

WAKE FOREST

NATIONAL EARLYBIRD

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September 15 - 17, 2006

STUDENT CONGRESS
INFORMATION & LEGISLATION PACKET

September 10, 2006

Dear Coaches and Legislators,

I am excited to have another opportunity to coordinate Student Congress at the Wake Forest University National Earlybird Forensics Tournament. This packet contains all of the information you will need to prepare for competition.

On Friday and Saturday, Student Congress will be held at North Forsyth HS with the other IE events. I will be available there in the **MEDIA CENTER** to answer any questions or concerns. The Super Congress on Sunday will be held at Wake Forest University. The tab room at that site will be in the **BENSON CENTER**.

I wish you the best of luck with your preparations and safe travel to Winston-Salem.

Yours very truly,

Jason C. Wysong
Wake Forest Congress Director
Trinity Preparatory School
Winter Park, Florida

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE & CHAMBER LOCATIONS

Friday, September 15TH (North Forsyth HS)

Congress activities begin at 4:15 pm

- 4:15 - 4:30 Congress Convenes for Administrative Business & Rules Symposium
- 4:30 - 5:00 Contestants Caucus Legislative Agendas in Chambers
- 5:00 - 6:00 Dinner Recess
- 6:00 - 6:15 Preliminary Business: Elect Session One Presiding Officers
- 6:15 - 8:45 Session One, Segment A
- 8:45 pm Evening Recess

Saturday, September 16TH (North Forsyth HS)

Congress Activities Begin at 8:15 am

- 8:15 - 10:45 Session One, Segment B
- 10:45 - 11:00 Orders of the Day: Elect Session Two Presiding Officers
- 11:00 - 12:00 Lunch Recess
- 12:00 - 2:30 Session Two, Segment A
- 2:30 - 3:15 Afternoon Recess
- 3:15 - 5:45 Session Two, Segment B
- 5:45 - 6:00 Orders of the Day: Adjournment of Preliminary Chambers
- 7:00 or asap Posting of Super Congress Qualifiers

Sunday, September 18TH (Wake Forest Benson Center; room # TBD)

Congress Activities Begin at 9:00 am

- 9:00 - 9:30 Super Congress Preliminary Business
- 9:30 - 12:00 Super Congress Floor Debate (2 segments; 1 hour, 15 minutes each)
- 12:00 - 12:30 Orders of the Day: Voting & Adjournment of Super Congress
- 2:00 pm Awards Assembly

Friday & Saturday Facilities @ North Forsyth HS

- Tab Room: Media Center
- Wake Chamber: Room 115
- Forest Chamber: Room 116
- Gold Chamber: Room 117

Sunday Facilities @ Wake Forest University

- Tab Room: Benson Center
- Super Congress: Building & Room TBA; this information will be posted in the lobby of the Benson Center after 8:00 am on Sunday morning.

PRELIMINARY COMPETITION FORMAT

This year's Wake Forest Congress features three (3) chambers. Chamber assignments were made randomly, with the exception that schools and states were separated and distributed among the chambers as evenly as possible. Chambers were randomly designated as either a *Senate* or a *House of Representatives*. Please see the *Congress Procedures* page for decorum rules related to this designation.

There are two sessions of debate in the *Preliminary Competition*. Each session consists of 5 hours of floor debate evenly divided into 2 segments. There is one elected Presiding Officer per segment, thus allowing a total of four legislators from each chamber the honor of presiding. One complete session is a legislative day, and priority for speaking resets at the end of each legislative day. Thus, all legislators will have zero speeches at the start of each session.

The method for election of Presiding Officers will be explained during the Rules Symposium in each chamber. Any member of the chamber may run for Presiding Officer, but no legislator may serve in that office for more than one segment. Elections are conducted by secret ballot, with a majority vote required to elect a candidate. The Presiding Officer receives credit for the first two speeches given in the segment during which he/she oversees the chamber.

One Scorer and one Parliamentarian evaluate each chamber. The Parliamentarian stays in a chamber for one complete session, while the Scorers rotate after each segment. The Scorer evaluates every speech that is given in a segment, rating it on a scale of 1 to 6 (1 is low; 6 is high). The Parliamentarian keeps notes on the overall performance of each legislator, but will not write formal ballots for each speech. The Parliamentarian will also write an evaluation for each Presiding Officer, awarding him/her up to 12 NFL points for service in one segment.

At the end of each segment, the Scorer ranks the top 6 legislators. The Parliamentarian does the same thing at the end of the session. The criterion for ranking is *Best Legislator*, and the Presiding Officers eligible for selection. The tab room converts the rankings of the officials to the *Credit System* as follows:

1 st place = 6 credits	4 th place = 3 credits
2 nd place = 5 credits	5 th place = 2 credits
3 rd place = 4 credits	6 th place = 1 credit

Those legislators who are not ranked by a given official receive zero credits from that official.

At the end of each session, the legislator from each chamber with the highest number of credits for that session advances to the Super Congress. Additionally, the four legislators from each chamber with the highest combined credits from both sessions also advance to the Super Congress. Any ties for advancement are broken on the basis of judges' preference. Therefore, a total of eighteen legislators (6 per chamber) will advance to the Super Congress on Sunday morning.

2006 WAKE FOREST STUDENT CONGRESS

OFFICIAL PROCEDURAL RULES

The following rules promote procedural unity among the chambers.

They cannot be altered or ignored by a chamber through the use of a motion to suspend the rules.

1. **DECORUM:** Each chamber is designated as either a SENATE or a HOUSE. A member of a Senate is always referred to as *Senator*, while a member of a House of Representatives is always referred to as *Representative*. The Presiding Officer of a Senate is addressed as *Mister/Madame President*, while the Presiding Officer of a House of Representatives is addressed as *Mister/Madame Speaker*. The Presiding Officer is responsible for enforcing proper decorum.
2. **LEGISLATIVE DAY:** Each session constitutes a single legislative day. Speaking order resets at the end of each session.
3. **RECOGNITION OF SPEAKERS:** The INDIVIDUAL RECENCY system is the required method for recognizing speakers at this tournament.
4. **QUESTIONING:** A MANDATORY two minute questioning period follows all AUTHORSHIP, SPONSORSHIP, and SPONSORSHIP ON AMENDMENT speeches. The Presiding Officer recognizes legislators who wish to ask a question of a speaker; the speaker MAY NOT perform this function him/herself. Suspensions of the rules to create a PERMANENT questioning period or to ABOLISH all questioning periods are not permitted. Speakers have a right to refuse to yield to questions, except in the cases of AUTHORSHIP and SPONSORSHIP speeches. The PO has an obligation to rule that “two-part,” misleading, or irrelevant questions are OUT-OF-ORDER.
5. **AGENDA ORDER:** Each chamber sets its own agenda order using the legislation on its calendar. The final agenda order must receive approval by a simple majority vote of the chamber. The agenda order for Super Congress will be determined by random draw, but a suspension of the rules to amend the docket is permitted.
6. **LEGISLATION WITHOUT AN AUTHOR:** If the author of a bill or resolution is not present in the chamber, withdraws from the tournament, or relinquishes authorship rights, then a SPONSORSHIP speech is in order.
7. **VOTING:** The PO determines the method of voting on each question that comes before the chamber. Notes on voting:
 - Final votes on legislation, amendments, and motions to appeal the chair require a recorded vote.
 - Voice voting is acceptable for all other votes, but a recorded vote must be taken if any legislator makes such a request.
 - A roll call vote is permitted if such a request is agreed to by 1/5 of the chamber.ALL simple majority votes are based upon the number of legislators PRESENT and VOTING in the chamber; therefore, the PO does not need to call for or count abstentions. For all votes requiring a fraction of the chamber to agree to a motion or question (2/3, 1/3, 1/5, etc.), the chair determines whether the chamber agrees with the motion/question using the number of legislators PRESENT in the chamber. Because of this system, the PO must track the number of legislators in the chamber at all times.
8. **AMENDMENTS:** Legislators submit amendments to the PO in writing. A motion to amend is necessary to consider the written amendment; such a motion is in order anytime after the AUTHORSHIP SPEECH. Once the motion is made, the PO decides if the amendment is germane. The PO may consult with the Parliamentarian to make this decision. If the amendment is found to be NOT germane, the chair rules it OUT OF ORDER and the amendment process stops. If the chair rules the amendment germane, he/she should read the contents of the amendment to the chamber. A 1/3 second of the members PRESENT in the chamber is required to debate the amendment. If the chamber votes a second, debate on the amendment commences immediately. Legislators may make a motion to table or call the previous question on the amendment at any time. The first speech on the amendment is a SPONSORSHIP speech. The chair determines speaker recognition for the SPONSORSHIP speech on the basis of recency; the author of the amendment is NOT guaranteed the sponsorship speech. The sponsor accepts responsibility for the mechanics of the amendment and yields to two minutes of questioning. All amendment speeches receive a score and count towards recency. A majority vote is necessary for the chamber to adopt the amendment.
9. **OVERTIME SPEECHES:** Any regular floor speech that extends more than ten (10) seconds beyond the maximum speaking time of three minutes shall be penalized one (1) full point by the Scorer(s) evaluating the session. The Presiding Officer is required to keep accurate time of each speech and report it to the Scorer(s) when the speaker has finished. The Parliamentarian/Scorer(s) shall severely penalize the Presiding Officer for inaccurate timing and/or reporting.

SUPER SESSION FORMAT & LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

A total of eighteen (18) legislators qualify to compete in the Super Session using the advancement procedure outlined earlier in this packet. The Super Congress consists of a single session of floor debate totaling 2 ½ hours. The session divides into two segments of 1 ¼ hours each. This format allows for two Presiding Officers. The method for electing Presiding Officers is the same as in the Preliminary Competition, except that each Presiding Officer will be scored on a scale of 1 – 6 and service as Presiding Officer will count as one speech for purposes of speaker recognition.

A panel of three to five judges from the Congress, Speech, and Debate pools is selected to adjudicate the Super Session. Each judge serves as a Scorer who evaluates all speeches and awards scores of 1 – 6 (1 is low; 6 is high). The points awarded by all of the Scorers for a given speech are averaged together (decimals will be rounded up) to determine NFL points for that speech. All Scorers will also evaluate the Presiding Officers. One Scorer will also fulfill the general oversight responsibilities normally given to the Parliamentarian.

At the end of the session, each Scorer secretly and independently ranks the top 8 legislators. The criterion for ranking is *Best Legislator*, with the Presiding Officers eligible for selection. The tab room converts the rankings of the officials to the *Credit System* as follows:

1 st place = 8 credits	5 th place = 4 credits
2 nd place = 7 credits	6 th place = 3 credits
3 rd place = 6 credits	7 th place = 2 credits
4 th place = 5 credits	8 th place = 1 credit

Those legislators who are not ranked by a given official receive zero credits from that official.

The six legislators with the highest number of credits in the Super Session (credits earned in the Preliminary Competition do not count) are placed into nomination for *Best Legislator*. Ties are broken on judges' preference. Each Super Congress legislator then ranks the six nominees on a preferential ballot. Each ballot cast by a legislator is worth one vote. The cumulative preference of the judges is expressed through a weighted preferential ballot worth 3 votes (eg: the legislator with the highest number of credits will be ranked 1st, the legislator with the second highest number of credits will be ranked 2nd, etc.). The legislator who wins the preferential ballot election conducted by the tab room staff will be declared

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SUPER SESSION LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

Legislation for the Super Session is released on Saturday evening at the end of the Preliminary Competition and will be created from the following areas:

1. United Nations Security Council Reform
2. Google & China
3. Federal Emergency Management Agency
4. Alaska Oil Pipeline
5. Corporate Pensions

All contestants are **strongly encouraged** to become familiar with these topics and bring relevant evidence to the tournament.

2006 Wake Forest University Tournament

Student Congress Chamber Assignments

Information About Chamber Assignments:

- 1) Find your name on one of the following 3 pages.
- 2) Note the name of your chamber and whether it will be a Senate or House for purposes of decorum.
- 3) Write down your school code and commit it to memory. All contestants from the same school have the same number. You will use this number in place of your school name when you are ready to speak.
- 4) Note the room number of the chamber to which you have been assigned. Any changes to room numbers will be posted at North Forsyth.

Legislative Calendar:

- 1) The agenda was created by placing each bill in the same chamber as its author. Thus, all of the bills in each chamber will have an author from that same chamber.
- 2) Time has been allotted before Session I to hold an informal caucus in each chamber. The purpose of the caucus is to create an order for debate of the legislation on the agenda. All contestants will participate in the caucus.
- 3) In the unlikely event that a chamber debates all legislation assigned to it, the chamber will move to an alternate agenda as follows:
 - Wake Chamber alternate agenda is Forest Chamber agenda
 - Forest Chamber alternate agenda is Gold Chamber agenda
 - Gold Chamber alternate agenda is Wake Chamber agenda

The order of the alternate agenda will be set through the informal caucus method explained above.

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WAKE CHAMBER (SENATE)

ROOM 115

Student Last	Student First	School Code	Legislation #
Benedict	Stephanie	21	115
Blevins	Nathan	19	111
Brown	Dara	13	103
Cobb	Zach	11	
Compton	Abby	24	122
Elkins	Kilby	25	
Haslam	Emily	32	
Henderson	Alex	14	104
Kelly	Ian	17	109
Lagoo	Tasmaya	17	
Merrill	Nick	11	
Parthasarathy	Neha	31	
Patel	Sunny	25	125
Rossman-Reich	Sydney	22	116
Sarfati	Jason	12	
Sebastian	Rohan	20	112
Shearer	Ian	30	130
Sims	J.J.	24	
Thompson	David	32	134
Tokarz	David	28	
Whitecar	Scott	30	

*****Each three-digit legislation # corresponds to a bill in the legislation packet that follows. The bills identified here constitute this chamber's primary legislative calendar.**

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FOREST CHAMBER (HOUSE)

ROOM 116

Student Last	Student First	School Code	Legislation #
Arndt	Deidre	15	105
Asokan	Risha	22	
Christian	Katlin	30	131
Colonel	Kenneth	32	132
Desai	Aditya	17	107
Dwyer	Caitrin	12	102
Hamilton	Jacob	26	127
Kastranakes	Jake	29	129
Katz	Jacob	24	
LeMaster	Jacob	27	128
Lozada	Patrick	28	
Luo	Michelle	13	
Mehta	Neel	23	120
Morrissey	Maggie	11	
O'Rear	La'Naeschia	25	124
Pike	Andrew	19	110
Sheng	Peter	17	
Stooksbury	Brittany	24	
Storrow	Lee	11	
Sturm	Patrick	20	114
Washington	Blane	10	

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GOLD CHAMBER (HOUSE)

ROOM 117

Student Last	Student First	School Code	Legislation #
Aery	Avantika	25	
Colonel	Robert	32	133
Connolly	John	20	113
Coppella	Anthony	23	119
Flagg	Seth	30	
Graham	Matt	17	108
Jeong	Jeanne	12	101
Jones	Michael	18	
Leslie	Joanna	11	
Mallernee	Jim	16	106
Patel	Herschel	25	126
Robinson	Ellis	11	
Rutledge	Lauren	22	118
Sessler	Robert	30	
Tinney	Cheri	24	121
Watson	Ryan	13	
Weiner	Joe	17	
Weston	Christina	24	123
Woodlief	Joseph	14	
Woska	Kate	22	117

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STUDENT CONGRESS LEGISLATION PACKET

USING THIS PACKET

While a significant number of bills and resolutions were not formatted in accordance with NFL and/or NCFL guidelines, all legislation that fit on a single page was accepted since this is the first tournament of the year for most contestants. A specific Primary Calendar has been created for each chamber by assigning each piece of legislation into the same chamber as its author. Each item also has been assigned a three-digit identification number for administrative purposes. See the previous 3 pages to find your specific chamber assignment and primary legislative calendar.

Each chamber will conduct an informal caucus before the start of Session One to create an agenda order from its own primary legislative calendar. A majority vote will be necessary to approve the agenda order. Each piece of legislation will be entitled to an AUTHORSHIP speech, which may be given by the legislator who was designated as the author. If that person is not in the chamber or does not wish to give that speech, a SPONSORSHIP speech will open debate. Sponsorship speakers shall be determined on the basis of recency, and sponsors shall be responsible for both the INTENT and the MECHANICS of the legislation.

Some authors may notice that their legislation as presented in this packet looks different than the format in which it was submitted. Because each author used different page margins, spacing techniques, and line numbering strategies, some formatting was lost during merger of the legislation. Rest assured that the substantive content of all legislation is unchanged.

It is NOT necessary for authors to bring copies of their legislation. However, each legislator must bring his or her own legislation packet. The tournament staff will not have extra copies of the packet available for use by legislators.

**2006 WAKE FOREST NATIONAL EARLYBIRD TOURNAMENT
B/R #101**

A Resolution Concerning Border Security

- 1 Whereas: The use of satellite technology in securing US borders is more
2 resourceful than other methods such as the National Guard; and
3 Whereas: Satellite technology would cut down on the chaos on the
4 border; and
5 Whereas: The US cannot continue to rely on the Middle East for
6 oil imports; and
7 Whereas: It is also effective in preventing illegal drug runners from
8 crossing into the United States.
9 Therefore: Be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that:
10 Satellite technology be implemented in our border security system.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Jeong

Broad Run High School

**2006 WAKE FOREST NATIONAL EARLYBIRD TOURNAMENT
B/R #102**

A resolution concerning capital punishment

1 Whereas: It costs the American tax payers \$1 million dollars to keep each of the more
2 than 33,000 criminals with life sentences without chance of parole in jail; and

3 Whereas: Capital punishment does more to deter possible criminals than life in prison
4 does; and

5 Whereas: We will have approximately 2 million people in prison at the end of 2005 and
6 giving the death penalty to some of the criminals will ease the already over-
7 crowding in many jails.

8 Therefore: Be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that: All criminals
9 who would now receive a sentence of life in jail without the possibility of
10 parole be given the death penalty.

Respectfully submitted,

Caitrin Dwyer
Broad Run High School

**2006 WAKE FOREST NATIONAL EARLYBIRD TOURNAMENT
B/R #103**

A Resolution to Subsidize the Development of Magnetic Levitation Trains

1. **Whereas**, Magnetic Levitation technology is the newest method of transportation.
2. **Whereas**, Interstate Highways can cost 50 million dollars per mile, and
3. **Whereas**, the cost of a magnetic levitation system per mile is 30 million
4. dollars per mile, and
5. **Whereas**, it is in the best interest of the environment to adopt Maglev trains because
6. Maglev trains produce no pollution, and
7. **Whereas**, the asphalt used on interstate highways is harmful to the environment
8. because of acid runoff and its eventual contribution to global warming, and
9. **Whereas**, cars that use such interstate highways release greenhouse gasses that
10. damage the environment, **THEREFORE**
11. **Be it resolved**, that the U. S. allocate 50 billion dollars per year to replace old
12. highways with new Maglev trains as well as building new Maglev train tracks.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dara Brown
Cary Academy

**2006 WAKE FOREST NATIONAL EARLYBIRD TOURNAMENT
B/R #104**

Resolution to increase the number of troops in Iraq

1. **Whereas:** The insurgency in Iraq is still active and delaying American efforts at
2. establishing stability in that nation, and
3. **Whereas:** countless political commentators, generals, and military analyst have
4. repeatedly called for more troops, and
5. **Whereas:** if the war in Iraq is truly pivotal to the war on terror then it deserves the full 6.
- might of the United states behind it, and
7. **Whereas:** the democratically elected government of Iraq has repeatedly requested
8. continued American aid, and
9. **Whereas:** it would be a show of good faith to the Iraqi people and an affirmation of 10. our
- own resolve to win this war
11. **Therefore be it resolved by this student congress that:**
12. This congress will recommend to the president that the total number of troops
13. stationed in Iraq should be increased to 300,000 for no less than one year, and that
14. upon the conclusion of that year the number of troops shall not be less than 200,000 15. until
- the insurgency is defeated and the Iraqi government no longer requires the aid of 16. U.S forces.

Respectfully submitted,

Alex Henderson

Charlotte Latin School

**2006 WAKE FOREST NATIONAL EARLYBIRD TOURNAMENT
B/R #105**

A Resolution Concerning Mediation in Peace Agreements in Uganda

1. **Whereas** Thousands of Children in Uganda flee to the city nightly to keep from being
2. abducted by the LRA (Lords Resistance Army) and
3. **Whereas** thousands of children in Northern Uganda have been abducted by the LRA and
4. **Whereas** hundreds have been killed or severely beaten and brainwashed by the LRA and
5. **Whereas** the LRA repeatedly denies abducting children despite overwhelming evidence, and
6. **Whereas** a ceasefire has been called for but peace agreements have not been yet fully discussed, 7.
- and
8. **Whereas** diplomatic mediation on the part of the United States of America would help to end this
9. conflict and end the plight of the invisible children, therefore
10. **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Wake Forest National Early Bird Congress that the government of
11. the United States of America provide diplomatic assistance in mediation between the LRA and
12. the Ugandan Government in their peace agreement discussions.

Respectfully Submitted by Deidre Arndt, Clinton High School, North Carolina

**2006 WAKE FOREST NATIONAL EARLYBIRD TOURNAMENT
B/R #106**

A Resolution for the United States Government to Increase Support for Nuclear Energy

Whereas nuclear energy is a cheaper, more stable, and efficient way to produce electricity and other types of energy, and

Whereas the United States already has a working infrastructure for Nuclear Power Plants in place, and

Whereas nuclear energy is less likely to contribute to global warming than current energy sources such as oil or coal, and

Whereas current energy sources such as oil are becoming more costly and less abundant, and prices for such fossil fuels are constantly rising, and

Whereas our nation's dependence on fossil fuels is having a negative effect on our foreign policy concerning the Middle East,

Therefore, Be it Resolved that the United States increase its support for a more advanced, widespread nuclear energy system.

Respectfully submitted, this the 7th day of September

Jim Mallernee, Durham Academy

**2006 WAKE FOREST NATIONAL EARLYBIRD TOURNAMENT
B/R #107**

A Bill Modifying Prescription Drug Patent Time Limits

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The time limit for a new prescription drug patent, as defined by the Hatch-Waxman Act of 1984, shall be reduced to six years.

SECTION 2. Time consumed by the FDA's drug review process will not count against the length of the patent. The start of the patent's six year life shall be the date that a drug is first eligible to be distributed to consumers.

SECTION 3. Patents awarded prior to the passage of this bill shall not be impacted by this change.

SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

SECTION 5. All portions of any laws falling in conflict with the provisions of this bill shall be null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matt Graham
East Chapel Hill High School

**2006 WAKE FOREST NATIONAL EARLYBIRD TOURNAMENT
B/R #108**

A Bill to Increase Port Security

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The percent of cargo searched on seacraft entering any and all American seaports shall be increased by 5% in the year 2007.

SECTION 2. This percentage shall increase by 10% each consecutive year after 2007 until the total percentage of cargo searched is 100%.

SECTION 3. The Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism shall be abolished instantly.

SECTION 4. The percentage of people searched before entering any and all American seaports shall be increased by these same percentages until the total percentage of people searched is 100%. Searches shall consist of minimally invasive screenings for weapons or hazardous materials.

SECTION 5. A subcommittee shall be created to determine a source of funding for this bill.

SECTION 6. All existing laws in conflict with this legislation shall be declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aditya Desai
East Chapel Hill High School

2006 WAKE FOREST NATIONAL EARLYBIRD TOURNAMENT
B/R #109

A Resolution to Eliminate NASA

WHEREAS, NASA has had an enormous amount of failures, costing the United States taxpayers money and seventeen astronauts' lives; and

WHEREAS, NASA costs the United States government \$40 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, NASA is no longer the morale booster it once was; and

WHEREAS, the exploration of space can be left to private corporations; now, therefore be it,

RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled that NASA shall be disbanded and all NASA funds shall be equally distributed to all United States federal government departments.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ian Kelly
East Chapel Hill High School

**2006 WAKE FOREST NATIONAL EARLYBIRD TOURNAMENT
B/R #110**

A Resolution to Recognize the Republic of Somaliland

Whereas, it is the policy of the United States to promote the expansion of freedom and democracy around the world, and

Whereas, it has been of particular interest to the United States to prove that Islamic culture and western democracy can coexist, and

Whereas, the area known as the Republic of Somaliland has independently developed a stable, functioning, and popularly accepted republican form of government that protects the rights of individual citizens, and

Whereas, traditional and Islamic values have been maintained and incorporated into the government in a way acceptable to the people of Somaliland, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Student Congress here assembled that:

1. The Republic of Somaliland shall be recognized by the United States as a sovereign state and shall receive all the rights and privileges thereof.
2. The President of the United States is strongly urged to instruct the Ambassador of the United States to the United Nations to promote recognition of the Republic of Somaliland among the world's nations and work towards the acquisition of a seat for the Republic of Somaliland in the General Assembly of the United Nations.
3. The United States shall encourage the investment of foreign capital and the development of infrastructure within the Republic of Somaliland, as well as aid as requested, at the discretion of the Congress.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrew Pike, Gilmour Academy

**2006 WAKE FOREST NATIONAL EARLYBIRD TOURNAMENT
B/R #111**

A Bill for Accurate Sex Education

BE IT ENACTED by this Student Congress here assembled that:

Section 1: All states that include abstinence-only sexual education in their state curriculums or encourage the formation of organizations to promote or engage in abstinence-only sexual education shall no longer receive funds from the federal government for the purposes of education.

Section 2: The federal government shall no longer give funds to any group designed to promote or engage in abstinence only sex education in schools.

Section 3: “Abstinence-only sexual education” is to be defined as any sexual education program that exclusively promotes abstinence and does not instruct students in the proper use of contraceptive devices.

Section 4: This bill shall take effect on July 15, 2007.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nate Blevins,

Coach Gay Janis

Gilmour Academy

**2006 WAKE FOREST NATIONAL EARLYBIRD TOURNAMENT
B/R #112**

A Resolution Concerning the Cuban Embargo

- 1 Whereas: The Cuban Embargo inflicts mutual damage on both Cuban and American
2 economies; and
- 3 Whereas: The embargo is being harshly undermined and hindered from
4 accomplishing its purpose; and
- 5 Whereas: Confidence in the efficacy of the embargo has plummeted; and
- 6 Whereas: A plethora of loopholes has developed to further foil the embargo.
- 7 Therefore: Be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that:
8 The Cuban Embargo and its various components be lifted.

Respectfully submitted,

Rohan Sebastian
Gonzaga College High School
Washington, DC

**2006 WAKE FOREST NATIONAL EARLYBIRD TOURNAMENT
B/R #113**

A Resolution to Stop Gun Violence in the United States.

1 Whereas: Guns are killing an incredible amount of our citizens every year;
2 and
3 Whereas: The 2nd Amendment to the Constitution does not provide for the
4 way guns are sold and used today; and
5 Whereas: Guns have very little value in the way of self defense.
6 Therefore: Be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that a
7 Constitutional Amendment be submitted to the several states to
8 ban all private gun use (except when legitimately used for hunting
9 as determined by the U.S. fish and wildlife service); and
10 Be it further resolved that the Second Amendment to the
11 Constitution be repealed.

Respectfully submitted,

John Connolly
Gonzaga College High School
Washington, DC

**2006 WAKE FOREST NATIONAL EARLYBIRD TOURNAMENT
B/R #114**

A Resolution for a Level Playing Field with China

- 1 Whereas: The Chinese maintain unjust advantages in the global trade arena, and
- 2 Whereas: The Chinese government unfairly and deliberately manipulates the value of its
- 3 currency to discourage foreign imports, and
- 4 Whereas: The Chinese government denies its laborers the right to unionize and fight for
- 5 fair wages, and
- 6 Whereas: The Chinese government does not force its businesses to comply with the
- 7 same costly environmental standards as American businesses, and
- 8 Whereas: All of these factors place American businesses at a competitive disadvantage.
- 9 Therefore: Be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that substantial tariffs
- 10 be imposed on all Chinese goods entering the United States unless the Chinese
- 11 terminate the aforementioned practices which lead to unfair trade advantages.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patrick Sturm
Gonzaga College High School
Washington, DC

**2006 WAKE FOREST NATIONAL EARLYBIRD TOURNAMENT
B/R #115**

A BILL TO ESTABLISH UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE IN THE UNITED STATES.

Be it enacted by the Wake Forest Student Congress assembled that:

Section 1: Statement of Proposal

This Congress hereby proposes that: The United States Federal Government shall establish a system of universal healthcare (UHC) for every American citizen living in the United States and the U.S. Territories.

Section 2: Statement of Funding

United States UHC shall be modeled after the existing single-payer system in Canada, and will be funded primarily by existing government health care spending and a phased-in tax on employers of 7.7% (almost \$1 trillion). Additionally, the current \$1 trillion + being spent per year in local, state, and federal dollars for health care would be redirected towards the UHC system.

Section 3: Statement of Enactment

Procedures for establishing UHC would ensue immediately following this Congress.

Submitted By Stephanie Benedict, The Harker School

**2006 WAKE FOREST NATIONAL EARLYBIRD TOURNAMENT
B/R #116**

A Resolution to Encourage India to Improve its Nuclear Safety Regulations

1. **Whereas** India's safety and health regulations when concerning its nuclear
2. endeavors are considerably lacking; and
3. **Whereas** Due to India's past nuclear related mishaps and more recent
4. attempts to increase its access to newer nuclear technology, a new
5. and more efficient set of safety regulations would benefit India's
6. people; and
7. **Whereas** A lack of any revisions on the current regulations would only lead
8. to further disasters and deaths along with the likely waste of
9. India's nuclear imports and supplies; and
10. **Whereas** The safety of innocent people should be a priority for the United
11. States, a self-proclaimed humanitarian state, no matter what those
12. people's origins may be;
13. **Therefore, Be it Resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that**
14. it encourage India to revise and increase its Safety and Health
15. Regulations when concerning any and all its Nuclear programs,
16. plants, and testing sites.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sydney Rossman-Reich

Lake Highland Prep

**2006 WAKE FOREST NATIONAL EARLYBIRD TOURNAMENT
B/R #117**

A Resolution to Restructure the United States' Current Policy Regarding Terrorism

1. **Whereas** the current US policy is outdated and is no longer effective
2. towards combating terrorism around the world; and,
3. **Whereas** the trends of terrorism have changed since the creation of our
4. current policy while new trends are on the horizon; and,
5. **Whereas** the new trends are increasingly disruptive to all global economies
6. and a multitude of international industries; and,
7. **Whereas** there are no efforts being made to reform the current plan;
8. **Therefore be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that**
9. The United States Congress creates a committee to oversee the
10. restructuring of the current policy regarding terrorism as outlined
11. in the 2003 National Strategy for Combating Terrorism

Respectfully Submitted,

Kate Woska
Lake Highland Prep

**2006 WAKE FOREST NATIONAL EARLYBIRD TOURNAMENT
B/R #118**

A Resolution Encouraging a More Just System For Higher Education Admissions

1. **Whereas** Affirmative action provides for a student’s disadvantage on the
2. basis of race, which is not a determining factor in scholastic
3. success; and
4. **Whereas** Basing admissions on race encourages reverse discrimination and
5. doesn’t provide for the applicant’s standard of living or
6. circumstances; and
7. **Whereas** Ethnic students from middle and high socioeconomic backgrounds
8. are getting preferential treatment regarding admissions to colleges
9. and universities when (e.g. White or Asian) students from lower
10. socioeconomic backgrounds who are truly economically and
11. socially disadvantaged aren’t considered for admission simply
12. because of their skin color; and
13. **Whereas** The eagerness of our country to have a “color blind” society
14. impairing our ability to look at this problem of racial preference
15. objectively, and causing us to overcompensate; and
16. **Therefore be it Resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that**
17. affirmative action be banned in the selection process of colleges
18. and universities and be replaced with a consideration for
19. economically disadvantaged students which will consider
20. the following three categories: family’s net worth, family
21. structure, and school quality.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauren Rutledge
Lake Highland Prep

**2006 WAKE FOREST NATIONAL EARLYBIRD TOURNAMENT
B/R #119**

A Resolution Concerning the Removal of the NSA (National Security Agency)

1. Whereas the NSA program violates the first amendment, and
2. Whereas the NSA program presents a deprivation of liberty without due
3. process, thus infringing on the fourth and fifth amendments, and
4. Whereas Congress has expressly rejected warrantless domestic surveillance, and
5. Whereas the president's executive powers do not allow him to ignore FISA, and
6. Whereas the president is exceeding his executive powers and Congress must
7. take action, and
8. Whereas arecent court decision has deemed this program illegal and the Bush
9. administration is currently appealing this decision,
10. THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THIS STUDENT
11. CONGRESS THAT The NSA program be deemed illegal and action be taken to
12. stop warrantless domestic wiretapping.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anthony Coppella

Mauldin High School

**2006 WAKE FOREST NATIONAL EARLYBIRD TOURNAMENT
B/R #120**

A Resolution Concerning the Disarmament of Nuclear Weapons

1. Whereas, several foreign nations are currently pursuing nuclear weapon
2. policies that are dangerously out of step with the security needs of the entire
3. world, and
4. Whereas, the desire for a free hand to develop and test new weapons has
5. led many nations to abandon the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, IAEA
6. regulations, as well as other multilateral arm control policies, and
7. Whereas, U.S. nuclear weapons policies are undermining the U.S. goal of
8. constraining the global spread on nuclear weapons, therefore
9. **BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS THAT:**
10. The United States work coherently with the United Nations in creating a
11. multilateral proposal eliminating all nuclear weapons, internationally by
12. December 31, 2020.
13. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:**
14. The United States incrementally disarm and disassemble its nuclear munitions
15. supply in conjunction with the rate of other nations' nuclear weapons supplies.
16. **BE IT YET FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:**
17. The United States will fully and finally dismantle its nuclear munitions supply
18. upon reasonable proof that all nuclear weapons stockpiles have been globally
19. destroyed.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Neel Mehta
Mauldin High School

**2006 WAKE FOREST NATIONAL EARLYBIRD TOURNAMENT
B/R #121**

**A BILL
To take immediate military action against Iran**

Sponsored by Ms. TINNEY of Morristown-Hamblen High School West, Tennessee

Be it enacted

in the Student Congress of Wake Forest University here assembled that:

SECTION I: SHORT TITLE:

This may be cited as the Iran Action Act of 2006.

SECTION II: FINDINGS:

Congress finds that:

- a) Iran feels that it must be the predominant power in the Middle East and Southwest Asia region.
- b) Iran is attempting to ensure that it has influence in the governing of Iraq.
- c) Substantial evidence is present which leads to the reality of Iran's effort of attempting to manufacture and create a Nuclear Weapons arsenal.

SECTION III: ENACTMENT CLAUSE

After the 15th day following the date of enactment of this act, the Secretary of Defense shall deploy twenty-five thousand (25,000) armed services personnel to the Middle East and Southwest Asia for immediate military action against Iran.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ms. Cheri Tinney

Morristown-Hamblen High School West

**2006 WAKE FOREST NATIONAL EARLYBIRD TOURNAMENT
B/R #122**

A RESOLUTION

Concerning Physician-Assisted Suicide

Submitted by Ms. COMPTON of Morristown-Hamblen High School West, Tennessee

1. Whereas, there are countless numbers of terminally ill patients
2. across the nation; and
3. Whereas, many of these patients have untreatable pain; and
4. Whereas, said patients are a massive emotional and financial
5. drain to their immediate families; and
6. Whereas, these patients have an inherent right to life they ought
7. also have an inherent and complementary right to death.
8. Therefore, be it resolved by the Student Congress here
9. assembled that physician-assisted suicide be made available for
10. terminally ill, sound minded adult patients.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Abby Compton

Morristown West High School

**2006 WAKE FOREST NATIONAL EARLYBIRD TOURNAMENT
B/R #123**

A Resolution to Ban the Practices of Capital Punishment

Be it resolved

In the Student Congress of Wake Forest here assembled that

Section 1: Short title

This resolution may be cited as the Tennessee's First District proposal

To ban the practices of Capital Punishment.

Section 2: Findings

Congress finds that:

- a) The practices of Capital Punishment are useless in that it doesn't
Bring the victim back to life.
- b) The possibility exists that innocent men and women may be put
To death.
- c) Some jury members are reluctant to convict if it means putting
someone to death.
- d) It is barbaric and violates the "cruel and unusual" clause in the
Bill of Rights.
- e) Financial costs to taxpayers of capital punishment is several times
that of keeping someone in prison for life.

Section 3:Enactment

This resolution if passed will take effect in banning capital punishment

January 1, 2007.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sen./Rep. Christina Weston

Morristown-Hamblen High School West

**2006 WAKE FOREST NATIONAL EARLYBIRD TOURNAMENT
B/R #124**

A Bill for Mandatory Drug Testing of High School Athletes

1. Be it enacted by the student congress here assembled that
2. Section 1. All public high school students participating in a school sponsored
3. sporting event be subject to mandatory as well as random drug testing.
4. Section 2. Any individual found to be in noncompliance with this bill will be
5. given a period of 30 days to comply.
6. Section 3. Athletes determined to be positive for drug use, including but not
7. limited to steroids, will be excluded for further participation in athletic events
8. for one school term. Upon the completion of a second test in which the results
9. are negative, an individual may partake in school athletics.
10. Section 4. The Department of Education shall be responsible for the enforcement
11. piece of legislation.
12. Section 5. This bill if enacted into law becomes effective in the beginning of the
13. 2007-2008 school year.
14. Section 6. All laws in conflict of this piece of legislation are hereby declared null
15. and void.

Respectfully submitted,

La'Naeschia O'Rear

Myers Park High School

**2006 WAKE FOREST NATIONAL EARLYBIRD TOURNAMENT
B/R #125**

A Resolution Regarding Juvenile Punishment

1. *Whereas*, the Supreme Court has struck down the ability to execute juveniles
2. convicted of capital crimes and,
3. *Whereas*, juvenile records can be sealed by request, and
4. *Whereas*, juvenile punishment can be completed by the age of 21, therefore
5. *BE IT RESOLVED* by the student congress here assembled that juvenile
6. punishment be reformed. The courts are encouraged to give longer and harsher
7. punishments to juveniles that have been convicted of capital crimes. Juvenile
8. criminal records should not be sealed, closed nor destroyed once an offender has
9. left the juvenile criminal system.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sunny Patel

Myers Park High School

**2006 WAKE FOREST NATIONAL EARLYBIRD TOURNAMENT
B/R #126**

**A RESOLUTION TO END SANCTIONS & ECONOMIC EMBARGOES AGAINST THE
NATION OF CUBA**

1. **Whereas**, economic sanctions and embargoes imposed in the international
2. community by the United States have consistently proven to be ineffectual, and,
3. **Whereas**, the original purpose of the 1962 economic sanctions on Cuba were to
4. suppress the spread of communism in conjunction with the Truman Doctrine, and not to
5. forcefully remove Fidel Castro from his authoritative state, as popular opinion has
6. suggested, and,
7. **Whereas**, the nation of Cuba currently operates as a communist state, thus
8. showcasing the ineffectiveness of the original sanctions and the ensuing embargo, and,
9. **Whereas**, the few sanctions that have been lifted by the U.S. since 1962 have
10. resulted in positive ramifications for the welfare of Cuban residents, as well as
11. commercial benefits for American corporations, therefore,
12. **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Student Congress here assembled that the United States
13. Federal Government end all economic sanctions and embargoes against the nation of
14. Cuba on the grounds of the aforementioned clauses.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Herschel Patel

Myers Park High School

**2006 WAKE FOREST NATIONAL EARLYBIRD TOURNAMENT
B/R #127**

A Resolution Reorienting Sexual Education in Public Schools

1. **Whereas**, evidence has shown that abstinence-only sexual education
2. increases the rates of teen pregnancy, STD infection, and other
3. hazards related to promiscuous or unsafe sexual activity, rather than
4. decreasing them, and
5. **Whereas**, the fundamental rationale for abstinence-only sexual
6. education is overly simplistic, logically flawed, and unrealistic, and
7. **Whereas**, the extension of this policy and its ramifications and
8. corollaries to other areas of governance have led to the restriction and
9. detriment of foreign aid,
10. **Therefore be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled**
11. that the United States shall abolish the educational policy of
12. abstinence-only sexual education, and adopt a policy encouraging
13. thorough and comprehensive sexual education in all
14. public schools.

Respectfully submitted,

Jake Hamilton

North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics

2006 WAKE FOREST NATIONAL EARLYBIRD TOURNAMENT
B/R #128

A Bill to Restrict Abuse of Illegal Immigrants by Corporations

1. Be it enacted by this FFL Student Congress here assembled that:
2. Section I: Corporations that use illegal immigrants as employees, and gain a marginal
3. profit, are to be handed heavy taxes to pressure them into hiring legal citizens.
4. Section II: This bill is not to be limited to only Mexican Immigrants and will be
5. implemented to lessen the influx of illegal citizens to the United States of America.
6. Marginal profit being defined as pay less than or equal to one half dollar less an hour
7. than average employees that are legal citizens.
8. Section III: This bill shall go into effect as of 1/1/08, as to give employers the
9. necessary time to hire new staff.
10. Section IV: The Internal Revenue Service shall implement this piece of legislation.
11. This tax shall be no less than two thousand US dollars per illegal employee per
12. month.
13. Section V: All legislation, save the constitution, conflicting with the above
14. shall be considered null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacob LeMaster
Niceville High School

**2006 WAKE FOREST NATIONAL EARLYBIRD TOURNAMENT
B/R #129**

A Resolution Regarding Seizure for Protection

1. *Whereas*, recent threats have been used as reasonable warrant for seizure of personal
2. possessions aboard aircraft, and
3. *Whereas*, similar threats have been posed in the past and prevented with no bans, and
4. *Whereas*, seizure of harmless products is an infringement of citizens rights, and
5. *Whereas*, such seizures do little in preventing attacks and in increasing security, and
6. *Whereas*, necessary and personal products posing little harm are being seized, and
7. *Whereas*, Gatorade, pudding and lotion pose little or no threat,
8. **Therefore, be it resolved by this Congress here assembled:**
9. A committee be established with the task of enforcing the limits on the United States
10. government and of limiting the power of private transportation companies to seize generally
11. harmless items from persons for the purpose of preventing attacks on mass transit.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Jake Kastrenakes
Pennsbury High School**

**2006 WAKE FOREST NATIONAL EARLYBIRD TOURNAMENT
B/R #130**

A Bill to Promote Welfare Reform

1 Be it resolved by the student congress here assembled that:

2 Section I: A bipartisan Senate Select Committee on Welfare Reform shall be

3 established to evaluate the current welfare system, any problems, and the

4 solutions thereof.

5 Section II: This committee shall be tasked with finding and organizing

6 solutions to any problems it uncovers.

7 Section III: The Select Committee shall present its findings and a plan for

8 the reformation of the welfare system two years from the date of this bill's

9 ratification.

10 Section IV: With its passage, all laws and regulations that are in conflict with **11** this

legislation shall be declared null and void.

12 Section V: This bill shall take effect immediately.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ian Shearer

Pinecrest High School

**2006 WAKE FOREST NATIONAL EARLYBIRD TOURNAMENT
B/R #131**

A Resolution to Reform Intelligence Gathering

1. **Whereas**, according to the Defense Science Board Report of September
2. 2004, an essential element of combating terrorism efforts must involve strategic
3. communications composed of coordinated public diplomacy, public affairs, open
4. military information operations, and classified operations,
5. **Whereas**, there is a exigent need to gain valuable intelligence which can only
6. be gained through human intelligence (HI),
7. **Whereas**, America lacks successful human intelligence,
8. **Whereas**, other allies have been more successful in this field,
9. **Whereas**, the War on Terror is not a conventional war, as it requires a
10. different type of communication and intelligence,
11. **Whereas**, NATO's highly strategic location near the volatile Middle East
12. which helps its mission,
13. **Whereas**, many NATO members are more heavily exposed to Middle Eastern
14. cultures, language, customs, and people, and have a higher percentage of Muslim
15. immigrants who can be utilized in human intelligence operations,
- 16.
17. **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the US Congress encourage the
18. executive branch and NATO to concentrate and expand its mission to effectively
19. address the War on Terror, by increasing its ability for amassing intelligence
20. (particularly HI) and coordinating analysis and dissemination of the information
21. to executive areas with all due speed.
22. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that because of their capacity to access detailed
23. and viable intelligence information, particularly HI, Israel be invited to participate
24. in intelligence activities with NATO.

Respectfully Submitted,
Katlin Christian
Pinecrest High School

**2006 WAKE FOREST NATIONAL EARLYBIRD TOURNAMENT
B/R #132**

A Bill to Freeze Weapons Sales and Cut Military Aid to Israel

1. Be it enacted by this Student Congress here assembled that:
2. SECTION I: All military aid and weapons sales from the United States to the
3. State of Israel shall hereby be terminated.
4. SECTION II: Military aid and weapons sales shall be defined as all loans, grants,
5. and other forms of aid directed toward Israel related in any fashion to the nation's
6. armament.
7. SECTION III: This bill shall take effect immediately.
8. SECTION IV: The United States Congress shall oversee the provisions of this bill.
9. SECTION V: All laws in conflict with this piece of legislation shall hereby be
10. declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

David Thompson
Winter Springs H.S.

**2006 WAKE FOREST NATIONAL EARLYBIRD TOURNAMENT
B/R #133**

A Resolution Instituting a Flat Tax

1. Whereas: The current income tax system is unfair to many classes, and needs
2. To be changed; and
3. Whereas: A flat tax would simplify the tax code and address the many
4. Problems with the current system; and
5. Whereas: A flat tax would eliminate loopholes for the rich; and
6. Whereas: A flat tax is fair and equal to all citizens of America.
7. **THEREFORE:** Be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that:
8. The United States shall institute an 18% income tax replacing the
9. current income tax.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Colonel
Winter Springs High School

**2006 WAKE FOREST NATIONAL EARLYBIRD TOURNAMENT
B/R #134**

**A Bill To Protect America Through Righteous Implications by Overturning Terrorism
with Tax**

1. Be it enacted by this Student Congress here assembled that:
2. Article 1: The United States government shall institute 5% inclusive tax on all
3. gasoline. Any and all additional funds gained from this tax will be
4. evenly distributed between alternative energy research and the War on
5. Terror.
6. Article 2: The gasoline affected by this legislation is any sale or distribution of
7. gasoline or diesel used towards powering cars and/or any other type of
8. vehicle such as motorcycles, trucks, lawnmowers, and heavy
9. equipment. The War on Terror is the U.S. global fight against terrorism.
10. Article 3: This bill shall take effect immediately after passage through the
11. Congress.
12. Article 4: The Internal Revenue Service shall oversee the provisions of this
13. legislation.
14. Article 5: All previous laws or portions of laws in conflict shall hereby be
15. declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth Colonel
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