February 16-18, 2019

Participant Information

Release: Friday, February 1, 2019 – 2:30pm EST

Critical Information:

1. Please confirm your school’s entry is accurate: all entries should be assigned to a chamber, and students who submitted legislation should be in the chamber matching the legislative docket with their submission. Email questions or concerns to: info@congressionaldebate.org.

2. All contestant and judge drops should be done in Tabroom.com as soon as they are known.

3. The chamber roster is arranged alphabetically by last name, and each school has been assigned a numerical code. All contestants must know their school code, so that paper ballots can be recorded properly and picked up at the end of the tournament.

4. Please distribute this packet to each student and judge. No printed copies will be available.

5. Coaches must link all Congressional Debaters to an account on Tabroom.com. To do this, click on your email address toward the upper right-hand corner, and under the name of your school, click the “Competitors” tab, click the name of a competitor, and on the top, where it prompts to link the student to a Tabroom login, type their email address (unless they are already linked, in which case you will see an email address, their name, and an “unlink.” We will ask students to log into Tabroom to cast their ballot for leadership awards, and this is how they will access electronic evaluations after the tournament.

6. A Pre-Tournament Bulletin with final schedule and late breaking changes will be posted at harvard.tabroom.com (“Info” section, right-hand side) by Wednesday, February 13.

7. Enter judge cell phones and conflict information on Tabroom (see next page for guidance).

8. Please make sure your judges are trained: www.congressionaldebate.org/resources/judging All judges should read requirements for serving as a parliamentarian, and be ready to do so if asked.

9. We will notify all coaches during the tournament of which chambers had judges who had to use paper ballots; they must be picked up in person before a school leaves the tournament.
Judge Information & Expectations

⚠️ Coaches: in Tabroom, please enter judges’ cell phone numbers, parliamentarian preference*, and note recent high school graduates and any conflicts.

*Judges – especially from schools with 6 or more entries – must be prepared to serve as a parliamentarian. To learn more, visit congressionaldebate.org/resources/judging

 Mandatory judge meetings are before prelims, quarterfinals, semifinals, and finals, where assignments are distributed. Unless an alternative is arranged, all judges must report. All judges are committed through finals. Any judges who have mitigating circumstances must report those to the tab room. Judges are in short supply, and we cannot offer an educational experience without cooperation from our judges.

Awards & Advancement/Placing

NSDA tabulation protocols determine advancement and placing. Quarterfinalists earn a bid to the Tournament of Champions (TOC) at the University of Kentucky.

- **Advancement**: Each preliminary chamber will advance its top 5 delegates for a field of 150 quarterfinalists in 9 chambers of 16-17 delegates; each quarterfinal chamber will advance its top 5 delegates for a field of 45 semifinalists in 3 chambers of 15 delegates; each semifinal chamber will advance its top 6 delegates for a field of 18 finalists. All elimination round participants earn an award, and should attend the advancement assemblies to receive them.

- **Leadership Award**: Inspired by the Leadership Bowl award presented at the NSDA National Tournament, whose ranking by peers exemplifies widely-earned peer respect.

- **Annual Sweepstakes Award**: Up to 5 contestants per school earn: 5 points each for prelims; plus 2 points for presiding; plus 10 points for quarterfinals, plus 15 points for semifinals; plus 20 points for finals, plus 5 points for 4th, 5th, and 6th places; 10 points for 2nd and 3rd places, and 15 points for champion. Independent entries are NOT eligible for sweepstakes. A New School Award is presented to the delegation earning the most points from among schools participating in their first Harvard Congressional Debate.

- **Cumulative Sweepstakes**: Sweepstakes points are added to schools’ cumulative totals to determine standings. The winner is announced, with a plaque named in honor of founder Brent Pesola presented the following year. When a school wins, its total is reset to zero.

Saturday, February 16  Chambers at Lesley University (Porter Square or Hillels)
8:00 am  Complimentary breakfast/snacks, Science Center
8:15 am  Mandatory judge briefing/materials distribution:
Lesley-Univ. Hall 2-150 | Hillels- 105 Community Hall
9:15 am  Preliminary business: roll call & legislation caucus in chambers
9:30 am - 1:00 pm  Round 1
1:00 pm  Complimentary lunch, Science Center, Harvard Yard campus
2:15 pm - 5:45 pm  Round 2

Sunday, February 17  A.M. Chambers at Lesley University (Porter Square or Hillels)
7:30 am  Complimentary breakfast
8:00 am - 11:30 am  Round 3
11:30 am  Complimentary lunch, Science Center, Harvard Yard campus
2:30 pm  Assembly: advancing quarterfinalists announced; prelim leadership awards, contestants ONLY, Sci. Center, Aud. B & A (via videocast)
2:45 pm  Judge Pooling Meeting, Harvard Hall
3:30 pm - 6:45 pm  Quarterfinal Round. Chambers at Harvard Yard Campus
8:30 pm  Assembly: quarterfinal leadership awards, non-advancing quarterfinalists & semifinal qualifiers announced, Science Ctr, Aud. B

Monday, February 18  Harvard Campus; all locations to be posted on Tabroom.
7:45 am  Semifinal Judge Pooling Meeting
8:00 am - 11:00 am  Round 4
12:00 pm  Final Session Breaks Posted
12:00 pm  Judge Pooling Meeting
12:15 pm - 3:45 pm  Round 5
4:30 pm  Congressional Debate Awards Ceremony, same location as Finals

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 Contestant Assemblies - Room Capacity
For the quarterfinal announcement assembly midday Sunday, we only have enough seating capacity for contestants ONLY. Unfortunately, we must ask coaches and parents to wait outside the assembly hall.
⚠️ Assemblies will not begin until the room has reached a safe occupancy.
Venues

Walking Directions
http://bit.ly/2sRAYrJ see overview →

Lesley University (Preliminary Rounds):
Take the T (subway) to Porter Square, one stop further outbound from Harvard Square. As you exit the T station, walk left on Massachusetts Ave. Univ. Hall (“B” on map): Walk ½ block to the entrance; there’s a mini shopping mall on the first floor.

Saturday Driving/Parking at Lesley: Take Massachusetts Ave. and turn onto Roseland St. to park behind University Hall (~$20/day). Unfortunately, there is no parking near the Hilles Library.

Hilles Library (Preliminary Rounds)
(Student Organization Center at Hilles/SOCH): From Harvard Square T station, cross Massachusetts Ave. toward the church (First Parish in Cambridge Square) and continue right toward Cambridge Common. Cross Garden Street, turn left, and walk along the park. Turn right onto Shepard Street, and the Student Organization Center at Hilles (SOCH) will be immediately on your left.

From Porter/Lesley Univ. Hall (see above), exit the building on Massachusetts Ave. and turn left. Cross the street at a crosswalk, cross Linnaean Street, and turn right. Walk down Linnaean Street and turn right into the alleyway/walkway at the sign that reads, “Radcliffe Quadrangle.” You will walk past Harvard dorms, and Hilles will be on the right, across from Cabot House.

Harvard Campus: (Sun. p.m.+Mon.): Take T to Harvard Square. There is a campus map and campus smartphone app you can download for the Harvard campus.

Breakfast/Lunch (Sat. & Sun.):
See p. 3 for locations/times for complimentary breakfast snacks and lunch for students and judges; dinner and Monday meal suggestions follow. Do NOT bring food in chambers.

Dinner (Sat.): link for list of restaurants in Porter Square (near Univ. Hall) → goo.gl/f9Sd5i

Parking/Sunday Dinner & Mon.
Food: Visit: goo.gl/bu9j7s

Judge Lounge Areas: Saturday and Sunday morning at Lesley and at Hilles, there are plenty of common spaces and breakfast snacks for judges to relax, work, or visit with colleagues. At Lesley Univ. Hall, there is a coffee shop on the ground floor (you must purchase).
1. **In addition to rules provided herein**, we use National Speech & Debate Association (NSDA) rules, which cannot be altered or suspended. Where these rules are silent, *Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 11th edition* shall prevail.

2. **Competition Spaces**: Chambers violating these rules without the Congress Director’s permission will not advance students.
   a. **Do not write on whiteboards/chalkboards**. Each chamber has an agenda form and voting record. PO candidates and speakers should clearly say and spell their names aloud.
   b. **Do not move furniture**. Seating charts are customized to eat room’s design. Please throw away trash and keep the room clean and orderly.
   c. **Do not unplug anything**. This is a Harvard tournament-wide rule that must be adhered to.
   d. **Do not bring food into chambers**, except water. Please eat in common areas/cafeterias.

3. **Technology**: NSDA 2018-19 pilot rules allow for internet access (www.speechanddebate.org/pilot-internet-rules/). Judges will monitor students and may elect to penalize students using laptops for non-Congress related business in chambers by choosing not to rank them, as well as deduct points. Use of any device is subject to judge evaluation; infractions will be reported to the tab room. Under no circumstances is video recording by any person allowed — penalty: disqualification!

4. **Presiding Officer (PO)**: POs may serve one preliminary session unless no one else wishes to run. The elected PO may choose to relinquish the chair once a session to give a single speech. S/he must select from among other students who were PO candidates that session. Those students have the option of declining, and once no candidates remain, the PO may select another student. If no one wishes to replace the elected PO, s/he may not step down. A replacement PO must serve for the remainder of debate on the particular bill or resolution to which the elected PO speaks. Once debate has ended, and the replacement PO has called a vote on the legislation, the elected PO relieves the replacement PO, and serves out the rest of his/her term. When this happens, the PO may only receive up to half credit in presiding points, but her/his speech will be evaluated as well. A substitute PO is not eligible for points or evaluation by the judges.

5. **Agenda & Sessions**: Members may nominate any number of agendas; the winning one must receive a majority vote. Items in the Priority Agenda must be in the first half of the agenda, and must be debated in Sessions 1 or 2. Debate on legislation may not continue from one session to the next (i.e. Sessions 2 and 3 must start with new legislation not previously debated in that chamber). If the author of a bill or resolution – or his/her teammate – is not present in the chamber, or relinquishes authorship rights, another student may sponsor. School authorship privileges do not apply to secondary agenda or additional items if legislation from that same school is also in that chamber’s docket. The final session ends at the posted start time, or once all students have had the opportunity to speak twice; however, contestants are not guaranteed two speeches.

6. **Debate Structure (new)**: The PO ends debate on legislation 1 hour (inclusive of recesses) after the author/sponsor is recognized, or when a delegate moves previous question. This triggers the Closing Appeal speech sequence, scored for points, but not counting toward precedence/recency. No motion for previous question is required if the PO determines the chamber has reached the 1-hour time limit.
   a. The first negative speaker gives the Closing Negative Appeal (CN) of no more than 2 minutes, followed by 1 minute of questioning (following the questioning format for that round (see #7).
   b. The Author/Sponsor shall give the Closing Affirmative Appeal (CA), using same timing as #6.a.
   c. After the CA, the PO moves immediately to voting on the legislation, without any motion.
7. **Questioning:**
   a. Preliminary rounds use standard questioning (1 delegate=1 question), elimination rounds use direct questioning. In standard questioning, the PO must rule “two-part,” misleading, prefaced, or irrelevant questions out of order. Prefacing is defined as making a statement beyond a brief reference to an argument.
   b. Rules may **not** be suspended to alter questioning periods or format as per #7.a.

8. **Penalties:** Judges will be instructed to reduce ranks/points for the following:
   a. **Authors of Poorly Written Legislation** containing jurisdictional/factual/grammatical errors, especially resolutions that should be bills (i.e., earmarking specific funding or specifying other enforcement mechanisms the Federal government would have jurisdiction over). Sponsors **should not** be penalized.
   b. **Over Time:** Judges are instructed to deduct points for speeches extending three minutes, and to deduct points for students cavalier about extending beyond speaking time. The PO is must keep accurate time and announce when the speaker has finished. Judges shall penalize a PO for inaccurate timing and/or reporting.
   c. A speech on the **wrong side** is ruled out of order by the PO (after confirming with the parliamentarian). The speech counts toward recency, but receives zero points.

9. **Voting:** The PO determines voting method on each question before the chamber. Notes:
   a. Final votes on legislation, amendments, and motions to appeal chair require a recorded vote, and vote totals are based on total number of legislators in the chamber (not just present and voting). A majority of the total is required for passage; therefore, a PO may cast a vote following count of colleagues. Only aye votes cast count toward passage in those cases.
   b. Voice voting is acceptable for all other votes, but a recorded vote must be taken if any legislator calls for a division of the chamber; roll call votes are prohibited. The chair determines whether the chamber agrees with the motion/question using number of legislators present in the chamber at the time of the vote. Because of this system, the PO must track the number of legislators in the chamber at all times.

10. **Amendment Process:**
    a. Legislators move personal privilege to approach the PO to submit written amendments (or may do so prior to a session convening or reconvening after recess.
    b. Anytime after the sponsor speech, a motion to amend is in order. The PO — who may first consult with the parliamentarian — will announce if the amendment is germane and will read the contents to the chamber; or rules it dilatory and the process stops.
    c. A one-third second vote of all members is required to debate the amendment. Legislators may move to lay on the table or call previous question on the amendment at any time.
    d. If a speech on the amendment is recognized, the first is a sponsorship speech, and speaker recognition is on basis of precedence/recency; the author of the amendment is not guaranteed the sponsorship speech. The sponsor accepts responsibility for mechanics of the amendment and yields to two minutes of questioning.
    e. All amendment speeches receive a score and count towards precedence/recency. Speeches should focus on the amendment itself, and how it affects the original outcome of the legislation. A majority vote is necessary for the chamber to adopt the amendment. If the amendment carries, further debate should consider the legislation as amended.

11. **Decorum:** preliminary chambers are designated as a **house**; members are “Representatives.” Elimination round chambers are senates; members are referred to as “Senators.” At the start of each session the PO shall lead the chamber in the Pledge of Allegiance. “Open chambers” are prohibited.

*Note: Some rules are unchanged from NSDA, but are included because they are often confused with regional/state differences.*
Congressional Debate Judging Instructions

Developed by Adam Jacobi with portions adapted from Dr. Alexandra Sencer.

Congress judges assess quality of research and analysis of issues, argumentation (including advancing debate), skill in asking and answering questions, use of parliamentary procedure, and clarity of delivery.

Types of Judges

- **Parliamentarian**: all judges evaluate and rank independent of each other.
  - sits in the front of the room, next to the presiding officer (PO); responsible for starting a session, advising PO, ensuring fairness; and holistically assesses debate. At the end of the last preliminary round (or end of elimination round) ranks through total participating legislators.
- **Scorer**: sits in the rear or side of the room and evaluates every speech, as well as PO's performance. At the end of the round, they rank the 1st through 8th best legislators (which may include PO).

Role of the Presiding Officer (PO)

Students elect peers to this leadership position, entrusting them with facilitating debate through recognizing speeches questions and motions in a fair and efficient manner. These leaders sacrifice their opportunity to speak in service to colleagues.

- Weak POs erode a chamber's capacity for meaningful debate. Lack of order leads to chaos.
- Effective POs are rare because experienced contestants shy away from presiding. This is a direct result of the perception that judges won't rank POs because either they don’t understand the value of the position or they are uncertain as to how to compare the PO to other competitors in the room.
- When a judge does not rank the PO, they must include an explanation as to why the PO failed to keep order in the chamber or demonstrated a lack of leadership.

Presiding Standards for Evaluation

- **Speaker Recognition**: methods are clearly explained at the beginning of the session and executed consistently. The PO is consistent in recognition (very few errors) and rulings; distributing speeches throughout the room, equally between schools of the same size, and among individuals.
- **Parliamentary Procedure**: command of parliamentary procedure (motions) to transparently run a fair and efficient session, seldom consulting written rules and ruling immediately on whether motions pass or fail, but consulting the parliamentarian when necessary to ensure accuracy.
- **Delivery/Presence**: dynamically fosters order and trust and relates to peers well through vocal and physical presence. Word choice is economical and eloquent. The PO does not hesitate to rule abusive or inappropriate motions out of order. They foster trust by peers.

Presiding Officer Essentials

**Speaker Recognition/Priority Rules**:

1. When more than one speaker seeks the floor, the PO should:
   a. First recognize students who have not spoken during the session
   b. Next recognize students who have spoken fewer times (precedence)
   c. Then recognize students who spoke earlier (least recently - recency)
   d. Before above benchmarks are established - use a fair, consistent, and justifiable process.
2. The PO should open the round clearly explaining recognition process - and they should stick to it!
3. Within a round, precedence/recency does not reset to ensure all students have equal opportunity to speak and receive evaluation. A new round begins with resetting of speaker priority. Legislation not previously debated at that tournament, a new seating chart and election of a presiding officer.

**Motions**: PO should pause briefly between speeches to recognize motions, and not call for them (at the beginning of a round, the PO may remind members to seek their attention between speeches).

**Gaveling**: appropriate times for the PO to gavel - to call the session to order, to denote when speaking/questioning time has lapsed, for speech time signals, and to establish order when decorum is lost. POs should not gavel for recognizing speakers or questioners - that only encourages athleticism and ableism for speakers to stand the fastest by emulating the start of a race.
Dispelling Myths of Congressional Speaking Standards for Evaluation
downranked for monopolizing time by decreasing opportunities for others to speak.

Types of Speeches − all equal value, and all demonstrate different skill sets.

- **Authorship/Sponsorship**: constructs advocacy by explaining need for the legislation to solve/mitigate a problem and how it will do that.
- **First Negative**: constructs opposition by explaining how attempting to solve/mitigate a problem with the legislation will fail to meet objectives or will make the problem worse.
- **Rebuttal**: directly refutes opponents’ arguments by explaining why they are incorrect – and not simply listing names of opposing legislators and/or saying they’re wrong.
- **Extension**: taking a previous argument on the same side and extending the concept to a related concept or more in-depth exploration. These speeches are not rehash if new nuance is introduced. 
  
  Speeches may be a combination of rebuttal and extension.

- **Crystallization**: summarizing positions of both sides, and weighing the impacts to prove why one side wins over the other. This speech establishes key voting issues in the round.

Types of Questioning Periods

- **Traditional** − preliminary rounds – one delegate may ask one question at a time.
- **Direct** − elimination rounds – questioning periods divided into 30-sec blocks of exchange between the questioner and floor speaker.

Scoring Speaking and Presiding

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Going over time: When speakers extend beyond 3 minutes, their score should be lowered, and they should be downranked for monopolizing time by decreasing opportunities for others to speak.

Speaking Standards for Evaluation

- **Content**: organization, evidence and language logical arrangement of ideas; depth of thought; support from a variety of credible quantitative (statistical) and qualitative (expert testimony) evidence analyzed to draw conclusions; compelling language; memorable introduction and conclusion; and cohesive transitions to establish speaker's purpose and frame perspective of the issue’s significance.
- **Argument & Refutation**: arguments have clear claims, are substantiated with sound analysis and evidence, and explain the impact on those affected; these ideas are either new/fresh or clear extensions rather than mere repetition of what has already been said. Refutation of opposing arguments actually disproves them, rather than simply listing and saying they’re wrong; answers to questions are given in similar structure.
- **Delivery**: vocal control and physical poise are deliberate, crisp and confident. Delivery should be extemporaneous and engaging others in the room, with few errors in pronunciation. Eye contact is effective and consistent.

Dispelling Myths of Congressional Debate

- **Debate exists to advance arguments**: Students should be prepared on both sides of legislation. One of the skills of Congressional Debate is being able to flip one’s points if one really wants to give a speech on a particular piece of legislation, and more students seek the opposite position. Hence, one-sided debate is highly frowned upon. If everyone is in agreement, then there is no debate.
- **Students should feel comfortable moving the previous question**: when debate has become one-sided or debate has become stale – even if other students wish to speak. This is not rude.
- **Not every student needs to speak on each legislation**: In fact, many tournaments limit debate on each legislation to prevent this from happening.
- **There is no ‘minimum cycle’, nor a ‘maximum cycle’ rule, except at certain tournaments.**
- **There are not motions to ‘open the floor for debate,’ ‘open the floor for presiding officer nominations,’ nor ‘open the floor for agenda nominations.’ These are part of the normal, established order of business for Congressional Debate, so the PO simply announces they will do these things.**
History

This competition was founded in 1995 as the “Harvard National Congress” (HNC) by Brent Pesola at the behest of Ashley Keller, one of his students at University School of Nova Southeastern University in Florida. At the time, the only national/multi-state Congress tournaments were offered by the NSDA and NCFL. Later, other large tournaments began to offer Congress, and in 2002, Brent Pesola and inaugural HNC champion Jason Wysong (then, coach at Cypress Creek HS, FL) co-founded the Congress Tournament of Champions, which ran for three years in Fort Lauderdale, before being absorbed within the Tournament of Champions (TOC) at the University of Kentucky. In 2013, a record number of participants resulted in something never done before at a Congress tournament: quarterfinals.

Past Award Winners

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<td>2012 Matt DeBari, Lake Highland Prep (FL)</td>
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<td>2013 Jeremy Gutner, Cypress Bay (FL)</td>
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<td>2014 Will Mascaro, The Hawken School</td>
<td>Bailey Rung, Blaine HS (MN)</td>
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<td>2015 Azhar Hussain, Southlake Carroll (TX)</td>
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<td>2018 Nicholas DeVito, Poly Prep (NY)</td>
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Past Cumulative Sweepstakes Winners:

- 1997: North Miami Beach High School (FL)
- 1998: Nova High School (FL)
- 1999: Pennsbury High School (PA)
- 2000: Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School (FL)
- 2001: Nova High School (FL)
- 2002: Christian Brothers Academy (NY)
- 2003: Trinity Preparatory School (FL)
- 2004: Nova High School (FL)
- 2005: Myers Park High School (NC)
- 2006: Highland Park High School (IL)
- 2007: Gonzaga College High School (DC)
- 2008: Adlai Stevenson High School (IL)
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- 2010: Nova High School (FL)
- 2011: Adlai Stevenson High School (IL)
- 2012: Ridge High School (NJ)
- 2013: Walt Whitman HS (MD)
- 2014: Southlake Carroll HS (TX)
- 2015: Asheville HS (NC)
- 2016: Trinity Preparatory School (FL)
- 2017: Western HS (FL)
- 2018: Lake Highland Prep (FL)
All preliminary chambers are assigned 9 items of legislation. Each chamber must include in the top half of its agenda order legislation listed in the priority agenda column, and that same legislation must be debated before secondary or additional items.

* The priority agenda includes legislation written by a student assigned to that chamber.

Elimination round legislation is at the end of this document.

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Dear Contestants,

In a political climate marred by gridlock and government shutdowns, approval ratings of elected officials continue to languish. However, I believe a life of public service still has the potential to be an honorable one; after all, our national motto, *E pluribus unum* means, “out of many, one.” A legislator is one representative for their many constituents, as well as the citizenry of their country as a whole. Congressional Debate is the one form of debate that exists as a paradox: it is a competitive activity with the aim of collaboratively solving problems.

In recent years, technology — and in particular, social media — has given students a powerful tool for collaborating to organize certain facets of Congress sessions, *before students even arrive at a tournament*. I truly believe when students have told me they have an earnest desire to determine what shall be debated, to lessen the research burden, and save precious time for debate in a Congress round.

However, some of the core educational benefits of Congressional Debate have been lost in that process: students used to come to tournaments better prepared, with a better understanding of myriad issues surrounding legislation, instead of such narrowed focus, they are unable to converse about the bigger picture. Now, many even determine *which side* to prepare on, such that very little during a session is unpredictable, or dynamic. Sadly, when students arrive at a less predictable, more geographically diverse tournament like this one, they are woefully underprepared when they realize they did not have the agenda voting bloc they thought they had, or when they don’t have “good recency” from a particular presiding officer. A truly prepared Congressional debater is unconcerned with recency and can strategize which topics to speak on, even when called on, later. This is why we introduced the hour-limit on debate: to introduce more dynamism again.

I have been contacted by parents as well as newer coaches, alarmed their students are being contacted out of the blue by students from other schools (that is alarming from a privacy and safety standpoint). I also have listened to formally lodged complaints about online group chats predetermining agendas and even presiding officer votes, to the exclusion of those not part of the “in crowd.” More disturbing is reports of cyberbullying and other serious confrontational behaviors online. In short, we have reached a boiling point where something needs to be done.

It is not my place as a tournament coordinator to tell students how to communicate outside rounds, yet I am also charged with ensuring a fair competition for all. I have asked current students and alumni alike how to handle this, and I’ve received various suggestions, including simply outlawing it wholesale and allowing the specter of reporting (“snitching”) to disincentive it. Some are calling for pre-determining sides students should speak on, like other debate events do, which totally eliminates the dynamic lawmaking process we are simulating. One suggestion even offered publishing *topic areas* for rounds, and not releasing legislation until the day of the tournament, and giving students a half hour to prepare, as is done in Extemporaneous Speaking.

Therefore, this is my charge to you, young leaders: you have the authority to determine how you conduct yourself if you have the privilege of being part of an inner circle. Call out unfair practices and take a stand. Report inappropriate conduct to your coach. Offer constructive suggestions for addressing this problem, before tournaments, associations, and league add additional rules and requirements to try and stop it.

Respectfully,

*Adam J. Jacobi, Coordinator*

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A Bill to Abolish Mandatory Minimum Sentencing

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All federal mandatory minimum sentencing laws shall hereby be repealed.

SECTION 2. A mandatory minimum sentencing law shall be defined as a law that establishes a minimum amount of years of jail sentencing for a specific crime, regardless of any mitigating factors in the particular case.

SECTION 3. All funding from the United States government to any state for any jail, jail related or penal programs shall be terminated unless such state eliminates all laws that impose minimum mandatory minimum sentences for any offense, within one year of enactment of this bill. Any state that fails to meet the requirements of the preceding sentence by the required date shall immediately cease to receive any such funding, but upon implementation or laws sufficient to satisfy such requirements, such state may reapply to receive such funding from the US Government.

SECTION 4. This bill shall go into effect 180 days after passage, and all laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Olivia Pasquerella.
A Bill to Abolish Mandatory Minimums For Drug Related Offenses

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-570) is hereby repealed, abolishing mandatory minimum sentences for drug related offenses.

SECTION 2. Mandatory minimum sentences are provisions that mandate that those found guilty of drug related crimes serve at least a sentence established for a predetermined time.

SECTION 3. The Department of Justice will be responsible for overseeing the implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This law will take effect six months after its passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Thomas Dakota Sanchez.
A BILL TO ADJUST THE FULL RETIREMENT AGE TO MAINTAIN SOLVENCY OF SOCIAL SECURITY

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Full Retirement age will be redefined as 10 years less than the average life expectancy of the United States. Average life expectancy is to be updated, for this purpose, every ten years after passage of this legislation.

SECTION 2. Full retirement age is defined as the age at which an individual may receive full Social Security benefits. The average life expectancy is to be determined by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

SECTION 3. This legislation will be implemented by the Social Security Administration.

SECTION 4. This legislation will be implemented at the beginning of the next fiscal year, with and adjustment of the full retirement age per the average life expectancy at that time, and all laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ryan Sheats
A Bill to Advocate for Asylees

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All individuals seeking asylum within the United States shall be guaranteed legal counsel in pursuit of that asylum determination.

SECTION 2. “Asylum” shall be defined as “a protection granted to foreign nationals who meet the international law definition of ‘refugee.’” “Refugee” shall be defined as “a person who is unable or unwilling to return to their home country and cannot obtain protection in that country due to past persecution or a well-founded fear of being persecuted in the future on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion.” “Legal counsel” shall be defined as “an attorney who is licensed to practice law.”

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

SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect ninety days after passage, and all laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ben Newcomb.*
A Bill to Allocate Funds to Supplement Artificial Organ Research

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A sum of $7 billion will be allocated to the Advanced Tissue Biofabrication Manufacturing Innovation Institute (ATB-MII) to help bridge the gap between early research and artificial organ development.

SECTION 2. The ATB-MII brings together for-profit and nonprofit organizations to accelerate innovation by investing in industrially relevant manufacturing technologies with applications in the Tissue Biofabrication Ecosystem.

SECTION 3. The Department of Defense will oversee the enforcement of this bill.

A. $3.5 Billion will be allocated from the budgets of both the Department of Defense and the National Institutes of Health.
   a. The Funds from the DoD shall be appropriated by the following breakdown:
      i. $700 million from the respective budgets of each branch of the military (army, navy, coast guard, marine corps, and air force)
   b. The Funds from the NIH shall be appropriated by the following breakdown:
      i. $750 million from each the National Cancer Institute and the National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases;
      ii. $500 million from each the National Heart, Lung & Blood Institute and the National Institute of General Medical Sciences; and
      iii. $250 million from each the National Institutes on Aging, of Mental Health, of Neurological Disorders & Stroke, and of Diabetes & Digestive & Kidney Diseases.

SECTION 4. This bill will be implemented within two years of enactment.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Christian McClaine.
A Bill to Amend the US Tax Code to Establish a Federal Flat Income Tax

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The current income tax will be replaced with a flat income tax of 17 percent.

SECTION 2. A flat tax is a tax that applies the same tax rate to every taxpayer regardless of income bracket.

a) If an individual’s pre-tax income is 40,000 USD and below, there will be a 1,500 USD deductible for each dependent.

b) If two individuals are filing jointly, and their pre-tax income is 70,000 USD and below, there will be a 1,500 USD deductible for each dependent.

SECTION 3. The Department of Treasury will oversee the implementation and enforcement of this bill.

SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect on January 1, 2020, and all laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Brennen Beck.
BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Federal Reserve will be audited to improve government accountability within a timely manner after the passage of this bill.

SECTION 2. The Government Accountability Office will be allowed to audit the Federal Reserve Board and Banks with regards to:

A. International financial transactions;
B. Deliberations, decisions, or actions on monetary policy matters;
C. Transactions made under the direction of the Federal Open Market Committee;
D. Discussions or communications among Federal Reserve officers, board members, and employees regarding any of these matters.

SECTION 3. The Federal Reserve will be audited within the 12 months following the passage of this bill.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sequoyah High School.
A Bill to Authorize Aid to the Brazilian Nuclear Energy Program

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States will hereby authorize aid to protect Brazilian Nuclear Reactors and maximize nuclear energy production in Brazil, with consent of the Brazilian Government.

SECTION 2. Aid will comprise of security forces, investment towards the construction of new nuclear reactors, facility operators, personnel, and researchers.

SECTION 3. The United States Southern Command, known as SOUTHCOM, will be in charge of the oversight of operations and control of aid.

A. SOUTHCOM will recruit nuclear facility operators, personnel, and researchers, from the United States, in coordination with the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, known as the USNRC

B. The Department of State in coordination with SOUTHCOM and the USNRC will set up security measures with both US and Brazilian Personnel within a 5-mile radius of the nuclear reactors.

C. US Department of Defense will allocate to SOUTHCOM the necessary additional amount of funding that SOUTHCOM requests for these operations not exceeding a tenth of the budget appropriated to the Department of Defense

D. All three agencies will conduct joint semi-annual audits to ensure proper and effective distribution of funds.

E. Any alterations in aid, including halts, must be approved by at least two of the three following agencies before reallocation by the Department of Defense: SOUTHCOM, USNRC, Department of State.

SECTION 4. This bill will go into implementation on October 1st, 2019.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sean Patel.*
A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF SAFE INJECTION SITES TO REDUCE OVERDOSING

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. State-sanctioned injection sites are hereby permitted to operate within the United States.

SECTION 2. State-sanctioned shall be defined as, “written permission in the form of a state legislative act”. Injection sites shall be defined as, “medically-supervised facilities where individuals are allowed to safely consume narcotics to prevent overdosing and abuse”.

SECTION 3. The Department of Justice will be responsible for overseeing the implementation of this bill.

A. The Federal Government bears no financial burden for the operating cost of any injection site, and the DOJ will not prosecute any state or local entity for supporting a sanctioned injection site.

B. State and local entities will be responsible for enforcing and mandating all necessary measures in order to operate an injection site.

SECTION 4. This piece of legislation shall take effect on July 4th, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by John Brady Amacker
A Bill to Ban For-Profit Prisons

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Federal, state, and local prisoners shall no longer be housed in for-profit prisons.

SECTION 2. For-profit prisons shall be defined as private prison facilities that house prisoners for profit.

SECTION 3. The Federal Bureau of Prisons shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

A. All inmates currently housed in facilities that are owned or operated by private entities must be moved to public prisons no later than February 1st of 2024.

SECTION 4. This bill shall go into effect immediately after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Representative Shreya Thalvayapati
A Bill to Ban Online Weapon and Ammunition Sales

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The online sales of arms and ammunition are hereby banned.

SECTION 2. Arms include semi-automatic firearms, silencers, grenades, rocket launchers, and 3D-printed guns.

SECTION 3. A. The Department of Defense will oversee the enforcement of this legislation in conjunction with the Defense Intelligence Agency.

B. The Department of Defense will receive an allowance of 3 billion dollars over the course of 5 fiscal years to upgrade current technology systems to ensure no weapons sales occur online.

SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced by Sita Sudhakar
A Bill to Ban Planned Obsolescence to Protect Consumers

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall take the following actions to ban planned obsolescence:

A. Implement a life cycle index for products. This index will consist of a note from 1 to 10 with emphasis on sustainability, reliability, and reparability.

B. Set a yearly base index to provide a standard for production.

C. Authorize the Department of Justice to bring suits against companies that have a life cycle index below the base index.

D. Authorize private parties injured by companies that have a life cycle index below the base index to bring suits for treble damages.

SECTION 2. Previous terms are defined as follows:

A. “Planned obsolescence” shall be defined as company policy of producing consumer goods that are designed to have an artificially limited life cycle.

B. “Treble damages” are defined as damages that are worth three times as much money in damages as the offender cost them.

SECTION 3. The Department of Commerce shall oversee the implementation of Section 1A and Section 1B of this bill. The Department of Justice shall oversee Section 1C and 1D.

SECTION 4. This bill shall be implemented at the start of fiscal year 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Faiza Rahman
A Bill to Ban Quantum Computer Research

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. This bill will ban all Quantum Computing Research to prevent the creation of dangerous Artificial Intelligence (AI). All research must cease, be archived, and sent to the government.

SECTION 2. A) Quantum computing is the area of study focused on developing computer technology based on the principles of quantum theory.

B) Quantum theory explains the nature and behavior of energy and matter on the quantum (atomic and subatomic level).

SECTION 3. A new bureau called the Bureau of Technology and Digital Weapons will be created to enforce this bill.

A) This bureau will assess quantum computing threats as well as regulate bans on dangerous technology.

B) The bureau shall merge the technology section of the National Science Foundation (NSF), the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). C) The bureau shall be fully staffed by December 31, 2020.

SECTION 4. All quantum computing research must cease by December 31, 2022.

Any company or individual who is found conducting Quantum Computer Research will be fined 1 million dollars.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bridget O’Neill.
A Bill to Ban Solitary Confinement in Federal Prisons

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Solitary confinement will be banned in federal prisons.

SECTION 2. Ban – officially or legally prohibit.

Solitary confinement – the act of being kept alone in a cell, without being able to see or speak to other prisoners.

Federal prisons – prisons that house federal prisoners.

SECTION 3. The Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) will oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

A. Any federal prison found using solitary confinement will be fined $10,000 per offense.

B. To ensure solitary confinement is not being used, federal prisons will be monitored biannually by the BOP.

SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect immediately after passage, and all laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Grace Maddron.
A Bill to Ban the Usage of Private Military Contractors

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Private military contractors (PMCs) may no longer be utilized by the US Department of Defense.

SECTION 2. Private military contractors (PMCs) will be defined as companies that engage in armed security services. These armed security services include but are not limited to combat missions, provision of protective services, security advice and planning, prison administration, interrogation, and intelligence gathering.

SECTION 3. The Congressional Armed Services committee shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

A. The Congressional Armed Services Committee will make cuts to the Department of Defense budget by the specific amount spent on missions that continue to utilize private military contractors (PMCs).

SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect one year after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sohail Mohammed.
A Bill to Bless the Water Down in Africa

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1.  
A. The United States Government will provide 2 billion dollars every year to fund the Transaqua Project in order to help provide living necessities to the people of Africa.
B. The United States Government requests African Command (AFRICOM) to provide additional military assistance for construction security and military-capacity building.

SECTION 2.  
A. The Transaqua Project is defined as a project that intends to construct a 2,400 km canal across Africa to provide water to Lake Chad.
B. Lake Chad is defined as a lake that supplies more than 30 million people with water in the countries of Chad, Cameroon, Niger and Nigeria.

SECTION 3.  
A. The Department of State will oversee the aid to ensure that the project gets completed to a point where water levels are stable and also certify that aid is used properly.
B. The Department of Defense will work with the members of the Lake Chad Basin International Commission in order to successfully implement military assistance for internal conflicts within those nations.

SECTION 4.  
This bill will go into effect in fiscal year 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Alexander Zhou.
A Bill To Boost Electrical Grid Security

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. The United States shall invest $20 billion dollars over the next two decades to better the infrastructure of the US Power grid.

Section 2. Infrastructure is defined as technology, including both software and physical machinery, that help contribute to a more reliable and secure power grid. The US power grid shall be defined as city power grids, smart grids, factories, and power plants.

Section 3. A. The United States Department of Energy shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

B. 20 billion dollars shall be taken out of the United States Department of Defense budget to fund this project.

Section 4. This legislation shall go into effect immediately upon implementation.

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

Introduced by Emily Wong
A Bill to Change the Classification of the Immigration Court System from Civil to Criminal

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Congress shall hereby amend Title 18 of the US Code to designate immigration violations as criminal. All existing Immigration Courts and proceedings shall be designated as criminal in nature, revoking the present civil categorization.

SECTION 2. Criminal courts and procedures are defined as those which deal with punishment of individuals who commit crimes while civil procedures deal with two or more individuals disputing their rights.

SECTION 3. The Department of Justice shall be responsible for implementing and maintaining this designation. Court funding shall be increased as necessary to provide for any increased mandated costs.

SECTION 4. This bill shall become effective beginning October 1, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Genevieve Cox.
A Bill to Contract Private Entities to Prosecute Tax Evasion and Welfare Fraud

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. In order to combat the growing issue of tax evasion and social welfare fraud the IRS is hereby directed to enter into contracts allowing private entities to investigate possible instances of tax evasion and social welfare fraud.

SECTION 2. Private entities shall be defined as professional service firms.

SECTION 3. The Internal Revenue Service shall oversee implementation of this bill.

A. The IRS shall work with state governments in the investigation and prosecution of social welfare fraud.

B. Contracts shall be financed by a percentage of money won in criminal and civil proceedings of tax evasion and social welfare fraud.

C. Contracts shall be created by the IRS on a case by case basis.

SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect 180 days after passage, and all laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dylan Bousquette.
A Bill to Create an Automatic Voter Registration System to the Increase Voting Accessibility and Turnout

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A new, automatic voter registration system (AVR) shall be established through the Departments/Bureaus of Motor Vehicles (DMV or BMV) in all of the United States and its territories. This shall be done whenever an eligible voter 18 or older by the next Election Day interacts with the DMV/BMV for renewal, licensing, or other documented interactions. Said person will receive a notification regarding this registration, prompting them to opt-in or out of registering to vote in the upcoming election. All notifications with no response will result in that person’s registration, and will be clearly stated on this notification.

SECTION 2. Automatic voter registration shall be defined as the system whereby any renewal, licensing, or other documented interactions shall result in said person being registered to vote if they are 18 years of age and eligible (in compliance with state and federal law) by the next election.

A documented interaction shall be defined as any time a person fills out, files, or has paperwork processed by the DMV or BMV in their state.

A notification regarding this registration shall be defined as an email, phone call, letter, or any other alert to a person over their registration.

SECTION 3. The Department of Transportation and the individual Departments and Bureaus of Motor Vehicles of the states shall enforce this legislation.

A. The Department of Transportation will receive $100 million dollars from the Department of Defense’s budget for implementation

B. The Department of Transportation will be in charge of allocating this funding in order to implement the AVR system.

SECTION 4. This bill shall be implemented immediately, and with AVR being implemented for the 2020 Election Day and all following elections.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jack Bukovnik.
A Bill to Cut Federal Funding for Colleges and Universities that Restrict Free Speech

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Colleges and Universities that restrict on-campus free speech in public areas on the grounds of a student, faculty or staff member, etc, being “offended” be stripped of federal funding.

SECTION 2. Offended meaning that the student or other member of the community in question disagrees with an argument that another member of the school community held or holds that contradicts with their own viewpoint.

SECTION 3. Dormitories, residence halls, and on-campus apartments, and any property in which students, faculty, and staff may reside including common areas in which multiple students may share are exempt from this requirement as there is a reasonable expectation of privacy in a living space. Furthermore, any place of worship or higher educational institution with a religious affiliation is exempt.

SECTION 4: The Department of Education will oversee implementation of this bill.

SECTION 5. This bill shall take effect on June 1, 2020 and all laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Nicolas Perez*
A Bill to Designate Venezuela as a State Sponsor of Terror

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States government shall add Venezuela to the State Sponsor of Terrorism list and will implement the corresponding sanctions.

SECTION 2. State Sponsor of Terror shall be defined as countries determined by the Secretary of State to have repeatedly provided support for acts of international terrorism.

SECTION 3. The Department of State shall oversee the implementation of this legislation and will work in conjunction with the Department of Commerce and Department of Defense.

A. The Department of Commerce shall determine the appropriate sanctions and/or financial action deemed necessary.

B. The Department of Defense shall adjust its operations accordingly and aid in the development of a course of action in relation to the other departments.

SECTION 4. This bill will be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Kendall Lindsay
A Bill to Discontinue Electronic Surveillance of our Allies’ Intelligence

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall discontinue the use of the National Security Agency in spying on allies to promote stronger geopolitical relations and intelligence sharing.

SECTION 2. “Spying” shall be defined as monitoring or recording the phone calls of international leaders, bugging corporations in other countries, violating the privacy of international leaders, or gaining intelligence through third party surveillance.

SECTION 3. The Federal Bureau of Investigation shall oversee the implementation of the DESAI Bill.

A. $50 million will be allocated to the FBI solely for the use of investigations in surveillance gathering and computerized systems monitoring the NSA.

SECTION 4. The DESAI Bill will be effective immediately after the passage of this legislation.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Saavni Desai.
A Bill to Do Increase Funding to the VA to Promote Mental Health

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Department of Veterans Affairs budget will increase by 800 million dollars.

SECTION 2. At the recommendation of this Congress, the new funding will be focused on increasing mental health screenings and increasing resources for mentally ill veterans.

SECTION 3. The Department of State shall oversee the allocation of funds. The Department of Veterans Affairs shall be tasked with effectively using the funding provided.


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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Matthew Fleischer
A BILL TO ELIMINATE MANDATORY MINIMUMS TO RESTORE JUSTICE IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All federal mandatory minimum sentences for non-violent drug crimes are hereby abolished. Funds saved from reduced prison populations shall be used to create drug-rehabilitation programs.

SECTION 2. Mandatory minimums shall be defined as a minimum sentence required for a particular crime, regardless of the judge’s discretion. Non-violent drug crimes are crimes relating to controlled substances that do not have a violent component.

SECTION 3. The Department of Justice shall be responsible for the implementation of this legislation. The Congressional Budget Office shall be responsible for the spending analysis required under Section 1.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect one year after its passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by John Lee.
A Bill to Eliminate Private Prisons

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A. The federal government will not renew private prison contracts upon their expiration date.

B. The federal government will not award any new contracts for private prisons.

C. The federal government shall allocate funding used for private prison contracts to expanding public prison facilities upon the contracts’ expiration.

SECTION 2. The term “private prison” refers to a correctional facility run by a for-profit corporation.

SECTION 3. The Department of Justice shall oversee this legislation.

SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect on January 1, 2020, and all laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Vivian Zhao.
A BILL TO ELIMINATE THE PRIVATE CONTRACTING OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS DEFENSE

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The U.S. Department of Energy shall phase out the use of private nuclear weapons contracting and task the government with these responsibilities instead.

SECTION 2. The U.S. Department of Defense will be tasked with creating the Nuclear Weapons Technology Task Force, which will handle the production, maintenance, and retirement of all nuclear weapons technologies.

SECTION 3. The Department of Energy will work in conjunction with the Department of Defense to oversee implementation of this legislation.

A. Any nuclear weapons funding that correlates with nuclear energy development shall be retained by the Department of Energy.

B. A special committee will appropriately allocate money from the Department of Energy’s nuclear weapons budget to the Nuclear Weapons Technology Task Force and permanently monitor funding.

SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect by January 1, 2025.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Katie Klym
A Bill to Eliminating Slavery in the Prison System and Improve Inmate Compensation

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All inmates shall be paid at least the federal minimum wage for the labor that they do while incarcerated. Furthermore, no inmates shall be forced to perform labor against their will.

SECTION 2. The federal minimum wage shall be defined as $7.25 per hour. Inmates shall be defined as those incarcerated in a federal, state, or local prisons. Labor shall be defined as work used to benefit private corporations.

SECTION 3. The Department of Justice and the Department of Labor shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall be implemented by the fiscal year 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Representative Aleksia Kleine
A Bill to Enact a Carbon Tax to Revitalize the Environment and the Economy

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A carbon tax of $50 per ton of emissions shall be enacted. The revenues from this tax shall fund a tax rebate on payroll taxes.

SECTION 2. The carbon tax shall be a tax on all carbon dioxide emissions from both individuals and corporate entities. The tax rebate shall be divided among individuals and corporate entities proportional to the amount in payroll taxes that they paid over the course of the fiscal year.

SECTION 3. The Internal Revenue Service shall be responsible for implementing both the carbon tax and the tax rebate.

SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect in fiscal year 2020 and all laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jacob Moldover.
A Bill to Encourage Better United States and Chinese Relations

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All current tariffs on Chinese imports into the United States will be removed.

SECTION 2. A tariff is a tax or duty to be paid on a particular class of imports or exports.

SECTION 3. The Department of Commerce will oversee this legislation

SECTION 4. This policy will take effect at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Joshua Muroff.
BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. $5 billion shall be awarded on a competitive basis to no fewer than five (5) space corporations to develop technology for the removal of orbital space debris.

SECTION 2. A. All developed technology must be able to remove all debris that weighs a quarter and is smaller than 4 cm in diameter or is at least one ton and is larger than 4 cm in diameter.

B. “Space Corporations” shall be defined as all public and private actors involved in developing and providing space-enabled products and services including vehicles, satellites, boosters, technology, and tools for use in space.

SECTION 3. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) will oversee the enforcement of this bill by.

A. Developing a grant application and requirements for the awarding of the grant; and,

B. Evaluating grant applications to determine the distribution of funds with the goal of achieving large-scale space debris removal operations by 2030.

SECTION 4. This bill will be in effect for the beginning of fiscal year 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Akshat Parthiban
A Bill to End Medical Bribery

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Medical professionals may not accept compensation or gratuities from third parties related to their professional practice.

SECTION 2. Medical Professionals shall be defined as individuals who hold any post-secondary degrees in the field of medicine or medical administration. Compensation shall be defined as something given in exchange, explicitly or implicitly, for goods or services. Gratuity shall be defined as something given, over and above compensation, in exchange, explicitly or implicitly, for good or services. Third Parties shall be defined as individuals or groups who are incidentally related to primary parties. Professional Practice shall be defined as actions including examining patients, consulting with patients, and prescribing medicine.

SECTION 3. This bill shall be enforced by the United States Department of Health and Human Services and by the Internal Revenue Service.

SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect January 1, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Nico Vallenas.
A Bill to Enforce a Standard to End Partisan Gerrymandering

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. State district maps drawn for the House of Representatives shall be required to reduce their efficiency gap to a fair standard to prevent partisan gerrymandering.

SECTION 2. Vote Margin – The percentage of votes a party received, minus 50%. Seat Margin – The percentage of seats a party received, minus 50%. Efficiency Gap – A measure of electoral fairness applied to legislative district maps that is equal to which a party’s seat margin minus double its vote margin.

District Map – A map used by a state to elect its House congressional delegation.

Fair Standard – A standard that only includes district maps that have shown in previous elections that they have efficiency gaps of less than the equivalent of two seats in their House congressional delegation.

SECTION 3. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall not be allowed to seat any representatives from states with House district maps that violate the fair standard in Section 2.

SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect upon January 1st, 2024, and all laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Damian Thomas.
A Bill to Ensure a Clean Slate for Those Who Have Served Their Time

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Criminal background checks on applicants by prospective employers is hereby deemed illegal.

SECTION 2. Employment applications may not include questions inquiring whether or not an applicant had a criminal history.

SECTION 3. Positions requiring security clearance will be exempt from this law.

SECTION 4. Applicant shall be defined as individuals whom are qualified to fill open employment positions. Prospective Employer shall be defined as any individual or group who may employ individuals to carry out specific employment positions and job functions. Security Clearance shall be defined as status granted to individuals allowing them access to classified information or to restricted areas.

SECTION 5. This bill shall be enforced by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC).

SECTION 6. This bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

SECTION 7. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Julia Frank.
A Bill to Ensure College Athletes Receive Monetary Compensation

Section I: To ensure that college athletes are getting paid by the NCAA:

A. The Department of Labor will track athletes earnings to make sure
   they aren’t being underpaid or unjustified

Section II: The term college athletes shall be defined as, any college student
participating in a college sport ran by the NCAA program

Section III: Determining athletes salary:

A. A 3.0 GPA or higher is needed to qualify for a salary
B. Salaries should range from $2,500- $25,000 depending on the
   scholarship and financial aid received
C. Financial aid could be received depending upon the scholarship
   received

Section IV: This bill shall be placed into effect January 1, 2019

Section V: All other laws in conflict with this policy are now considered null and
void

Respectfully Submitted,

Caroline Ames
A BILL TO ENSURE HEALTHY EATING HABITS AMONG SNAP RECIPIENTS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (S.N.A.P.) recipients will receive seventy percent of their benefits in the form of Federally Assisted Responsible Meals (F.A.R.M.) food boxes each month, which will consist of shelf-stable, healthy foods such as juices, grains, cereal, pasta, beans, canned meats, canned fruits and vegetables, and other products to be determined by the United States Department of Agriculture (U.S.D.A.).

SECTION 2. A. “Shelf-stable” will be defined as foods that can be safely stored at room temperature. B. “Healthy” will be defined as foods which meet the U.S.D.A.’s Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 8th Edition. C. All products and foodstuffs in America’s F.A.R.M. Food Boxes will be bought wholesale from producers competing for placement and all products must be American-produced. D. The U.S.D.A. will make available a range of F.A.R.M. food box choices to accommodate S.N.A.P. recipients’ religious and dietary preferences. E. F.A.R.M. food boxes will be delivered to recipients’ domiciles.

SECTION 3. The U.S.D.A. will implement and oversee America’s F.A.R.M. Food Box program as a part of S.N.A.P.

SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect fiscal year 2019 and all laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Evrard-Vescio
BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1.  
A. The sale of Huawei and ZTE goods is banned in the USA.
B. The US Government and government contractors are banned from using goods and products utilizing goods made by Huawei or ZTE.
C. Any company that is descendant from ZTE, Huawei, or wholly or partially owned by Huawei or ZTE is subject to this legislation.

SECTION 2.  
A. “Goods” are defined as materials and products sold and manufactured by ZTE and Huawei.
B. “Descendant” is defined as having originated from ZTE, Huawei, or an affiliate.
C. “Wholly or partially owned by Huawei or ZTE” is defined as having at least 10% of its shares owned by Huawei, ZTE, or an affiliate.

SECTION 3.  
In conjunction, the Treasury Department, Commerce Department, and Department of Homeland Security will oversee implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 4.  
This legislation will be implemented immediately upon passage

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Max Plottel.
A Bill to Establish a Space Corps

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States will establish a Space Corps as a branch of the United States Air Force.

SECTION 2. A. The Space Corps will be composed of all existing Air Force space programs, and will be headed by the Air Force Space Command.

B. The Space Corps will be responsible for overseeing all military technology in outer space with the exception of Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles and other projectiles that are launched from and targeted towards locations within the atmosphere.

C. The Space Corps will be responsible for the defense of all satellites and other US space technology, as well as defending the United States from any attacks conducted from space.

D. $3 billion will be allocated to the Department of the Air Force to organize and fund programs seen as necessary for the coordination of the Space Corps.

SECTION 3. The Department of Defense will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect within one year of its passage, and all laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by William Ma.
A Bill to Establish LGBT Employment Protections

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Sexual orientation and gender identity employment discrimination will be prohibited in public and private employment.

SECTION 2. Sexual orientation and gender identity employment discrimination is defined as unfair treatment of a person based on sexual orientation and gender identity in the workplace compared to others of different sexual orientation and gender identity, whether that be hiring opportunities, reasons for being fired, and other situations that apply.

SECTION 3. The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, also known as the EEOC, will oversee the enforcement, punishment, and funding plan of this bill. All states must accommodate for the changes with this bill in their own laws.

SECTION 4. This bill will be implemented no later than June 1st, 2019, and all laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Establish Safe Zones in India for Rohingya Refugees

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A. The Indian Government shall receive 200 million dollars of military aid each year for accepting 100 thousand Rohingya refugees yearly if the Indian Government chooses so.

B. If the Indian Government does not accept these refugees, then the 200 million dollars of Military aid shall be revoked.

SECTION 2. A. Rohingya refugees shall be defined as internally displaced or immigrated Bangladeshi who reside in a foreign country for asylum.

B. Military aid shall be defined as funding given to the Indian Government for military purposes and earmarked for military interest.

SECTION 3. A. Department of State and the Department of Defense shall monitor the delivery or termination of military aid.

B. Department of State and the Department of Defense shall create a joint task force dedicated to monitoring the acceptance of Rohingya refugees.

SECTION 4. The provisions of this bill shall take effect on October 1, 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ray Min.
A Bill to Expand Federal Welfare to Asylum Seekers

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Any individual that has filed or is in the process of filing an asylum claim shall be eligible for SNAP, TANF, WIC, CHIP, and Medicaid.

SECTION 2. Asylum seekers are those who have filed an I-589 form with United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

SECTION 3. Welfare expansion will be administered through the respective immigration and welfare agencies:

A. USCIS shall create a database of all those that have submitted proper documentation, displaying their location in the process, and make this service available to the Department of Health and Human Services.

B. HHS shall ensure that the aforementioned services are accessible to those individuals reported by USCIS, and the Secretary shall penalize non-compliant distributors of these federal programs.

SECTION 4. This piece of legislation shall take effect beginning January 1, 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Brianna Rodriguez.
A BILL TO FEDERALLY FUND NGOs IN LATIN AMERICA

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States government shall allocate five billion dollars annually to immigration NGOs within Latin America in order to promote a lawful pathway to citizenship.

SECTION 2. Immigration NGOs shall be defined as non-governmental organizations within foreign countries that promote legal immigration through fiscal and legal assistance for potential immigrants.

SECTION 3. The United States Department of State in conjunction with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) shall be responsible for implementing the provisions of this legislation.

A. USAID will establish and cooperate with existing immigration NGOs in order to provide immigration services to foreign nationals. Services include but are not limited to subsidizing visa/application fees, legal assistance, financing for housing, and job placement.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall be implemented by September 30, 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Samuel Crombie
A Bill to Fully Fund the National Park Service and Keep It Out of the Annual Appropriates Budget

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The totality of the National Parks Service’s budget would become mandatory spending rather than discretionary spending.

SECTION 2. A. The totality of the National Parks Service Budget shall be defined as 3.5 billion dollars with a 5% increase every 5 years.

B. “Mandatory spending” shall be defined as budget authority and outlays controlled by laws other than annual appropriations acts.

C. “Discretionary spending” shall be defined as budget authority and outlays controlled in annual appropriations acts.

SECTION 3. The Department of the Interior would be responsible for the implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect FY 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Spencer Neu.
A BILL TO GIVE AID TO
THE PEOPLE OF IRAQ

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall give 1 billion dollars in the form of humanitarian and developmental aid to Iraqi citizens in Iraq recovering from the Islamic State War.

SECTION 2. The aid shall work at the grassroots level to rebuild Iraq's water and electricity systems; provide food, health care for its people; and take care of those who were forced from their homes in the fighting.

SECTION 3. USAID, Peace Corps, and Department of State will all oversee the implementation of this bill to ensure effective implementation.

SECTION 4. At the beginning of the 2020 fiscal year, the effectiveness of the aid will be annually determined, and if 10% or more of the aid is said to be improperly distributed or inefficiently utilized, humanitarian aid to Iraq in the form of this bill will stop. However, if the aid is deemed effective, an additional 3 billion dollars each year shall be given to help the Iraqi people recover. This legislation will be implemented on March 1, 2019.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Noah Shaheen
A Bill to Give A Second Chance

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. $500 million shall be allocated toward funding and investing in vocational programs for all federal prisons.

SECTION 2. “Vocational programs” are defined as programs in prisons that teach inmates general employment skills or skills for specific occupations.

SECTION 3. The Department of Justice will oversee the implementation of this legislation.
   A. The Federal Bureau of Prisons will oversee the distribution of funds.

SECTION 4. This bill will be implemented in FY2019.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Elena Martinez.*
A Bill to Give Better Rehabilitation to Our Prisoners

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A. Rehabilitation centers shall be created and be offered as centers where prisoners, who are non-violent or convicted of nonviolent crimes, shall be allowed to move towards.
   B. Mandatory Minimums and shall be amended to allow for people convicted, to be sentenced to either:
      a. A rehabilitation center that will support prisoners in education, Jobs, and Behavioral therapy.
      b. Typical Mandatory Minimum sentencing.

SECTION 2. United States Sentencing Commission defines mandatory minimums as “statutory provisions requiring the imposition of at least a specified minimum sentence when criteria specified in the relevant statute have been met”.

SECTION 3. The Department of Justice shall build rehabilitation programs that shall consist of:
   A. Education for rehabilitation
   B. Housing for prisoners sentenced to rehabilitation programs
   C. Behavioral therapy
   D. Job finding services

SECTION 4. $600 Million dollars shall be allocated towards funding. The money shall be allocated from the US military budget.

SECTION 5. The Department of Justice and the United States Sentencing Commission shall enforce this legislation, by ensuring:
   A. Mandatory Minimums are adjusted to accommodate for rehabilitation centers.
   B. Rehabilitation centers are properly supporting the prisoners that they house.
   C. Rehabilitation centers are built in areas with high recidivism rate.

SECTION 6. This legislation shall go into effect 1 year after the date of passage.

SECTION 7. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Julien Guillary.
A Bill to Grant Amnesty to Undocumented Immigrants

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall hereby grant amnesty to all current undocumented immigrants in the United States under the following conditions.

a) Citizens must have proof of citizenship for 3 or more years.

b) A criminal record free from any felony charge violent or non-violent.

c) Plans to make residency in the United States for at least 5 years.

The laws revolving around illegal entry or overstaying are found in Section 1325 in Title 8 of the United States Code shall be revised to accommodate immigrants who meet these changes.

SECTION 2. Citizenship will be defined by Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) definition 305.01

SECTION 3. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and Internal Revenue Service will oversee implementation of this bill.

A. The Department of Health and Human Services will confirm and enforce the conditions for amnesty as stated within this bill.

B. The IRS will determine Tax Status of naturalized undocumented immigrants.

SECTION 4. The Department of Immigration of Naturalization will be re-instated.

a) Appropriated funding will be given by congress for the construction of a permanent headquarters in Phoenix, Arizona to aid and administer the naturalization process.

b) Offices will be constructed on a needed basis to meet enforcement deadlines.

SECTION 5. This will go into effect 2 fiscal years following its passage.

SECTION 6. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ayo Adereti.
A Bill to Halt all Arms Sales to Saudi Arabia

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Department of Defense shall immediately terminate all sales of arms to Saudi Arabia.

SECTION 2. Arms are defined as artillery, ammunition, tactical weaponry, specialized weaponry. Terminate is defined as the cessation of transfer of weapons and acceptance of money from the Saudi Arabian government.

SECTION 3. The Department of Defense shall oversee this termination of arms sales. fiscal years to make up for the lost funds.

A. Any arms still in possession of the US Department of Defense, that were intended for Saudi Arabia may be liquidated or resold to other nations.

SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Francesco Furnari.
A Bill to Hold Doctors Accountable for Illegal Distribution

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. This bill would establish a 10 year minimum sentence for any doctor who is found guilty of engaging in the illegal distribution of prescription narcotics or any future medications that fall under the legal schedule of controlled substances.

SECTION 2. A) Prescription narcotics are defined in Section 812 of the Controlled Substances Act.

B) The Schedule of Controlled Substances is a list of substances that have been accepted for medical use in treatment in the United States.

SECTION 3. The Department of Justice will oversee the enforcement of this bill.

SECTION 4. This bill will come into effect at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jordan Neltner.
A Bill to Implement a Tiered Corporate Tax System

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A tiered system based on employment size shall be implemented to determine the corporate tax rate.

SECTION 2. A. “Small Business” shall be defined as a business that employs less than 50 workers.

B. “Medium Business” shall be defined as a business that employs between 51 and 249 workers.

C. “Large Business” shall be defined as a business that employs greater than or equal to 250 workers.

D. “Multinational Corporation” or “Worldwide Enterprise” shall be defined as a corporate organization that owns or controls production of goods and/or services in at least one country other than its home country.

SECTION 3. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will enforce this bill and allocate the revenue from the tax to the US Department of Treasury.

A. Small Businesses will be taxed at a rate of 15%.

B. Medium Businesses will be taxed at a rate of 21%.

C. Large Businesses will be taxed at a rate of 28%.

D. Multinational Corporations/Worldwide Enterprises will be taxed at a rate of 36%.

SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect at the beginning of FY 2020, and all laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sophia Hussain and Ronit Patel (written collaboratively at the 2018 Harvard Debate Council Summer Workshops).
A Bill to Implement a Tiered Corporate Tax System

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A tiered system based on employee size will be put in place to determine the corporate tax rate.

SECTION 2. A. A “small business” shall be defined as a business that employs less than 50 workers. B. A medium sized business has between 51 and 249 employees. A large sized business has greater than or equal to 250 employees. A multinational corporation or worldwide enterprise is a corporate organization that owns or controls production of goods or services in at least one country other than its home country.

SECTION 3. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will oversee the enforcement of this bill and allocate the revenue from the tax to the US Department of Treasury.

A. Small businesses will be taxed at a rate of 15%.
B. Medium businesses will be taxed at a rate of 21%.
C. Large businesses will be taxed at a rate of 28%.
D. Multinational corporations will be taxed at a rate of 36%.

SECTION 4. This will go into effect at the start of the fiscal year 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ronit Patel and Sophia Hussain (written collaboratively at the 2018 Harvard Debate Council Summer Workshops).
A Bill to Improve the Immigration Court System

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A. $500 million dollars shall be allocated in the next fiscal year to provide immigration courts with new judges.

B. $500 million dollars shall be allocated in the next fiscal year to fund the Intensive Supervision Appearance Program (ISAP).

C. US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) will no longer be able to detain, arrest or search any individual based on an citizenship status or immigration status.

SECTION 2. A. “Immigration courts” shall be defined as administrative courts that hear removal and deportation proceedings.

SECTION 3. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) shall be responsible for implementing the provisions of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall be implemented on October 1, 2019.

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

Respectfully Submitted by

Talia Cohen
A Bill to Incorporate Financial Literacy into Public High Schools’ Curriculum

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Public schools will be required to incorporate a mandatory two-year financial literacy course into the curriculum of public high schools nationwide.

SECTION 2. A. The financial literacy courses will discuss issues including (but not limited to) student loans, personal accounting, debt management, taxes, insurances, the creation of savings plans, strategic investment, and budgeting.

B. All students will be required to pass this course to graduate from high school.

SECTION 3. The Department of Education will oversee the enforcement of this bill.

A. The Department of Education will create an End of Course Exam which will be administered annually in May.

SECTION 4. This legislation will be enacted at the start of the 2020-2021 academic year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sanah Singh.
A Bill to Increase Funding to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to Curb Disease Epidemics in the United States

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) shall be given an additional $800 million each year to fight and prevent the spread of harmful pathogens, per the CDC’s definition, in the United States.

SECTION 2. The CDC shall use this funding to:

A. Improve hospital response protocol during an epidemic by providing training, drills, lectures, etc. for hospital staff.

B. Purchase provisions to contain and treat patients for hospitals not currently equipped with supplies such as masks, HAZMAT suits, quarantine facilities, etc.

C. Develop public service announcements meant to either prevent an epidemic or respond in aiding containment.

SECTION 3. The Department of Health and Human Services shall implement this legislation. This legislation shall be funded by redirecting $800 million from the Department of Homeland Security annually.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall go into effect 1 year after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Gordon Li.
A Bill to Increase Health Literacy to Address the Mental Health Crisis in America

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Mental illness in America is on the rise and 1 in 5 Americans currently suffer from a serious mental health condition.

SECTION 2. Mental illness is defined as anxiety disorders, depression, personality disorders, eating disorders, attention disorders, chronic stress, addiction and any other disorder outlined in the American Psychiatric Association DSM-5.

SECTION 3. $25 billion will be allocated to the NIH, the NAMI, and the Department of Education, and congressional oversight will be provided by the House Ways and Means Committee.

A. The National Institute of Health (NIH) will be responsible for medical research in the field of mental health and health communications.

B. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) will be responsible for creating the campaigns.

C. The Department of Education will be responsible for implementing the campaigns and a curriculum to teach mental health awareness.

SECTION 4. This legislation will be enacted FY 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ian McPhearson.
A Bill to Increase Pay for Public Defense Attorneys

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States will increase the minimum pay for public defense attorneys. Public attorneys shall also be granted a minimum of 10 days paid time off.

SECTION 2. A public defense attorney shall be defined as any defense attorney that works for a local, state, or federal judicial system and is not under the employ of a private firm. Minimum pay shall be defined as the minimum amount that an employer must pay public defense attorneys.

SECTION 3. The United States Department of Justice and Department of Labor shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

A. The minimum yearly pay for public defense attorneys will be set at $75,000, excluding income tax.

B. $75 million will be allocated to the Department of Justice and the Department of Labor to oversee the funding for this bill.

SECTION 4. This law will go into effect on January 1st, 2020

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Caroline Koontz
A Bill to Increase the Construction of Aircraft Carriers to Increase US Naval Hegemony

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The U.S. shall authorize the construction of one large aircraft carrier every 5 years in order to increase US naval hegemony within the world.

SECTION 2. “Aircraft carrier” shall be defined as “a large ship that carries military aircraft and has a long, flat surface where they take off and land”

SECTION 3. The Department of Defense will oversee and fund the implementation of this legislation
   A. The building of aircraft carriers will be in the Fold class.
   B. Standard development and safety tests and restrictions, such as shock testing, will continue on the new construction of aircraft carriers.
   C. In addition, shock testing on the U.S.S. Gerald R. Ford will be put into effect.

SECTION 4. This bill will be put into effect on January 1, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sean O’Leary.
A Bill to Increase the Federal Minimum Wage

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The federal minimum wage will be steadily increase up to $12 per hour for covered nonexempt employees working in the United States of America.

SECTION 2. Steadily increased shall be defined as an increase to the federal minimum wage of $1.75 in the first fiscal year following the passage of this bill, followed by a $1 increase every subsequent year until the federal minimum wage reaches $12.

SECTION 3. The United States Department of Labor shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall go into effect in the fiscal year 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bharath Dileepkumar.
A Bill to Increase the Number of Public Defenders in America

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. 15% tax will be levied on all tobacco products. The revenue from this tax will go towards relieving all student debt for law students if the student works for ten years at a public defender’s office after graduation.

SECTION 2. Tobacco products will include cigarettes, loose tobacco, cigars, bidis, kreteks, chewing tobacco, snuff, dip, and snus.

SECTION 3. The Internal Revenue Service will enforce the tax on tobacco products, and the Department of Justice and the Department of Education will collaborate to allocate funds to students.

SECTION 4. This bill will take effect in fiscal year 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Nora Flynn-Mclver.
A Bill to Introduce Telemedicine to US K-12 Public Schools for Mental Health

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. The United States federal government will work with the Principal of each K-12 public school to assess and deliver semiannual mental health screenings to every member of the student body and to provide counselling through the service.

A. Schools shall utilize the TYTO Visit system or a similar system to deliver mental health counseling to students.
   1. Semiannual mental health screenings will be handled by individual schools by their counselors, nurses, or someone trained in behavioral analysis.

B. A K-12 public school may opt out of this section if the Principal or Board of directors of the school can demonstrate an existing ability to provide mental health screenings and individualized counseling to every student in the student body and submits a formal exemption request to the Secretary of the Department of Education. Schools that opt out of this section will be required to complete a yearly SHAPE evaluation.

Section 2. “Telemedicine” shall be defined as: the practice of medicine when the doctor and patient are widely separated using two-way voice and visual communication (as by computer or handheld device).

Section 3. Funding and oversight for this legislation will come from a cooperative effort between the Department of Health and the Department of Education. The Department of Education shall evaluate the SHAPE systems to determine funding for following years after implementation.

A. Each K-12 public school not under the exemption of Section 1(B) will have a budget of $100,000 each year per school for the first five years of implementation.
   1. Any extra money that schools have after paying for usage of the EMR system and/or the TYTO Visit System and their maintenance and personnel must go to sessions. Any funding left at the end of the school year for the first five years is grandfathered into the next year’s budget.
      a. The purchase of the TYTO Visit System and the EMR system are one-time, direct costs, provided the maintenance for the machines is upkept.

B. Schools can apply for grants through the federal government if these funds are determined insufficient after implementation for the first five years.
   1. The Center for School’s Mental Health’s “SHAPE” (School Health Assessment and Performance Evaluation System) must be used in schools to determine what programs the money will be used for in the schools. This program will also be used to determine if they are applicable to apply for more money through a federal grant.
      a. This evaluation system is free for schools to use and does not require extra funding.
      b. These evaluations will also determine if a school is not using funding correctly. If a school is being given too much money, the federal government can adjust the budget given to that school for the next school year after evaluating SHAPE for the previous year.

Section 4. After passage of this legislation, telemental health regulations will be regulated by the federal government through further legislation in order to create standard care laws to avoid discrepancies across state lines.

Section 5. This legislation will begin implementation two fiscal years after its passage. There will be a two-year implementation period for schools to purchase their TYTO system, and then there will be a five-year period before the first SHAPE evaluation is completed.

Section 6. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Taliah Blom.
A Bill to Legalize Euthanasia

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Doctor assisted suicide will be made legal in the United States of America for people above the age of 18. Parental consent will be required for people under 18.

SECTION 2. Euthanasia is defined as the painless killing of a patient with an incurable disease or an irreversible coma.

SECTION 3. The United States Department of Health and Human Services establish appropriate procedures and guidelines for doctors to follow. Doctors who fail to follow the established procedures and guidelines will be penalized.

SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect in January of 2020, and all laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Disha Vazir
A Bill to Limit Unjust Criminal Sentencing

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. American Citizens convicted of nonviolent and victimless crimes shall hereby be released from prison after fulfilling twenty (20) percent of their predetermined sentence.

SECTION 2. A. A Sentence is the punishment assigned to a defendant found guilty by a court, or fixed by law for a particular offense.

B. Victimless and nonviolent crimes are crimes where there is no apparent victim and no apparent pain or injury. Including, but not limited to:
   1) public drunkenness; vagrancy;
   2) various sexual acts usually involving consenting adults;
   3) drug offenses;
   4) gambling.

SECTION 3. The Department of Justice will oversee the implementation and maintenance of this legislation.

SECTION 4. Upon passage, the Department of Justice will begin a rollout procedure with the duration of two to four months per category of nonviolent crimes in numerical order.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Zoe San Martin.
A Bill to Make College Free

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States will pay for the cost of all tuitions of public universities.

SECTION 2. A public university shall be defined as a university that is primarily funded by public means.

SECTION 3. The United States Department of Education will oversee implementation of this bill.

A. The 75 billion dollars required to fund this project will first be taken from now obsolete student financial aid programs, and then from the Department of Defense budget.

B. Money will be allocated to universities proportionally based on number of students enrolled at the school.

SECTION 4. This bill will be implemented at the beginning of fiscal year 2020.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Darwin Harriss.
A Bill to Make Housing Affordable in the United States

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. This bill will allocate 10 billion additional dollars for housing grants for low-income families to make living in metropolitan areas more affordable.

SECTION 2. These additional grant funds will be awarded using current Department of Housing and Urban Development guidelines.

SECTION 3. The Department of Housing and Urban Development will oversee the implementation of this bill.

SECTION 4. This bill will be implemented upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Kiahn Tehranchi.
A Bill to Make Miner Adjustments

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A. The US government shall allocate an additional $100 Million annually to the POWER (Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization) Initiative in order to implement job retraining programs for those who have lost their jobs in the coal industry.
B. The United States shall no longer offer contracts or leases to any company for the purpose of mining coal on federally owned land.

SECTION 2. Job retraining programs shall consist of:
A. Qualified professionals teaching workers technical skills in fields such as computer science, information technology, and renewable energy.
B. Partnerships with institutions of higher education as well as scholarships for workers who wish to continue their studies.
C. Career counseling for job search and placement assistance

SECTION 3. A. The Economic Development Administration (EDA) and the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) shall oversee the implementation of the job retraining programs.
B. The Department of the Interior (DOI) and the Department of Energy (DOE) shall oversee Section 1B of this bill.
C. Funding in Section 1A shall be delegated to states through block grants.

SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect in the FY 2020 budget.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Josh Ezrol.
A Bill to Make Sanctuary Cities Universal

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Law enforcement officers are hereby prohibited from stopping, detaining, arresting, or searching an individual based on citizenship or immigration status.

SECTION 2. “Law enforcement officer” shall be defined as any government employee with the ability to enforce the law.

SECTION 3. The Department of Justice shall oversee enforcement of this legislation

A. Any warrant to detain or arrest an individual from Immigration and Customs Enforcement must first be approved by a local judge.

B. 300 million dollars shall be allocated for the purpose of hiring immigration judges and expanding immigration courts.

SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect at the start of the next Fiscal Year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Connor Beaney.
A Bill to Mandate Military Service

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All citizens must serve two (2) years of compulsory service in a branch of the United States Armed Forces between ages eighteen (18) to twenty-four (24).

SECTION 2. The branch of Armed Forces shall be chosen by the citizen.

SECTION 3. The Department of Defense will oversee the enforcement of the bill.

A. All requirements to join any one branch of the United States Armed Forces shall be enforced with the mandated service.

B. Immigrants who are naturalized after turning age twenty-two (22) will not be required to serve in the United States Armed Forces.

SECTION 4. This bill shall be implemented on January 1 of the next year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Demetrios Patrinos.
A Bill to Nationalize the Private Sector of Space Exploration

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All private companies whose sole purpose is space exploration will be nationalized and considered a branch of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

SECTION 2. Space exploration shall be defined as any venture outside of the Earth’s atmosphere.

SECTION 3. This bill will be implemented by the US Department of Commerce in conjunction with NASA.

SECTION 4. This bill will be implemented by January 1st, 2022.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dashiell DeStefano.
A Bill to Permanently Ban Uranium Mining on the Grand Canyon

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The practice of uranium mining is hereby permanently prohibited within and around the Grand Canyon region. Any companies who have set up before the 2012 moratorium will be given five years to dismantle production and leave the area.

SECTION 2. A. Uranium mining is defined as the process of extraction of uranium ore from the ground.

B. Grand Canyon region is defined as the region bounded on the west by the Grand Wash drainage and includes the Little Colorado River watershed to the south and East.

SECTION 3. The Department of energy will be responsible for implementation of this bill.

SECTION 4. This bill will be implemented within three months of passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Saajan Patel
A Bill to Permit the Importation of Prescription Medication from Canada

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A. The United States Department of Health and Human Services shall allow prescription medication that has been approved for use in Canada to be imported into as well as sold in the United States.

B. On behalf of Medicare Part D, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall be authorized to negotiate drug prices with domestic pharmaceutical companies as well as Canadian manufacturers of drugs approved by Health Canada.

SECTION 2. A. “Prescription medication” shall be defined as a pharmaceutical drug that requires a medical practitioner’s authorization for access.

B. Medication that has been approved for use in Canada must have been approved by the department Health Canada.

SECTION 3. The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the implementation of this bill.

SECTION 4. This bill will take into effect immediately after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Roopa Irakam.
A Bill to Phase Out the Federal Use of Private Prisons

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States federal government will phase out the use of private prisons and/or for-profit prisons.

SECTION 2. A private prison or for-profit prison shall be defined as a place in which individuals are physically confined or incarcerated by a third party that is contracted by a government agency. Phase out shall be defined as the act of discontinuing a process or project.

SECTION 3. Immediately from passage, every year the United States will reduce the number of prisoners in private prisons by 20% from the number at the time of passage. Therefore, in five years, the use of private prisons shall be completed phased out.

A. All contracts with private prison corporations shall be terminated and no new contracts shall be implemented.

SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect immediately.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Suhail Younus.
A Bill to Prevent Natural Gas Leaks

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Environmental Protection Agency shall be required to:

A. Create regulations which will reduce the number of natural gas leaks due to hydraulic fracturing.

B. Publish, for implementation, these regulations no later than six months after the passing of this bill.

SECTION 2. Natural gas refers to any gas which is taken from underneath the ground. Fracking refers to the method of using chemical compounds to drill and blow up natural gas reserves.

SECTION 3. The Department of Energy will work with the Environmental Protection Agency to ensure the implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect upon passage.

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

Introduced by Kenny Smith
A Bill to Prevent Public Colleges in the United States from Restricting Constitutionally Protected Speech

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Funding of public colleges and universities in the US will be reduced if they restrict constitutionally protected speech. Funding of these institutions will decrease by 12% if the college does not comply when the legislation is first enacted. Funding will be reduced 1% more every single year until it reaches a cap of 20%.

SECTION 2. A. Public colleges shall be defined as any institution of higher education or any technical or vocational school above the secondary school level, that is operated by a State, subdivision of a State, or governmental agency within a State, or operated wholly or predominantly from or through the use of governmental funds or property, or funds or property derived from a governmental source.

B. Constitutionally protected free speech shall be defined as the right to express information, ideas, and opinions free of government restrictions based on the content and subject only to reasonable limitations (as the power of the government to avoid a clear and present danger) especially as guaranteed by the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

SECTION 3. The Department of Education will enforce this legislation.

SECTION 4. This bill will take effect at the beginning of the 2020 school year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Andreas Pantazakos.
A BILL TO PROHIBIT INTERVENTION OF THE UNITED STATES IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

BE ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. The sovereignty of the United States of America, free country and independent of all foreign power, is inviolable. In fact:

1) None of the public authorities organized by the United States Constitution may perform or permit the performance of acts that constitute a direct or indirect intervention in the internal or external affairs of the United States or an interference that threatens the personality and integrity of the country and of the attributes that are recognized and enshrined in the Constitution.

2) The principle of non-intervention is an invariable norm of the American international politics.

Section 2. The United States of America will agree to respect the sovereignty of all foreign countries.

Section 3. “Intervention” shall be defined as the interference of a government in a foreign nation.

Section 4. This bill will be enforced by the United States Department of Justice and United States Department of Defense.

Section 5. Without prejudice to the provisions of this law:

1) Any intervention, sanction or other decisions that the government has made before the issuance of this law will not be affected by it.

2) The United States shall only intervene in those nations that feel threatened against the sovereignty of the nation.

Section 6. This bill will be in force immediately upon passage.

Section 7. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby considered null or void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Christian Hernandez
A Bill to Promote Mandarin Language Education

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A. $500 million annually shall be given in grants to public K-12 schools in order to run Mandarin language education programs.

B. A guest worker program will be established to allow qualified teachers of Mandarin Chinese to teach in the United States.

SECTION 2. “Public K-12 Schools” are taxpayer-funded schools free to the general public with students from kindergarten to twelfth (12th) grade. The “Mandarin” language shall be defined as the standard and official form of the Chinese language. The “guest worker” program consists of recruiting qualified foreign nationals to work full time teaching Mandarin at a public K-12 school, and the provision of cap-exempt H1B visas to do so.

SECTION 3. The Department of Education and the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services will oversee implementation of this legislation.

A. Priority for funding will be given to elementary schools and Title 1 schools.

SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect July 1, 2020 in preparation for the 2020-2021 school year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Albert Zhang.
A Bill to Provide Aid to MERCOSUR Countries

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall send $800 million in total to the countries within the MERCOSUR bloc.

SECTION 2. A. The $800 million will be divided among the countries based on Department of State reports in order to accommodate for a particular country’s needs.

B. The aid will be used for infrastructure and humanitarian aid.

C. The MERCOSUR countries that will receive aid are Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, and Suriname.

SECTION 3. A. The Department of State and USAID shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

B. If a country is found to be misusing the aid, the United States will implement economic sanctions on the country.

SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect 30 days after passage, and all laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Riya Patel.
A Bill to Provide Development Aid to the Northern Triangle

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) shall distribute one billion dollars of development aid to non-governmental organizations (NGOs) operating within the Northern Triangle to stabilize the region and improve the lives of local people.

B. USAID shall create a proposal process for NGO’s and award grants based on past performance, technical approach, personnel, corporate capability, and management plans.

SECTION 2. A. The Northern Triangle shall be defined as the following countries:

Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador.

B. Development aid shall be defined as agricultural, economic, educational, and medical aid.

SECTION 3. USAID shall be charged with implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall be implemented over the span of five years, with two hundred million dollars allocated each year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Daniela Williams.
A Bill to Provide Humanitarian Aid to Yemen

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. $500 million USD shall be allocated to the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to provide humanitarian assistance to Yemen.

SECTION 2. Humanitarian assistance will include, but is not limited to medical, food, and water sanitation assistance.

SECTION 3. The Department of State, Department of Defense, and USAID shall oversee enforcement of this legislation.

A. If Saudi Arabia does not end its naval blockade surrounding Yemen, sanctions shall immediately be placed on the country.

B. Any and all current and future arms sales to Saudi Arabia shall be halted.

C. “Arms sales” shall be defined as the sale of weaponry and tactical support systems.

SECTION 4. Sections 3A and 3B shall go into effect immediately, while Section 1 shall go into effect at the start of Fiscal Year 2020 to allow for appropriate funding allocation.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bambi Zhuang.
A Bill to Recognize Climate Refugees

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A. The Immigration and Nationality Act (1965) shall be amended to include climate change displaced persons as eligible for refugee status.
B. A quota of 100,000 eligible climate change displaced person shall be granted refugee status each fiscal year in perpetuity.

SECTION 2. Climate change displaced persons shall be defined as environmental migrants who were forced to flee due to sudden or gradual alterations in the natural environment related to at least one of three impacts of climate change: sea-level rise, extreme weather events, and drought and water scarcity.

SECTION 3. The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services and Immigration and Customs Enforcement shall be responsible for enforcement and oversight of this legislation.

SECTION 4. The provisions of this bill shall take effect at the start of FY2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ben Nicholson.
A BILL TO recognize Puerto Rican statehood to promote economic growth

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Puerto Rico shall henceforth be recognized as a state, provided they agree to in a referendum.

SECTION 2. They will be apportioned 2 Senate seats and 5 House of Representative seats.

SECTION 3. The State department shall be responsible for implementation and enforcement of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This bill shall go into effect 3 months upon its passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. RJ Jain
A Bill to Recognize the Sovereign Nation of Palestine

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. With the passing of this bill, the United States would recognize the nation of Palestine and their territorial claims while also recognizing the nation of Israel as part of a two state solution.

SECTION 2. The territory belonging to Palestine will consist of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, without including the city of Jerusalem.

SECTION 3. The Department of Defense will be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill by providing military stability in the region to ensure that peace is maintained between the two nations.

SECTION 4. The full provisions of this bill will be implemented by January 1, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Will Tucker
A Bill to Reduce Sanctions on North Korea

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1  SECTION 1. The United States shall remove sanctions on the trade and exportation
2   of any and all necessities to The Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (North Korea).
3  SECTION 2. Necessities shall be defined as goods and materials that are essential to human
4   survival and agriculture.
5  SECTION 3. The Department of State shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.
6  SECTION 4. This legislation shall go into effect immediately after passage.
7  SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Anwen He.
A BILL TO REDUCE THE TIMESPAN OF THE ADOPTION PROCESS TO END THE NATIONAL ORPHAN CRISIS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The maximum time it takes to review and assess a potential adopter shall be set at a one and a half (1.5) years for domestic adoptions, and three (3) years for international adoptions.

SECTION 2. “Review and Assess” shall be defined as any pre-application, home studies/visits, and training/classes that the adopter would have to complete before the adoption of a child.

SECTION 3. The United States Department of State will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation will be implemented at the beginning of the fiscal year after passage, and all laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Kayla Howie
A Bill to Reform the System of American Agricultural Subsidies

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States will reform the system of agricultural subsidies.

A. Subsidies will be withheld from the farmers with the top 10% of revenue.

B. The funds saved will be diverted to the remaining farms seeking federal subsidies.

SECTION 2. The Department of Agriculture will oversee the implementation of the subsidy program.

SECTION 4. The legislation will go into effect immediately at the start of the Fiscal Year 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Stella O’Brien
A Bill to Reform the Immigration Process to Encourage Educated Immigrants

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States will increase the budget for the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) by 1.2 billion dollars and raise the immigration cap by 50,000 people a year to offer a merit based green card application.

SECTION 2. The USCIS will use this funding to streamline and modernize the immigration process.

SECTION 3. The Bureau of US Citizenship and Immigration Services (BCIS), under the Department of Homeland Security will oversee the implementation of this bill.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall be implemented in FY 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Medha Gupta.
A Bill to Reinstate the United States Space Command to combat aggressive actions towards satellites

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. United States Space Command will become a separate branch of the United States military and receive funding and personnel from the Department of Defense. It will be an armed force dealing entirely in space.

SECTION 2. United States Space Command: Now functioning as a section of the Air Force. Space Command is a proposed branch of the United States military that specifically focuses on protecting and finding American interests in space. Separate branch: An armed forces section of the military independent of other sections not receiving any personnel or funding any other subsection in the military possess.

SECTION 3. The Department of Defense shall create a new branch and fund the program with $100 billion every five years in order to purchase equipment and train military personnel in order to combat other countries’ aggressive tactics in space. A space academy shall be set up to recruit personnel and work on equipment. The location of the branch and security of Space Command shall be up to the Department of Defense to decide in order to best serve the purpose of Space Command. Those in charge of Space Command will stay in their respective positions and command the branch. All personnel will comply with security or be fired from their positions.

A. If the Department of Defense does not comply, their budget will be slashed $10 billion every year until compliance.

B. Taxes shall be raised in order to support the program, as it is a necessity to national security and public well-being as other countries seek to take United States’ satellites and space territory.

SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect January 1st, 2021, and all laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Isaiah Timbers
A BILL TO REMOVE TARIFFS AND PROTECT THE AMERICAN ECONOMY

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED

SECTION 1: All tariffs enacted in 2018 by the President of the United States will be removed.

SECTION 2: Tariff shall be defined as any tax, duty or surcharge on imports or exports imposed by the United States on goods from any nation.

SECTION 3: All tariffs shall be subject to review by this Congress to determine if they are necessary and beneficial to the US economy and should remain in place.

SECTION 4: Congress will be required to approve all tariffs the President implements under Section 232 of the trade law. Any such approval requested shall be fast tracked by Congress.

SECTION 5: The implementation of this legislation will be overseen by the Treasury Department.

SECTION 6: This legislation shall be enacted immediately after passage.

SECTION 7: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Devyn Sword
A Bill to Repeal the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act shall be repealed, and all institutions created by it shall be dissolved.

A. All regulation created in reference to The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act shall be hereby repealed, and any institutions created by such regulation shall also be dissolved.

B. All institutions whose powers were expanded by The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act or any regulation related to it shall have such powers revoked.

SECTION 2. A regulation created in reference to The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act is any piece of legislation whose meaning is changed by this bill.

SECTION 3. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and The Federal Reserve shall be tasked with implementing this bill.

A. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation shall be charged with implementing this bill as it pertains to Commercial Banks.

B. The Federal Reserve shall be charged with implementing this bill as it pertains to all other financial institutions.

SECTION 4. This bill shall go into effect on January 1, 2022, and all laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lucas Pombo.
A Bill to Revolutionize
Feminine Hygiene Products

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Feminine Hygiene products shall be excluded from all taxes, except for sales tax.

SECTION 2. Feminine Hygiene products shall be defined as personal care products used during menstruation including pads, tampons, pantyliners, menstrual cups, etc.

SECTION 3. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) shall oversee the enforcement of this bill.

SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect on January 1st, 2020, and all laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Representative Lindsay Douglass.
A Bill to Rid the United States of For-Profit Schools

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The use and continuation of For-Profit schools shall hereby be abolished.

SECTION 2. A. “For-Profit School” shall be defined as educational institutions operated by private, profit-seeking businesses.

B. The Department of Education shall determine what shall be done to the physical manifestations of these educational facilities, and any previous governmental funding towards these facilities will be reallocated through discretion of the Department of Education.

SECTION 3. The Department of Education shall be responsible for implementation and execution of this bill.

SECTION 4. Will be put into action at the start of Fiscal Year 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Grant Davis
A Bill to Separate Church from State.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States federal government shall remove mention of religion from official aspects of state.

SECTION 2. The following shall be changed:

A. “Under God” shall be removed from the pledge of allegiance.
B. Swearing an oath shall never be accompanied by any text.
C. Newly printed U. S. Currency shall not include “In God We Trust”
D. The phrase “So help me God” shall not appear in any oath or courtroom proceeding.

SECTION 3. The U. S. Department of Justice and the U. S. Department of the Treasury shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Luca Zislin
A Bill to Stabilize South and East Asia

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States will provide military aid to support stability in the regions of Southeast Asia, the South China Sea, and the Sea of Japan.

SECTION 2. “Military Aid” shall be defined as both troops and technological assistance
   A. The United States shall increase its military presence in the area by adding 25 F-16 Fighter Jets and 25 A-10 Warthogs in addition to the crew stationed in South Korea. A report from the Department of Defense shall be reported to Congress every 90 days, and adjustments will be made accordingly. Adjustments include both numerical differences and what combat arms are distributed.
   B. Technological assistance refers to the installment of Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense and Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) systems in South Korea.

SECTION 3. The Department of Defense will be responsible for both implementation and funding.

SECTION 4. This legislation will be enforced two years after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Grace Boutouli
A Bill to Stop the Side Effects

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Direct to consumer advertising of prescription drugs will hereby be prohibited.

A. Medical Industry Publications will be exempt from the advertising prohibition.

B. Any violation of this will result in the removal of Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval of the drug being advertised.

SECTION 2. “Direct to consumer advertising” will be defined as any advertising that is directed at patients or their families. “Medical Industry Publications” will be defined as any publication with an intended and substantial readership by medical professionals.

SECTION 3. The Food and Drug Administration will oversee the enforcement of this bill along with the following specific enforcement mechanisms:

A. Classification of periodicals as Medical Industry Publications

B. Creation of a public reporting structure for violations of Section 1

C. Investigation and consequences of said violations.

SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect July 4, 2019, and all laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ted Kamin.
A Bill to Subsidize Contraception for All Women Ages 18 to 30 to Maintain the Health of Our Society

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All women between the ages of 18 to 30 living in the United States will have free access to contraceptive pills.

SECTION 2. “Contraceptive pill” are to be defined as any drug in the tablet form which prevents pregnancy with little risk to the woman.

SECTION 3. Planned Parenthood. In coordination with the US Department of Health and Human Services, will be in charge of the implementation of this legislation. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will allocate $6 billion per year to Planned Parenthood in order to properly implement this legislation.

SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect on January 1, 2020 and all laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cameron Hines
A Bill to tax all High Frequency Trading conducted
The U.S.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A bill to tax all High Frequency Trades that are conducted in the U.S. Stock Exchange by 3% to protect against crashes such as the 2010 stock market crash.

SECTION 2. High Frequency Trading will be defined as: a type of algorithmic trading in which large volumes of shares are bought and sold automatically at very high speeds.

SECTION 3. Securities and Exchange Commission will oversee the enforcement of this legislation by fining all companies that fail to meet these standards the company will be fined 10% of their companywide earnings for the next 5 years.

1. If a company then fails to pay those fines their fines will then be increased by a further 5%.
2. If a company proves they are unable to pay their taxes or fines then all fines and taxes related to HFTs will be declared null and void and HFT related equipment will be seized to pay their debt.

SECTION 4. Legislation will be implemented and enforced by October 1st of 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ian Cook.
A Bill to Tax Big Corporations to End Homelessness

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. For corporations with an annual revenue surpassing $50 billion, a .5% tax will be levied to fund resources for those experiencing homelessness. Companies with revenues below $50 billion will not be affected.

SECTION 2. The .5% tax will be tacked onto the current federal corporate tax of 21% effectively creating a federal corporate tax of 21.5% for the companies affected.

SECTION 3. The Internal Revenue Service will be responsible for the administration of the tax and the Department of Health & Human Services will oversee the usage of the funds raised by the tax.

SECTION 4. This shall take effect April 1, 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Abiram Gangavaram.
A Bill to Tax the Second to Secure the Sixth

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall establish a fund to support under resourced public defenders and increase the number of active public defenders.

SECTION 2. Public Defenders shall be defined as lawyers employed at public expense in a criminal trial to represent a defendant who is unable to afford legal assistance.

SECTION 3. The Department of Justice shall oversee the implementation of this Bill and allocation of collected funds.

A. Each state will be responsible for collecting the funds for this Bill.

B. A 10% sales tax on the sale of handguns and 20% sales tax on long guns shall be enacted. All ammunition and other firearms or accessories will be taxed at 15%.

C. These sales taxes will be in addition to any previously established sales taxes, as set by federal entities, individual states and municipalities.

D. States not in compliance with this legislation will no longer be eligible for Federal law enforcement grants.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect January 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Adam Kalman.
A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Change the Second Amendment

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: The Second Amendment of the United States intended for the fundamental purpose of protection of the safety, security and citizens of the United States will hear by be rephrased to say the following. "A well-regulated law enforcement, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms for defense, shall not be infringed."

SECTION 2: The intent of such changes will be defined by the Department of Justice: As bearing adequate arms for self-defense and protection under category H and B firearm definitions.

SECTION 3: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Skylar Dixon-Englert.
A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Prohibit the Political Involvement of Organizations That Promote Racial Superiority in Order to Protect Minorities

WHEREAS, The tragic events that took place on August 12, 2017, in Charlottesville, Virginia prove that white nationalism and neo-Nazism remain very real threats to social and racial progress; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the course of our nation’s history, white nationalism has promoted intimidation and violent repression of individuals solely on the basis of their race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, and immigration status; and

WHEREAS, While free speech is a bedrock value for Americans, white nationalist and neo-Nazi groups promote agendas that are in irreconcilable conflict with our nation’s foundational principles of liberty and justice for all; and now, therefore, be it

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: All political organizations that promote racial superiority shall be outlawed

SECTION 2: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

A Resolution to Ban Congressional Lobbyists to End the Revolving Door Phenomenon

WHEREAS, The FEC only bans Congress members from becoming lobbyists within a year of the end of their final term; and

WHEREAS, Congressional representatives and senators are able to legally obtain a lobbyist position before they leave office including Senate majority leaders and Ex- House Speakers; and

WHEREAS, The relationships created by being a congress member creates lame duck sessions and fosters political polarity; and

WHEREAS, the lobbyist industry based on Supreme Court ruling in Citizens United v. FEC has limitless power of funding; and

WHEREAS, Administration members and Cabinet members are already banned from lobbying for foreign governments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation to the FEC for the solution of a life-time ban on Congress members becoming lobbyists; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That funding for the FEC increase to ensure proper oversight to end shadow lobbying.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Timothy Broussard.
A Resolution to Call for a Convention
Under Article V of The Constitution

WHEREAS, There is bipartisan support for a constitutional convention among many NGOs and PACs

WHEREAS, Twelve states have passed a resolution calling for a constitutional convention and another eighteen are considering a similar measure

WHEREAS, Many issues facing the nation are sought to be addressed by the states such as to repeal the 17th amendment, consistent voter ID laws among all states for national elections, amendments to Article V, the electoral college, etc.

WHEREAS, Under status quo, a constitutional convention doesn’t have to have a purpose or any reasoning behind it and should; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled make the recommendation for a constitutional convention among all fifty states of the United States of America

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Raunak Pandey.
A Resolution to Calm Current Tensions with Russia

WHEREAS, Russia and the United States have entered a period of tension given American threats to withdraw from the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty; and

WHEREAS, American officials believe the Russian government to be violating said treaty through development of their cruise missile system; and

WHEREAS, The American government has given Russia an ultimatum to conform their weapon development plans to the guidelines outlined in the treaty within 60 days, or risk America pulling out of the treaty entirely; and

WHEREAS, President Putin has expressed his feelings that Russia is being unfairly singled out by Western nations in order to give America an opportunity to leave the treaty, and

WHEREAS, President Putin has threatened to expedite the development of intermediate nuclear missiles if the United States leaves the treaty; no, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled believes that the United States ought not to leave the treaty, in order to maintain civil relations with Russia – one of the nation’s largest nuclear competitors; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the United States ought to impose an alternative penalty such as tariffs upon Russia as punishment if the latter does not conform to the guidelines of the treaty within the given 60 days.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Charlotte Gu.
A Resolution to Encourage Personal Privacy

WHEREAS, in decades of technological advancements, many American citizens have become increasingly concerned about federal surveillance; and

WHEREAS, the passage of the USA PATRIOT act after September 2001 only increased these fears; and

WHEREAS, the proliferation of federal agencies such as the National Security Agency indicate our government’s involvement in the collection of personal data; and

WHEREAS, incrimination of whistleblowers such as Edward Snowden violate principles of free speech; and

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court has ruled that the Constitution protects a right to privacy that is seemingly being violated; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that the federal government cease the collection and observation of personal data from individual citizens.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ashlyn Dahl.
A Resolution to Encourage the United Nations to Implement Sanctions on the Philippines

WHEREAS, The Philippines is currently committing severe terrors against its people with its violent drug war; and

WHEREAS, Filipino officials are systematically planning a massacre to rid the country of suspected drug dealers and users, including the slaughter of 20,000 Filipino citizens since President Duterte was elected to office in 2016, with foreign intervention being the only solution for this humanitarian catastrophe; and

WHEREAS, The massacre will only continuously increase the amount of lives lost in the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, Such sanctions have historically deterred the actions of hostile nations;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled encourage the United Nations to implement sanctions on the Philippines.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by You-Wei Lai.*
A Resolution to End Birthright Citizenship

WHEREAS, There are around 5 million children born to illegal immigrants on United States soil, who were born citizens; and

WHEREAS, Simply being born on American soil should not qualify someone to be a citizen; and

WHEREAS, No person has the inalienable right to United States citizenship simply by being on American soil; now, therefore, be it

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: Any persons born of two non-American Citizens shall not, upon birth be a citizen of the United States, and are thereof not entitled to any of the privileges of citizenship. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall grant citizenship to any persons not naturalized as citizens or born of an American citizen.

SECTION 2: The Congress shall have power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

Respectfully submitted,

Will Power
A Resolution to End the Korean Conflict

WHEREAS, Recent talks with North Korea concerning their nuclear arsenal have gone nowhere; and

WHEREAS, President Trump and his administration's policy provides no incentive for North Korea to denuclearize while crippling North Korea’s population through sanctions; and

WHEREAS, The presence of these weapons threatens the security of the United States and our allies; and

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation that North Korea shows proof of the destruction of their major nuclear weapon sites; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That if North Korea complies, the United States shall retract 6,000 troops from South Korea and send $100 million in humanitarian aid to North Korea.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Christian Rodriguez
A Resolution to Establish a Comprehensive National Plan for Combating Climate Change

WHEREAS, the issue of climate change and global warming is a worldwide problem humankind currently faces; and

WHEREAS, due to the United States’ high level of production capacity and industrialization, we are a major contributor to greenhouse gas emissions, pollution, et cetera worldwide; and

WHEREAS, climate change is resulting in increase of temperatures and thereby melting of polar ice caps and rising sea levels, which are on track to create two billion refugees by 2100; and

WHEREAS, climate change is resulting in increase of temperatures and thereby vastly increasing the transmission range of vector-borne diseases such as malaria and dengue fever, which kill 700,000 annually and already put 3.9 billion at risk; and

WHEREAS, this rising in temperature is able to be remediated through various methods of cutting US emissions; and

WHEREAS, cars and trucks account for 1/5th of US emissions simply through driving, while electric vehicles produce only half of the emissions of gasoline vehicles throughout their entire lifetimes including battery manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, pollutant production in industry can be remediated through methods that both reduce climate change impacts and increases financial performance and efficiency of adopting companies by 5 to 8%; and

WHEREAS, mitigating climate change can only be done efficiently on a worldwide rather than merely national scale through global cooperation; and

WHEREAS, international cooperation in trade of equipment for the development and harnessing of renewable resources is a net benefit to the United States and its people; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Congress here assembled create legislation to establish federal subsidies on the manufacturing of batteries and other materials intended for electric cars, as well as the assembly from these materials and maintenance of electric cars; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that additional legislation should be drafted to incentivize and/or mandate companies to reduce use of pollutants, implement methods of treating toxic nonmetal and heavy metal byproducts such as biological degradation and electrokinetic treatment, conduct research into new techniques for distillation and chemical separation in cooperation with the EPA, and implement “low-use” techniques; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a committee should be established to examine tariffs and trade restrictions on equipment for developing, utilizing, or harnessing renewable energy resources as an alternative to nonrenewable energy sources.

Introduced by Representative Liam Mackey
A Resolution to Expel Turkey from NATO

WHEREAS, Turkey has become increasingly more authoritarian; and

WHEREAS, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has continued to imprison journalists and commit human rights violations; and

WHEREAS, Ankara’s has violated the basic requirements of NATO membership, e.g. upholding democracy, tolerating diversity, and ensuring firm civilian control and compatibility with other NATO forces; and

WHEREAS, In order to conserve the trust of our allies and uphold the basic principles of NATO; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled shall support expelling Turkey from NATO

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Layla Christie
WHEREAS, The United Nations has failed to reach its goal of decolonization before the year of 2010; and
WHEREAS, There are still 16 territories worldwide under a colonial power without self-governance; and
WHEREAS, United Nations decolonization efforts have gone largely ignored since the adoption of Resolution 1514 in the year 1960; and
WHEREAS, The United States has shared the United Nations convictions for global self-governance; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That the United States Congress here assembled make the following recommendation the formation of a joint commission between 20 countries of the General Assembly, including the permanent members of the Security Council, and UNESCO to create new standards and requirements for decolonization; and, be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, That the newly formed commission will be required to have the final decolonization process started before the year 2025 to ensure self-governance to those living under the last vestiges of imperialism

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Stephen Worsham.
A Resolution to Prioritize the Replacement of Traffic Light Intersections with Roundabouts

1 WHEREAS, Personal vehicles account for one-fifth of all US carbon emissions,
2 producing 24 pounds of carbon dioxide and greenhouse gases per gallon;
3 and
4 WHEREAS, Oil-related emissions are increasing as the industry increases extraction
5 and refinement of alternate oil sources; and
6 WHEREAS, Avoiding unnecessary oil emissions can be a small step towards a larger
7 solution; and
8 WHEREAS, Roundabout intersections reduce idling time of vehicles, decreasing
9 emissions; and
10 WHEREAS, Intersections converted to roundabouts are able to reduce vehicle
11 accidents and injuries stemming from those accidents; and
12 WHEREAS, The construction of a roundabout is more cost effective than a traditional
13 traffic light intersection; now, therefore, be it
14 RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that future federal infrastructure
15 prioritize the replacement of traffic light intersections with roundabouts.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dhilan Chettri
A Resolution to Promote Free Trade Agreements with African Nations

WHEREAS, Chinese corporations are investing and expanding into multiple countries 2 in Africa; and

WHEREAS, African nations are slowly dealing with increased Chinese economic influence within their borders; and

WHEREAS, Due to Chinese political and economic interests in the region being of greater importance than the livelihood of the civilians of African Nations, any form of Chinese control of any African sector could be potentially 8 disastrous; and

WHEREAS, The United States stands to prosper greatly, both economically and politically, by reaching out to African nations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation to enter talks with African nations in order to create free trade agreements.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Shiva Kandala
A Resolution to Protect Americans’ Privacy

WHEREAS, Under policies like the Patriot Act, American citizens’ privacy and right are being violated; and

WHEREAS, Under the Patriot Act, almost 200,000 National Security Letters (NSLs), allowing personal information to be obtained by the FBI without a judge’s approval; and

WHEREAS, Despite the number of NSLs issued, this has resulted in only one terror-related conviction; and

WHEREAS, The information obtained by this method is not destroyed but can still be accessed by the FBI;

WHEREAS, The Patriot Act also allows federal law enforcement agencies to search Americans’ homes and offices, photograph them and seize property and electronic communications, only notifying them after the fact; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled recommend that the Patriot Act be replaced with a policy that better protects Americans; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That no future policies are passed that will further endanger Americans’ privacy.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Caleb Shook.
A Resolution to Recognize an Independent Palestinian State to Improve Relations within the Levant

WHEREAS, The United States does not currently recognize Palestine; and

WHEREAS, The lack of international recognition limits the Palestinians’ efforts; and

WHEREAS, Historically the Palestinian people have been suppressed and faced discrimination from the Israeli national government; and

WHEREAS, Recognition could help bring about further negotiation between Israel and Palestine to ensure peace; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for solution to recognize an independent Palestinian state and actively pursue further recognition within the United Nations and among other International Organizations; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the United States provide Palestine developmental and economic assistance.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Aissatou Sabara.
A Resolution to Recognize the Drastic Loss of Bees
As a National Emergency

1. WHEREAS, The drastic loss of bees in the natural world leads to failure of many crops; and

2. WHEREAS, The loss of bees in the agricultural industry will inevitably lead to large harms in a multitude of industries

3. WHEREAS, Due to a reduction of pollination in agriculture, crop failures will occur and thus, food production will vastly decrease; and

4. WHEREAS, This reduction in agricultural and other food production industries will inevitably lead to economic failure, and potentially economic collapse

5. RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for solution to recognize the decreasing bee population as a national emergency as a first step to solving the potentially global issue of bee loss; and, be it

6. FURTHER RESOLVED, That funds ought to be allocated as a method of preserving the bee population or ensuring a method of synthetic pollination to secure environmental stability.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Noah Campbell.
A Resolution to Rejoin the Paris Climate Accord Agreement

WHEREAS, In September of 2016 The United States held a conference with over 190 nations whom all agreed to the agreement (with the exceptions of Russia Turkey Iran and Colombia); and on June 1st of 2017 The United States withdrew from the accords under a new executive administration we have contradicted our stance on fighting climate change.

WHEREAS, The National Aeronautics and Space Exploration (NASA) warn that if fossil-fuel burning continues at a business-as-usual rate, such that humanity exhausts the reserves over the next few generations, CO2 will continue to rise to levels of order of 1500 ppm. The atmosphere would then not return to pre-industrial levels even tens of thousands of years into the future.; and have irreversible effects to the environment.

WHEREAS, The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) as a direct response to United States opposition to the true implications of climate change requested the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) to produce a special report to confirm “the impacts of global warming above the 1.5 degrees Celsius mark, and has such produced damning results including rising sea levels causing millions in severe flooding for major coastal cities, the complete submergent of island nations with a certain refugee crisis to accompany it, as well as rising air pollution, and the possibility of international resource conflicts.

WHEREAS, The American people have been misled by the current executive administration on the real and dramatic impacts of climate change who favors business, coal, and manufacturing over the safety and security of the United States,

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that The United States rejoin the international communities approach to stopping climate change by Rejoining the Paris climate agreement.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jeremiah Williams.
A Resolution to Relocate Threatened Island Peoples

WHEREAS, Sea levels are rising which puts many indigenous island populations at risk including those of the Marshall, Majuro, and Solomon Islands, the Maldives, and Kiribati; and

WHEREAS, As sea levels rise these islands containing indigenous populations will be underwater; and

WHEREAS, When said islands are lost to rising sea levels the populations of these islands will lose their land, homes, and potentially their lives; and

WHEREAS, This threat could result in the extinction of indigenous island peoples; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation:

for Threatened Indigenous Island Populations be relocated to the U.S. and be granted full legal U.S. residence by 2025, beginning in 2022.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dina Kaplan.
A Resolution to Replace Coal Mining with Clean Energy in Coal States

1 Whereas, coal is used to produce 70% of the country’s power and is the
2 largest producer of greenhouse gas emissions and generates millions of tons
3 of waste; and,
4 Whereas, coal is a dying industry.; and.
5 Whereas, the United States has demonstrated a commitment to address
6 the dependency on coal; and.
7 Whereas, many states are hesitant to introduce a new form of energy
8 due to their dependence on coal and, now, be it.
9 Resolved. that the United States Federal Government should aid states who
10 are predominately dependent on coal in transitioning towards clean energy
11 alternatives.

Respectfully submitted. Representative Madison Suszek
A Resolution to Take Action Against the Rise of Totalitarianism in Eastern Europe

WHEREAS, Nationalistic and ethnic sentiment has arisen in our sister republics and nations of Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, and Poland,

WHEREAS, Foreign refugees fleeing violent conflict have suffered from poor treatment and denial of their rights in aforementioned nations,

WHEREAS, The governments of aforementioned nations have clamped down on the freedoms of press, information, and speech in their domestic spheres,

WHEREAS, Such policies and developments in aforementioned nations have led to a serious decline in democracy and slide towards totalitarianism,

RESOLVED, The Congress publicly condemn and denounce the governments of Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, and Poland, and demand they end their restrictions on the free press and speech, as well as follow established E.U. guidelines for refugees,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That if the regimes of Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, and Poland fail to comply with our demands within 1 month, the United States impose sanctions, recall all non-essential diplomatic attachés, and end military aid to these nations.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Injae Lee.
A RESOLUTION TO URGE ISRAEL TO CED UNLAWFUL SETTLEMENTS TO PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES

WHEREAS, Israel has long established various unlawful settlements on Palestinian grounds.

WHEREAS, These settlements are in direct violation of the United Nations Partition plan of 1948, and the UN has continually allowed for the acquisition of Palestinian land.

WHEREAS, Israel has committed several human rights violations and war crimes towards the Palestinian people.

WHEREAS, The United States should allocate its resources to ensure that the violating occupations are ceded to Palestine in accordance with the UN Partition plan of 1948 (A/RES/181(II))

RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for solution to heavily enforce the UN Partition Plan; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the United States of America remains a country that beacons freedom and equality to the rest of the world.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Humza Rahman
A Resolution to Urge the President to Condemn Uighur Detention in China

WHEREAS, The Chinese government has detained members of the Uighur population against their will without trial; and

WHEREAS, An estimated 1 million Uighurs have already been detained in internment style camps in China’s Xianjing province; and

WHEREAS, The Uighur population’s freedom of religion and right to a fair trial have been violated; and

WHEREAS, China has continued Uighur detention despite condemnation from the United Nations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled condemn the Chinese government for their Uighur detention; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Congress urge the President to use the Global Magnitsky Act to sanction Chinese officials who have orchestrated the detention.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jack McKyton
A Resolution to Withdraw Support from the Saudi-Led Coalition in Yemen

WHEREAS, The United States has provided weapons and logistics to Saudi Arabia;

and

WHEREAS, The Coalition led by Saudi Arabia, including the United States, has been responsible for blockades and airstrikes on Yemeni citizens; and

WHEREAS, Blockades by the coalition have led to mass starvation, famine, and disease; and

WHEREAS, School buses and hospitals have repeatedly been struck in airstrikes;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled shall withdraw support for the Saudi-Led Coalition in Yemen

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cassandra Berlin
Bridging the Wealth Gap Act of 2019

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A. Each child born in the U.S will receive an inaccessible federal savings account of 1,000$, invested into federally-managed low-risk funds designed to accrue at a three percent annual interest rate.

B. Each year, children's accounts will receive up to a 2,000$ deposit that is dependent on their position beneath the Federal Poverty Line. At 500% of the FPL, these benefits will fully phase out.

C. Once a recipient turns 18, new deposits will cease and the contents of the account will be available for use in approved wealth-accumulating activities.

SECTION 2. A. “The Federal Poverty Level” shall be defined as the Department of Health and Human Service’s annual income eligibility brackets for government medical assistance.

B. “Wealth-accumulating activity” shall be defined as any action that boosts an individual’s long-term financial standing, including both education and housing.

SECTION 3. The Department of Treasury will oversee both the creation of the account system and the ensuing annual investment.

A. The U.S House of Representatives Standing Committee of Ways and Means as well as the Senate Committee on Finance will be responsible for publishing a joint annual list of wealth-building activities covered by the savings accounts.

SECTION 4. This Bill will go into effect Fiscal Year 2021.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Matthew Lee.
Education and Workforce Modernization Act of 2019

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A 10% tax will be placed on the purchase cost of automated technology used for business purposes. All funds raised from this tax will go toward high school job training programs to train students for “in need jobs.”

SECTION 2. “Purchase cost” will be defined as any capital improvements related to the use of automated technology. “Automated technology” will be defined as technology, mechanical, electronic or otherwise that replaces a task human workers current complete or have been paid to complete within the past fiscal year. “In need jobs” will be defined as classes of positions identified by the Bureau of Labor Statistics that: 1) do not require a college degree, and 2) where the number of industry job openings currently exceeds (or is predicted to exceed within five fiscal years) the number of job seekers for those and similar positions. “High school job training programs” will be defined as educational and certification programs that public high schools offer to students to prepare them for work in the field.

SECTION 3. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Department of Education (DOE), and the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) will oversee this legislation.

A. The IRS will implement and enforce the new automated technology tax.

B. The DOE will oversee the high school job training programs, allocate funding, and determine standards for these programs.

C. The BLS will be tasked with identifying and prioritizing “in need jobs” as well as advising the DOE on job training and requirements for said positions.

SECTION 4. This tax for this legislation will be implemented on January 1, 2020. The high school job training programs will begin in the 2022-2023 school year, and all laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by William Naviaux.
Sexuality and Freedom Education Reform (SAFER) Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** States are hereby required to adopt the guidelines for an inclusive sexual education curriculum described in Section 2; failure to do so will result in a ten percent reduction in federal education money. $500 million will be available in the form of grants to school districts to distribute menstruation products and contraceptives.

2. **SECTION 2.** An inclusive sexual education curriculum shall include instruction of issues relating to, but not limited to, human sexuality, including emotional relations and responsibilities, gender identity, human sexual anatomy, sexual activity, sexual reproduction, consent, reproductive health, reproductive rights, safe sex, birth control, and sexual abstinence.

3. **SECTION 3.** Menstruation products shall be defined as personal care products used by women during menstruation, vaginal discharge, and other bodily functions related to the vulva and vagina. Contraceptives shall be defined as any device or drug serving to prevent pregnancy.

4. **SECTION 4.** The Department of Education and the Department of Health & Human Services will draft additional guidance for inclusive sexual education curriculum. The $500 million will be allocated to and by the Department of Health & Human Services.

5. **SECTION 5.** The grant money shall be allocated for the 2020-2021 school year, and the sexual education curriculum incentives will take effect in the 2020-2021 school year.

6. **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced by Ana Glassman*
The Abolishing Consumptive Clots Embedded in Saving Services (A.C.C.E.S.S) Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Any usage of the manual prior authorization method for by health insurance companies must be made completely electronic.

SECTION 2. Fifty million dollars will be funded into the development of a national database for prescription records in order to establish a more streamline process for medical diagnosis.

SECTION 3. The Department of Health and Human Services will be given 100 million dollars to improve the infrastructure and expand the employee count of the Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals.

SECTION 4. The Department of Education shall be allocated 500 million dollars to develop a new type of grant for students pursuing a Doctor of Medicine degree, known as the Doctor Optimization Grant (DOG), and to distribute these grants through a merit-based system.

SECTION 5. “Improve the Infrastructure” is defined as developing new physical buildings and/or digital software systems.

SECTION 6. The Department of Health and Human Services (DOHH) and Department of Education (DOE) will carry out the actions within this bill

A. Sections 1 through 3 will be carried out through the DOHH

B. Section 4 will be carried out through the DOE

SECTION 7. This bill shall take effect in the fiscal year 2020, and all laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Saharsh Dasari.
The Agricultural Welfare Act of 2019

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A. All federal farm subsidies shall be disbanded.

B. Farm subsidies funding shall be redirected to increase funding towards the SNAP program.

SECTION 2. A. Federal farm subsidies shall be defined as federal allocations of money to farms.

B. SNAP shall be defined as a program providing aid to low income individuals and families in order to buy food.

SECTION 3. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) shall be responsible for the overseeing and enforcing of this bill.

SECTION 4. This bill shall be implemented October 1st, 2020.

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

Introduced by,

Rep. Asher Moss
BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A. The U.S. will invest $5 trillion into real alternative transport by providing block grants through the BUILD program to state and local governments.

B. To receive BUILD funding, major urban centers must ban diesel and gas-powered passenger cars made prior to 2006 by 2022.

   a. Residents will be exempt from the ban until significant investments in public transporation are made.

SECTION 2. Major urban centers shall be defined as cities with incorporated areas that have a population density of over 10,000 per square mile. The BUILD program shall be defined as the FTA’s Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Grants Program.

SECTION 3. The U.S. Department of Transportation will oversee the implementation of this bill.

   A. Block grants will be distributed by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

   B. Fines for ban violations will be enforced by local law enforcement. Collected fines will go towards funding the construction of public transit.

SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect FY 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mary Polupan.
The American Prison Reform Act of 2019

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The US Government shall cease contracting For-Profit companies to
 oversee or run operations of any prison. The Department of Justice shall
 begin negotiations with For-Profit companies currently under contract,
 with the companies receiving financial compensation. Shall the company
 not reach an agreement with the government; the US shall nationalize
 the prison. The Federal Bureau of Prisons shall receive $15 billion USD to
 be used for creating and improving rehabilitation programs for all
 inmates in all prisons.

SECTION 2. A For-Profit company shall be defined as a company whose primary goal
 is making money as opposed to helping the community. Rehabilitation
 programs shall be defined as programs aimed at helping inmates return
 to society.

SECTION 3. The funds needed to buyout private prisons shall come from the
 Department of Defense budget. The Federal Bureau of Prisons shall
 create and oversee the rehabilitation programs.

SECTION 4. This bill shall go into effect January 1st, 2020, with negotiations until
 January 1st, 2021.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Amar Vyas.
The Asylum Reform Act of 2019

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. US Code Title 8, Chapter 12, Subchapter II, Part 1 will be amended to include a fourth clause in Section (a)(2) that will state: Particular social groups include but will not be limited to victims of domestic violence, victims of gang violence which includes human trafficking and drug trafficking, victims of terrorism, victims of cultural or social genocide, and those affected by humanitarian crises.

SECTION 2. Gang violence will be defined as any violence perpetrated by a member of a gang. Human trafficking will include both sex trafficking and labor trafficking.

SECTION 3. The Department of Homeland Security will oversee the enforcement of the bill.

A. They will create the criterion for the new standard of asylum.

B. Homeland will also insure that immigrants receive court dates to determine their status.

SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect by July of 2019, and all laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Campbell Melton
The Carp Annihilation and Research Pact (C.A.R.P.) Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Allocate necessary funds to remove the Chicago Sanitary and Ship canal in order to prevent Asian Carp from entering Lake Michigan.

SECTION 2. The Chicago Sanitary and Ship canal shall be defined as the 28 mile canal that connects the Des Plaines River and the Chicago River.

SECTION 3. The Department of Fish and Wildlife will work with the Army Corp of Engineers to implement this project.

A. $50 million dollars to be allocated to the Environmental Protection Agency in order to research ways to decrease Asian Carp reproduction.

B. The Department of Fish and Wildlife will be further charged with researching infrastructure necessary to protect Lake Michigan from invasive species.

SECTION 4. This Bill shall go into effect Fiscal year 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sarah Sowell.
The Import Integration of Foreign Pharmaceuticals Act of 2018

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A. The FDA shall be responsible for implementing a 30-day review period for each request from a pharmaceutical sponsor seeking importation and market approval for their product when it has already been verified in accountable drug exporting countries.

B. Following review, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall be responsible for formally approving or denying applicants and negotiating the form and content of labelling for all pharmaceuticals accepted.

SECTION 2. A. “Pharmaceutical sponsors” shall be defined as any company representing a foreign medicinal drug for the purpose of approval from the Department of Health and Human Services

B. “Accountable drug exporting countries” shall be defined as nations with federal drug oversight agencies currently recognized by existing policy under the FDA Export Reform and Enhancement Act of 1996.

SECTION 3. The Department of Health and Human Services shall be responsible for overseeing the implementation of this legislation.

A. Monthly reports on all denials and approvals shall be submitted to the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate.

SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect in Fiscal Year 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hunter Brown.
The New Columbia Admission Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. With the consent of the residents therein, the District of Columbia shall be proclaimed the State of New Columbia.

SECTION 2. New Columbia shall have the same status as the other fifty states, including representation, the number of which shall be determined by the Census and elected in the next national congressional election.

SECTION 3. The statehood process shall be guided by the District’s current leadership.

A. Within thirty days of the passage of this legislation, the Mayor of the District of Columbia shall conduct a plebiscite to be certified by the District of Columbia Board of Elections.

B. If a plurality vote indicates support for statehood, the state constitution (as approved by the Council of the District of Columbia on October 18, 2016) shall be adopted.

SECTION 4. This piece of legislation shall be enacted immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Amy Shreeve.
The Promote Endurance and Colombian Equality (P.E.A.C.E.) Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The US Federal Government shall disburse $20 million to the agriculture sector in Colombia.

A. All funding shall be disbursed to Colombian citizens via microloans through non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

SECTION 2. Microloans are a small sum of money lent at low or no interest.

SECTION 3. USAID will be tasked in distributing the microloans to the NGOs.

A. The US Ambassador to Colombia and USAID shall submit independent quarterly reports on the impact the microloans have on violence in the country.

B. The Inter-American Development Bank shall be tasked with awarding contracts to the specific NGOs specified in Section 1.

SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect on the first day of the next fiscal year and all laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Christian Bae.*
The Refugee Assistance Act of 2019

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The following will occur upon implementation of this legislation.

A. The United States of America will send $25 billion in the form of humanitarian aid to Lebanon and Jordan to build institutional support for refugees.

B. The United States of America shall admit and resettle at minimum 20,000 refugees per calendar year from Syria, Lebanon, and Jordan.

SECTION 2. Humanitarian aid shall be administered in the form of infrastructure such as water and electrical infrastructure, homes, schools, and hospitals.

SECTION 3. The implementation and enforcement of this bill will be overseen by the US Department of State, The Office of Refugee Resettlement, and the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

A. $25 billion shall be diverted from the Department of Defense in order to fund this bill.

SECTION 4. This bill shall be implemented upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Michael Bendok.
BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States Government shall work with APOPO and implement the following programs to help efforts to remove landmines in developing nations.

SECTION 2. Anti-Personnel Landmines Removal Product Development (APOPO) shall be defined as the Belgian non-governmental organization that is dedicated to training Gambian Pouch Rats to remove landmines in Africa.

SECTION 3. The following government departments will be in charge with the implementation of this legislation.

A. The Department of State shall provide $50 million dollars in funding to APOPO.

B. The Department of Defense shall be allocated $200 million to create the R.A.T department and be provided an extra 10 million each FY to ensure the departments effectiveness.

C. The Rodents Alleviating Turmoil Department (R.A.T) shall be created for the purpose of training Gambian Pouch Rats (Cricetomys gambianus) to detect and remove landmines utilizing the training programs APOPO uses.

D. Once the rats are trained, the Department of State will be in charge of selecting which countries to conduct landmine removal operations.

SECTION 4. This bill shall go into effect at the beginning of the FY 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jack Silbert.
BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The full text of the Vote By Mail Act of 2017 (H.R. 2669/S. 1231) is hereby enacted.

SECTION 2. The Vote By Mail Act includes the following provisions:

A. Not less than two weeks prior to a Federal election, State election officials must mail a ballot to every registered voter.

B. Ballots may be returned by postage-free mail or may be dropped off at designated collection centers.

C. All eligible voters who engage in a transaction with the State’s motor vehicle authority will automatically be registered to vote.

SECTION 3. The Department of Justice and the United States Postal Service will jointly oversee the implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect upon the expiration of the 180-day period which begins on the date of the enactment of this Act, and all laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Chris Dorworth
Trinidad Restoration Initiative for Newcomer Influx (TRINI) 
Act of 2019

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States Federal Government shall send an aid stimulus package to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago consisting of the following to aid in the Venezuelan Refugee Crisis:

A. $500 million in humanitarian aid
B. $500 million in infrastructure aid

SECTION 2. Humanitarian aid shall include, but is not limited to food, water, and medical supplies for refugees. Infrastructure aid shall be defined as aid given to create and develop new immigration processing centers, schools, hospitals, and housing for refugees.

SECTION 3. The Department of State shall be in charge of the implementation of this legislation

A. USAID shall be in charge of the distribution of the aid
   a. If misused, Congress reserves the right to revoke any aid sent to Trinidad and Tobago.

SECTION 4. The provisions of this legislation will go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Raymond Adderly.
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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: The President may only terminate a principal officer of an executive department upon two-thirds of the whole number of Senators, concurring.

SECTION 2: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the National Speech & Debate Association (February 2019 docket).
Citizen Legislature Anti-Corruption Reform of Congress Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Each bill, order, resolution, or vote submitted by Congress to the President under section 7 of article I of the Constitution of the United States shall embrace no more than one subject, and that subject shall be clearly and descriptively expressed in the title of the bill, order, resolution or vote.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any provision of law that provides an exception in its application to a Member of Congress or an employee of the office of a Member of Congress shall have no effect.

SECTION 3. Section 2 shall not be construed to apply to provisions of law or rules which permit Members of Congress or employees of offices of Members of Congress to carry out official duties that are tied directly to lawmaking, including provisions or rules permitting Members and employees to enter and use the United States Capitol, the United States Capitol grounds, and other buildings and facilities.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the National Speech & Debate Association (February 2019 docket); adapted from H.R.160; 116th Congress (2019-2020) by Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA).
Food System Safety Reform Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is herewith directed to report findings to Congress on various national food system standards in other countries, and how the United States compares.

SECTION 2. The FDA is further charged with bringing recommendations to Congress for phasing in stronger regulations, related, but not limited to: genetically modified foods, manufacturing practices, chemicals in processed foods, antibiotics, hormones, neonicotinoids and other pesticides, and gestation crates.

SECTION 3. The HHS is directed to further report on health conditions and concerns related to lack of regulation in food systems.

SECTION 4. These reports shall be presented to Congress within one year of passage of this act.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the National Speech & Debate Association (February 2019 docket).
Prominent Undisclosed Transparency In Negotiations Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Presidential Records Act, 44 U.S.C. §2201–2207 is herewith amended to include record of all meetings between the President and foreign nationals, requiring a staff member to impartially transcribe minutes of such meetings. If the staff member does not speak all languages spoken in the meeting, any U.S. translators must review and concur with accuracy of the notes.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

SECTION 3. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the National Speech & Debate Association (February 2019 docket).
A Bill to Preserve Parental Rights in Libraries

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Upon request, libraries must provide the list of books that have been checked out and websites visited by a child at the library to any individual with legal custody of that child, regardless of the state in which the child’s custodian resides.

SECTION 2. “Legal custody” is the assumed parental rights over any child who has not yet attained the age of majority and has not been removed by the courts through official proceedings. Foster parents, parents of adopted children, and any institution, public or otherwise, granted custody – not including in loco parentis – will also be included in this law.

SECTION 3. (A) States’ departments of Health and Human Services will oversee the unique negotiated rulemaking process within each of the states to ensure conformity with federal law.

(B) States whose laws do not conform to the federal law on this issue of child welfare may be subject to legal action by the federal department of Health and Human Services.

(C) Individuals wrongly denied the records of a child in their custody may seek injunctive relief through the federal courts.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect January 1, 2021.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the National Speech & Debate Association (February 2019 docket).
A Bill to Eliminate Lost Baggage

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. At the end of each day, at every airport, airlines must inventory and catalog all unclaimed luggage in their possession with the name and originating flight number of the passenger who checked the luggage. The airline in possession of the luggage has 24 hours to make a “good-faith” effort to notify the passenger about the location of the luggage and the steps being taken to reunite the customer with the bag. If unable to reach the customer within 72 hours, the bag must be returned to its point of origin and held for a minimum of 1 week.

SECTION 2. (A) Day refers to the time from when the time the airport opens to the conclusion of the baggage claim process for the last flight from that airline to land at that airport.

(B) “Good-faith” effort to communicate must include an attempt to contact the passenger using the phone number, email address, or home address provided by the passenger to the airline at the time of ticketing.

SECTION 3. The FAA will oversee enforcement of and compliance with this legislation by

(A) Assessing fines in the amount of $1,000 per piece of unclaimed luggage in the airline’s possession per day that the airline did not make a good faith effort to contact the passenger.

(B) Assessing fines not to exceed $3,000,000 in addition to per bag fines for airlines who’s non-compliance is ongoing and systemic.

(C) Creating a system for customers to report airlines that are out of compliance for investigation by the FAA.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect July 1, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the National Speech & Debate Association (February 2019 docket).
NATO Support Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States of America shall remain a member of NATO, and may not withdraw or indirectly withdraw from NATO by condemning or reducing contributions to NATO structures, activities, or operations, in a manner that creates a de facto withdrawal.

SECTION 2. The United States of America shall continue to work with NATO members to meet their 2014 Wales Defense Investment Pledge commitments.

SECTION 3. Funding for the European Deterrence Initiative, which increases the ability of the United States and its allies to deter and defend against Russian aggression, shall continue.

SECTION 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no funds are authorized to be appropriated, obligated, or expended to take any action to withdraw the United States from the North Atlantic Treaty, done at Washington, DC on April 4, 1949, between the United States of America and the other founding members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

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

A Bill to Ensure Adequate Eating Time for School Lunch

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The US Code Title 7 §210.10 (l) (2), should be amended to read “FNS mandates that schools provide sufficient lunch periods that are long enough to give all students twenty minutes to eat after receiving their lunch.”

SECTION 2. US Code Title 7 §210.10 (l) will be further amended by adding (3) “FNS discourages schools from utilizing the lunch period for non-lunch related activities that include, but are not limited to, club meetings and tutoring.”

SECTION 3. The United States Department of Agriculture will oversee the negotiated rulemaking process to determine how schools will be monitored for compliance as well as the process for adjudicating claims and providing temporary waivers to PK-12 institutions as they increase their capacity.

SECTION 4. The amended sections of the US Code will be enforced beginning with the 2020-2021 school year with waivers up to 24 months to be made available for schools that demonstrate a need; providing they submit an approved plan for increasing the school’s capacity to serve lunch in that time.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the National Speech & Debate Association (February 2019 docket).
Senate Reform Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT, ACTING UNDER ITS DELEGATED POWERS UNDER THE FOURTEENTH, FIFTEENTH, NINETEENTH, TWENTY-FOURTH, AND TWENTY-SIXTH AMENDMENTS:

SECTION 1. Each state shall be represented by at least one Senator.

SECTION 2. At each decadal census of the total population of the United States shall be divided by one hundred to determine a seat allocation unit. A state with population approximate to or less than the seat allocation unit shall have one Senator; a state with population approximately twice as much as the seat allocation shall have two Senators, and so on, using the same ratio.

SECTION 3. The total number of Senators shall be increased to allow for equitable distribution of representation among the states.

SECTION 4. New states admitted to the union shall have Senators allocated according to the procedures provided in this Act.

SECTION 5. Senators currently serving may continue their full terms. In a state allocated one seat, the seat of Senator whose term ends first would be retired. In states with more than two senators, when to hold elections in alternating two-year class rotations would be subject to lot, rotating first among states with fewer Senators, and finishing with states with the most. Senators of new states would be allocated similarly when admitted. The Senate shall adopt rules so that the Three Classes Clause shall continue to be observed to evenly balance biennial elections of Senators.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect following the 2020 Census. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void. All laws not in conflict with this legislation shall remain in effect.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the National Speech & Debate Association (February 2019 docket); adapted from recommendations by Prof. Eric W. Orts in Senate Democracy, (Working Paper: Jan. 3, 2019, Legal Studies and Business Ethics Department, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania; Andrea Mitchell Center for the Study of Democracy, University of Pennsylvania; and Center for Ethics and the Rule of Law, University of Pennsylvania Law School).
A Bill to Honor Veterans and Democracy

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The date for federal elections shall be henceforth be fixed as the 11th of November. If the 11th day falls on a weekend, the election shall occur on the Monday immediately following the 11th of November.

This law shall be viewed as coinciding, rather than conflicting, with laws surrounding Veterans Day.

SECTION 2. This law will affect all federal elections occurring after 2021.

SECTION 3. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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