




Congressional Debate

2019 Packet

Coaches/Sponsors:


1. **Please confirm your school's entry is accurate:** all entries should be assigned to a chamber, and legislation submitted should be in the legislative docket for the same chamber as its author.
☒ Email problems, questions or concerns to: info@congressionaldebate.org.
2. **Any changes to contestants and/or judges must be made on this form: www.congressionaldebate.org/site/bfhs-changes**  **Please use official change form.**
3. Chamber lists are arranged alphabetically, by last name, and
4. On the schematics (arranged by chamber), each contestant has a numerical code for Congressional Debate (different from other BFHS events). **All contestants must know their school code.**
5. Please distribute this packet **to each student and judge**. No printed copies will be available.
6. Documents to take note of on the BFHS Tabroom site (bfhs.tabroom.com):
 - a. **Schedule page** - posted nearer to tournament
 - b. **Pre-Tournament Bulletin** (rooms, latebreaking announcements) - posted week of tournament
7. Please **enter judge cell phones and conflict information** on Tabroom.com (see below for guidance).
8. At the end of the tournament, evaluation sheets may be picked up; others will be scanned at a later time.


Judge Information & Expectations

In Tabroom.com, we ask schools to include for judges:








- ✓ **Cell phone** (to reach if question with judging).
- ✓ Whether they are **neutral** (*does not know your students*)
- ✓ If **recent (2018) high school graduate**
- ✓ Has conflicts with other schools/students (type in **notes**)
- ✓ Qualified parliamentarian

Please make sure 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. By Jan. 16 - we are adding a special instructional video for serving as a parliamentarian!

 There are mandatory judge meetings before prelims, semifinals, and finals. Unless an alternative is arranged, all judges are expected to report. Any judges who have mitigating circumstances must report those to the tab room. We cannot offer this kind of educational experience without cooperation from our judges – thank you!

 Judge Text/Hotline: (617) 545-4TAB [822]

Tournament Rules

1.  **Rules provided herein** are primary; followed by National Speech & Debate Association (NSDA) rules. These ensure procedural consistency among chambers, and 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 will not advance students to the next competition level.*
 - a. **Do not write on whiteboards/chalkboards.** An agenda report is given to each chamber for writing agenda order, and voting record. PO candidates 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.
 - c. **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.
4.  **Presiding Officer (PO):** POs are elected for each three-hour session by a single-ballot, majority vote, and may only be considered for one preliminary session unless no one else wishes to serve. The elected PO may choose to relinquish the chair once during debate to give a single speech. S/he must select from among other students who were candidates for election 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 and Sessions:** Multiple agendas may be proposed; the winning agenda must receive approval by a majority vote of the chamber. 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, withdraws from the tournament, 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, students are not guaranteed two speeches. (New in 2019, as a pilot to an NSDA rules proposal): Debate on any item of legislation is limited to one hour.
6.  **Floor Speeches:** Precedence and recency is the required method for recognizing speakers. Speaking order resets at the end of each session. Presiding officers should select speakers fairly and consistently before precedence/recency are established. All speeches are three minutes; unused speaking time is not rolled into questioning periods.
7.  **Questioning:**
 - a. After authorship/sponsorship, and first negative speeches on each legislation is a two-minute period.
 - b. All other speeches are followed by a one-minute questioning period.
 - c. Elimination rounds use direct questioning (www.congressionaldebate.org/resources/direct-questioning)
 - d. The PO recognizes legislators who wish to ask a question; not the floor speaker.
 - e. Rules may not be suspended to create permanent, additional questioning periods, nor to abolish questioning.
 - f. The PO should rule "two-part," misleading, prefaced, or irrelevant questions out of order.
 - g. Excessive motions to extend questioning of speakers is discouraged, and judges will be encouraged to take how well the PO controls this into account when evaluating and ranking.

8. Penalties

- a. **Authorship:** A scorer may reduce points given to the author of a bill/resolution for his/her authorship speech if the legislation contains jurisdictional/factual/grammatical errors (no penalty for incorrect formatting). This standard especially should be applied to resolutions that should be bills (i.e., earmarking specific funding or specifying other enforcement mechanisms the Federal government would have jurisdiction over).
- b. **Over Time:** Any regular floor speech that extends more than ten (10) seconds beyond the maximum speaking time of three minutes shall be penalized one (1) full point by the scorer(s). The PO is required to keep the accurate time of each speech and report it to the scorer(s) when the speaker has finished. Judges shall penalize a PO for inaccurate timing and/or reporting. Additionally, judges are instructed to consider overtime speaking in their assessment of legislators for nomination/ranking purposes.
- c. **Wrong Side Speech:** A speaker recognized for a speech in the affirmative but delivers a speech in negation (or vice versa) should be ruled out of order by the PO after confirming with the parliamentarian. The speech shall count for purposes of recency, but receives zero points from the scorer.

9. Voting: The PO determines method of voting on each question before the chamber. Notes on voting:


- a. Final votes on legislation; amendments; and motions to appeal the chair require a recorded vote. The chair may cast a vote after the rest of the chamber has voted, and that vote shall count for or against the majority. These votes are based upon number of legislators seated in the chamber – including the presiding officer – when the session begins. *All* simple majority votes are based upon the number of legislators *present* and *voting* in the chamber; therefore, the PO does not need to call for or count abstentions.
- 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.
- c. For all votes requiring a fraction of the chamber to agree to a motion or question (2/3, 1/3, 1/5, etc.), the chair determines whether the chamber agrees with the motion/question using the 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 submit amendments to the PO in writing, by moving *personal privilege* to approach the PO.
- b. A motion to amend is necessary to consider the written amendment; such a motion is in order anytime after the author/sponsor speech. Once the motion is made, the PO decides if the amendment is germane. The PO may consult with the parliamentarian to make this decision. If the amendment is deemed to be not germane, the chair rules it *out of order* and the amendment process stops. If the chair rules the amendment germane, s/he should read the contents of the amendment to the chamber.
- c. A one-third *second* vote of members *present* in the chamber is required to debate the amendment. If the chamber votes a second, debate on the amendment commences immediately. Legislators may move to lay on the table or previous question on the amendment at any time.
- d. If a speech on the amendment is recognized, the first is a *sponsorship* speech. The chair determines speaker recognition for the *sponsorship* speech on the basis of precedence/recency; the author of the amendment is *not* guaranteed the sponsorship speech. The sponsor accepts responsibility for the mechanics of the amendment and yields to two minutes of questioning.
- e. All amendment speeches receive a score and count towards precedence/recency. Those 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 houses; members are referred to as “Representatives.” Elimination chambers are senates; members are referred to as “Senators.” “Open chambers” are prohibited.

Note: Rules 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, and 10 are unchanged from NSDA rules, but are included because they are often confused with regional/state differences.

 **Evaluation:** Speeches are scored on a scale of 1-6, with 6 being the best. Presiding officers are scored on the same scale, with up to 6 points per hour. Judges rank the top eight speakers in the chamber; the presiding officer may or may not be included in the top eight. Advancement from preliminary rounds to tutorials, as well as placement, will follow NSDA Congressional Debate protocols for cumulative rank tabulation.

Students invited to compete at the semifinal level earn one bid to the University of Kentucky Tournament of Champions.

Evaluation sheets (ballots) may be retrieved online at some point following the tournament.

Legislative Docket & Chamber Roster

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.

Chamber	Priority Agenda*	Secondary Agenda	Additional Items
1	1, 11, 23, 27	10, 16, 26, 29	2
2	2, 9, 17, 24	6, 7, 18, 19	1
3	13, 25, 28	3, 12, 20, 30	4, 6
4	5, 14, 15	4, 8, 21, 22	3, 16
5	10, 16, 26, 29	1, 11, 23, 27	2
6	6, 7, 18, 19	2, 9, 17, 24	1
7	3, 12, 20, 30	13, 25, 28	4, 6
8	4, 8, 21, 22	5, 14, 15	3, 16

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

Did you read the Docket section above, carefully? It's important!

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Allen, David	3:	WhiteH 103
Amin, Dilan	2:	WhiteH 102
Andha, Bilal	4:	WhiteH 112
Arul, Samarth	6:	WhiteH 206
Babatunde, Ibitayo	8:	WhiteH 208
Bacon, Lukas	4:	WhiteH 112
Bae, Christian	7:	WhiteH 207
Bajaj, Nakul	3:	WhiteH 103
Bar-On, Jonathan	6:	WhiteH 206
Beck, Evan	6:	WhiteH 206
Beeram, Vivek	2:	WhiteH 102
Berlin, Cassandra	8:	WhiteH 208
Bernstein, Samantha	1:	WhiteH 101
Bhatia, Jay	2:	WhiteH 102
Bluth, Ian	1:	WhiteH 101
Bogen, Jonathan	6:	WhiteH 206
Boulanger, Jonathan	4:	WhiteH 112
Brahaj, Artea	6:	WhiteH 206
Braun, Haruka	6:	WhiteH 206
Breman, Nathan	3:	WhiteH 103
Brett, Timothy	5:	WhiteH 205
Brunicardi, Ed	5:	WhiteH 205
Buzard, Caleb	6:	WhiteH 206
Camacho, Kai	7:	WhiteH 207
Caress, Amanda	4:	WhiteH 112
Carlson, John	8:	WhiteH 208
Chandan, Nimit	4:	WhiteH 112
Chintakayala, Sahas	4:	WhiteH 112
Cox, Genevieve	5:	WhiteH 205
Crombie, Samuel	6:	WhiteH 206
Cunningham, Hannah	4:	WhiteH 112
Daga, Aadi	8:	WhiteH 208
Darmon, Nathan	4:	WhiteH 112
Diaz, Amelia	7:	WhiteH 207
Donaldson, Emily	7:	WhiteH 207
Dorworth, Chris	6:	WhiteH 206
Dubrowski, Lewis	3:	WhiteH 103
Duca, Carson	2:	WhiteH 102

Chamber Assignments

Contestant	Chamber	Room
Evans, Walker	2:	WhiteH 102
Evrard-Vescio, Michael	8:	WhiteH 208
Ezrol, Joshua	5:	WhiteH 205
Feighery, John	4:	WhiteH 112
Felmus, Nathan	2:	WhiteH 102
Feng, David	7:	WhiteH 207
Fleischer, Matthew	1:	WhiteH 101
Fondrevay-Bedell, Yvonn...	7:	WhiteH 207
Forbes, David	5:	WhiteH 205
Freeman, Chase	6:	WhiteH 206
Gilberd, Perry	8:	WhiteH 208
Glickson, Sydney	4:	WhiteH 112
Gogoi, Vansh	1:	WhiteH 101
Gunuganti, Shilpa	3:	WhiteH 103
Gustin, Eden	7:	WhiteH 207
Gutierrez, Frida	2:	WhiteH 102
Halpern, Sophia	7:	WhiteH 207
Han, Jeanette	8:	WhiteH 208
Hardy, Cameron	2:	WhiteH 102
Holland, Grace	3:	WhiteH 103
Hu, Qintong	7:	WhiteH 207
Hui, Garreth	5:	WhiteH 205
Hussain, Umar	3:	WhiteH 103
Jain, Pooja	7:	WhiteH 207
Jeong, Raeseong	3:	WhiteH 103
Jhawar, Rohit	5:	WhiteH 205
Jiang, Evelyn	4:	WhiteH 112
Kan, Isaac	8:	WhiteH 208
Kancherla, Kartik	6:	WhiteH 206
Kandala, Shiva	1:	WhiteH 101
Khan, Sahil	5:	WhiteH 205
Khan, Aarim	2:	WhiteH 102
Kolluru, Lahari	3:	WhiteH 103
Le, Henry	7:	WhiteH 207
Leon, Valerie	5:	WhiteH 205
Ley, Carter	3:	WhiteH 103
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Lofgren, Lena	5:	WhiteH 205
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Manchikanti, Amulya	1:	WhiteH 101
Marathe, Ashwin	5:	WhiteH 205
Markovic, Maja	1:	WhiteH 101
Martinez, Elena	7:	WhiteH 207
Masri, Zain	8:	WhiteH 208
Mata, Federico	1:	WhiteH 101
Mazumdar, Arjun	7:	WhiteH 207
McCormick, Hunter	3:	WhiteH 103
McCormick, Adam	1:	WhiteH 101
Medigovic, Gianluca	8:	WhiteH 208
Memon, Areej	7:	WhiteH 207
Min, Ray	1:	WhiteH 101
Modi, Eshaan	8:	WhiteH 208
Morgan, John	5:	WhiteH 205
Moss, Asher	3:	WhiteH 103
Naqvi, Amal	3:	WhiteH 103
Naviaux, Will	6:	WhiteH 206
Nechiti, Ioana	8:	WhiteH 208
North, Luke	7:	WhiteH 207
Ohana, Nathan	8:	WhiteH 208
Parsotan, Veejay	4:	WhiteH 112
Perbtani, Joseph	3:	WhiteH 103
Peters, Darren	2:	WhiteH 102
Pham, Lexus	8:	WhiteH 208
Pultorak, Alexandra	3:	WhiteH 103
Rafka, Emily	5:	WhiteH 205
Ranjan, Aryan	5:	WhiteH 205
Rao, Ameya	2:	WhiteH 102
Ray, Rohan	5:	WhiteH 205
Rayburn, Ann	3:	WhiteH 103
Raymond, Chris	5:	WhiteH 205
Reddy, Bhavik	8:	WhiteH 208
Roberts, Darren	2:	WhiteH 102
Rodriguez, Christian	2:	WhiteH 102
Rosen, Max	5:	WhiteH 205
Rutledge, Darren	1:	WhiteH 101
Sanchez, Joa	5:	WhiteH 205
Santos, Andrei	2:	WhiteH 102

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Schumacher, John	6:	WhiteH 206
Sedlak, Emma	4:	WhiteH 112
Selvanik, Filomena	8:	WhiteH 208
Shpetner, Ben	1:	WhiteH 101
Singerman, Serena	6:	WhiteH 206
Singh, Aditi	2:	WhiteH 102
Stoll, Liana	3:	WhiteH 103
Sukumar, Adarsh	6:	WhiteH 206
Sun, Andrew	1:	WhiteH 101
Sun, April	2:	WhiteH 102
Teh, Sydney	1:	WhiteH 101
Thompson, Ronald	7:	WhiteH 207
Venkataraman, Hrudey	1:	WhiteH 101
Vyas, Amar	2:	WhiteH 102
Walton, Abby	1:	WhiteH 101
Wang, Ruby	4:	WhiteH 112
Williams, Daniela	8:	WhiteH 208
Wong, Emily	4:	WhiteH 112
Xi, Zachary	2:	WhiteH 102
Xie, Derek	1:	WhiteH 101
Yan, Angela	6:	WhiteH 206
Zhao, Tiffany	4:	WhiteH 112
Zislin, Luca	4:	WhiteH 112

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08 - Samantha Bernstein	21 - Ian Bluth	15 - Matthew Fleischer	33 - Vansh Gogoi
46 - Shiva Kandala	01 - Amulya Manchikanti	23 - Maja Markovic	07 - Federico Mata
13 - Adam McCormick	18 - Ray Min	27 - Darren Rutledge	35 - Ben Shpetner
06 - Andrew Sun	36 - Sydney Teh	29 - Hrudey Venkataraman	03 - Abby Walton
42 - Derek Xie			

Chamber 2			Room: WhiteH 102
30 - Dilan Amin	47 - Vivek Beeram	42 - Jay Bhatia	01 - Carson Duca
26 - Walker Evans	36 - Nathan Felmus	04 - Frida Gutierrez	38 - Cameron Hardy
22 - Aarim Khan	13 - Darren Peters	33 - Ameya Rao	09 - Darren Roberts
08 - Christian Rodriguez	21 - Andrei Santos	22 - Aditi Singh	06 - April Sun
37 - Amar Vyas	24 - Zachary Xi		

Chamber 3			Room: WhiteH 103
21 - David Allen	06 - Nakul Bajaj	19 - Nathan Berman	29 - Lewis Dubrowski
47 - Shilpa Gunuganti	42 - Grace Holland	08 - Umar Hussain	35 - Raeseong Jeong
01 - Lahari Kolluru	35 - Carter Ley	04 - Hunter McCormick	10 - Asher Moss
22 - Amal Naqvi	16 - Joseph Perbtani	40 - Alexandra Pultorak	03 - Ann Rayburn
17 - Liana Stoll			

Chamber 4			Room: WhiteH 112
20 - Bilal Andha	01 - Lukas Bacon	09 - Jonathan Boulanger	36 - Amanda Caress
10 - Nirmitt Chandan	13 - Sahas Chintakayala	01 - Hannah Cunningham	34 - Nathan Darmon
36 - John Feighery	22 - Sydney Glickson	22 - Evelyn Jiang	12 - Veejay Parsotan
37 - Emma Sedlak	32 - Ruby Wang	04 - Emily Wong	06 - Tiffany Zhao
08 - Luca Zislin			

Chamber 5			Room: WhiteH 205
36 - Timothy Brett	18 - Ed Brunicardi	48 - Genevieve Cox	22 - Joshua Ezrol
16 - David Forbes	36 - Garreth Hui	05 - Rohit Jhawar	04 - Sahil Khan
21 - Valerie Leon	41 - Lena Lofgren	01 - Ashwin Marathe	23 - John Morgan
42 - Emily Rafka	08 - Aryan Ranjan	33 - Rohan Ray	14 - Chris Raymond
25 - Max Rosen	42 - Joa Sanchez		

Chamber 6			Room: WhiteH 206
22 - Samarth Arul	36 - Jonathan Bar-On	01 - Evan Beck	07 - Jonathan Bogen
36 - Artea Brahaj	04 - Haruka Braun	39 - Caleb Buzard	15 - Samuel Crombie
14 - Chris Dorworth	08 - Chase Freeman	46 - Kartik Kancherla	30 - Jakob Lucas
06 - Annie Ma	25 - Will Naviaux	17 - John Schumacher	37 - Serena Singerman
29 - Adarsh Sukumar	10 - Angela Yan		

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35 - Christian Bae	43 - Kai Camacho	09 - Amelia Diaz	31 - Emily Donaldson
06 - David Feng	23 - Yvonne Fonrevay-Bedell	04 - Eden Gustin	17 - Sophia Halpern
32 - Qintong Hu	22 - Pooja Jain	21 - Henry Le	06 - Jason Lin
07 - Elena Martinez	36 - Arjun Mazumdar	18 - Areej Memon	28 - Luke North
01 - Aiswarya Saravanan	16 - Ronald Thompson		

Chamber 8**Room: WhiteH 208**

22 - Anubhav Agarwal	02 - Ibitayo Babatunde	37 - Cassandra Berlin	17 - John Carlson
13 - Aadi Daga	11 - Michael Evrard-Vescio	21 - Perry Gilberd	22 - Jeanette Han
04 - Isaac Kan	39 - Zain Masri	12 - Gianluca Medigovic	36 - Eshaan Modi
44 - Ioana Nechiti	06 - Nathan Ohana	27 - Lexus Pham	45 - Bhavik Reddy
16 - Filomena Selvanik	30 - Daniela Williams		

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A Bill to Ban the Importation or Selling of Slave-made Products within the United States of America

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Whereas slavery is still a major problem in the world and annually
3 grosses over \$150 billion, the importation or selling of all slave-made
4 products shall be banned in the United States (US).

5 **SECTION 2.** The following terms are defined as

6 **Slavery:** the economic system where people labor for another without
7 compensation and are in the state of a slave.

8 **Slave:** a person who is the legal property (as determined by the Justice
9 Department) of another and is forced to labor for them.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission and the Justice Department will oversee
11 the enforcement of this bill.

12 **A.** Upon implementation, all current products within the United States
13 that are a result of slave production shall be declared contraband and
14 seized by the Justice Department, following the due process of law.

15 The US companies of all products seized shall be compensated.

16 **B.** 120 days after implementation, all US companies who buy slave-
17 made products will have those products seized and destroyed
18 without compensation upon importation.

19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect as of January 1, 2020.

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

21 *Introduced by Rep. Rutledge*

A BILL TO DECRIMINALIZE DRUG USE AND POSSESSION

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. Use of all narcotics and illicit substances shall be decriminalized.

3 B. Possession of up to a 10-day supply of narcotics or illicit substances
4 shall be decriminalized.

5 C. Those who are found using narcotics or illicit substances or possessing
6 up to a 10-day supply are to be offered but not mandated to accept
7 support services by the state in which the offense occurred.

8 D. States that fail to comply with the above provision shall have all
9 federal drug control funding cut.

10 **SECTION 2.** A. Narcotics and illicit substances shall be defined as a drug or other
11 substance affecting mood or behavior and sold or used for nonmedical
12 purposes.

13 B. Decriminalization shall be defined as the removal of criminal penalties.

14 C. Support services shall be defined as methadone programs, needle
15 exchange programs, and rehabilitation services.

16 **SECTION 3.** The Drug Enforcement Agency shall oversee the enactment of this
17 legislation.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect January 1, 2020.

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

Introduced by Rep. Cameron Hardy

A BILL TO END DISCRIMINATION IN BLOOD DONATION

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All blood donation organizations will no longer discriminate against members of
3 the LGBTQ+ community. The Food and Drug Administration will no longer ban a
4 male who has had sex with another male (also known as MSM) within twelve
5 (12) months of donation. They will also no longer ban females who had sex with
6 an MSM within twelve months of donation.

7 **SECTION 2.** Blood donation organizations are companies that draw, screen, question, and
8 process blood donating and are regulated by the Food and Drug Administration
9 (FDA). MSM is defined by gay men, bisexual men, and other men who have sex
10 with men. FDA Questionnaires are questions about one's sexual and medical
11 history that decides their ability to donate blood.

12 **SECTION 3.** All affirming they had MSM sex within twelve (12) months on the FDA
13 Questionnaire will be given confidential Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)
14 tests. Individuals receiving a positive HIV result will be prohibited from donating
15 blood, while those receiving a negative HIV result may donate through the
16 standard process.

17 **SECTION 4.** The FDA Blood Products Advisory Committee, HHS Advisory Committee for Blood
18 Safety and Ability, and United States FDA will oversee implementation of this bill.

19 **SECTION 5.** This bill shall be implemented at the first fiscal quarter after legislation passes.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Luke North

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

Introduced by Rep. Evrard-Vescio

A Bill to Establish A United States Space Force (USSF)

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A United States Space Force shall be established. \$13 Billion in
3 direct Federal funding shall be appropriated to establish the
4 United States Space Force (USSF). This money shall be used for
5 the following in order to build the initial groundwork the USSF;

6 (A) To accelerate space technology and development
7 initiatives, which are considered modernization priorities.

8 (B) To establish a Space Development Agency charged with
9 developing and fielding new next-generation capabilities for
10 national security space development.

11 (C) To establish a Space Operations Force of professionals who
12 shall form a new community of experts who will work to lead
13 America's national security space efforts into the future.

14 (D) To establish an operating structure and accountable civilian
15 oversight for the Space Force; and to Create a United States
16 Space Command, and a unified combatant command, to
17 improve, evolve, and plan space warfighting.

18 **SECTION 2.** United States Space Force (USSF) shall constitute a sixth branch of the
19 U.S. Armed Forces, tasked with; consolidating and operating orbital
20 infrastructure, providing logistical support to ground assets, and
21 developing, deploying, and operating orbital weapons.

22 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense shall prescribe such as necessary to carry out
23 Section 1.

24 **SECTION 4.** This bill will hereby be enacted not later than 120 days after the
25 enactment of this Act.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lukas Bacon.

A BILL TO FEDERALLY FUND NGOs IN LATIN AMERICA

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Introduced by Rep. Samuel Crombie

A Bill to Fund the Wall and Save Us All

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** A. President Donald Trump’s requested border wall on the US-Mexico border
2 shall be funded with 5.7 billion dollars, which will come directly from the
3 revenue of a carbon tax on all US corporations.
4 B. A carbon tax of \$25 per metric ton of carbon dioxide shall be established on
5 all US corporations to fund the border wall as well as additional initiatives
6 listed in Section 1C.
7 C. The first 5.7 billion dollars of revenue from the newly established carbon
8 tax shall directly be allocated to the construction of a border wall.
9 D. All additional revenue shall go towards the Plug-In Electric Vehicle Credit,
10 which shall be extended until 2028. The existing, per-vehicle credit limit shall
11 be raised to \$7,500. All per-corporation limits on the Plug-In Electric Vehicle
12 Credit shall be abolished.
- 13 **SECTION 2.** “Carbon tax” shall be defined as a tax on any carbon dioxide produced by a US
14 corporation; “US corporations” shall be defined according to IRS and US Code
15 definitions; “per-corporation limits” shall be defined as the current restrictions
16 on the Plug-In Electric Vehicle Tax Credit which limits the tax credit to 200,000
17 vehicles per corporation.
- 18 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security will receive and oversee funding for
19 the border wall and will be in charge of its construction. The Internal Revenue
20 Service and Environmental Protection Agency shall oversee the
21 implementation of a carbon tax as well as the expansion of the Plug-In Electric
22 Vehicle Tax Credit.
- 23 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect on June 1, 2019.
- 24 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null & void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by
Will Naviaux*

A Bill to Guarantee A Universal Basic Income

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** American citizens over the age of 18 and who have not been convicted of
3 a crime shall receive \$10,000 of untaxable income from the U.S
4 Government on an annual basis. Individuals who make more than
5 \$125,000 and/or couples who make over \$200,000 annually will not
6 receive the annual base income.

7 **SECTION 2.** Children under the age of 18 shall have a basic annual income of \$5,000
8 given to their parents in the child's name. Funding for Social Security will
9 be halved, beginning in the next fiscal year and continue for 5 years. After
10 the end of the Five (5) years, Social Security will be eliminated. Medicare
11 and Medicaid shall also be permanently cut by 50% and spending may
12 only increase with inflation after the Five (5) year period. The payroll tax
13 and federal minimum wage are abolished. The Supplemental Nutrition
14 Assistance Program will be eliminated.

15 **SECTION 3.** Each program mentioned in Section 2 will be responsible for carrying out
16 its specific role as outlined in said section.

17 A. The Internal Revenue Service will verify eligibility for the annual
18 payment.

19 B. The U.S. treasury will be responsible for paying eligible citizens their
20 base income.

21 **SECTION 4.** This will go into effect June 1, 2018.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Pham.

A Bill to Halt Military Aid to Egypt

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall halt all weapons, intelligence sharing, arms deals,
3 and other forms of military aid with the country of Egypt

4 **SECTION 2.** Military aid shall be defined as aid which is used to assist a country or its
5 people in its defense efforts, or to assist a poor country in maintaining
6 control over its own territory. Arms deals shall be defined as an
7 agreement to share weapons for military purposes.

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9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense shall oversee this legislation
10 a. All current arms deals with Egypt shall be considered null and void
11 among passage of this legislation

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented Fiscal Year, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jay Bhatia.

A Bill to Increase Funding for NASA

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall double the funding of the National Aeronautics and
2 Space Administration (NASA) of \$19.5 Billion USD to \$39.1 Billion USD for
3 the purpose of the administration's goal of human exploration.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** "Human Exploration" shall be defined as expanding human presence into
5 the solar system and to the surface of Mars to advance exploration,
6 science, innovation, benefits to humanity, and international collaboration..
- 7 **SECTION 3.** The Implementation of this bill shall be overseen by the Congressional
8 Budget Office in coordination with the Department of Defense.
- 9 A. All means of funding shall be allocated from the United States Military
10 Budget.
- 11 B. The withdrawal and implementation of funding should be set in a
12 minimum time span of 5 years.
- 13 **SECTION 4.** This law shall go into effect in the beginning of Fiscal Year of 2025.
- 14 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Joa Sanchez.

A Bill to Increase Funding to the VA to Promote Mental Health

1 *Be it enacted by the Congress here assembled:*

3 **SECTION 1:** The Department of Veterans Affairs budget will increase by 800 million
4 dollars.

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

8 **SECTION 3:** The legislation shall be implemented by January 1st, 2020.

9 **SECTION 4:** The Department of State shall oversee the allocation of funds. The
10 Department of Veterans Affairs shall be tasked with effectively using the
11 funding provided.

12 **SECTION 5:** All other laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall
13 hereby be declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Matthew Fleischer

A Bill to Increase the H-1B Visa Cap and Provide Residency for High-Skilled Workers

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. The cap on H-1B visas shall be increased to 185,000 each fiscal year.

3 B. Green cards shall be automatically granted to foreign nation students
4 who graduate with a Bachelor's or higher in STEM degrees in
5 universities/colleges in the United States of America and all relevant
6 subnational territories.

7 **SECTION 2.** A. H-1B Visas shall be defined by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration
8 Services as work permits that allows companies in the United States to
9 temporarily employ foreign workers in occupations that require the
10 theoretical and practical application of a body of highly specialized
11 knowledge and a bachelor's degree or higher in the specific specialty, or
12 its equivalent. H-1B specialty occupations may include fields such as
13 science, engineering and information technology.

14 B. Green Cards (officially known as a Permanent Resident Card) allow for
15 individuals to live and work permanently in the United States.

16 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of State, The Bureau of U.S. Citizenship and
17 Immigration Services, The U.S. Department of Education and The U.S.
18 Department of Labor shall oversee implementation of this bill.

19 A. Yearly reports will be sent to the Department of Labor in order to
20 evaluate the status of hiring.

21 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 - April 1, 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Hu.

A BILL TO LEGALIZE PROSTITUTION TO CREATE A SAFER ENVIRONMENT FOR SEX WORKERS AND BOLSTER THE ECONOMY

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Prostitution should be legalized across the nation.

SECTION 2. Prostitution is defined as the practice or occupation of engaging in sexual activity with someone for payment.

SECTION 3. The Department of Labor and the Department of Human Services will oversee the enforcement of the bill, ensuring the understanding of what the legalization would entail.

A. Sex workers would register and obtain a license to practice through the Department of Labor.

a. Should they practice without a license they will be required to pay a fine of \$5,000.

B. In order to keep their license they must provide a history of testing to any and all clients that request it, they also must be tested for STDs, STIs, and HIV every six months.

SECTION 4. The money earned by prostitutes would be taxed as income.

SECTION 4. The bill will be enacted one year after it passes.

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

Introduced by Alexandra Pultorak.

A Bill to Prohibit Judges from Sentencing Juvenile Offenders to Life Without Parole

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Sentencing anyone who committed a crime as a minor to life without
3 parole is hereby illegal. This policy shall be retroactive, and minors
4 already sentenced to life without parole shall receive a resentencing
5 hearing.

6 **SECTION 2.** Minors are defined as any individual under the legal age of 18. Parole is
7 defined as the release of a prisoner temporarily or permanently before
8 the completion of a sentence, on the promise of good behavior.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Prisons shall
10 oversee the implementation of this legislation.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect January 1, 2020

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Sedlak.

A Bill to Protect Journalists Across the World to Ensure Freedom of the Press

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** A tariff on any and all produced or shipped raw materials shall be placed on
2 countries whose governments have executed or allowed the murder of a
3 journalist within the past year.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** A. Tariff shall be defined as an import tax of 15%.
5 B. Raw materials shall be defined as any basic resource used to make
6 products
- 7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State, the Central Intelligence Agency, and the
8 Department of Commerce shall oversee implementation of this bill.
9 A. The Department of State and Central Intelligence Agency in conjunction
10 shall create a Bureau Journalism Committee that shall review
11 executions in countries that report raw materials to the U.S. every year
12 to determine if tariffs need to be lifted or imposed.
- 13 B. The Department of Commerce shall oversee implementation of tariffs.
- 14 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take into effect immediately after passage.
- 15 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Wang.

A Bill to Require 501(c)(4) Tax Exempt Organizations to Disclose Donor Lists

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. US 501(c)(4) tax exempt organizations who accept donations from foreign sources shall be required to publicly disclose their list of donors for amounts in excess of \$2000.

SECTION 2. A US 501(c)(4) tax exempt organization is one which has received a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service confirming that federal tax exempt status.

SECTION 3. The Internal Revenue Service will be tasked with the implementation and enforcement of this legislation. Failure to comply will result in a loss of tax exempt status.

SECTION 4. This bill shall become effective on passage.

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 Revise American Usage of Cyber Attacks by Limiting Domestic Usage

BE IT ENACTED THAT BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1:

The United States will cease all usage of any manner of cyber attacks on the US population, including but not limited to surveillance, harassment or information gathering on the US populace.

SECTION 2:

Cyber Attack- Any form of attack or aggression that requires the use of the cyber space, including hacking, invasion of privacy and blackmailing.

Harassment- any form of bullying or acting in a threatening manner in order to achieve an intended goal

Surveillance- A monitoring of the actions, movements and interactions of a person or entity, often unwanted.

SECTION 3:

No US governmental institution shall enact in any form of cyber attack on a domestic population. All entities currently engaging in cyber attacks or any form of cyber harassment on US populations, such as the CIA, FBI and Department of Homeland Security, will immediately cease all further action regarding to these attacks. Punishment for breaking this policy can range from limitations on usage of available resources, all the way to federal trials for individuals caught committing cyber attacks. This is to be enforced by federal law, as well as close moderation of bots and programs being developed, as well as their potential purposes.

SECTION 4:

This bill will go into effect immediately after passing, and all domestic cyber attacks must be immediately ceased. All domestic offensive programs must be purged within 64 days of the bill's passing.

SECTION 5:

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Walker Evans

A Bill To Secure Social Media Privacy

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. Before a user creates an account with, or begins to use a covered online platform, the operator of that online platform shall inform the user that personal data of the user produced during their respective online behavior- whether on the online platform or otherwise- will be collected and used by the operator and third parties.

- A. The platform must provide the user option to specify the privacy preferences of the user, including by agreeing to the terms of service.
- B. The platform must prohibit the collection and use of personal data if the user elects that option.

Section 2. ‘Online platform’ is any public-facing website, web application, or digital application (including a mobile application); and includes a social network, an ad network, a mobile operating system, a search engine, an email service, or an Internet access service.

‘Covered online platform’ is defined as online platform that collects personal data during the online behavior of a user of the online platform.

Section 3. The Federal Trade Commission will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

Section 4. This legislation shall be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced by Margaret Braun

A Bill to Shift All Electric Production to Renewable Sources

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States government shall establish a Renewable Energy
3 Administration (REA) which will be tasked with renewable energy
4 research, development, and moving our electric grid infrastructure away
5 from fossil fuels and towards renewable energy.

6 **SECTION 2.** Renewable energy shall be defined as energy which comes from
7 processes that are constantly replenished such as wind or solar power.

8 **SECTION 3.** A. \$200 billion annually will be allocated to the aforementioned
9 Renewable Energy Administration.

10 B. The United States shall create a new income tax bracket where all
11 income above \$10 million dollars annually will be taxed at 70%.

12 C. The United States shall increase the gas tax by \$.05 each year for 5
13 years, resulting in a total increase of \$.25.

14 **SECTION 4.** A. Once all electric generation facilities (power plants) have been
15 converted the United States Government shall allow privately-owned
16 energy companies to buy generation facilities and thus sell the power
17 generated by those sources. In the event they do not choose to purchase
18 a power source the United States REA will retain full control over the
19 power source and distribution of the power generated by them.

20 B. Energy generated in the United States must be from 100% renewable
21 sources by 2040 and all current electric companies must halt the use of
22 fossil fuels by that date.

23 **SECTION 5.** This act shall take effect on October 1, 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jakob Lucas.

A Bill to Shift Subsidies from Biofuels to Solar and Wind Energy

BE ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. All subsidies:

- A. Of and relating to biofuels will be eased back at a rate of 20% of funds per year.
- B. Originally on biofuels will be phased into wind and solar energy.

Section 2. 'Subsidies' are government funding given to an industry to aid in production and profit.

Section 3. The Department of Energy and the US Department of Agriculture will oversee the remove of biofuel subsidies and the implementation of solar and wind subsidies.

Section 4. This bill will go into effect on January 1 of 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Eden Gustin

A Resolution for CAFOs to use Biofuel

- WHEREAS,** In many Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO) there are large, open air, ponds that contain the waste of the animals; and
- WHEREAS,** There are large amounts of toxins such as methane and hydrogen sulfide being produced from these lagoons; and
- WHEREAS,** These greenhouse gases are harmful for the environment and health of people living near these lagoons; and
- WHEREAS,** There have not been any solutions for these lagoons to help the environment; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that CAFOs that hold lagoons in their facilities allocate resources to convert the greenhouse gases emitting from the lagoons into biofuel.
- FURTHER RESOLVED,** CAFOs containing lagoons will speak with the Environmental Protection Agency to explain the steps that will be taken.

Introduced by Rep. Babatunde

A Resolution to Abolish the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency was created by the
2 U.S. Department of Homeland Security shortly after 9/11; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** ICE's aggressive enforcement of immigration law has resulted in
4 conducting raids at shopping malls, schools, court houses and even
5 surgery wards; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Many local and state law enforcement agencies have stopped
7 cooperating with ICE agents; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Immigration issues should be separate from law enforcement issues; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** ICE represents what many view as the draconian immigration policies of
10 the Trump administration; now, therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled should abolish ICE and direct the
12 Department of Homeland Security to reorganize its immigration efforts.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ioana Nechiti.

A Resolution to Eliminate Steel & Aluminum tariffs aimed at China

1 **WHEREAS,** China has issued tariffs aimed at products made in the United States; and

2 **WHEREAS,** The new Chinese tariffs have been in response to the steel and aluminum
3 tariffs introduced by the United States against China; and

4 **WHEREAS,** World leaders believe the steel and aluminum tariffs from the United
5 States are economically disruptive; and

6 **WHEREAS,** China has filed a trade case with the World Trade Organization in
7 response to steel and aluminum tariffs from the United States; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled that the United States should
10 immediately eliminate all steel and aluminum tariffs aimed at China.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ioana Nechiti.

A Resolution to Ratify the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States has renegotiated the North American Free Trade
2 Agreement (NAFTA) but not ratified its successor; and
3 **WHEREAS,** Without ratifying the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA),
4 the United States would be stuck in NAFTA; and
5 **WHEREAS,** NAFTA has hurt specific sectors of all three countries and has taken
6 advantage of America; and
7 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here ratify the United States-Mexico-Canada
8 Agreement

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Amar Vyas.

A Resolution to Recognize the Meleagris Gallopavo as the National Bird.

WHEREAS, America is currently being misrepresented by a scavenger and thief: the Bald Eagle; and

WHEREAS, we as a nation have been misrepresented by this bird for hundreds of years, and it is time that we righted this issue; and

WHEREAS, as we step forward into a new age, it is important that all countries see us as the righteous defender of freedom that we are instead of the thief and scavenger that we have been so far represented as; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Congress here assembled that the bald eagle shall no longer be recognized as the national bird, and shall be replaced on all national emblems with the Meleagris Gallopavo.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sen. Breman.

A Resolution to Rethink Egypt

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The Sisi regime came to power in a military coup; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** in the 2013 Rabaa massacre killed 817 protestors in a single day; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** currently detains 60,000 political prisoners; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** the U.S. gives Egypt \$1.3 billion in annual military aid; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** that aid is not tied to any meaningful progress on human rights; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** U.S. military aid is ineffective in combating the threats Egypt faces; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Egyptian counterterror operations in Sinai are ineffective; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** U.S. aid to Egypt is based on decades old assumptions that are no
- 9 longer relevant; now, therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the U.S. government will conduct
- 11 a thorough review of military aid to Egypt so that aid reflects U.S. priorities on: human
- 12 rights, counter terrorism, and respect for the democratic process.
- 13 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by John Morgan*

A Bill to Designate Saudi Arabia as a State Sponsor of Terror

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The US shall hereby designate Saudi Arabia a State Sponsor of Terror.

3 **SECTION 2.** A. The State Sponsor of Terror List shall be defined as the list maintained
4 under Section 6J of the Export Administration Act (EAA), Section 40 of the
5 Arms Export Control Act (AECA), and Section 620 of the Foreign
6 Assistance Act (FAA).

7 B. State Sponsors of Terror shall be designated by behaviors that have
8 repeatedly provided support for acts of international terrorism.

9 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of State and The Department of Defense shall
10 oversee the implication of this legislation.

11 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented on June 9th, 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ray Min.

The Agricultural Welfare Act of 2019

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. All federal farm subsidies shall be disbanded.

3 B. Farm subsidies funding shall be redirected to increase funding
4 towards the SNAP program.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. Subsidies shall be defined as any federal allocation or benefit of money
6 in any form for any program providing marketing loans or agricultural
7 disaster aid to individual farmers, to farm businesses or corporations, or
8 for agricultural and food research and development programs.

9 B. SNAP shall be defined as a program providing aid to low income
10 individuals and families in order to buy food.

11 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) shall be responsible for
12 the overseeing and enforcing this bill.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented October 1st, 2020.

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

Introduced by Asher Moss

THE MILITARY JUSTICE ACT OF 2019

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Department of Defense will be barred from the use of
3 Private Military Contractors (PMCs).

4 **SECTION 2.** A Private Military Contractor shall be defined as a military contractor in a
5 role that has or will see active combat.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense shall be responsible for phasing out PMCs
7 over the course of 5 years following the passage of this legislation.

8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately after passage.

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

Introduced by Rep. Lena Lofgren

The Promote Endurance and Colombian Equality (P.E.A.C.E.) Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The US Federal Government shall disburse \$20 million to the agriculture
3 sector in Colombia.

4 A. All funding shall be disbursed to Colombian citizens via microloans
5 through non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

6 **SECTION 2.** Microloans are a small sum of money lent at low or no interest.

7 **SECTION 3.** USAID will be tasked in distributing the microloans to the NGOs.

8 A. The US Ambassador to Colombia and USAID shall submit independent
9 quarterly reports on the impact the microloans have on violence in
10 the country.

11 B. The Inter-American Development Bank shall be tasked with awarding
12 contracts to the specific NGOs specified in Section 1.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect on the first day of the next Fiscal Year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Christian Bae



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BARKLEY FORUM FOR HIGH SCHOOLS

2019 Congressional Debate

Semifinal Legislative Docket





No Federal Funding for Confederate Symbols Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Except as provided in subsection (c), no Federal funds may be used for the
3 creation, maintenance, or display, as applicable, of any Confederate symbol
4 on Federal public land, including any highway, park, subway, Federal
5 building, military installation, street, or other Federal property.

6 **SECTION 2.** Confederate Symbol Defined.—The term “Confederate symbol” includes
7 the following: (1) A Confederate battle flag; (2) Any symbol or other
8 signage that honors the Confederacy; (3) Any monument or statue that
9 honors a Confederate leader or soldier or the Confederate States of
10 America.

11 **SECTION 3.** §1 does not apply— (1) if the use of such funds is necessary to allow for
12 removal of the Confederate symbol to address public safety; or (2) in the
13 case of a Confederate symbol created, maintained, or displayed in a
14 museum or educational exhibit.

15 **SECTION 4.** Not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act, the
16 Secretary of Defense shall redesignate the following military installations
17 with such designation as the Secretary determines appropriate.
18 (1) Fort Rucker, Alabama; (2) Fort Benning, Georgia; (3) Fort Gordon,
19 Georgia; (4) Camp Beauregard, Louisiana; (5) Fort Polk, Louisiana; (6) Fort
20 Bragg, North Carolina; (7) Fort Hood, Texas; (8) Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia; (9)
21 Fort Lee, Virginia; (10) Fort Pickett, Virginia.

22 **SECTION 5.** This act shall take effect upon passage; all laws in conflict with this
23 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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Stopping Russian Nuclear Aggression Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no funds authorized to be
3 appropriated or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2019 and
4 subsequent fiscal years may be obligated or expended to extend the
5 implementation of the New START Treaty beyond the current expiration
6 date in 2021 unless the President certifies to the Armed Services and
7 Foreign Relations/Affairs congressional committees that—
8 (1) extending the New START Treaty is in the national security interest of
9 the United States; and
10 (2) the Russian Federation has— (A) agreed to include all
11 covered Russian systems under the limits set by the New START Treaty; and
12 (B) per paragraph (a)(12) of the Resolution of Ratification for the New
13 START Treaty adopted in the Senate on December 22, 2010 (Treaty
14 Document 111–5), entered into an agreement with the United States to
15 address the disparity between nonstrategic (tactical) nuclear weapons
16 stockpiles of the Russian Federation and of the United States by securing
17 and reducing in a verifiable manner Russian tactical nuclear weapons.

18 **SECTION 2.** New START Treaty” means the Treaty between the United States of
19 America and the Russian Federation on Measures for the Further
20 Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms, signed at Prague,
21 April 8, 2010, and entered into force February 5, 2011..

22 **SECTION 3.** COVERED RUSSIAN SYSTEMS.—The term “covered Russian systems” means
23 the following: (A) The heavy intercontinental missile system known as
24 “Sarmat”, or otherwise identified; (B) An air-launched nuclear-powered
25 cruise missile known as “X–101”, or otherwise identified; (C) An unmanned
26 underwater vehicle known as “Status 6”, or otherwise identified; (D) The
27 long-distance guided flight hypersonic weapons system known by
28 “Avanguard”, or otherwise identified.

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Presidential Conflicts of Interest Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Not later than 30 days after assuming the office of President or Vice
3 President, respectively, the President and Vice President shall submit to
4 Congress and the Director of the Office of Government Ethics a disclosure of
5 financial interests of their own, their spouse, and any minor children. For
6 any individual currently serving as President or Vice President on the date of
7 enactment of this Act, the disclosure of financial interests shall be submitted
8 not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

9 **SECTION 2.** At minimum, disclosure of financial interest shall include information
10 required for reports under section 102 of the Ethics in Government Act of
11 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.), as well as tax returns filed for the three most recent
12 years and for each taxable year in which an IRS audit is pending.

13 **SECTION 3.** The President, the Vice President, the spouse of the President or Vice
14 President, and any minor child of the President or Vice President shall divest
15 of any financial interest posing a potential conflict of interest by transferring
16 such interest to a qualified blind trust. Within a reasonable period of time
17 after the date a financial interest is transferred to a qualified blind trust
18 under paragraph (1), the trustee of the qualified blind trust shall— (A) sell
19 the financial interest; and (B) use proceeds of the sale of the financial
20 interest to purchase conflict-free holdings.

21 **SECTION 4.** The Director of the Office of Government Ethics shall submit to Congress,
22 President, and Vice President an annual report of financial interests.

23 **SECTION 5.** 18 U.S.C. 208 shall be amended to require any Presidentially appointed
24 positions to recuse themselves from matters involving any interests held by
25 the President, Vice President, their spouses, or minor children.

26 **SECTION 6.** Information reported may be redacted to the extent the Director of the
27 Office of Government Ethics deems necessary for preventing identity theft,
28 such as social security or tax identification numbers.

29 **SECTION 7.** It is the sense of Congress that a violation of section 2 of this Act or the
30 Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) by the President or the
31 Vice President would constitute a high crime or misdemeanor under article
32 II, section 4 of the Constitution of the United States.

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Inaugural Fund Integrity Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Title III of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 ([52 U.S.C. 30101](#) et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

SEC. 325. INAUGURAL COMMITTEES

(A). Inaugural committees may not accept donations from a person that is not an individual, nor from a foreign national, nor by someone in the name of another person.

(B). Donations to inaugural committees may not be converted to personal use: to fulfill a commitment, obligation, or expense of a person that would exist irrespective of the responsibilities of the committee under chapter 5 of title 36, U.S.C.

(C). It shall be unlawful for an individual to make donations exceeding \$50,000. For each Presidential election beginning 2024, this amount shall be increased by the cumulative percent difference determined in section 315(c)(1)(A) since the previous Presidential election year.

(D) An Inaugural Committee shall file with the Commission a report disclosing any donation by an individual to the committee in an amount of \$1,000 or more not later than 24 hours after the receipt of such donation.

(E). Not later than the date that is 90 days after the date of the Presidential inaugural ceremony, the Inaugural Committee shall file with the Commission a report containing the following information: (1). Itemized individual donations, by amount, date, and for those in aggregate above \$250, name/address of donors; (2). Total amount of disbursements for: committee operating expenses, loan repayments, donation refunds and offsets to donations, and whom any other disbursement in an aggregate amount or value in excess of \$200 is made by the committee, together with the date and amount of such disbursement.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect for the 2021 Presidential Inauguration.

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A Bill to Create a Default Budget Policy

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Automatic Continuing Appropriations Provisions: If Congress does not
3 amend or eliminate any existing appropriations on or before the
4 beginning of a new budget, all existing appropriations are in effect in the
5 new fiscal year and all subsequent fiscal years until amended or
6 eliminated.

7 **SECTION 2.** In absence of an approved budget, and when revenue is insufficient to
8 meet requirements of §1; to determine sequestration measures a Joint
9 Congressional Committee for Budgetary Priorities, consisting of three
10 members of each party from the Senate, and the same from the House,
11 shall be convened, and shall consult with the Office of Management and
12 Budget. In the event the committee cannot pass a proposal, or if the
13 President refuses to sign such a proposal, tax increases equivalent to lost
14 revenue shall take effect.

15 **SECTION 3.** Wages actively working federal employees shall not be discontinued at
16 any time; employees furloughed due to sequestration shall not be
17 compensated.

18 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect with the next fiscal year following passage.

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Energy Utility Accountability Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The U.S. federal government shall withhold subsidies from utilities or
3 other energy companies in states where gas and/or electricity markets
4 are deregulated.

5 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Energy and Department of Commerce shall enforce
6 this legislation.

7 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect with the next fiscal year following passage; all
8 laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby null and void.

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A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Establish Rights of Nature

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

6 **ARTICLE --**

7 **SECTION 1:** Ecosystems, natural communities, and species possess
8 inherent, fundamental, and inalienable rights to naturally
9 exist, flourish, regenerate and evolve such as the right to
10 maintain, recover, and preserve their life cycles, structures
11 and functions, rights to a healthy climate system free from
12 human-caused global warming emissions, rights to the
13 defense, protection, and enforcement of their rights and
14 other such rights.

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

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A Bill to Remove “Black Identity Extremist” as a Domestic Terrorist Designation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Federal Bureau of Investigation (herein, the “Bureau”) shall not use the
3 designation “Black Identity Extremist,” (BIE, as initially defined by the
4 Bureau in August 2017) nor should it target individuals or groups described
5 by the designation for investigation without a specific, justifiable cause as
6 evidenced by specific violent action that has caused significant disruption
7 beyond peaceful protest.

8 **SECTION 2.** Funds equivalent to labor and resources used in investigating BIEs shall be
9 withheld from the Bureau, should it be found to be in violation of this act.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Attorney General and Director of the Bureau shall present to Congress
11 intelligence and training materials regarding investigation, surveillance, and
12 intelligence gathering that targets protected classes, modeled after its
13 review of anti-Muslim training materials in 2012.

14 **SECTION 4.** The Bureau shall implement a peer review system such as used by the
15 Department of Homeland Security to oversee production of intelligence
16 reports and training materials that include the FBI Office of General
17 Counsel, DOJ Privacy Officer, and DOJ Civil Rights Division. All intelligence
18 and training products must be made available for congressional review,
19 with all personally identifiable information (PII) properly redacted.

20 **SECTION 5.** The Bureau’s racial and ethnic mapping program is herewith abolished.

21 **SECTION 6.** Congress will commission an independent study to determine why diversity
22 gains have fallen over the last 18 years; focusing on bias in hiring,
23 promotion, and disciplinary processes. \$100,000 shall be allocated for this
24 study.

25 **SECTION 7.** This act shall take effect upon passage.

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