

IN THE SENATE OF EMORY & HENRY COLLEGE

September 24, 2001

Senate Bill #67

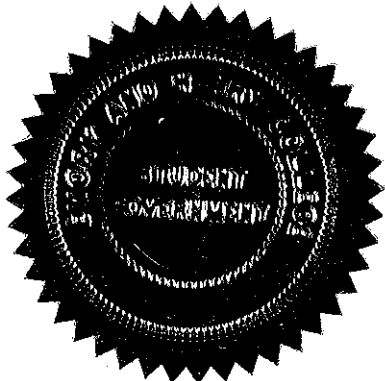
Be it enacted by the Senate of Emory & Henry College,
This bill hereby approves the attached Student Government Budget for the Fall 2001 semester,

- I. The following budget shall be the budget of all organizations funded by Student Government in the fall semester of the 2000-2002 academic year of Emory & Henry College.
- II. Stipulations to be placed on the account of the Sphinx:
 - A. Should the Sphinx fail to produce a timely and adequate edition of the Sphinx for the 2001-2002 academic year, the 2002-2003 College Senate should be reminded that this would be the second consecutive year in which this publication has failed to use funds appropriated to it by the Student Government to accomplish its intentions in a satisfactory manner.
 - B. The stipulation placed on the Sphinx by Senate Bill #55, forcing students to pay for a copy of the Sphinx, will not go into effect until the 2002-2003 academic year.
- III. Stipulation to be placed on the account of Alpha Psi Omega:
 - A. The funds allotted to Alpha Psi Omega are in conjunction with their request that their financial needs for the year be fulfilled this semester. Therefore, it is understood that they will most likely not be allotted any funds in the Spring 2001-2002 semester.
- IV. Stipulation to be placed on the account of the Pre-Health Professions Club:
 - A. The advisors of the Pre-Health Professions Club will personally be held responsible for the funds of the club until the club elects a treasurer.
- V. Stipulation to be placed on the account of the Swim Team:
 - A. Once this club officially becomes a varsity team, their Student Government account will be frozen and all unused funds will immediately be transferred to the reserve fund of the Emory & Henry College Student Government.

Passed Unanimously by the College Senate



John S. Honeycutt, Student Government President



IN THE SENATE OF EMORY AND HENRY COLLEGE

September 24, 2001

Senate Bill #68

Be it enacted by the Senate of Emory and Henry College

This bill addresses the question of line-item veto

- I. The President of the Student Body is granted line-item veto in regards to Bill #68

VETOED

Vetted: John Honeycutt

Passed by the College Senate

John S. Honeycutt, Student Government President

To Whom It May Concern:

I have decided to veto this legislation after careful thought and consideration of the issues involved with Bills 67 & 68. My decision to veto is also based on a broader question of whether or not line item veto is constitutional as set forth by the Student Government Constitution of Emory & Henry College. It is not often that a president has an opportunity to correct his or her own mistake, and I would be remiss to allow this opportunity to go by. I believe the concept of line item veto to be unconstitutional regardless of the fact that this bill was entirely the work of the Executive Branch.

Article III, section E states, "The Student Body President shall consider the legislation for a period of ten academic days. At any time before this period is over, the President may choose to sign it into effect, or may veto the legislation and return it with a written reply to the Senate". Article IV, section A also says "The President shall also have the authority to veto legislation of the Senate, subject to a two-thirds majority override vote". No mention of line item veto can be found in these two provisions, nor can it be found anywhere else our Constitution.

Line item veto and veto as it is outlined in our Constitution are two very different entities. Veto grants the President the power to decline a piece of legislation in its entirety, whereas line item veto gives the President the chance to choose which parts of the bill he or she will strike. I feel certain that if the veto provisions of the Constitution had intended the very specific power of line item veto, it would have specified it. The President cannot be granted the power of line item veto simply because it is not a power that exists in our Constitution.

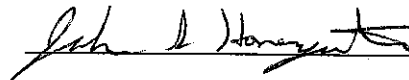
I am fully aware that the power of line item veto has previously been granted to the President in Bill # 20. Regardless of how noble the cause for which it was granted, it was unconstitutional then, and it is unconstitutional today. This is a precedent that I must dispense with in order to avoid perpetuating a falsity that I myself almost believed.

It would be wrong for our government to think that line item veto has no use. On the contrary, I feel that there are instances when it would be wise for a President to veto a single part of a bill in order to allow the rest of the bill to be accepted by the Faculty or President of the College. Another instance would be the issue that is before us today. If I had found one specific item in the budget that needed to be vetoed, I would have had no other choice but to veto the entire bill. This would have prevented all the clubs from getting the money that they need to function, which serves no one. From this perspective the veto power granted in the Constitution limits both the President and the Student Body.

For this reason I call for a Constitutional Amendment that will grant the Student Body President the authority to exercise line item veto on a case by case basis. Furthermore, the President should only be able to exercise this authority when the Senate approves it. Senate approval, along with a two-thirds majority override vote, will act as a check on the power of line item veto. It has become clear that our Constitution needs this Amendment in order to meet the needs of the Student Body in the future, and I call on the Senate to act accordingly.

Let it be noted that Senator Joe Lane was wise enough to point out this issue and prudent enough to realize that tradition should not be continued simply for tradition's sake. Our thanks should go to him for his service.

Student Body President, John Honeycutt



IN THE SENATE OF EMORY AND HENRY COLLEGE

October 15th, 2001

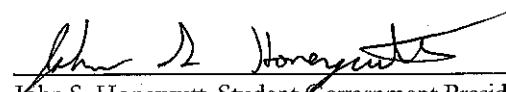
Senate Bill #69

Be it enacted by the Senate of Emory & Henry College,

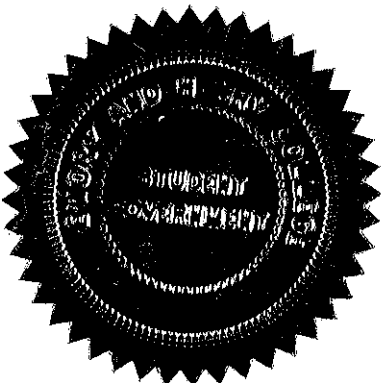
This bill addresses the constitutionality of line item veto

- I. That granting the Student Body President the power to exercise line item veto is inconsistent with the Student Government Constitution—Article III, Section E, Sentence 7.
- II. That Bill #68 is therefore unconstitutional and was passed in violation of the aforementioned provision of the Student Government Constitution.
- III. That the Senate be advised that in all future cases, the Parliamentarian should declare any resolution in form or purpose similar to Bill #68 out of order.
Unless,
- IV. The veto provisions of the Student Government Constitution should be amended by the regular process described in Article VI of said Constitution.
- V. That the line item veto sections of Bill #20 should be accordingly rescinded.

Passed unanimously by the College Senate.



John S. Honeycutt, Student Government President





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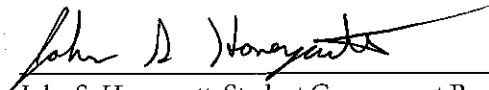
Senate Bill #70

Be it enacted by the Senate of Emory and Henry College,

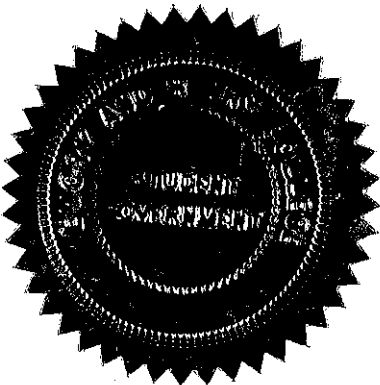
This bill hereby affirms the third Co-Head for the 2001-2002 Judicial Branch.

- I. Derek Kestner is appointed by this body to be the third Judicial Co-Head.

Passed unanimously by the College Senate.



John S. Honeycutt, Student Government President



IN THE SENATE OF EMORY AND HENRY COLLEGE

October 29, 2001

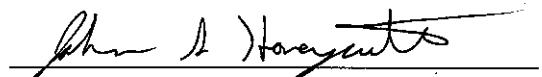
Senate Bill #71

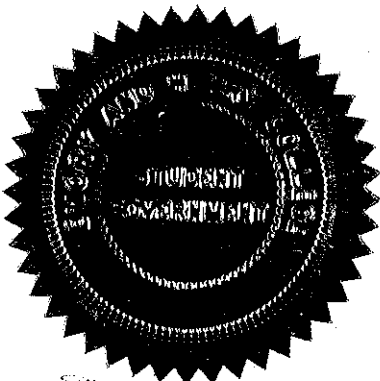
Be it enacted by the Senate of Emory and Henry College,

This bill concerns funding for the Dance Team.

This bill hereby allocates \$251.80 to the Emory and Henry Dance Team
to be used in conjunction with the purchase of uniforms
for the two new male members of the team.

Passed unanimously by the College Senate.


John S. Honeycutt, Student Government President



IN THE SENATE OF EMORY AND HENRY COLLEGE

October 15th, 2001

Senate Bill #72

The following is a measure to amend the Constitution.

Be it enacted by the Senate of Emory and Henry College,

This hereby establishes the Procedures and Guidelines for the Emory and Henry Student Government Presidential Elections.

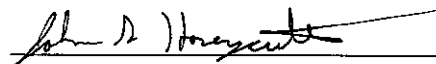
Section 1.

- (a) Purpose-- to ensure consistency in the student government presidential elections, to give candidates adequate campaigning time, to allow the campus media full coverage of the election, and to guarantee that the student body of Emory and Henry College will have adequate knowledge of the candidates and their platforms to make an informed selection.

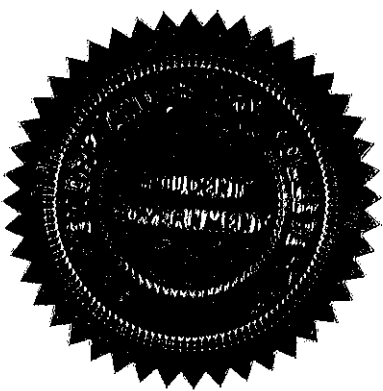
Section 2.

- (a) The Student Government Presidential elections will be held in April, with the deadline to turn in nomination forms set as the first Thursday of the month.
- (b) A public debate, which will include an opening speech, will be held on the third Tuesday of April, the day before the first voting day. Any candidate who would otherwise qualify for the ballot but does not participate in this debate shall be disqualified from any consideration for the office of President. The Dean of Students Office in conjunction with the current Elections Officer will formulate the time, place and format of the event in conjunction with the candidates.
- (c) Voting days should be scheduled for the Wednesday and Thursday of April immediately following the third Tuesday of April, two weeks after the deadline for nominations.
- (d) If, and only if, the following election schedule becomes impossible to follow due to unforeseen circumstances or scheduling conflicts, the Dean of Students Office in conjunction with the current Elections Officer will create a new schedule in conjunction with the candidates and the sitting President.

Passed unanimously by the College Senate.



John S. Honeycutt, Student Government President



IN THE SENATE OF EMORY & HENRY COLLEGE

NOVEMBER 19, 2001

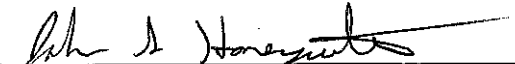
SENATE BILL #73

This bill hereby re-establishes the Commuter Student Organization (CSO).

Be it enacted by the Senate of Emory & Henry College,

- I. A charter is approved and granted to the Commuter Student Organization (CSO). The following items are those required by the Student Government from an organization in order to petition for a charter from the Senate of the college.
- A. The CSO Constitution (attached)
 - B. Officers:
 - 1. Presidents- Jason Corvin, Christie Maloyed
 - 2. Secretary/Treasurer- Lisa Wyatt
 - C. Advisor- Hugh Solomon
 - D. Charter Members:
 - 1. Jason Corvin
 - 2. Daniel DeBord
 - 3. Amy Edens
 - 4. Karen Gilmer
 - 5. Matthew Henry
 - 6. Amber Keene
 - 7. Terri Kegley
 - 8. Derek Kestner
 - 9. Christie Maloyed
 - 10. Lindsay McKnight
 - 11. Israel O'Quinn
 - 12. Jimmy Perry
 - 13. Bobby Peterson
 - 14. Liz Phillips
 - 15. Leslie Roe
 - 16. Rachel Sheffey
 - 17. Kellie Smith
 - 18. Lisa Wyatt

Passed unanimously by the College Senate.



John S. Honeycutt, Student Government President

