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34 Legislative Council Bill # 2

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
STUDENT UNION

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A BILL

BILL HISTORY

On September 27, 1990, UCSU Legislative Council passed (with opposition) the first reading of a hastily-penned 33 EB #5, which declared, in part, that placing the Coors name on the Events Center would incite impressionable students to alcoholic excess.

On October 4, 1990, a completely different version of the bill was returned for "second reading." The new bill, among other new provisions, banned Coors (corporation or foundation? The bill is unclear) funding from any UCSU event. In addition, the bill contained a question to the students, asking their opinion on the naming issue. This bill was passed, with the spoken, but unwritten agreement that any boycott or funding block would be repealed if the referendum failed.

To further perpetuate the debacle, 33 LCB #26 was brought before the council, a bill which actually was worded in such a manner as to place a question on the ballot, rather than simply containing a rhetorical question to the stratosphere. On top of it all, the opportunity was seized to place another referendum on the ballot, which asked the students to voice their opinions on a boycott. Again, it was stated that if the referenda failed, that the provisions of the bill would be void.

On November 13 and 14, an unprecedented 4,885 students turned out to express their opinions on the two referenda. When the results came in, the voice of the voting students was emphatic. On the renaming issue, the students supported the naming with a 60% approval rate. On the boycott issue, the results were even more decisive with over 79% of voting students opposing an embargo on Coors products.

The students have spoken. We, as their "representatives," respect and heed their mandate.

BILL SUMMARY

This bill removes the effects of these aforementioned pieces of legislation, by recording in print the "legislative intent" of the respective Legislative sessions.

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

SECTION 1: 33 Executive Bill #5 is heretofore repealed, and its provisions declared null and void.

SECTION 2: Any effects of 33 LCB #26 beyond placing questions on the ballot are heretofore repealed.


SECTION 3: Respecting student vote, UCSU officially recognizes the newly-named Coors Events Center, but disapproves of the Regent's decision to rename the Events Center without consulting staff, faculty or students.

SECTION 4: A copy of this bill will be sent to the Boulder Campus Planning Commission, the Board of Regents, the Coors Foundation, and the University of Colorado Foundation.


SECTION 5: This bill takes effect upon passage.

11/29/90 - Passes - Legislative Council - 1st Reading - 11-5-0

12/6/90 - Passes - Legislative Council - 2nd Reading - 8-7-0



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with great reservations


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