



# Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature



# Newsletter

## Today On House Madness

ORU-504 The Bill That Got That House Talking

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## Shining A Spotlight On... The Houses Reactions....

### Edifying God's Children

With much anticipation it was finally time for Burris of ORU "Edifying God's Children" Act to be heard. Her author's ex began with her expressing anticipated conjectures from the body. It's difficult to wrap your head around how such a simple word like "God" can immediately rub someone the wrong way so easily in this day and age. Author Burris then began to share her heart and intent for the bill which is to build the character of the youth of Oklahoma and allow them to learn about the faith that encompasses many communities in Oklahoma as an elective. She expressed intentionally leaving out certain Commandments to be added to the curriculum because she knew they couldn't apply to non christians. She stated the intent was to make the New Generation of Oklahoma citizens better open minded people and more tolerant of each other. She was open to friendly amendments adding other theology classes of other faiths.

## The Learning Corner for me

### Insights for Growth

As a zero star I was pretty nervous about presenting my first bill; especially a bill that could easily be misconstrued with the language I used in the bill. I was curious on how a delegation of Oklahoma citizens would react to such a bill and a reaction I got! Although tensions and emotions seemed high I was pleasantly surprised of the maturity and respectfulness shown. After caucusing with other people beforehand I received so many great ideas that even if my bill didn't pass I had the tools I need to make it

better and more digestible. The experience and people were amazing and after it was all said and done I'm happy about the turn out.