

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
Session XCVI

General Body Meeting  
7:00 pm, Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Devon Hall 120

Session XCVI

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Secretary's Report-

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Final Roll Call

Chair: Kaylee Rains

Vice-Chair: Austin Reid

Secretary: Jake Mazeitis

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCVI

October 18th, 2016

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GS-16

October 9th, 2016

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 960303

SENATE BILL NO. GS16-15

AS INTRODUCED

A resolution strongly encouraging the Student Government Association to work towards supporting sexual violence survivors on campus and improve upon current efforts to support victims of sexual violence; and providing for distribution.

Whereas: Sexual Violence on campus is a widespread problem across the country: 1 in 5 women and 1 in 16 men are sexually assaulted while in college. More than 90 percent of sexual assault victims on college campuses do not report the assault; and

Whereas: Only 20 percent of on campus sexual assaults in the United States are fully reported due to fear of social reprisal, lack of understanding of the reporting process, and the stigma associated with reporting a sexual assault; and

Whereas: Sexual Violence is unique in that victims are often blamed and shamed, creating a stigma which prevents reporting and healing; and

Whereas: We truly commend the resources on campus, including the Gender and Equality Center, the Counseling Center, and the Misconduct Office, for their efforts to help survivors of sexual violence on campus; and

Whereas: We believe more can be done by the Student Government Association to promote a more open and safe environment on campus for every student.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION THAT:

Section 1: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as “A Resolution Addressing Sexual Assault.”

Section 2: The Student Government Association thanks and supports all programs and entities on campus that are currently working to help survivors of sexual assault on campus, including the Gender and Equality Center, the Goddard Counseling Center, and other resources provided by the Institutional Equity Office.

Section 3: The Student Government Association commits to a coordinated effort with other

organizations on campus addressing the stigma surrounding victims of sexual violence intrinsic in our culture. This effort would work to promote a safer and more supportive environment on campus for all.

Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- David L. Boren, President of The University of Oklahoma
- Kathy Fahl, Director of the Gender and Equality Center
- *The Norman Transcript*
- *The OU Daily*
- *OUNightly*

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THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

CONGRESSIONAL SESSION XCVI

October 9, 2016

CONGRESSIONAL ACT NO. 960402

AS INTRODUCED

A congressional act authorizing a survey of the student body on behalf of the Undergraduate Student Congress; providing for specific questions; and providing for distribution.

N OW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS THAT:

- Section 1: TITLE: This act may be known and shall be cited as the “An Act Authorizing a Survey on SQ 777”
- Section 2: PURPOSE: To establish a survey as per the SGACA Title VII, Chapter 1, Section 7.
- Section 3: The Election Board shall survey students to discover what the OU student population thinks about SQ 777, inform students about SQ 777, and also promote voter turnout.
- Section 4: The questions in this survey are as follows unless the Congressional Administration Committee at large determines they need to be amended to accurately determine its goal:

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The Sustainability Committee of the OU Undergraduate Student Congress has heard many student concerns and opinions on Oklahoma State Question 777 because of its agricultural and environmental implications. We would like to hear how the rest of OU's population feels about the State Question.

If you have any questions please contact Kaleigh Chance at [kaleighchance27@ou.edu](mailto:kaleighchance27@ou.edu)

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On election day, November 8th, the Oklahoma ballots will not just allow you to vote for the presidential candidate of your choice, but will also contain multiple state question for you to vote on. Questions are proposed amendments to the state constitution that if passed by a majority vote will be enacted. State Question 777 is a proposed section to be added into the Oklahoma Constitution that, if passed, will affect the agriculture industry.

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The question reads,

This measure adds Section 38 to Article II of the Oklahoma Constitution. The new Section creates state constitutional rights. It creates the following guaranteed rights to engage in farming and ranching:

The right to make use of agricultural technology,  
The right to make use of livestock procedures,  
and The right to make use of ranching practices.

These constitutional rights receive extra protection under this measure that not all constitutional rights receive. This extra protection is a limit on lawmakers' ability to interfere with the exercise of these rights. Under this extra protection, no law can interfere with these rights, unless the law is justified by a compelling state interest—a clearly identified state interest of the highest order. Additionally, the law must be necessary to serve that compelling state interest.

The measure—and the protections identified above—do not apply to and do not impact state laws related to:

Trespass, Eminent domain, Dominance of mineral Interests, Easements, Right of way or other property rights, and Any state statutes and political subdivision ordinances enacted before December 31, 2014

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### What People Say about SQ 777 Implications

Positive Implication	Negative Implication
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would allow farmers to defend themselves against future unjust laws</li> <li>- Could boost Oklahoma economy by attracting farmers and ranchers to the state, creating jobs, and lowering food costs</li> <li>- Could allow for a free market where consumers get to better choose which products they want to purchase</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would prevent legislators from putting rules and regulations on the agricultural industry without highest burden of proof that something is dangerous</li> <li>- Could give agricultural corporations advantage over small farms and ranches</li> <li>- Could make it difficult to protect water from animal waste, because only laws enacted before Dec. 31, 2014 are grandfathered in</li> </ul>

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5 I am a(n)...



- Undergraduate
- Graduate
- Faculty
- Other

6 How many years have you been at OU?



- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5+

7 Did you live in Oklahoma prior to coming to OU?



- Yes
- No
- N/A

8 How familiar are you with all the Oklahoma State Questions that will be on the 2016 ballot?



- Extremely familiar
- Very familiar
- Moderately familiar
- Slightly familiar
- Not familiar at all

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9 How familiar are you with State Question 777: "Right to Farm"?



- Extremely familiar
- Very familiar
- Moderately familiar
- Slightly familiar
- Not familiar at all

10 How closely are you related to the agricultural industry?



- Extremely related
- Moderately related
- Slightly related
- No relation

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How do you feel about government restrictions on farming and ranching?



- The government does not place enough restrictions on farming and ranching
- The government places the right amount of restrictions on farming and ranching
- The government places too many restrictions on farming and ranching
- I am indifferent on this matter

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Do you feel that some agricultural components should be restricted and regulated by the government?



- No agricultural component should be restricted by the government
- Some agricultural components should be restricted by the government
- Many agricultural components should be restricted by the government
- I am unsure

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"Compelling state interest" is the highest order of proof. Therefore under this amendment state legislators and the state courts would have to prove without a doubt that a practice, procedure, or technology is unsafe before it can be banned from the agriculture industry. Do you prefer the question as is, or would you prefer it without the language of "compelling state interest".



- I prefer the question as is
- I would prefer the question WITHOUT "compelling state question"
- I do not like the question at all
- I am unsure

Display This Question:

If Do you feel that some agricultural components should be restricted and regulated by the government? Many agricultural components should be restricted by the government Is Selected

Or Do you feel that some agricultural components should be restricted and regulated by the government? Some agricultural components should be restricted by the government Is Selected

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What type of agricultural components do you believe should be restricted or regulated by the government? Click all that apply and/or list a new option.



- Use of certain technology
- Use of hormones
- Treatment of animals
- Other

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Knowing what you do now about State Question 777, how do you plan to vote on the measure?



- Yes
- No
- I am still unsure

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Is there anything else you would like us to know?







Please don't forget to go to the polls on November 8th. All the state questions are very important and impactful. It is a special right and responsibility as an Oklahoma Citizen to voice your opinion!

Section 5: Upon passage of this bill through committee, it shall be referred to the Congressional Administration Committee to be compiled into a separate Survey Act as mandated by Title VII, Chapter 1, Section 7 of the SGACA.

Section 6: This poll shall be sent out on Wednesday, October 19<sup>h</sup>, 2016 and data shall be retrieved on Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Section 7: This act shall become effective while in accordance with the SGA Constitution and SGACA, immediately following passage and approval by the SGA Undergraduate Student Congress.

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