

HOT TOPICS IN THE HOUSE
(Acted Upon Today)

RECOMMENDATION 10A

Adopted by voice

Mandatory Retirement: This resolution recommends that mandatory age-based law firm retirement policies be discontinued and that law firms evaluate senior partners individually consistent with the firm's performance criteria.

RECOMMENDATION 10B

Adopted by voice

Executive Order/CIA: This recommendation urges Congress to enact legislation that would supersede the executive order of July 20, 2007, which authorizes the Central Intelligence Agency to operate a program of detention and interrogation that is inconsistent with U.S. obligations under Common Article 3 of the Geneva Convention.

RECOMMENDATION 116A

Language revised and adopted by voice

State secrets privilege:

RECOMMENDATION 104B

Adopted by voice

Gay, Lesbian, Transgender: That the ABA urges federal, state, territorial, tribal and local legislatures, government agencies and courts to adopt and implement laws, regulations, policies and court rules that promote the safety, well-being and permanent placement of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth who are homeless or involved with the foster care system.

RECOMMENDATION 119

Withdrawn

Limit access to criminal history records for non-law enforcement purposes: This recommendation urges federal, state, territorial and local governments to limit access, to the extent permitted by the First Amendment, except by agencies and employers that are engaged in law enforcement, to records of closed criminal cases in which charges were dismissed or not processed; and to records of misdemeanor and felony convictions after the passage of a specified period of law-abiding conduct.

RECOMMENDATION 121

Adopted by voice as revised

Voting by persons with cognitive impairments: The resolution urges federal, state, local and territorial governments to improve the administration of elections to facilitate voting by individuals with disabilities, including people with cognitive impairments, by: (1) studying and developing best practice guidelines for ballot design to maximize access; (2) adapting their laws, practices and technologies to permit "mobile polling" stations; (3) ensuring that instructions, signage and other communications regarding elections are accessible; and (4) permitting sufficient alternative forms of identification verification to facilitate registering and voting.