

TVFL CONGRESS STATE QUALIFIER BILLS

VOTER PHOTO ID:

A resolution encouraging all states to enact laws requiring photo identification at the polls.

1. Whereas on April 28, 2008, the Supreme Court of the United States, in Crawford v.
2. Marion County Election Board, ruled that the State of Indiana's law requiring voters
3. to present photo identification when voting is constitutional;
4. Whereas the Court, in a 6-3 ruling found that the burden on voters to present photo ID
5. is offset by the benefit to voters and overall electoral integrity of reducing the risk of
6. fraud;
7. Whereas the Crawford ruling noted that, "There is no question about the legitimacy or
8. importance of a State's interest in counting only eligible voters' votes;"
9. Whereas the Crawford ruling also noted that, "Indiana's interest in protecting public
10. confidence in elections has significance, because such confidence encourages citizen
11. participation in the democratic process;"
12. Whereas the Crawford ruling also noted that, "Because Indiana's cards are free, the
13. inconvenience of going to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, gathering required
14. documents, and posing for a photograph does not represent a significant increase over
15. the usual burdens of voting;"
16. Whereas current state requirements regarding what, if any, identification they require
17. voters to present vary greatly,
18. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BODY HERE ASSEMBLED
19. that Congress strongly encourages all States that have not already done so, in light of
20. the recent Supreme Court ruling, to swiftly enact laws requiring voters to present
21. current, valid, government-issued photo identification in order to vote in all elections.

A Bill For An America Without Fences

1. BE IT ENACTED by the Student Congress here assembled that:
2. Section 1. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security halt the construction of a border
3. fence along U.S. borders.
4. Section 2. Section 102 of the Real ID Act be stricken from law.
5. Section 3. Environmental and administrative laws suspended under Section 102 be
6. reinstated.
7. Section 4. Any environmental damage or rights violations facilitated by the suspension
8. of the law be rectified within one year of the passage of this legislation.
9. Section 5. Revenue earmarked for the construction of the border fence be re-earmarked
10. for the funding of this legislation.
11. Section 6. This bill to take effect immediately upon passage.

CALIFORNIA BUDGET REFORM: The Budget Accountability Act

A bill to enact comprehensive reform of the state budget process.

1. Whereas the state legislature has not passed a budget on time since 1986, and
2. Whereas the state legislature and the governor face no consequences when they fail to
3. meet the budget deadline imposed by the state constitution and continue to collect their
4. salaries, and
5. Whereas the 2/3 supermajority vote requirement to pass a state budget and related taxes
6. has contributed to persistent late budgets and large deficits because political party leaders
7. refuse to compromise, and
8. Whereas the current supermajority requirement fails to keep budgetary spending in
9. check, and instead promotes gridlock, pork barrel legislation and lack of accountability;
10. therefore
11. In order to make elected officials more responsible for the consequences of their actions,
12. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED TO
13. (a) Prohibit the Legislature and Governor from collecting their salary and expenses for
14. every day they miss the budget deadline set by the Constitution and to force the
15. Legislature to stay in session until a budget is passed.
16. Change the votes necessary to pass the budget and related taxes from 2/3 to 55% to
17. improve accountability to voters, reduce budget gridlock, and encourage legislators to
18. work together to solve California's budget problems regardless of their party affiliation.

A Resolution To Limit Federal Government Bailouts

1. Whereas on October 3, 2008, Congress gave the United States Department of the
2. Treasury the authority to establish and manage the Troubled Asset Relief Program
3. (TARP), created to purchase assets and equity from financial institutions, and
4. Whereas, the Treasury Department's Office of Financial Stability has not properly
5. managed the allocated \$700 billion dollars in bailout funds, and
6. Whereas, some bailouts have been abused by recipients such as AIG, and
7. Whereas, bailouts cause excessive government intervention in the private sector of the
8. economy, and
9. Whereas, bailouts inflate the size and costs of Federal bureaucracy;
10. Therefore, be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that any future
11. bailouts by the federal government be limited to no more than \$500,000,000 to any single
12. business.

A BILL TO ABOLISH THE MILITARY COMMISSIONS ACT

1. Be it enacted by the Student Congress here assembled that:
2. Section 1: The Military Commissions Act of 2006, which authorized trial by military
3. commission for violations of the law of war, shall be abolished.
4. Rationale: The Military Commissions Act permits the CIA to continue its
5. controversial practice of implementing unethical interrogation methods against
6. suspected terrorists. Furthermore, under Section 2 of the act, U.S. citizens maybe
7. designated as Enemy Combatants, a category of prisoner that is not accorded the
8. same level of due process that civilian or traditional military prisoners are legally
9. entitled to.
10. Section 1a: This shall be enforced by the Federal Government.
11. Section 2: Persons who violate this legislation will be charged with *grave breach* of
12. the Geneva Conventions and prosecuted for war crimes.
13. Section 3: This will go into effect January 1st of 2010.

A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE AMERICA'S RELATIONSHIP WITH ISRAEL

1. Whereas, the Israeli military consistently targets civilians, and
2. Whereas, the Israeli government has forcibly displaced millions of Palestinians, and
3. Whereas, the United States has been a firm supporter of human rights for decades, and
4. Whereas, U. S's unconditional support of Israel has undermined Mid East peace
5. efforts;
6. Therefore, be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that the United
7. States cease its unconditional support of Israel, and be it further resolved that attacks
8. on civilians carried out by Israel will be met with appropriate economic and legal
9. consequences from the United States.