Bill to eliminate suspensions during impeachment trials

WHEREAS In Title VI, Section 1, Subsection B, the ASOSU Statutes state “Upon passage of “Articles of Impeachment”, the Speaker of the House shall notify the Impeached Individual, Vice-President, President, Judicial Council Chair, and the Executive Director of Finance that the person has been impeached and they are suspended from their duties and position Stipend.”

WHEREAS In Title VI, Section 2, Subsection D, the ASOSU Statutes state “During the time in which “Articles of Impeachment” have passed in the House and the Trial in the Senate has resolved, the impeached individual shall be suspended from their duties and shall not have authority in their position nor shall the individual be paid for the duration of the suspension.”

WHEREAS The U.S. federal government does not suspend the official under articles of impeachment, and the official only loses authority and pay if convicted and removed by the Senate. Article II Section 4 of the U.S. Constitution states, “The President, Vice President and all civil Officers of the United States, shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors.”

WHEREAS It is the legal right of the accused to be considered innocent until proven guilty by the principle of presumption of innocence.

WHEREAS Until proven guilty of the charges brought against them, the impeached individual should not receive any sanctions as this goes against the spirit of the ASOSU.

BE IT HEREBY ENACTED BY THE ASOSU THAT:

In Title VI, Section 1, Subsection B, of the ASOSU Statutes, the words “and they are suspended from their duties and position Stipend.” shall be struck from the statutes. The new subsection shall read, “Upon passage of “Articles of Impeachment”, the Speaker of the House shall notify the Impeached Individual, Vice-President, President, Judicial Council Chair, and the Executive Director of Finance that the person has been impeached”.


BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE ASOSU THAT:

Title VI, Section 2, Subsection D, of the ASOSU Statutes, shall be struck from the statutes in its entirety.

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