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THE LOW-DOWN ON GENERAL ASSEMBLY BILLS

HB004

Would allow any business that currently sells alcoholic beverages to sell those beverages on a Sunday. The ABC board would not penalize the business, & the consumer purchasing the beverage would be charged a three-cent tax. **Pro:** Supports the local economy by keeping the money made within the county the beverage was purchased. **Con:** Activities related to the overconsumption of alcohol are already a prevalent problem.

HB022

Would allow same-sex couples to enter into a civil union that would be legally recognized by the state. It also requires Alabama to

recognize civil unions, gay marriages, etc that were obtained in other states.

Pro: Same-sex couples will have the same legal rights as heterosexual couples.

Con: Contradicts some citizen's moral backgrounds on the sanctity of marriage.

SB018

Proposes the creation of an Education Lottery, whereby the winner of the lottery and the Dept. of Ed. split the proceeds of the sales 50-50. Half of the 50% would go to Primary Ed. and the other half would go to Higher Ed. **Pro:** Generates revenue for the Dept of Ed, with money allocated to both Primary Ed. & Higher Ed. **Con:** Would be a form of legalized gambling.

SB022

This bill would allow transgendered citizens the right to select which sex they identify with & have that sex listed on any state issued form of identification. To be allowed that right, they must show proof of a sex change, & should they be arrested the police must take steps to protect the transgendered citizen from hate crimes. **Pro:** Recognizes the rights of transgendered citizens to identify with their chosen gender & be protected from hate crimes. **Con:** Contradicts some citizen's moral backgrounds on the difference between sex & gender.

Ashley Weems



OFFICER CANDIDATE BIOS

Conference Coordinator

Michael Finn

Delegation: Jacksonville State University

Why are you running: "I want to continue to carry what the past 15 years that C-Leg has represented for Youth and Government."

Dream Job: To be a U.S. Ambassador to France

Tony Cobb

Delegation: Alabama State University

Why are you running: "I want collegians to make bonds with students from across the state to last a lifetime."

Favorite movie: Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory

DEATH RACE 2009: HOTDOGS, BATS, AND SHOELACES??

The competitive nature of C-Leg delegates shone bright last night in the annual committee games. The competition was stiff as the committees participated in eating contests, relays, and of course musical chairs. Although every commit-

tee believed *they* deserved to win, House Committee 1 came out on top.

Kelsey Butler



OFFICER CANDIDATE BIOS CONTINUED

Lt. Governor

Ashley Weems

Delegation: Auburn University

Why are you running: "I have a huge passion for C-Leg, and want to continue to serve the program I love."

Favorite Movie: The Lord of the Rings Trilogy

JeLisa Tanniehill

Delegation: JSU

Why are you running: "Because I have a true passion for government and politics."

Fun Fact: JeLisa is addicted to skittles!

Darnell Howard

Delegation: ASU

Why are you running: "I have experience with parliamentary procedures and believe I have the ability to maintain order in the senate and be fair and strict."

Favorite Animal: Turtle (Even if they are slow, they get the job done)

Speaker of the House

Courtney Dennis

Delegation: ASU

Why are you running: "It needs a dedicated, diligent, and hard worker."

Favorite Celebrity: Notorious B.I.G.

Trey Lipscomb

Delegation: ASU

Why are you running: "I have a strong sense of morality and my humility and person-ability makes me the best candidate for the job."

Fun Fact: Trey is a fanatic of Michael Jackson's music!

SENATE STARTS STRONG

C-Leg kicked into full gear this morning as the Senate opened. The two bills that opened were highly debated. Senators started off requesting a program involving green houses run by college students on all state colleges. The bill failed but sparked lively debate about recycling programs on campus. Patron Tanniehill talked about how it would greatly improve the green movement. She argued, "It is a big thing for us to go green, &

would be very eco-friendly."

Senator Mayo replied with a strong argument on how the state universities are under financial problems & could not support this. Mayo explained, "Right now with schools cutting back on funding, I don't think now is the time for this." Another bill that was highly debated was a bill limiting punitive damages on lawsuits in medical malpractice cases. Sena-

tors Guyse & Masterson both focused on the issues surrounding capping punitive damages.

Senator Weems, who is a student pharmacist, strongly supported the bill. "A decrease in malpractice payouts equals a decrease in malpractice premiums for doctors, pharmacists, & etc.," Weems said, "It would also lower the cost of health care in general."

Adam Turnipseed

HOUSE INTRODUCES NEW LEGISLATORS TO DEBATE

There is no better way to start your day than by a healthy debate over cell-phones, right? Well this is just how the House began. The first bill on docket supplied some of the most heated debate. The Speaker of the House, with aid from the House Clerk Finn & the

Floor Leader, maintained order in the chamber throughout the day. Keeping in mind that most of the delegates in the house are first time "c-leggers," they were patient when reminding the delegates of the meaning and purpose of points of inquiry & infor-

mation. The House Pro-Tempore closed out the morning session successfully.

Kelsey Butler

OFFICERS WORK THE RED CARPET

In keeping with the theme of "I Heart C-Leg," the 2009 officers were introduced last night as famous celebrities walking down a red carpet to themed music, pictures by paparazzi,

and cheers from their adoring fans.

Ashley Weems



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