

Graduate Student Senate

Senate Bill F01-01
December 2001

Title: *Establishing an Investigative Committee on Profiling*

- Whereas: "Profiling" can be defined as "selective enforcement of the law based on considerations such as race," and
- Whereas: "Racial profiling" means the "practice of a law enforcement agent relying, to any degree, on race, ethnicity, or national origin in selecting which individuals to subject to routine investigatory activities, or in deciding upon the scope and substance of law enforcement activity following the initial routine investigatory activity, except that racial profiling does not include reliance on such criteria in combination with other identifying factors when the law enforcement agent is seeking to apprehend a specific suspect whose race, ethnicity, or national origin is part of the description of the suspect," and
- Whereas: The unanimous voice of the U.S. Supreme Court in *Whren v. United States* (1996) held that "racial profiling" is unconstitutional, and
- Whereas: President George W. Bush has directed Attorney General Ashcroft to review federal law enforcement authorities use of race as a factor in conducting stops, searches, and other investigative procedures, and
- Whereas: Iowa Department of Public Safety and Department of Human Rights is conducting a Racial Profiling Study to show that racial profiling does exist in Iowa, and
- Whereas: The City of Ames Police Department has established a call-in procedure for reporting profiling incidences in Ames, and
- Whereas: The policy of Iowa State University is "to provide a non-discriminatory work environment, non-discriminatory living and learning environment, and a non-discriminatory environment for visitors to the campus," and
- Whereas: The terrorist events on September 11, 2001 have inflamed incidents of profiling, and
- Whereas: Profiling is dishonorable, whether it is profiling for surveillance, ticketing, turnover or other procedures, Be It Therefore
- Resolved: That the Graduate Student Senate establishes a committee to investigate local incidences of profiling and to report recommendations based on their research to the Graduate Student Senate by February 28, 2002, Be It Also
- Resolved: That copies of this bill and the committee reports also be sent to ISU President G. Geoffroy, the ISU Department of Public Safety, and the City of Ames Department of Police.

Senator Nnadi, Janet

Withdrawn

Debbie Martinez, President

Amber Denton-Johnson, Parliamentarian