

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON
BILLS AND OVERTURES
REPORT ONE

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*PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
216TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2004)*

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The Assembly Committee on Bills and Overtures recommends that the 216th General Assembly (2004) approve the following recommendations:

Referrals of Commissioners Resolutions

Item 03-25. *Commissioners' Resolution. On Providing Disability Awareness Training for Commissioners to the 217th General Assembly (2006).* (CR 14)

Vote: 23-0-0.

Item 03-26. *Commissioners' Resolution. Emphasizing the Importance of Scripture.* (CR 17)

Vote: 23-0-0.

Item 03-27. *Commissioners' Resolution. Recording Commissioners' Votes in the Minutes of the General Assembly, Part I.* (CR 27).

Vote: 23-0-0.

Item 06-12. *Commissioners' Resolution: Recommendation #2. On Calling on the Stated Clerk to Justify His Endorsement of the World Council of Churches and Reviewing PC(USA) Relationship with the World Council of Churches* (CR 23).

Vote: 22-1-0.

Item 06-13. *Commissioners' Resolution Cooperative Ecumenical Strategy.* (CR 25)

Vote: 23-0-0.

Item 07-10. *Commissioners' Resolution. On Creation of a Presbyterian Credit Card* (CR 12)

Vote: 23-0-0.

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Item 07-11. *Commissioners' Resolution. On Developing a "Conceptual Framework for a New Mission Funding System."* (CR 16).

Vote: 23-0-0.

Item 07-12. *Commissioners' Resolution. On Strengthening Hispanic Latino Ministry.* (CR 18)

Vote: 23-0-0.

Item 08-16. *Commissioners' Resolution. Regarding the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Developing an Online Commentary to the Bible* (CR 5).

Vote: 23-0-0.

Item 08-17. *Commissioners' Resolution. Regarding the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Call for Presbyterians to Lead a Simpler Life.* (CR 6).

Vote: 23-0-0.

Item 08-18. *Commissioners' Resolution. On Celebrating the "Social Creed" of the Churches and Considering a 21st Century Social Creed.* (CR 10).

Vote: 23-0-0.

Item 08-19. *Commissioners' Resolution. On Recognition That One of the Great Ends of the Church (G-1.0200) Is the Preservation of the Truth.* (CR 20).

Vote: 23-0-0.

Item 10-13. *Commissioners' Resolution. On Seeking a Thorough, Calm, and Reasoned Review of the USA Patriot ACT.* (CR 2).

Vote: 23-0-0.

Item 10-14. *Commissioners' Resolution. On Appointing an Action Committee That Will Identify Media and Advertising That Has Excessive Sex, Violence, and Other Immoral Content for the Purpose of Influencing Producers and Sponsors.* (CR 8)

Vote: 23-0-0.

Item 10-15. *Commissioners' Resolution. Denial of Civil Rights in Virginia.* (CR 20)

Vote: 23-0-0.

Item 10-16. *Commissioners' Resolution. On Supporting the Federal Marriage Amendment.* (CR 24).

Vote: 15-6-1.

Item 10-17. *Commissioners' Resolution Recognize Civil Marriage for Same-Gender Couples.*(CR 26).

Vote: 23-0-0.

Item 11-06. *Commissioners' Resolution. On Reaffirming Ethical Values of Fetal Research.* (CR 3).

Vote: 23-0-0.

Item 12-09. *Commissioners' Resolution. On Establishing a Palestine Working Group.* (CR 19).

Vote: 23-0-0.

Item 12-10. *Commissioners' Resolution: Recommendation #1. On Calling on the Stated Clerk to Justify His Endorsement of the World Council of Churches and Reviewing PC(USA) Relationship with the World Council of Churches* (CR 23).

Vote: 22-1-0.

Item 13-08. *Commissioners' Resolution. On the Murders of Women in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico* (CR.4).

Vote: 23-0-0.

Item 13-09. *Commissioners' Resolution. On Opposition to the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA).* (CR 7)

Vote: 23-0-0.

Item 13-10. *Commissioners' Resolution. On Rescinding Policies Regarding Cuba That Cause Hardship to Families* (CR 9)

Vote: 23-0-0.

Item 13-11. *Commissioners' Resolution. Basic Education.* (CR 11)

Vote: 23-0-0.

Item 13-12. *Commissioners' Resolution. On Commissioning 2005 Mission Co-Workers During 100th New Wilmington Missionary Conference.* (CR 15)

Vote: 23-0-0.

Item 14-15. *Commissioners' Resolution. Benefits Feasibility Study.* (CR 21).

Vote: 23-0-0.

Referrals of Items Pulled from the Consent Agenda

Item 11-07. *2002 Referral: Item 13-08. Overture 02-52. On Pastoral Resources for Women Who Have Experienced Abortion—From the Presbytery of Donegal (Minutes, 2002, Part I, pp. 70, 654).*

Vote: 23-0-0.

Item 07-13. *2002 Referral: Item 09-04. Recommendation That the 214th General Assembly (2002) Grant a Two-Year Deferment to Congregational Ministries Division Publishing in Order to Make Available a "Library of Resources" in Addition to the Current General Assembly Action to "Review and Revise" the "God's Gift of Sexuality" Curriculum [in response to Overture 00-70, 1999 Referral 27.007, Overture 99-46, and 2000 Referral 25.085]—From the General Assembly Council (Minutes, 2002, Part I, pp. 45, 493–94).*

Vote: 23-0-0.

Item 07-14. *Alternate Resolution to 2003 Referral: Item 06-06. Overture 03-23. On Appointing a Pastoral Group Whose Primary Concern Would Be Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Members and Their Families in Our Local Churches—From the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta (Minutes, 2003, Part I, pp. 43–44, 401).*

Vote: 23-0-0.

Declined Commissioners' Resolutions

Commissioners' Resolution 1. On Initiating a Strategic Planning and Interpretation Mission on Behalf of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) [PC(USA)] to Strengthen Its Ministry and Effectiveness.

Declined: Standing Rule B.5.e. The issue is already before the assembly as Item 09-09.

Vote: 22-1-0.

Commissioners' Resolution 28. Concerning the Abuse in Iraq.

Declined: Standing Rule B.5.e. The issue is already before the assembly as Item 12-08.

Vote: 23-0-0.