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BALANCED BUDGET

Whereas, the present Congress of the United States has and continues to pass record deficit spending bills without regard to the effect of said spending upon the economy of the United States; and

Whereas, deficit spending passes the ultimate responsibility for repayment on to future generations; and

Whereas, deficit spending creates inflationary spiral and robs the average American of his purchasing power, and is particularly devastating to those living on a fixed income; and

Whereas, the Republican administration has unfortunately followed the Democrat philosophy of deficit financing and an unbalanced budget, thus endangering our nation's economic stability;

Therefore, be it resolved that the YRNF calls upon the United States Congress and the President to adopt a fiscally responsible policy of balancing the federal budget which can only be achieved through elimination of deficit spending.

OPEN CONVENTION

Whereas, the YRNF reaffirms its belief in the traditional principles of the Republican Party--the principles of limited government, individual freedom and responsibility, the free enterprise system, and a strong, free America; and

Whereas, in 1972 American voters overwhelmingly endorsed these principles; and

Whereas, the YRNF strongly believes that the Republican Party should represent these principles in the 1976 Presidential election, believing this to be the best course for victory;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the YRNF endorses the concept of an Open Republican Convention in 1976 in the selection of a candidate for President and Vice President who will best reflect these principles.

DICK SMITH

Whereas, we the Young Republican National Federation are saddened and sorrowed by the untimely and sudden death of Chairman Dick Smith; and

Whereas, we the Young Republicans recognize the fine examples of honesty, integrity and total commitment to principles that Dick Smith demonstrated throughout his leadership of the YRNF;

Therefore, be it resolved that the delegates of this Convention do hereby extend to his family and friends our sincere sympathy.

MAYAGUEZ

Whereas, the merchant ship Mayaguez, while in international waters, was seized by an act of piracy by the revolutionary forces of the Kymer Rouge; and

Whereas, the freedom of international trade and travel is dependent on the safety from attack; and

Whereas, President Ford's action against the seizure of the Mayaguez was in the best interest of the United States and of international order;

Therefore, be it resolved that the YRNF en-

dorses President Ford's swift action and will support the President in similar emergencies when military action is required for the security of the United States.

VETOOES

Whereas, the Honorable Gerald R. Ford, President of the United States of America, has acted with calm and purposeful resolve to solve the economic ills of the country; and

Whereas, President Ford proposed and signed the tax rebate schedule to help alleviate individual plight and restore market confidence; and

Whereas, President Ford, in the face of enormous government deficits created by the rebate, the recessions and entrenched government programs has expressed his determination to hold the line on government spending; and

Whereas, The Congress of the United States ignored the desires of the American people by recklessly enacting programs that enlarge the deficit;

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the YRNF endorses President Ford's veto of these bills and commend those Congressmen for the defeat of the override attempts.

JOSEPH COORS

Whereas, Joseph Coors represents and stands for the basic freedoms of speech, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness on which our country was founded and has grown to its present status; and

Whereas, Joseph Coors is a dedicated and loyal American; and

Whereas, Joseph Coors has been nominated to the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting by the President;

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the Young Republican National Federation urges the Senate to confirm the nomination of that great American, Joseph Coors, to the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

VOTING RIGHTS ACT

Whereas, the Federal Voting Rights Act has successfully fulfilled the purpose of insuring protection of minorities in the exercise of their right to vote; and

Whereas, the enforcement of the act has now begun to cause unreasonable delays and serious impediments in the election process; and

Whereas, the underlying problems which led to its enactment have been eliminated;

Therefore, be it resolved by the Young Republican National Federation that Congress not extend the life of the Federal Voting Rights Act, and under no circumstances should such an act be expanded into any other state; and

Be it further resolved, that should Congress either extend or expand such act, the President exercise his constitutional veto power.

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

Whereas, in 1972, a great majority of the American people decisively rejected the liberal programs offered by the Democrats, and embraced the conservative platform of the Republican Party; and

Whereas, the principles endorsed by the American electorate at the time--individual freedom, the maintenance of a strong national defense, a reduction in Federal power, and a repudiation of continued social engineering--retain majority support in the nation;

Therefore, we of the Young Republican National Federation recommend that our Party reaffirm its devotion to conservative beliefs and thereby endeavor to build a lasting majority coalition of those opposed to the liberalism which remains dominant in the Democrat Party.

WELFARE REFORM

Whereas, the welfare roles in the United States have escalated at an astronomical rate over the past three decades as indicated by the ratio of children covered by the AFDC to the nation's population indicating an in-

crease from 1 in 50 during 1936, to a present ratio of 1 in 8; and

Whereas, the YRNF has consistently held that assistance should be provided to the truly needy who, due to no fault of their own, are unable to meet their basic needs, but that the goal of any welfare system should be to get people off of welfare and into productive employment;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Young Republican National Federation go on record in support of the National Welfare Reform Act of 1975 which will, if adopted, stop the practice of persons with high incomes remaining on the welfare rolls, eliminate from eligibility persons who should not benefit from tax-supported assistance at all, and curtail opportunities for fraud, strengthen work requirements and design effective programs to assist welfare recipients in their return to self-sufficiency and permit a more rational allocation of resources to persons who are legitimately in need.

POST CARD REGISTRATION

Whereas, the right to vote is both a privilege and a responsibility, which cannot be taken lightly; and

Whereas, present registration procedures do not deprive responsible citizens of their right to participate in the electoral process; and

Whereas, State and Federal legislative proposals providing for so-called post card registration of voters are rife with the potential to abuse that right to vote, and distort the electoral process;

Now therefore be it resolved, by the Young Republican National Federation that any and all attempts to subvert the electoral process in this manner shall be opposed most vehemently.

REGULATORY AGENCIES

Whereas, government continues to play an increasingly dominant role in the manipulation of our lives; and

Whereas, a substantial, yet unnecessary growth of this manipulation is effected through the myriad of regulatory agencies which act to stifle individual initiative and economic competition; and

Whereas, President Ford has spoken out against the mushrooming of these government regulated agencies and has expressed a willingness to halt any further regulation and to leave the dishearteningly unnecessary control already in existence; now

Therefore, be it resolved that the Young Republican National Federation wholeheartedly supports any efforts by President Ford to lift the great burden of excessive government regulation from the shoulders of the American people.

CRIMINAL CODES

Whereas, the United States is facing an ever-increasing amount of crimes committed with the use of a firearm; and

Whereas, most of these crimes result in bodily harm and/or death;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Young Republican National Federation ask each state to establish criminal codes directing mandatory sentencing for fire arm abusers.

Be it further resolved, that each state establish criminal codes recruiting additional penalties beyond the established criminal sentencing requirements for second and subsequent offenders.

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

Whereas, the current Food Stamp Program has grown by a staggering 14,203 percent in the last decade, a growth rate that can in no way be attributed to economic conditions; and

Whereas, we do not believe that able-bodied citizens should be permitted to enjoy a relaxed lifestyle at the taxpayers expense;

Therefore, be it resolved that we support HR 8145 and S 1193 which would put a halt to the astronomic growth of the program, im-

prove nutrition for the truly needy, tighten administrative procedures to reduce fraud and speed-up processing of applicants, and remove from eligibility many non-needy persons with high incomes who can now qualify for food stamps.

STUDENT RIGHT TO WORK BILL

Whereas, the Young Republican National Federation supports the right to work concept; and

Whereas, students, although working only part-time are forced to pay full union fees, but do not receive many of the normal benefits;

Therefore, be it resolved by the Young Republican National Federation that we urge the introduction and passage of amendments to the National Labor Relations Act, and Railway Labor Act that would provide for a student Right to Work.

Be it further resolved that we pledge ourselves individually and as a Federation to the support of such legislation.

PANAMA CANAL

Whereas, the Panama Canal is essential to the future of the entire Western Hemisphere; and

Whereas, any potential interference with passage through the Canal would be most specifically a threat to the military and economic survival of the United States;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Young Republican National Federation advocates firm and unyielding protection of and unencumbered use of the Canal and the interest of the United States therein during any future treaty negotiations with the Republic of Panama.

