

Senate
Public Welfare

A RESOLUTION THAT THE UNITED STATES PROHIBIT VOTER REGISTRATION IN ALL NATIONAL ELECTIONS

Whereas: Voter registration limits the number of citizens that can vote; and,

Whereas: In a democratic society, limiting voting goes against the very principles of democracy; and,

Whereas: Voter registration often leads to fraud and falsified voter registrations; and,

Whereas: Voter registrations are rarely updated; and,

Whereas: Voter registration deadlines are often poorly advertised and happen much too soon before the election.

Therefore: Be it resolved....

Sen. Jacob Dixon
Shanley High School

Senate
Ways and Means

A RESOLUTION TO BAN PRE-PAYMENT PENALTIES, YIELD SPREAD PREMIUMS, AND ADJUSTABLE RATE LOANS FOR FIVE YEARS

Whereas: There is a sub-prime mortgage crisis; and,

Whereas: The average mortgage consumer is not well educated about mortgage lending practices; and,

Whereas: The downturn in the housing market has caused many to default on their loans.

Therefore: Be it resolved.....

Sen Jessica Schank
Richardton-Taylor High School

Senate
State and Local

A RESOLUTION THAT NORTH DAKOTA PROHIBITS SCHOOLS FROM USING INTERNET CREDITS TO WORK TOWARDS GRADUATION

Whereas: It is extremely easy to cheat while earning credits online; and,

Whereas: Internet credits have no school room interaction effectively inhibiting the efficiency of education through their usage; and,

Whereas: Offering classes through the internet eliminates student incentive to strive to achieve in the actual classroom.

Therefore: Be it resolved...

Sen. Sam Forsey
West Fargo

Senate
Foreign Affairs

A RESOLUTION THAT THE UNITED STATES REINSTATE ITS BAN ON NUCLEAR TRADE WITH INDIA

Whereas: India has not signed the nuclear non-proliferation treaty; and,

Whereas: The United States should not be supporting increasing nuclear trade; and,

Whereas: Nuclear trade with a nation so close to the Middle East could create security risks; and,

Whereas: India does not allow inspection of its military nuclear power plants; and,

Whereas: Just because they are a democracy does not mean that they are worth of nuclear trade.

Therefore: Be it resolved....

Sen. Mason Lende
Shanley High School

House IA
Public Welfare

A RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD PROVIDE GOVERNMENT GRANTS TO POTENTIAL COLLEGE STUDENTS WHEN THEY SERVE ONE OR MORE YEARS IN A NATIONAL SERVICE ORGANIZATION OUTSIDE THE MILITARY BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18-25, OR COMPLETE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF COMMUNITY SERVICE THROUGH INVOLVEMENT WITH LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.

- Whereas: Not every student is athletically and/or academically talented which doesn't make them a candidate for scholarships; and,
- Whereas: Some students are very devoted to serving their community and country outside the military and never see rewards beyond the feeling that they did a good thing; and,
- Whereas: Not every student is able to go into the armed forces pursuing a career that would enable them to receive financial aid for their higher education; and,
- Whereas: Jobs, which would be considered for these grants, would be those such as, tutoring, teaching, CNA, working at a national park, volunteer work of almost any kind, etc.
- Whereas: Students, who are devoted to their country and communities but not qualified for academic or athletic scholarships, receive these service grants; and,
- Whereas: Communities reap the benefits that students will provide for them with the incentive of these grants.
- Therefore: Be it resolved...

Rep. Britt Aasmundstad
Devils Lake High School

House IA
Foreign Affairs

A RESOLUTION TO SEND US TROOPS TO SOUTH AMERICA TO ENGAGE IN MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMED FORCES OF COLOMBIA (FARC)

- Whereas: The FARC uses drug trafficking, arms trafficking, and kidnapping to carry out its operations; and,
- Whereas: Actions by the FARC have led it to be declared a terrorist organization by the European Union and the United States; and,
- Whereas: The FARC has caused strained relations between the countries of South America; and,
- Whereas: The FARC has been linked to Al-Queda; and,
- Therefore: Be it resolved...

Rep. Leah Camery
West Fargo High School

House IA
State and Local

A RESOLUTION THAT PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE A SEX EDUCATION CLASS BEFORE THEIR CHILD ENTERS A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN NORTH DAKOTA

Whereas: School cannot do all the teaching when it comes to sex ed; parents need to take some of the responsibility; and,

Whereas: These classes would offer parents ways of communicating with their teens about sex; and,

Whereas: Parents would be informed on what students are learning in sex ed; and,

Whereas: It would allow parents to play a more active role in their student's education.

Therefore: Be it resolved...

Rep. Logan McManus
Grand Forks Central

House IA
Ways and Means/Appropriations

A RESOLUTION THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CAREFULLY REGULATE MORTGAGE LENDERS.

Whereas: Many mortgage-lending corporations are far more interested in their own financial gain than in the financial stability of their customers; and,

Whereas: Several of these corporations have already gone out of business due to their willingness to lend to anyone, no matter how tainted their financial records; and,

Whereas: Attractive-looking loans encourage the American tradition of greed but end up fleecing customers that aren't savvy enough; and,

Whereas: There are far better options for people in need of a loan; and,

Therefore: Be it resolved....

Rep. Katie Dressler
Richardton-Taylor

House IB
Public Welfare

A RESOLUTION TO LIBERALIZE THE PHARMACEUTICAL PATENT INDUSTRY.

Whereas: Free market pricing would allow greater cross-border trading, and thus drive costs down to minimum levels; and,

Whereas: Raising the problems involved in treating diseases will act as a spur to innovation and to sponsorship; and,

Whereas: The current system of moving a product from research to shelf is nearly ten years, and liberalization would cut this drastically; and,

Whereas: The pharmaceutical drug market would suffer less monopolization.

Therefore: Be it resolved...

Rep. Abby Hammes
West Fargo High School

House IB
Ways and Means

A RESOLUTION THAT THE UNITED STATES PROVIDE MORE FUNDING FOR ADULT RE-EDUCATION

Whereas: High-school dropouts could return to school to complete general education requirements; and,

Whereas: Most upwardly-mobile positions require at the very least a high school diploma or equivalent; and,

Whereas: A working adult is unlikely to have the freedom to simply quit his or her job and go back to school full time without the help of proper funding towards adult education; and,

Whereas: More and further educational opportunities would be brought about due to increased funding; and,

Whereas: High school dropouts are a drain on the economy.

Therefore: Be it resolved...

Written in committee

House IB
State and Local

A RESOLUTION THAT NORTH DAKOTA END RECOGNITION OF AND INTERFERENCE IN MARRIAGE AND SIMILAR INSTITUTIONS

Whereas: Marriage is a religious institution and violates the separation of church and state; and,

Whereas: Married couples receive unfair tax breaks and other incentives from the state; and,

Whereas: The current marriage laws in North Dakota are discriminatory against same-sex couples; and,

Whereas: The government does not have the right to say who can get which types of unions and what said unions entails.

Therefore: Be it resolved....

Rep. Andrew Lenzmeier
West Fargo High School

House IB
Foreign Affairs

A RESOLUTION THAT THE UNITED STATES CONTINUE ITS STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WITH RUSSIA

Whereas: By improving relations with Russia, the United States has enhanced its own national security; and,

Whereas: Since the Cold War ended, the United States has pursued the goal to support Russia's effort to transform its political, economic, and social institutions; and,

Whereas: Russia helped dismantle the apparatus of the Soviet system and has rejected the forcible reformation of the Soviet Union or the creation of a new totalitarian superstate.

Therefore: Be it resolved...

Rep. Ashley Barrios
Mandan High School

House IC
Public Welfare

A RESOLUTION TO MAKE ORGAN DONATION A MANDATORY AND ROUTINE RECOVERY PROCEDURE FOR ALL AMERICANS WHO PASS AWAY.

Whereas: Willing donors are often not able to donate because of family objections or consent complications; and,

Whereas: In 2003 in the United States, only 20,000 of the 83,000 that were waiting for an organ transplant actually received it; and,

Whereas: There are more than 6000 deaths in the US alone because organ transplants aren't available; and,

Whereas: The deceased would no longer have a use for their still-functioning organ.

Therefore: Be it resolved...

Rep. Emma DeJong
West Fargo

House IC
State and Local

A RESOLUTION THAT NORTH DAKOTA REINSTATE CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Whereas: Capital punishment deters crime; and,

Whereas: Capital punishment is vital to protect innocent lives; and,

Whereas: Capital punishment is a just consequence for dangerous criminals; and,

Whereas: With new DNA technology there is no chance of the innocent being executed; and,

Therefore: Be it resolved....

Rep. Jon Markel
Mandan High School

House IC
Ways and Means

A RESOLUTION THAT THE UNITED STATES PLACE HIGHER TARIFFS ON ALL IMPORTED GOODS.

- Whereas: Domestic goods would be more reasonably priced than imported goods; and,
- Whereas: Our trade deficit with other countries has risen over one hundred billion dollars in seven years; and,
- Whereas: The Generalized system of Preferences lets one hundred and forty countries be exempt from certain duties totaling an estimated 15 billion dollars; and,
- Whereas: Most other countries have high tariffs placed on imported goods entering their country; and,
- Whereas: The economy would become stronger because American-made products would be purchased within the United States rather than foreign goods.
- Therefore: Be it resolved...

Rep. Austin Arnold
Richardton Taylor High School

House IC
Foreign Affairs

A RESOLUTION THAT THE UNITED STATES OUGHT TO PUT PRESSURE ON CHINA TO MAKE THEM ACKNOWLEDGE TIBET'S INDEPENDENCE

- Whereas: Tibet has a unique historical claim to independence; and,
- Whereas: China acquired Tibet by illegitimate means; and,
- Whereas: China has failed to recognize Tibet's best interests; and,
- Whereas: China has violated the human rights of Tibet's citizens.
- Therefore: Be it resolved...

Rep. Chelsea Peterson
West Fargo High School

House ID
Foreign Affairs

A RESOLUTION TO SHUT DOWN ALL US MILITARY BASES IN OTHER COUNTRIES

Whereas: Host countries don't fully approve of our continued presence; and,

Whereas: The money spent on overseas bases could be put to better use here; and,

Whereas: Other countries don't have bases here, so it's hypocritical for us to have our bases there; and,

Whereas: We have many homeland issues that could be served by our military.

Therefore: Be it resolved....

Rep. Aleisan Pasch
Grand Forks Central

House ID
Public Welfare

A RESOLUTION THAT THE UNITED STATES ALLOW THAT CITIZENS CARRY CONCEALED FIREARMS WITH THE COMPLETION OF A FIREARMS SAFETY INSTRUCTION COURSE

Whereas: According to the doctrine of Mutual Assured Destruction it would bring down crime rate; and,

Whereas: Our second amendment affords us this rights; and,

Whereas: It would create more responsibility for the use of firearms, also causing less hunting accidents; and,

Whereas: Citizens would feel safer with having a concealed weapon to defend themselves.

Therefore: Be it resolved...

Rep. Randy Andren
Valley City Public School

House ID
Ways and Means

A RESOLUTION THAT THE UNITED STATES INCREASE DEATH BENEFITS FOR SOLDIERS FIGHTING IN IRAQ

Whereas: They are fighting for our country; and,

Whereas: They are leaving everything behind with a chance of no return; and,

Whereas: Their families should be compensated properly for their deaths; and,

Whereas: A \$100,000 compensation is not enough for a life.

Therefore: Be it resolved.....

Rep. Miranda Mars
West Fargo

House ID
State and Local

A RESOLUTION THAT ALL NORTH DAKOTA CITIZENS OVER 65 GET FREE PRESCRIPTIONS.

Whereas: The prices of prescriptions rise more than six times when patients reach the age of 65; and,

Whereas: People age 65 and older consume more prescription and over-the-counter, than any other age group; and,

Whereas: People over the age of 65 buy 40% of all prescription drugs; and,

Whereas: Providing free prescriptions would take a burden off of seniors, allowing them to pay for things like food and housing easier.

Therefore: Be it resolved....

Rep. Cristina Lawrence
Shanley High School

House IIA
Public Welfare

A RESOLUTION THAT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SWITCH FROM THE STANDARD ENGLISH SYSTEM OF MEASUREMENT, TO THE METRIC SYSTEM OF MEASUREMENT BY THE YEAR 2010.

Whereas: The Standard English System of measurement is too complicated and has too many different units; and,

Whereas: The Metric System of measurement is easier to calculate between different types of measurement (e.g. mass, length); and,

Whereas: The Metric System is already being used in today's schools; and,

Whereas: This would help us get on track with the world and make us more unified.

Therefore: Be it resolved....

Rep. James Maertens
Fargo Shanley High School

House IIA
Foreign Affairs

A RESOLUTION THAT THE UNITED STATES USE FORCE AGAINST IRAN IF IT REFUSES TO CEASE AND DESIST ALL NUCLEAR ACTIVITY BY THE END OF 2009

Whereas: Iran appears bent on developing nuclear weapons; and,

Whereas: Iran has recently been assisting Al Qaeda operations against United States forces in Iraq; and,

Whereas: Given Iran's hostility toward the United States and its proximity to Iraq, it is important to address Iran's capability.

Therefore: Be it resolved...

Rep. Kaylyn Arnold
Richardton-Taylor High School

House IIA
State and Local

A RESOLUTION TO PLACE A GPS TRACKING MICROCHIP IN ALL SEX OFFENDERS CONVICTED IN THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Whereas: With cases like the rape and murder of Dru Sjodin receiving national coverage, North Dakota must be proactive in curbing sex crimes; and,

Whereas: This tracking system would guarantee that police officials would know the whereabouts of offenders at all times; and,

Whereas: Because of legal loopholes and overcrowding, more sex offenders are obtaining early release from prison; and,

Whereas: It is the responsibility of the state to protect their citizens; and,

Therefore: Be it resolved...

Rep. Sierra Canerot
Richardton-Taylor High School

House IIA
Ways and Means

A RESOLUTION THAT THE UNITED STATES REQUIRE ALL CITIZENS TO ADD AT LEAST \$1.00 TO THEIR TAXES TO REDUCE THE NATIONAL DEBT

Whereas: The national debt is over 10 trillion dollars and rising; and,

Whereas: Every citizen's share of the debt is roughly \$33,200; and,

Whereas: We need to start solving this problem; and,

Whereas: \$1.00 would not hurt anybody.

Therefore: Be it resolved....

Rep. Brett Johnson
Shanley High School

House IIB
Ways and Means/Appropriations

A RESOLUTION TO MANDATE A BALANCED BUDGET BY FISCAL YEAR 2012

- Whereas: The annual budget shortfall is over \$300 billion; and,
- Whereas: The total federal debt is approaching \$10 trillion; and,
- Whereas: Paying interest on the federal debt is taking money out of an already broken credit system; and,
- Whereas: Balanced budgets under President Clinton helped propel unprecedented economic growth and prosperity.
- Therefore: Be it resolved

Rep. Catherine Cho
Fargo South

House IIB
Foreign Affairs

A RESOLUTION THAT THE UNITED STATES USE COVERT OPERATIONS AND ASSASSINATION TO REMOVE VLADIMIR PUTIN

- Whereas: Russia's aggressive invasion of Georgia where they destroyed the country's infrastructure; and,
- Whereas: This resolution could result in the repeal of executive order 12333; and,
- Whereas: Vladimir Putin's internal human rights operations are handled unfavorable.
- Therefore: Be it resolved....

Rep. Kaitlyn Varberg
West Fargo

House IIB
State and Local

A RESOLUTION TO BUILD A NUCLEAR POWER PLANT IN NORTH DAKOTA

Whereas: Nuclear energy is a source of clean and safe energy; and,

Whereas: A power plant would generate more jobs in North Dakota; and,

Whereas: A power plant would bring people back to North Dakota; and,

Whereas: It would reduce dependence on oil and other fossil fuels.

Therefore: Be it resolved...

Rep. Danielle Meyer
West Fargo High School

House IIB
Public Welfare

A RESOLUTION THAT THE FDA BANS ALL DIET DRUGS

Whereas: Diet drugs such as Phen fen, Redux, and Meridia have caused serious heart problems; and,

Whereas: People should use long term ways like diet and exercise to lose weight; and,

Whereas: Weight loss drugs don't work nearly as well as healthy weight loss methods; and,

Whereas: There is no long term solution to lose weight other than diet and exercise.

Therefore: Be it resolved.....

Rep. Christian Henning
Shanley High School

House IIC
Ways and Means

A RESOLUTION THAT A NATIONAL TAX BE LEVIED ON VIDEO AND GAMING SALES AND RENTALS TO SUBSIDIZE PUBLIC EDUCATION

Whereas: At the present time, education funding is inadequate; and,

Whereas: Under the present system, distribution of education funds is inconsistent; and,

Whereas: The cost of education continues to increase where revenues for funding decreases; and,

Whereas: A one cent per one dollar will greatly increase the amount of money available for public education; and,

Whereas: These items are a luxury, not a necessity of life, therefore, the taxes would not hinder those unable to pay additional taxes.

Therefore: Be it resolved....

Rep. Bradley Messer
Richardton-Taylor High School

House IIC
Foreign Affair

A RESOLUTION TO WITHDRAW FROM THE UNITED NATIONS

Whereas: United Nations soldiers have raped over 119 woman and children during their various services; and,

Whereas: The United Nations does not respond effectively to human rights abuses; and,

Whereas: The United Nations is creating hysteria by publishing misinformation on climate change; and,

Whereas: The United Nations cannot prevent war; and,

Whereas: The United Nations has not helped reduce worldwide violence against women.

Therefore: Be it resolved.....

Rep. Benaiah Simburger
Mandan High School

House IIC
Public Welfare

A RESOLUTION THAT THE UNITED STATES ESTABLISH A FEDERALLY REGULATED RATING SYSTEM FOR THE FILM INDUSTRY

Whereas: The MPAA's rating guide for movies often is based on that movie, with only a general outline for basic issues; and,

Whereas: Independent films have been shown to receive a high, more adult rating, than films with a major studio's backing; and,

Whereas: Those that rate the films and their processes are kept secretive and cannot be held legally accountable for any bias they may have; and,

Therefore: Be it resolved....

Rep. Connor Wright
West Fargo

House IIC
State and Local

A RESOLUTION THAT THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA INCREASE ITS MINIMUM LEGAL DRIVING AGE TO 16.

WHEREAS: Most other states have a minimum age of at least 16; and

WHEREAS: Fourteen year olds aren't mature enough to drive; and

WHEREAS: The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety recommends an age increase to decrease the amount of fatal car accidents among teens; and

WHEREAS: Younger drivers tend to take more risks than older more mature drivers; and

THEREFORE: Be it resolved...

Rep. Amy Yu
Fargo South High School

House IID
Foreign Affairs

A RESOLUTION THAT THE UNITED STATES INCREASE FUNDING TO FIGHT THE HIV/AIDS EPIDEMIC IN AFRICA

Whereas: HIV and AIDS continue to spread rapidly in almost every nation in sub-Saharan Africa; and,

Whereas: This epidemic is killing millions of people and is leaving thousands of infected children parentless; and,

Whereas: If HIV and AIDS are not restrained in Africa, the epidemic may well spread to other parts of the world – including the United States and Western Europe; and,

Whereas: Africa cannot fight this epidemic without assistance from the United States.

Therefore: Be it resolved...

Rep. McKensy Friedt
Richardton-Taylor High School

House IID
Ways and Means

A RESOLUTION THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD REPLACE CHECKING ACCOUNTS AND CURRENCY BY USING DEBIT CARDS ONLY

Whereas: Debit cards would eliminate the cost of printing bills and minting coins; and,

Whereas: This would eliminate the crime of counterfeiting; and,

Whereas: Most people use debit cards or credit cards all ready; and,

Whereas: Businesses would not have to deal with the hassle of checking accounts, non-sufficient funds, and having cash on hand.

Therefore: Be it resolved....

Written in Committee

House IID
State and Local

A RESOLUTION THAT ALL NORTH DAKOTA SCHOOL BUSES HAVE SEAT BELTS

Whereas: Too many students die in bus crashes every year; and,

Whereas: Student deaths could be prevented by the use of seatbelts; and,

Whereas: Mandating that all school buses have operational seatbelts would be a lifesaving measure; and,

Whereas: Replacing buses without seatbelts would be worth the cost; and,

Therefore: Be it resolved

Rep. Chase Johnson
Shanley High School

House IID
Public Welfare

A RESOLUTION TO GRANT GENERAL AMNESTY TO ALL ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WHO CURRENTLY RESIDE IN THE UNITED STATES

Whereas: Corporate America is dependent on the immigrant workforce to fill labor shortages; and,

Whereas: These immigrants are employed in the United States without paying taxes; and,

Whereas: Regulated legal emigration is better than unregulated illegal immigration.

Therefore: Be it resolved....

Rep. Maggie Zentner
Richardton-Taylor High School

Reserved Resolution

RESOLVED THAT THE UNITED STATES NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH CUBA

Whereas: Fidel Castro is no longer the leader of Cuba; and,

Whereas: Cuba has suffered from hurricanes recently; and,

Whereas: Current US policy toward Cuba is ineffective; and,

Whereas: It would ease tension between the United States and Cuba.

Therefore: Be it resolved....