

THE MILO CUP AT MILLARD NORTH 2019 CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE DOCKET

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PRELIMINARY HOUSE LEGISLATION

Notes about procedures in Congressional Debate at the 2019 Milo Cup:

- This docket is set in order and cannot be modified by participants for any reason.
- We will aim to keep preliminary houses small to allow debaters many opportunities to speak and participate. In order to accomplish this, we require your judges. Teams, please work to provide coverage for instead of hiring out your judging obligation. The tournament reserves the right to ask coaches of teams to serve as a point recorder in houses where they may fit to ensure we can provide the kind of experience students deserve in Nebraska's inaugural TOC Bid tournament for Congressional Debate.
- The tournament intends to advance no more than one-third of all preliminary contestants to the final session. While the number of students advancing is dependent on the number of preliminary chambers and the optimum number of students in the final chambers, generally we anticipate roughly six students advancing from each preliminary chamber. The exact number of students advancing from each preliminary chamber will be announced at our opening meeting before the tournament begins.
- We will be utilizing direct questioning in all houses, preliminary and final. Each questioner will be granted a 30 second window in which to ask questions. The chair will yield time to members of the chamber wishing to question the speaker in blocks of 30 seconds, with priority given to those who may have been refuted in the speech. The tournament director will provide additional instructions at the opening meeting prior to the start of session 1.
- Additionally in regard to questioning, competitors may not permanently amend, extend, or remove the questioning period at any point in debate. The questioning rules cannot be suspended at The Milo Cup.
- Authorship rights are granted to schools with priority granted to the specific author within that school's delegation.
- Each individual preliminary chamber is tabulated independent of the others. Legislators with the lowest cumulative rank total advance to the next level of competition. The parliamentarian's preference will break all ties. Ranks do not carry forward from preliminary sessions to the final session.

Prelims #1: A Bill to Assist with Natural Disasters

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** FEMA funding shall be increased by 10 billion dollars.

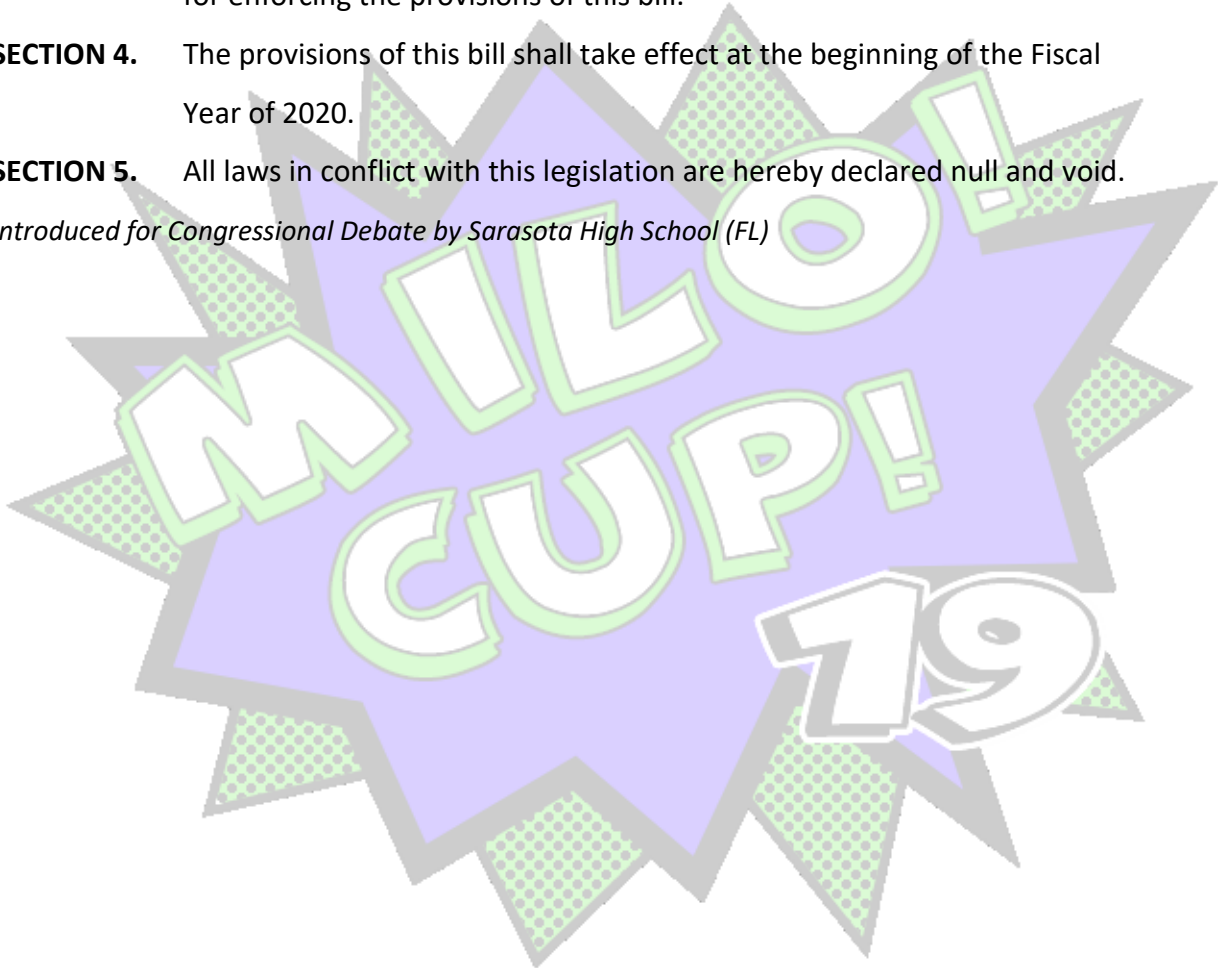
3 **SECTION 2.** Funding will be defined as the monetary assistance to FEMA to then be
4 distributed to the states when in need.

5 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Homeland Security shall be responsible
6 for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

7 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect at the beginning of the Fiscal
8 Year of 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sarasota High School (FL)



Prelims #2: A Bill to Institute Compulsory Voting

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All eligible United States citizens shall hereby be required to vote in all general federal and general state elections.

SECTION 2. To vote is to cast an official ballot.

SECTION 3. The Justice Department and the Election Assistance Commission shall be tasked with the implementation of this act.

A. There shall be an allocation of 250 million dollars for the enforcement of this act. 150 million will be distributed to states to cover costs of elections, while 50 million will be used to increase the accessibility to voting.

B. Employers shall be mandated to provide up to 3 hours of paid time off on Election Day.

C. The penalty for not voting shall be a \$20 fine. Funds generated by this fine will be added to the election accessibility allocation.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect January 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Edina High School (NE)

Prelims #3: A Bill to Implement Maternal Programs in Correctional Facilities

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1A.** The United States shall allocate \$12 billion to create nurseries and
3 maternal programs in state and federal correctional facilities. An
4 additional \$20 million shall be allocated annually to maintain these
5 programs.

6 **SECTION 1B.** The budget will be used to create guidelines, construct nurseries in
7 facilities, evaluate the programs regularly, and train caregivers to run
8 programs.

9 **SECTION 2A.** Incarcerated mothers serving non-violent offenses may keep their child,
10 born during their sentence, until the child is 24 months if the mother is
11 the sole possessor of custody.

12 **SECTION 2B.** Mothers must have two years or less until discharge following the birth of
13 the child, and must undergo mental and physical evaluations, deeming
14 them fit of caring for the child and have no history of violence or child
15 neglect.

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

- 18 A. The Department of Justice will create a set of guidelines for the
19 nurseries.
20 B. Aforementioned guidelines will be used by the department to
21 evaluate facilities annually, in order to ensure the program is working
22 efficiently.

23 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect April 1, 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln East High School (NE)

Prelims #4: A Bill to Abolish Federal Use the Death Penalty

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal government's use of the death penalty as a punishment for
3 crime shall be abolished. Every prisoner previously sentenced to the
4 death penalty will instead be given life without parole.

5 **SECTION 2.** The *death penalty* shall be defined as the punishment of execution, by
6 electrocution, lethal injection, hanging, firing squad, or gas, administered
7 by the federal government to someone legally convicted of a capital
8 crime.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Bureau of Prisons and the Department of Justice will oversee
10 the enforcement of the bill along with the resentencing of the prisoners.

11 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be enforced starting January 1, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Marian High School (NE)

Prelims #5: A Resolution to End Crop Tariffs

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States is in a Trade war with China; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** China and the United States are adding significant tariffs; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The price of soybeans before the tariff was \$100 a ton and the price after
- 4 tariff \$555.93 a ton; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The prices of pigs have dropped to \$15 a pig before this the price was \$75
- 6 due to this trade war; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** This is decreasing United States' farmers profits dramatically; therefore
- 8 be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States work to end all
- 10 international tariffs on crops.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Norfolk High School (NE)

Prelims #6: A Bill to Implement the “End Government Shutdown Act”

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** US Senate Bill 104 - A Bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to
3 provide for automatic continuing resolutions also known as the “End
4 Government Shutdown Act” will effectively be implemented by Congress.

5 **SECTION 2.** The “End Government Shutdown Act” will be defined as an automatic
6 continuing resolution (CR) for any regular appropriations bill not
7 completed by the October 1 deadline. After the first 120 days, CR funding
8 will be reduced by one percent and would be reduced by one percent
9 again every 90 days thereafter until Congress does its job and completes
10 the annual appropriations process.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Congressional Budget Office will oversee the implementation of this
12 bill with the assistance of both Appropriations Committee of the Senate
13 and the House.

14 **SECTION 4.** This piece of legislation will immediately go into effect upon the bill’s
15 passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln Southwest High School (NE)

Prelims #7: A Joint Resolution to Authorize the Use of US Armed Forces Pursuant to UN Report A/HRC/39/64, Paragraph 97

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The Government of Myanmar is conducting an extermination mission
2 against the Rohingya and Karen peoples; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The genocidal efforts against the Rohingya have been ongoing for years
4 and against the Karen for decades; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Thousands of Rohingya and Karen people have already been murdered
6 and thousands more stand to suffer a similar fate without outside
7 intervention; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** The international community has thus far failed in its duty to intervene
9 and save lives; now, therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled,
- 11 **SECTION 1.** The President is authorized to use United States Armed Forces pursuant
12 to UN Report A/HRC/39/64, Paragraph 97 which holds that domestic
13 means within Myanmar are insufficient to stop the genocidal onslaught in
14 Myanmar.
- 15 **SECTION 2.** At least once every 60 days, the President shall submit to the Congress a
16 summary on the status of efforts to cease the genocidal activities being
17 conducted by the Government and Military of Myanmar.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln High School (NE)

Prelims #8: A Bill to Halt Military Trade with Taiwan

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will cease the sale and/or trade with the government
3 of or companies residing within Taiwan of all military weapons, military
4 naval vehicles, military aircraft, and information that one could
5 reasonably assume would allow the manufacture of said items.

6 **SECTION 2A.** *Military weapons* are defined as any weapon that does not satisfy a
7 distinctly civilian purpose.

8 **SECTION 2B.** *Military naval vehicles* are defined as a thing used for transporting troops
9 or other military equipment that travels on water and/or underwater.

10 **SECTION 2C.** *Military aircraft* is defined as any airplane, helicopter, or machine capable
11 of flight that does not serve a distinctly civilian role. This definition
12 excludes aircraft such as passenger airliners and medical helicopters.

13 **SECTION 3A.** The Department of State and the Department of Commerce will oversee
14 the implementation of this bill.

15 **SECTION 3B.** This bill will be rendered void when the United States federal government
16 officially recognizes Taiwan as an independent nation.

17 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect January 1, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Edina High School (MN)

Prelims #9: A Bill to Eliminate Stand Your Ground Laws

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Stand your ground laws are hereby outlawed and any lethal violence that
3 would have been protected by these laws will be classified as second
4 degree homicide.

5 **SECTION 2.** Stand your ground laws will be defined as any law that permits the use of
6 potentially lethal force against a threat or perceived threat, regardless of
7 whether safely retreating from the situation would be possible. Lethal
8 violence will be defined as violence that leads to death.

9 **SECTION 3.** This law will be enforced by the federal court system.

10 **SECTION 4.** This law will be effective upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln East High School (NE)

Prelims #10: A Bill to Make Emancipation Proclamation Day a Federal Holiday

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Emancipation Proclamation Day is a federal holiday celebrated on the
3 first Thursday of every January.

4 **SECTION 2.** Emancipation Proclamation Day is a day to celebrate the end of slavery in
5 the United States. Federal holiday is a day in which federal employees do
6 not work and are paid.

7 **SECTION 3A.** The United States Office of Personnel Management will oversee the
8 implementation of this piece of legislation.

9 **SECTION 3B.** Funding will be reallocated from the military.

10 **SECTION 4.** This law shall be implemented one month after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Norfolk High School (NE)

Prelims #11: A Bill to Repeal AEDPA

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 (AEDPA) will
3 be effectively repealed.

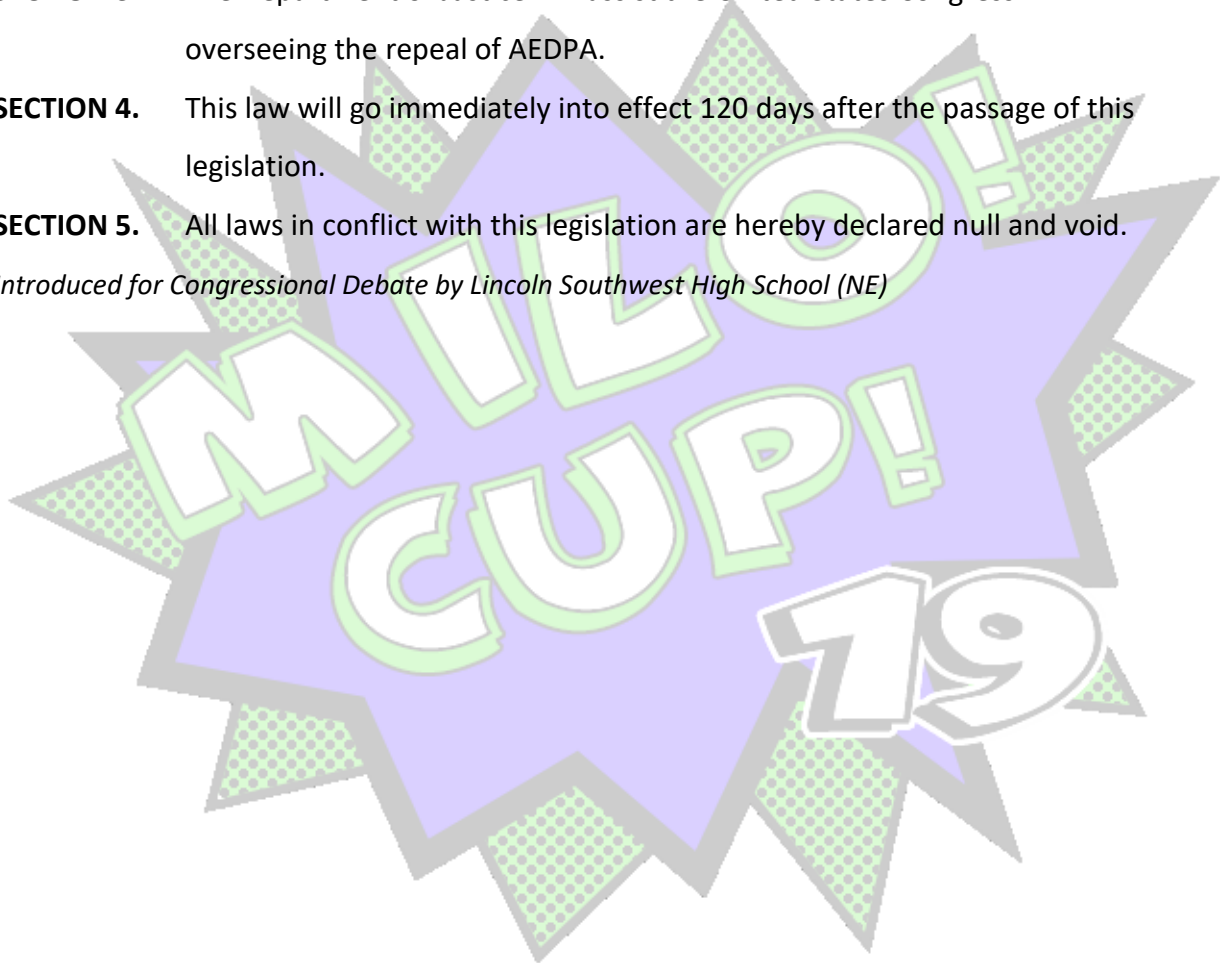
4 **SECTION 2.** AEDPA will be defined as The Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty
5 Act of 1996, Public Law 104-132, 110 Statute 1214.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will assist the United States Congress in
7 overseeing the repeal of AEDPA.

8 **SECTION 4.** This law will go immediately into effect 120 days after the passage of this
9 legislation.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln Southwest High School (NE)



Prelims #12: A Resolution to Encourage State Elections Agencies to Abandon the Use of Electronic Balloting

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Each state in the United States uses some sort of electronic voting
2 machines, five of which use machines that create zero paper records to
3 crosscheck for abnormalities; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Electronic systems of voting create an access point for manipulation of
5 the voting system; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Continued use of electronic voting machines in US elections, in turn,
7 create a vulnerability for our electoral system; now, therefore, be it
- 8 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled recommends each state abandon the
9 use of electronic voting machines for casting and counting of ballots in US
10 elections.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln High School (NE)

FINALS HOUSE LEGISLATION

- As with our preliminary rounds docket, the finals docket is set and cannot be rearranged.
- Each piece of legislation is eligible for sponsorship as determined by standard precedence and recency rules.
- Remember, finals house is tabbed independent of prelim house results, so you'll be starting over again with fresh judges and a clean slate.



Finals #1: A Resolution to Recommend the African Union Establish a Transitional Government in South Sudan

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The violent civil war in South Sudan has waged on for years and caused
2 the deaths of nearly 400,000; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The effects of this violence is exacerbated by governmental dysfunction
4 and a lack of internal supports; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Internal dysfunctions can only be solved by local, yet outside actors; now,
6 therefore, be it
- 7 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled asks the African Union to establish a
8 transitional government that can stabilize South Sudan and put an end to
9 needless conflict, death, and suffering.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the tournament director

Finals #2: A Bill to Ensure Medicaid Payments to Rural Hospitals

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Medicaid payment eligibility will be extended to health providers who
3 serve in free-standing emergency departments in rural areas throughout
4 the United States.

5 **SECTION 2A.** Medicaid payment eligibility is defined as the qualification for a medical
6 service provider to receive payments from the Medicaid program for
7 services rendered.

8 **SECTION 2B.** *Health providers* are defined as licensed medical doctors and/or licensed
9 nurse practitioners.

10 **SECTION 2C.** *Free-standing emergency departments in rural areas* are defined as
11 emergency room equivalents that exist and operate without connection
12 to a full-service, patient-intake hospital and which operate in an area that
13 is no less than 100 miles from the nearest full-service, patient-intake
14 hospital.

15 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the
16 implementation of this legislation.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the tournament director

Finals #3: A Bill to Require Presidential Press Briefings

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The President of the United States (POTUS) will be required to hold a
3 daily press briefing on standard business days which will see the
4 President or a member of their cabinet face questions as asked by a
5 White House press corps.

6 **SECTION 2A.** *A weekly press briefing* will constitute an uninterrupted span of at least
7 one hour in which POTUS or a member of their cabinet acting as an
8 official representative of the administration answers questions as
9 advanced by members of the press corps.

10 **SECTION 2B.** *The White House press corps* will be composed of journalists who have
11 been nominated by the National Press Club to serve in an official capacity
12 as a member of the Corps.

13 **SECTION 3A.** The White House Press Secretary will be responsible for ensuring this law
14 is followed.

15 **SECTION 3B.** Should this law be violated, the White House Press Secretary will be held
16 in contempt of Congress and subject to all appropriate legal penalties
17 therein.

18 **SECTION 3C.** All necessary funds for security of briefings will be provided through the
19 budget of the United States Secret Service.

20 **SECTION 3D.** An annual appropriation of \$150,000 shall be made for the National Press
21 Club to craft and maintain a neutral board which will nominate the
22 journalists who will serve on this mandated White House Press Corps.

23 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect one calendar year after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the tournament director

Finals #4: A Bill to End Congressional Pay during Government Shutdowns

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** During a government shutdown, members of the United States Congress
3 will not eligible to receive salary nor will they be eligible for back pay
4 when the shutdown has concluded.

5 **SECTION 2A.** *Government shutdown* is defined as circumstances where Congress fails
6 to approve a federal budget for the upcoming fiscal year and
7 nonessential functions of the U.S. government close until lawmakers can
8 agree on a budget.

9 **SECTION 2B.** *Back pay* is defined by this legislation as any pay to which a
10 Congressperson is generally entitled but does not receive due to
11 government shutdown.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Treasury will be responsible for enforcing this
13 legislation.

14 **SECTION 4.** In accordance with constitutional mandate, this law will go into effect at
15 the beginning of the next congressional term.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the tournament director

Finals #5: A Bill to Establish the People's Wealth Fund to Decrease Wealth Inequality

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A dividend-paying social wealth fund will be created and one share of
3 ownership in the fund will be issued to every adult American whose total
4 income would place them at or below 125% of the federal poverty. After
5 the fund is created, the government will gradually accumulate assets for
6 the fund including stocks, bonds, and real estate—increasing the value of
7 the shares held by citizen-owners and distributing capital to every citizen-
8 owner.

9 **SECTION 2.** Dividend is defined here as a share of money paid out of fund-earnings to
10 citizen-owners of fund shares.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Treasury Department will oversee the appointment of a CEO for this
12 wealth fund which will distribute dividends and manage assets.

13 A. The fund would receive regular injections of cash from the
14 government for asset growth.

15 B. Dividend payouts will be given to all shareholders based on a five-
16 year rolling average of the fund's investment performance.

17 **SECTION 4.** This law shall be enacted at the start of the next fiscal year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the tournament director