of every citizen of the United States, who is between
3 the ages of 18 and 28 to perform a consecutive two year period of national
4 service. The national service obligation shall be performed either as a
5 member of an active or reserve component of the uniformed services or in
6 a civilian capacity that, as determined by the president, promotes the
7 national defense, including national or community service.

8 All programs administered by the Corporation for National and
9 Community Service, as established by the National and Community
10 Service Trust Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. 12651 et seq.) shall meet the
11 national or community service obligation described in this section,

12 **SECTION 2.** The term “United States, when used in a geographical sense means the
13 fifty states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and
14 Guam.

15 The term “uniformed services’ means the Army, navy, Air Force, Marine
16 Corps, Coast Guard, commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and
17 Atmospheric Administration and commissioned corps of the Public
18 Health Service.

19 **SECTION 3.** The President shall prescribe such regulations as are necessary to carry out
20 this title and shall use the Selective Service System as established in the
21 Military Selective Service Act (50 U.S.C. App. 451 et seq.) to administer
22 this act.

23 **SECTION 4.** This act shall become effective as of the date signed by the President.

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

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A Bill to Limit Executive Compensation for Systemically Significant Financial Institutions

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Executive compensation for employees of systemically significant
3 financial institutions shall be limited to an annual amount not exceeding
4 200% of the annual salary of the President of the United States. The
5 amount of annual executive compensation shall include salary, wages,
6 cash bonuses, stock and the value of deferred compensation such as stock
7 options and warrants.

8 **SECTION 2.** The term “systemically significant financial institutions” include banks,
9 bank holding companies, investment bands, financial services firms,
10 corporations and institutions that own or control assets greater than
11 \$25,000,000,000 and,

12 (1) received funds pursuant to the Troubled Assets Relief Program
13 (TARP);

14 or

15 (2) are covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or other
16 federal financial insurance or guarantee programs.

17 The compensation limitations in SECTION 1 shall be applicable to any
18 entities described in this section, if such entities meet the criteria described
19 in this section at any time during a calendar year.

20 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe such regulations as are
21 necessary to carry out this Act.

22 **SECTION 4.** This Act shall be effective for the calendar year beginning January 1,
23 2011.

24 **SECTION 5.** All other laws that are in conflict with this Act shall become null and void.

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A Resolution to Dismantle U.S. Nuclear Weapons

- 1 **WHEREAS**, U.S. conventional military capability is adequate to confront threats to
2 American national security such as terrorism; and
- 3 **WHEREAS**, Today’s threats do not require nuclear deterrence; and
- 4 **WHEREAS**, The Cold War ended over 20 years ago, and Russia is no longer our
5 enemy nor a nuclear threat to the United States; and
- 6 **WHEREAS**, Such trusted statesmen as George Schulz, Henry Kissinger, William Perry
7 and Sam Nunn jointly have advocated for a nuclear-free world; and
- 8 **WHEREAS**, The U.S. should lead by example to prevent extremist countries from
9 acquiring nuclear weapons just because others have them; and
- 10 **WHEREAS**, The U.S. presents a double standard when we insist that we can have the
11 bomb but others cannot; and
- 12 **WHEREAS**, Dismantling U.S. nuclear weapons would create a more positive
13 international climate for arms control and nonproliferation; and
- 14 **WHEREAS**, Budgetary constraints and the needs of America’s conventional forces
15 outweigh the costs of maintaining unnecessary nuclear readiness; and
- 16 **WHEREAS**, The use of nuclear weapons is morally untenable because such weapons
17 are fundamentally indiscriminate killers; now, therefore, be it
- 18 **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled urge the President to work with
19 the Secretary of Defense to dismantle all existing bomb inventories of
20 U.S. nuclear weapons.

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A Bill to Prohibit New Leasing Activities For Oil and Natural Gas on Offshore Federal Lands

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** It shall be the policy of the United States to prohibit new leasing activities
3 for oil and natural gas production on offshore Federal lands.

4 **SECTION 2.** No Federal agency may expend funds on pre-leasing or leasing activities
5 related to offshore oil and natural gas production.

6 **SECTION 3.** These provisions are effective on the date of enactment.

7 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Resolution Amending the Constitution to Provide for a 20-Year Term for Supreme Court Justices

1 **WHEREAS**, Lifetime tenure for Justices of the Supreme Court is rendering the Court
2 increasingly out of touch with society’s values; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Lifetime tenure removes an important democratic ‘check and balance’ on
4 an important institution of government; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Lifetime tenure is injecting domestic politics into the judicial process
6 through the timing of retirements and appointments; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Lifetime tenure runs counter to the time-honored tradition of limited
8 government service and to the practice in all 50 States; now, therefore, be
9 it

10 **RESOLVED**, That upon approval of two-thirds of the chamber of this Student Congress
11 here assembled, the following Constitutional amendment be sent to the
12 state legislatures for approval:

13 SECTION 1: Justices of the Supreme Court shall serve for a term of 20
14 years.

15 SECTION 2: This article shall not affect the terms of service of Justices
16 serving when this Amendment is ratified.

17 SECTION 3: This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been
18 ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the
19 legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within
20 seven years from the date of its submission to the States by
21 the Congress.

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A Bill to Use Federal Funds to Subsidize Mass Public Transportation

NOTE: This legislation only may be used during preliminary session 4, if the chamber has already taken action on Preliminary Legislation items 1-25.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall allocate funds to provide a
3 national system of transportation.

4 **SECTION 2.** Transportation includes but is not limited to: trains, buses, other high-
5 occupancy vehicles and aircraft.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Highway Administration will oversee the enforcement of the
7 law by simply extrapolating their present powers. They will oversee plans
8 for the national transportation system and resolve conflicts therein.

9 A. The Federal Highway Administration shall be renamed as the National
10 Transportation Service.

11 B. The National Transportation Service will have powers to delegate
12 allocated funds to various aspects of the system as the Administrator
13 deems appropriate.

14 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect January 1, 2011.

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

Introduced for the Sen. John C. Stennis National Congressional Debate by the Rocky Mountain South District.



A Bill to Enact a Flat Tax

NOTE: This legislation only may be used during preliminary session 4, if the chamber has already taken action on Preliminary Legislation items 1-25.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States national government will collect all income taxes at a

3 20% rate across all income levels.

4 **SECTION 2.** Tax revenues will be collected through the Internal Revenue Service.

5 A. Current penalties for tax evasion will be retained.

6 B. Alternative taxes will continue to be collected through their respective

7 collecting agencies.

8 **SECTION 3.** This piece of legislation will go into effect for income earned starting

9 January 1, 2012.

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

Introduced for the Sen. John C. Stennis National Congressional Debate by the Show-Me District.



A Bill to Augment Support for Southeast Asia

NOTE: This legislation only may be used during preliminary session 4, if the chamber has already taken action on Preliminary Legislation items 1-25.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall allocate 10 billion dollars to the US Agency for

3 International Development (USAID) to be used over a five-year period.

4 A. 5 billion dollars of the appropriation shall be used by the Association
5 of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Drug Experts Group in order to
6 combat the sale and growth of drugs in ASEAN member states.

7 B. 5 billion dollars of the appropriation shall be used by ASEAN Human
8 Rights Mechanism to prevent human rights abuses in ASEAN member
9 states.

10 **SECTION 2.** The Department of the Treasury, in conjunction with USAID, will enforce
11 and monitor this legislation. Improper use of funds will result in the
12 revocation of all monies.

13 **SECTION 3.** This bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

14 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for the Sen. John C. Stennis National Congressional Debate by the New York City District.



A Resolution to Support Multilateral Efforts to Combat Piracy

NOTE: This legislation only may be used during preliminary session 4, if the chamber has already taken action on Preliminary Legislation items 1-25.

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Pirates off the coast of Somalia have attacked over 100 ships, held
2 hostages, and taken 300 million dollars in ransom; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** These acts of piracy disrupt one of the world's busiest shipping lanes; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** When one of the oil supertankers was hijacked, it caused the price of oil to
5 jump by more than one dollar per barrel; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** United Nations food program supply lines are being cut by the pirate
7 attacks, threatening the ability to feed over a million Somalis; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Vessels carrying T-72 tanks and other weapons have been hijacked, which
9 presents a serious threat to an already war-torn country; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** Since the overthrow of Somalia's last functioning government in 1991,
11 rival warlords, along with corrupt officials, have found that armed
12 extortion in the form of piracy is one way to make a living; now, therefore,
13 be it
- 14 **RESOLVED,** That it is the sense of Congress that the United States should cease all
15 unilateral actions against maritime pirates and endorse the United Nations'
16 multilateral efforts in combating piracy; and, be it
- 17 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** To urge the President and United States Ambassador to the
18 United Nations to support multilateral efforts against maritime piracy.

Introduced for the Sen. John C. Stennis National Congressional Debate by North Dakota Roughrider District.