



H.Res. 25 – Calling on the Board of Directors of the National High School Mock Trial Championship to accommodate students of all religious faiths

Floor Situation

H.Res. 25 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Steven Rothman (D-NJ) on January 4, 2007 and has not been considered by any committee.

H.Res. 25 is expected to be considered by the House of Representatives on September 25, 2007.

Summary

H.Res. 25 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Calls on the Board of Directors of the National High School Mock Trial Championship to accommodate the religious beliefs of students participating in the competition; and
- Urges the Board of Directors of the National High School Mock Trial Championship to restructure the rules of the competition to allow qualifying students of all faiths to compete fully in this national championship without betraying their religious beliefs.

Background

On October 15, 2005, the Board of Directors of the National High School Mock Trial Championship voted to refuse to make accommodations for students who observe the Sabbath on Friday and/or Saturday.

According to the National High School Mock Trial Championship website, “The national mock trial championship was initiated in 1984 in Des Moines, Iowa, with teams from Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and Wisconsin participating. The most recent competition in Oklahoma City included 44 teams from the United States, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and South Korea.”

Cost

At the time of printing the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) had not scored this legislation.

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