

The City Buzz

"I came, I ate, I left." – Gov. England invited to Patriot reception that excluded all members of her own party



Above: Members Chen and Pascua enjoy donuts at their party's reception

Following the revelation that not all Patriots are loyal to their party (see p2 for details), leadership opted to throw another reception last night. This time, though, they chose to exclude all Constitutionalists – with the exception of the Governor. The snub especially stings because there were more than enough donuts to share with the Constitutionalists, as evidenced by Asm. Pascua asking if he could start on his *fourth* pastry. After preaching a message of bipartisanship and

inclusivity two days ago, their actions last night seem a strange departure from the beliefs they purport to hold. Governor England was not pleased that her party was not included. The *Buzz* would like to note that although some of the Patriots' decisions seem strange, at least they have been active on the political scene. One wonders if the Constitutionalists have resigned themselves to being the insignificant minority – or perhaps their plotting is more behind the scenes.

Whereas members present their ideas

Resolved to pass some Socialist language

Today the Assembly began with its first legislative business by introducing and voting on resolutions.

Some emphasized a tough-on-crime attitude, like the one brought by Asm. Cullum who urged the state to consider legislation to crack down on copyright infringement.



Above: Asm. Cullum calls out a colleague who voted against her resolution

However, there was definitely a noticeable socialist tint to many of the proposals. Some of the more concerning measures called for free alarm clocks and would have required government price fixing, while another mandated that all chairs must be padded (restricting businesses from providing non-padded options).

Op-Ed

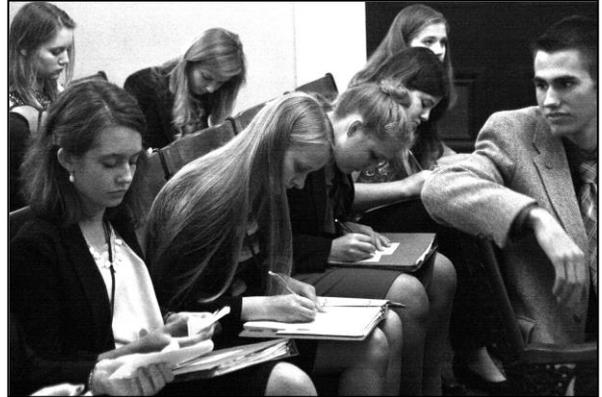
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Support AB 1254

To whom does the tithe belong, Caesar or God? Compelling Christians to contribute to abortion coverage for church employees is a radical overstep on the part of the government. It violates the separation of church and state, held in such high regard by the Patriot party. It violates the morals of the Christians who are required to finance it. If you support religious freedom, then support AB 1254.

Evans elected Speaker

The unexpected vacancy left by Asm. Noyes's resignation as Speaker had legislators scrambling to fill the position. The Constitutionalists nominated Minority Leader F. Rutledge, while the Patriots put up Assembly Member Evans. In the brief debate that followed, Evans accused Rutledge of suspending the rules during his speakership last year. Rutledge attempted to explain that the measures were taken in the name of efficiency



and were supported by the Assembly body. Although ultimately Evans was elected to the position, the vote was extremely close (21-20), meaning that at least several Patriots were persuaded by Rutledge's stump speech. However, as the vote was conducted by secret ballot it is still unknown which members ultimately decided to defect, and if they will make their positions official.

On the record

Asm. Cleveland: "I like this door. I'm going to hug this door. I guess now I'm a tree hugger."

Asm. Thomas to Gov. England on his resolution: "I'm saying as little as I can with as many words as possible."

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