

The Third Social committee began the first day of the fall McKendree Model United Nations Invitational passionately. Once the committee agreed on the topic order, beginning with Women's Access to Healthcare, they did not hesitate to discuss resolutions. The group voted to debate resolution 3<sup>rd</sup>/II/6, written by the delegate from South Korea. On the pro side, the delegates from Germany, South Korea, Israel, Russia, Luxembourg, and Iran all agreed that the resolution presented strong preamble clauses. They also agreed to pass resolution 3<sup>rd</sup>/II/6 with a few amendments to the operative clauses. In a short pro speech, the delegate from Israel championed the second operative clause, which "encourages the creation of a program ... to educate women and health care providers on the treatment of common afflictions..." Israel stated, "Without education, we have nothing."

The delegates from the United States and Ethiopia opposed the resolution due to the ambiguity of the operatives. Specifically, they opposed the lack of operatives discussing neonatal or reproductive health care. The delegate from Russia continued to support the resolution, stating, "Education equals prevention. This resolution's operatives already stress education." The delegate also said that she would like to see amendments addressing the cancers that mainly affect women, such as breast, cervical, and ovarian.

Over the next two hours, speakers continued sharing their opinions. The committee passed four friendly amendments, adding operative clauses about prenatal care for women and children, creating an incentive program for countries who meet healthcare benchmarks, providing programs to educate religious groups on the benefits of providing healthcare to women, and encouraging nations to allow medical corps to provide care to women with cancer. The delegate from Ethiopia, originally against resolution 3<sup>rd</sup>/II/6, said in a pro speech, "Ethiopia stands in support of this resolution due to the amendments added."

Ten speakers and five caucuses later, the Third Social Committee closed the debate and moved to vote on the resolution. Resolution 3<sup>rd</sup>/II/6 passed almost unanimously. Moving on, the committee began to discuss Equalized Primary Education.