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BILL HISTORY

In the late 1960's the United States instituted/reactivated mandatory conscription of North American males between the ages of 18-24. At the height of the Viet Nam War, the united States armed forces had 540,000 troops present in Southeast Asia. At present the United States has over 500,000 troops in the Middle East. Therefore, the use of mandatory conscription cannot be ruled out.

As representatives of the student body, UCSU must take steps to insure the protection of all beliefs regarding military service. The mechanisms that support those who choose to go are already in place. The same cannot be said for those people who choose not be go.

There have been draft resisters and conscientious objectors of every war the United States has been involved in. It is inevitable that justa s some will find war acceptable, others will make the decision that it is not. We must create the mechanisms to allow this pluralism of beliefs to continue.

BILL SUMMARY

In an effort to support all students and their varying points of view with regard to the War in the Gulf, UCSU is declaring the UMC and Wardenburg Health Center a sanctuary for All conscientious objectors.

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislative Council of the University of Colorado Student Union, THAT:

- SECTION 1: UCSU seeks to support the views of all students regarding mandatory, military service.
- SECTION 2: Support mechanisms already exist for students who want to serve in the Gulf, (i.e., time-out programs, UCSU letters of support, etc.)

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SECTION 3: To support conscientious objectors to war, UCSU declares the Wardenburg Health Center and the University Memorial Center sanctuary for conscientious objectors.

SECTION 4: This bill takes effect upon passage.

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