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S.B. 19 Censorship Defense Presentation

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

APPROPRIATING MONIES FROM THE SPECIAL RESERVES FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SPONSORING A PRESENTATION BY JELLO BIAFRA; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Enacted By The Student Senate of the University of Texas :

SECTION I: The sum of \$2500 is appropriated from the Special Reserves Fund to the Department of Student Services.

SECTION II: The money is to be used to pay for a portion of Mr. Biafra's speaker fee.

SECTION III: The Financial Director shall disburse the above sum to the Department at its request.

SECTION IV: Any revenues raised beyond the cost of the event will be returned to the Special Reserves Fund.

SECTION V: If any portion of this Act is held invalid, the remainder shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION VI: This Act shall have immediate effect from the date of its passage.

SPONSORED BY SENATORS ARNOLD, BARTLETT AND ROMINE

Secretary of the Senate

Date

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Vice President of the Students' Association
President of the Senate

Sam Kennedy
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TO: Senators
 FROM: Alexis Arnold
 DATE: October 27, 1987
 RE: Legislation on Censorship Presentation

The freedom of speech has always been one of the most important amendments in our constitution. Its importance was shown through the recent fight for free speech on our own West Mall.

We have the opportunity to bring a man who has been fighting for his first amendment rights in the Californian Courts. Jello Biafra, leader of the Dead Kennedys, would like to visit our campus on November 16 to speak about the freedom of speech and more specifically on censorship. His case revolved around the labeling of an album that contained a potentially offensive poster.

The total cost for this presentation will be \$3500. It is broken down as follows:

Speaker Fee	\$3,000.00
Airfare	300.00
Hotel Cost	50.00
TOTAL	<u>\$3,500.00</u>

I am asking the senate for \$2,500 to sponsor this program. This money would come out of the Special Reserves Fund. I have already received \$625 from KTSB and the Lecture Series Fund. This afternoon I will be going before the Texas Union Program Council in hope of securing more money. I have not stopped looking for other ways to sponsor this bill. The money I am asking for is as a deposit so that Mr. Biafra's fee is paid for in advance, any money that I receive from other organizations or from admission fees will be returned to the Senate.

There is a packet of informative articles published about Mr. Biafra's court case, it is available at Becky's desk.

I hope you seriously consider this bill and will vote to bring an important issue to campus.

Thank you,
