

Congress Legislation Packet JV/Novice State Debate Tournament

**November 30th and December 1st 2018
Eagan High School**



Minnesota Debate Teachers Association

Friday November 30th, 2018

Registration 2:00 - 3:30 PM

Session 1 4:00 - 5:30 PM

Dinner Break 5:30 - 6:15 PM

Session 1 (continued) 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Saturday December 1, 2018

Session 2 8:00 AM

Lunch 11:00 PM

Super Congress Finals 12:00 PM

Awards 3:30 PM

Finals legislation will be announced before session 1

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A Bill to Ban Solitary Confinement

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Solitary confinement shall hereby be banned in private and public prisons.
- 2 **SECTION 2.** Solitary confinement shall be defined as the isolation of a prisoner in a
- 3 prison cell away from other prisoners as punishment.
- 4 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of Justice (The Federal Bureau of Prisons) will be
- 5 responsible for enforcing this bill.
- 6 **SECTION 4.** Prisons have until January 1st 2020 to comply with this law.
- 7 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Duluth East High School

A Bill to Repeal FOSTA-SESTA

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The bills known as FOSTA-SESTA shall be repealed.

SECTION 2. FOSTA shall be defined the Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act, and SESTA shall be defined as the Stop Enabling Sex Traffickers Act.

SECTION 3. The Department of Justice shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

SECTION 4. This act shall go into full effect on January 1st, 2020.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Edina High School

A Bill to Require LGBT+ Affirmative Action

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** All federal contractors and subcontractors shall be required to implement affirmative action programs that target members of the LGBT+ community.
- SECTION 2.** Affirmative action shall be defined as action taken by employers to recruit and advance qualified minorities. LGBT+ shall be defined as members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender community.
- SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor shall oversee the implementation of this act.
- A. Affirmative actions programs must training programs, outreach efforts, and other positive steps. These procedures shall be incorporated into the company's written personnel policies. Employers with written affirmative action programs must implement them, keep them on file and update them annually.
- B. Federal contractors and subcontractors who violate these requirements shall have their contracts terminated.
- C. If a contractor who has violated these requirements wishes to contract with the federal government, it must comply with the affirmative actions requirements and face re-evaluation from the Department of Labor.
- SECTION 4.** This act shall go into full effect on January 1st, 2020.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Edina High School

A Bill to Improve Nutrition for SNAP Recipients

Presented by

Wayzata High School

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
- 2 SECTION 1: All those receiving SNAP benefits will receive a 50% bonus on all
- 3 purchases of proteins, vegetables, and fruits.
- 4 SECTION 2: The 50% bonus allows SNAP recipients to purchase proteins,
- 5 vegetables, and fruits at 50% of cost, enabling those who receive SNAP benefits to
- 6 purchase more proteins, vegetables, and fruits.
- 7 SECTION 3: The additional funding for SNAP will be included in the Farm
- 8 Bill as part of the budget for SNAP;
- 9 SECTION 4: This bill shall take effect on January 1, 2019;
- 10 SECTION 5: All laws and regulations in conflict with this legislation are hereby
- 11 declared null and void.

**A Bill to Raise the Speed Limit on State Highways
That Exist as Main Roads in Towns of Populations of Less than
5000.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** Speed limits on such state highways will be raised to 45 mph.
SECTION 2. This will be overseen by local and state agencies.
SECTION 3. This law will go into effect January, 2020.
SECTION 4. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dilworth Glyndon Felton High School

A Bill to Implement “Stand Your Ground Laws” in Minnesota

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. “Stand your ground law” be implemented in Minnesota

SECTION 2. “Stand your ground law” will:

- A. Eliminate “duty of retreat”
- B. Presume legal justification for the use of force in a person’s dwelling, residence, or vehicle; and
- C. Offer immunity from prosecution for individuals who resort to force within the parameters of this bill.

SECTION 3. This law shall be enforced by local and state law enforcement agencies.

SECTION 4. This law will be implemented 6 months after it passes.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dilworth Glyndon Felton High School

A Bill to Revise Resources for Citizens Who Are In Need of Job Training

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (2015) there are over 500,000 people experiencing homelessness in the United States, with roughly 25% of those individuals being children. While individuals are trying to get out of homelessness, barriers preventing those who are experiencing homelessness from working, need to be removed.

SECTION 2. Individuals who are “Homeless” shall be defined as person(s) who are living without a home or permanent place of residence. Additionally, “necessary resources” will include and establish a source and means of communication, proper dress appropriate for an interview, access to grooming, accessibility to medical assistance and needed medicine for those who are dependent, daycare facilities, and transportation.

SUBSECTION 2A. A center dedicated to communication will provide an email address and phone number to enable individuals experiencing homeless to communicate with potential employers, and provide employers with appropriate and accessible contact information.

SECTION 3. Individual state governments will implement and fund this program via the oversight of the National Association to End Homelessness and the United States Department of Health.

SECTION 4. This law shall be in effect by July 1st, 2020.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

This bill is submitted for debate by Wayzata High School

The Kickoff Act of 2019

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All urban high schools can request federal grants in aid of up to \$22,500 a year from the Department of Education. These funds can only be used to subsidize the costs of high school football in urban areas

SECTION 2. An “urban area” is defined as an area with 5,000 people or more per square mile.

SECTION 3. The Department of Education will oversee this legislation. Grants shall be awarded under any of the following conditions:

- A. Without proper playing facilities including a grass or turf field
- B. Without proper equipment including Jerseys or proper protective wear for football
- C. Schools without a football program

SECTION 4. This bill will take effect on March 30th, 2019

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Chanhassen High School

A Bill to Divide the Interior

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** The current administration has been using the United States Department of the Interior to promote special interests over the welfare of the nation. The United States Department of the Interior shall be dissolved all functions, assets and employees of the United States Department of the Interior shall be reassigned to a state created Department of the Interiors.
- SECTION 2.** Assets shall be defined as all buildings, equipment, land, and funding. Special interests include, but not limited to, the interests of copper-nickel miners, cattle ranchers, timber producers, the interests of fracking corporations, etc.
- SECTION 3.** A. All state governments shall be tasked with overseeing the transfer of all lands and assets currently owned by the Department of Interior to the state created Department of Interior.
B. Current funding given to the United States Department of the Interior shall be equally divided between states based on assets and current funding. C. All revenue generated through the state created Departments of interior will go to their respective state governments.
- SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect upon the date of passage. All transfers of ownership shall be completed within three years of passage.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Chanhassen High School

Quality Care for Veterans Act

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
- 2 SECTION 1. The Veterans' Choice Act will be abolished, and all eligible veterans will
3 be enrolled in TRICARE. Additionally, 100, 000 new medical, dental, and
4 mental health practitioners will be hired to work in existing Department
5 of Veterans' Affairs hospitals and clinics.
- 6 SECTION 2. The following terms will be defined as:
- 7 A. The "Veterans' Choice Act" is a temporary benefit that allows
8 eligible veterans to receive health care in their communities
9 rather than waiting for a VA appointment or travelling to a VA
10 facility.
- 11 B. "TRICARE" is the healthcare program that covers health plans,
12 special programs, prescriptions, and dental plans for
13 service members and their families around the world.
- 14 C. "Special programs" under TRICARE are supplemental programs
15 tailored specifically to beneficiary health concerns or conditions.
- 16 SECTION 3. The Department of Veterans' Affairs, in conjunction with the Department
17 of Health and Human Services and the Department of Defense, will
18 oversee the implementation of this legislation. A budget of \$12 billion,
19 taken from the existing Department of Defense budget, will be
20 transferred to the Department of veterans' Affairs to fund the new
21 practitioners.
- 22 SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect January 1, 2020.
- 23 SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by East Ridge High School

A Bill to Require Salary for All Amateur Athletes

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1: All amateur athletes shall be given a salary, not including scholarships and stipends.

A. An amateur athlete shall be defined as any student athlete competing in the NCAA Sports Division I.

Section 2: Said salary given to athletes shall be determined by the respective school. Factors for determining salary shall include success of respective team, audience turnout to home games or meets, and amount of time invested into respective sport by individuals.

A. Said salary shall be consistent throughout each team, but can differ between sports, schools, and genders.

B. Said salary shall be given biweekly and only during the official regular season.

i. Playoffs or NCAA tournament games shall also be including in payment period if such team is to compete during that time.

Section 3: This bill shall be enacted at the beginning of next the academic year. A. The academic year will vary at the discretion of each school.

Section 4: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by East Ridge High School

A Bill to Incentivize Domestic Adoption

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A new federal tax credit shall be established in an effort to incentivize domestic adoptions. This new federal tax credit shall be known as the Domestic Adoption Tax Credit and will offer a maximum of \$20,000 for qualified adoption expenses for tax filings.

SECTION 2. Domestic adoption is the adoption of an eligible child who is a citizen or resident of the U.S, its territories, and/or the District of Columbia.

SECTION 3. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 4. Will be put into action upon fiscal year 2019

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Eagan High School

A Bill to Rid Our Tax Code of Loopholes

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The IRS will be tasked with ridding the federal tax code of as many loopholes as possible.

SECTION 2. “Loopholes” shall be defined as an ambiguity or inadequacy in a law or set of laws

“As many as possible” shall be defined as as many as the IRS Oversight Board deems fit

SECTION 3. The IRS will be responsible for making this change. Each fiscal year that they do not complete this task and file a report to the IRS Oversight Board prove it, they will lose 2 billion dollars in funding. If they have not adequately completed this task by 2022, the IRS will be disbanded.

SECTION 4. This legislation will be put into action immediately after passage.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Eagan High School

A Resolution to Encourage National Service

WHEREAS, the United States of America does not have a program that mandates or encourages national service; and

WHEREAS, only 7.3% of the US population has served or is serving in the US military, and only around 10,000 members serve annually in programs like AmeriCorps; and

WHEREAS, for society, the benefit of national youth service is 3.95 times greater than the cost; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for encouraging national service among the nation's youth; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That high schools and universities receiving federal funding submit and abide to plans to achieve this purpose.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cotter High School

A Bill to Amend the Constitution To Limit US Senators To Two Terms (12 years)

RESOLVED, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

ARTICLE --

SECTION 1: Initially there were no term limits on any elected officials either in the Executive or Legislative branch of governments. The 22nd amendment to the Constitution was ratified to impose a term limit on the Executive branch on February 27, 1951.

SECTION 2: Currently congress, specifically the Senate, is more concerned about re-election then passing legislation and working with others. In an article published by Ronald J Hrebenar, a professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Utah, "Over the past 20 years or so there has been an increase in spending by interest groups both in their lobbying efforts".

Section 3: By limiting the terms of US Senators, concerns about retaining special interest money will be revealed and the Senators can then focus on passing legislation that will help their constituents instead of worrying about special interest money.

Section 4: When this amendment is passed it will become effective for the 2020 election cycle.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cotter Schools.