

**A BILL TO CREATE OFFICES FOR THE PROMOTION OF
RECONCILIATION IN SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS OF THE
UNITED STATES CABINET**

P R E A M B L E

When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for a proud, independent people to realize the true dream of their country, why should they hesitate in doing so? We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, and separate what is right from wrong do hereby extend this resolution to United States Congress for the furtherance of forgiveness and reconciliation both within our society and abroad. Through certain circumstances to be revealed in Article II of this resolution, we the people see a need for the influence of this bill as such, that through the positive influence of the United States Government, the people will prosper.

ARTICLE I

BE IT ENACTED that the United States Government will appoint several new officers in the departments of Justice, the Treasury, the Interior, the State Department, and the Department of Foreign Affairs, as well as in the Defense Department, the Department of Education, and in the legislative offices of each state of the union, that by the people and through the people, the principles of forgiveness and reconciliation will be more effective in the United States Government.

ARTICLE II

These officers shall be known as the Officers of Reconciliation. There will be five of the same in every one of the said departments of the Cabinet, except for the Department of Justice, and the Department of State where there will be ten. The work of the aforesaid Officers of Reconciliation will be as follows:

On a national level they will exercise their influence on the people of this country, and on their law in the areas of the several departments they will be in, through the following methods.

Section A, part 1

They will intervene in situations of conflict as they see fit. The Congress will grant them that they may set up certain events, which will create an atmosphere where the two conflicting parties may reconcile, in a peaceful, nonviolent manner. For example, in the Department of the Interior, there may be a problem arising of law enforcement in some large city such as New York or Chicago. Instead of resorting to violence and brutality on the part of the policemen, the situation will be resolved by the peaceful intervention of the Officers of Reconciliation. Such situations will speak for themselves of the need, but the Officers will have a variety of options, on the question of how to go about it. They will be able to gather the conflicting parties in several different ways. Some of these ways are: dinners, meetings, social events and more. They will have the power to set these up, with any of them as mediator even in the United States Government.

Section A, part 2

A proposition to the United States Government for the institution of a nonviolent conflict resolution program for high schools in the United States, that is to be run by the aforesaid Officers of Reconciliation in the Department of Education.

“Breaking the Cycle” is an organization based in upstate New York. The object of the organization is that through lectures, speeches, and stories, its members may promote a more peaceful less violent attitude in today’s young Americans towards resolution of conflicts. Too often in our society a fight may result in violence and injury to parties involved which has no good effect, and in some cases leads to death on both sides, which simply cannot be allowed. Therefore, we the people see a need for the positive influence of this organization in this country.

In order to form a more perfect Union, the United States Government will form the “Breaking the Cycle” organization to fit the need of the whole country, with advice from its current staff.

The United States Government will fund and support the organization in its work, that through hearing what the members of this organization have to say, the lives of all young American high school students will be bettered.

Through such positive influence, there may be a peaceful element in our country in such matters.

Section A, part 3

Administration of adequate justice in the Justice Department shall be modified by the presence of the Officers in the following ways:

In cases of criminal law, there will be additional factors in the deciding of the sentence, such as this. Justices will be required to lighten the sentence providing the criminal is willing to make amends with the victim(s) of his crime. The Officers will facilitate this change in the process by judging the mental state of the criminal and giving positive or negative evidence in court as to the validity of his possible statement of amends.

Section A, part 4

Every single provision of the above shall be made effective in the Legislative Departments of every State of the Union, and in every town and county thereof. For instance, the provision of this bill made active by part 3 shall also apply to State Supreme Court, and the provision made active in part 2 shall also apply to the Boards of Education on that level as well.

Section B, part 1

On an international level, those in the Department of State, and those in the Department of Foreign Affairs may be given the power to extend financial support to certain countries, in the case that they may be on bad terms with the United States, whether we be at war, formerly at war, or in low-level conflict with them.

Section B, part 2

In the Department of Defense, there are better ways to budget the lives and taxes of the American people than have been used in the past. Instead of declaring war, the Secretary of Defense will refer all the evidence of questionable activities on the part of these countries to the Officers of Reconciliation in the Department of State, who will use peaceful methods, namely friendly dialog and negotiation to give advice, and to promote our country's values of democracy, loyalty and friendship in foreign countries where we otherwise would have been in serious conflict.

Section B, part 3

The method described in part 2 may also be used where the United States Government detects a conflict situation in a country with which we have had no involvement previously. This shall be done by the Officers of the State Department, who will focus their efforts on the countries in the highest levels of conflict, where and when the Officers detect that not enough notice is being given to such a serious conflict situation.

Section B, part 4

Be it enacted that the United States Government's finances may be at the full disposal of the Officers of Reconciliation for the aforesaid reasons. It is well known that money can act as a pacifier in many different situations; therefore through the polite extension of financial assistance, we may activate the same influence of these Officers on an international level.

Section B, part 5

The Officers of Reconciliation of the United States of America shall be given power to activate the decision making process of the United Nations for the reasons stated in part 3.

ARTICLE III

The provisions of this Bill shall take effect thirty (30) days after passage.

ARTICLE IV

The Department of Justice shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this Bill. Penalties for violation of the provisions of this Bill shall be as follows:

There are no laws that will be enacted that are punishable in this Bill. The decision is up to the United States Government whether this shall be enacted or not. Once instituted, the Officers of Reconciliation shall work by the conscience of the people.

The Officer's salary shall be deduced from the amount of work he does, therefore, for inactivity on the part of the Officers, there shall be a decrease in pay, for increased work there shall be increased pay. The President shall judge this.

ARTICLE V

All laws in conflict with this Bill shall be declared null and void.

Signed this 6 day of March, 2009

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