

## 2008 NCFL Semifinal Legislation #1

### **A Resolution to Amend the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution**

1       Whereas: Illegal immigrants have manipulated the 14th Amendment to remain in the United States, and  
2       Whereas: Illegal immigrants often give birth to children termed ‘anchor babies’ within the United States for  
      the purpose of avoiding deportation, and  
3       Whereas: Thousands of ‘anchor babies’ are born in the United States each year, and  
4       Whereas: The Immigration Act of 1965 continues to perpetuate a cycle of ‘chain migration.  
5       Therefore: Be it resolved by the Student Congress here assembled adopt the following  
6            Amendment to the US Constitution: “Amendment XXVIII, Section 1a-Section 1  
7            of the Fourteenth Amendment is hereby repealed. Persons born within United  
8            States jurisdiction shall be granted citizenship through a process of legal  
9            naturalization, or in the event that a child’s biological mother has attained legal  
10           United States citizenship prior to birth of the child. All persons born under said  
11           conditions are citizens of the United States and the state wherein they reside. No  
12           state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or  
13           immunities of citizens of the United States ; nor shall any state deprive any person  
14           of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, nor deny to any person  
15           within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.  
16           Section 1b - This article shall be inoperative unless it has been ratified as an  
17           amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of three-fourths of the  
18           several States within seven years from the date of its submission.”

## 2008 NCFL Semifinal Legislation #2

### **A Bill concerning Lifetime appointments to the Supreme Court**

- 1 Be it enacted by this Student Congress that the term of “office” of all Supreme Court justices
- 2 of the United States of America be defined the following way from this time forward:
- 3 **Article 1:** Supreme Court justices would retain lifetime appointments as they currently do
4. now.
5. **Article 2:** Though each justice has a lifetime appointment, they will not have an appointment
6. to the Supreme Court for more than 18 years.
7. **Article 3:** Every President of the United States will get to appoint a Supreme Court Justice
8. every two years following the legislature’s election cycle, without waiting for vacancies. The
9. same right still rests with the President for any vacancies as well.
10. **Article 4:** Justices will rotate off the Supreme Court after 18 years but will not have to retire.
11. They have the option of serving as senior justices on the circuit and appeals courts or to
12. devote themselves to reviewing and updating the procedural rules of federal courts.
13. **Article 5:** The Department of Justice will oversee this legislation.
14. **Article 6:** All laws in conflict with this legislation shall be rendered null and void.

### **A Resolution to Lift the Cuban Embargo**

1. **Whereas**, the Truman Doctrine is an outdated policy that no longer has
2.                   any practical application, and
3. **Whereas**, the United States needs to make efforts to improve our
4.                   standing in the International community, and
5. **Whereas**, Latin America is an unstable region where the United States
6.                   needs to foster alliances, and
7. **Whereas**, increasing economic relations is a tool that can be used to
8.                   democratize a country, and
9. **Whereas**, current history has shown us that the current policy that we
10.                  have in place is ineffective.
11. **Therefore, be it resolved**, that the United States shall repeal the
12.                  embargo placed upon the nation of Cuba in efforts to normalize
13.                  relations with that country.

**A Bill to Serve Adults**

1. Be it enacted by this Student Congress here assembled that:
2. Article I: The National Legal Drinking Age shall be lowered to the age of 18.
3. Article II: The National Legal Drinking Age shall be defined as the age at which a
4. citizen of the United States is legally allowed to buy and consume alcohol.
5. The States may still control the legal drinking age within their state.
6. Alcohol shall be defined as the intoxicating constituent of wine, beer and
7. other 'alcoholic' substances.
8. Article III: This bill shall take effect on July 1, 2008.
9. Article IV: This bill shall be enforced by the respective States' Department of
10. Alcoholic Beverage Control.
11. Article V: All laws in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and void.

**A Resolution to Shorten the Primary Election Season**

1       Whereas, campaign efforts are costing a record amount of money, and  
2       Whereas, Federal Election Commission public campaign funds are nearly  
3       depleted, and  
4       Whereas, candidates often commence campaign efforts two years prior to the  
5       general election, and  
6       Whereas primary elections and caucuses currently span a six month period  
7       beginning in January and culminating in June, and  
8       Whereas, the state of mass media being so heavily inundated with relentless  
9       political messages for such an extended period of time serves as a turn-off for  
10      voters, and  
11      Whereas, voter turnout is not enhanced by this elongated debate, and  
12      Whereas, the current system detracts from the significance of primary  
13      elections and caucuses held in the latter months such as May and June,  
14      Be it therefore resolved by the Federal Student Congress here assembled that  
15      primary elections and caucuses ought to be condensed into a period beginning  
16      on Memorial Day of the year in which the general election is to be held and  
17      culminating no more than 60 calendar days later with party conventions in  
18      preparation for the regular November general election.

**A Bill Concerning the Capital Gains Tax**

BE IT ENACTED THAT:

- 1 Article I: The Capital Gains Tax (CGT) shall hereby be eliminated.
- 2 Article II: The CGT is defined as a tax on the profits arising from the disposal  
3 of assets.
- 4 Article III: This bill shall be implemented by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008.
- 5 Article IV: The United States Department of the Treasury shall be responsible  
6 for the implementation of this bill.
- 7 Article V: All other laws that are in conflict with this bill shall hereby be  
8 declared null and void.

