

# *Speak of the Devil Senior Invitational*

## **Congressional Debate Legislation Packet**



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# **PRELIMS #1**

## **A Bill to Remove Patents and Copyrights Pertaining to Genetic Modification**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The United States will remove all patents and copyrights on genes to be used in genetic modifications, whether they are for humans or other beings.

**SECTION 2.** Currently, many companies can patent or copyright their genetic modifications that they plan to use. This limits innovation and the creation of better combinations of different genes. However, the removal of any new patents and copyrights will benefit those who work with genetically modified organisms.

**SECTION 3.** The United States Patent and Trademark Office and United States Copyright Office will enact and enforce this bill.

**SECTION 4.** This bill will not require funding.

**SECTION 5.** This bill will go into effect immediately upon passage.

**SECTION 6.** All other laws and/or passages of Congress that conflict with this bill will be considered null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Paul Laurence Dunbar High School.*

## **PRELIMS #2**

### **A Resolution to Provide Free National WiFi**

**WHEREAS**, Millions of people have no access to WiFi, and it is essential in today's technological society and

**WHEREAS**, affecting the opportunities of many citizens because Internet is essential to almost all communication, especially in rural areas, where cellular services are not as strong and

**WHEREAS**, it decreases the quality of life for many and America must set the precedent for technological innovations; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, By this Congress that: free national WiFi is provided to all citizens through cooperation of telecommunication companies.

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## PRELIMS #3

### **A Bill to Establish Privacy Restrictions on Drones**

#### **BE IT ENACTED BY CONGRESS THAT:**

1. **SECTION 1.**       Drones will not be allowed to fly beneath 500 feet above private property
2.                       or federal facilities. Professional drone operators and occupational drone
3.                       operators must have a license and consent of the property owner to fly
4.                       below 200 feet over private property limits.
5. **SECTION 2.**       Drones: Any manned or unmanned vehicle with any live action relay
6.                       system or camera on board.
7. **SECTION 3.**       The Federal aviation Administration will be responsible for implementing
8.                       this legislation The issuing and processing for professional drone
9.                       operation licenses shall be processed by a board composed of aviation law
10.                      certified professionals.
11. **SECTION 4.**       This bill will take effect July 1, 2019.
12. **SECTION 5.**       All other laws that are in conflict with this policy shall hereby be declared
13.                       null and void.

*Introduced by Henry Clay High School*

## PRELIMS #4

### **A Resolution of Disapproval Nullifying Proposed Changes to U.S. Weapon Export Procedures**

1.     **WHEREAS,** The Executive Branch is in the process of amending the Federal Register
2.                   so as to increase the volume of U.S. weapons exports and also the array
3.                   of weapons available for easy export, and
4.     **WHEREAS,** Many of our top-importing countries for weapons lie in epicenters of
5.                   violence such as the Middle East and Central America, and
6.     **WHEREAS,** These weapons not only exacerbate existing conflicts but also discourage
7.                   peace and are often stolen by groups that threaten international
8.                   security, and
9.     **WHEREAS,** The Proposed Rule 83 FR 24166 would, if enacted, shift jurisdiction of
10.                  weapon exports from the State Dept. to the Commerce Dept., which
11.                  would increase the ease with which foreign nations could acquire
12.                  armaments, and
13.    **WHEREAS,** The Rule would also reclassify many armaments into lower Categories,
14.                  further facilitating the acquisition of more dangerous weapons; now,
15.                  therefore be it
16.    **RESOLVED,** By this Congress that: this body will not approve or pass Proposed Rule
17.                  83 FR 24166 when it is submitted for review.

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## PRELIMS #5

### **A Bill to Replace the Use of Rock Salt with Geomelt for Snow and Ice Removal**

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The United States government uses rock salt for snow and ice removal
2. but it is very expensive and causes harm to the roads and environment.
3. Our government spends roughly \$2.3 billion annually on rock salt while
4. Geomelt would cost nearly half of this price.
5. **SECTION 2.** Rock salt has been known to harm our roads and environment. Rock salt
6. damages the concrete on roads by breaking it down. Rock salt also affects
7. the quality of our water. Geomelt does none of the above. Geomelt is an
8. organic substance containing mostly beet juice and small portions of salt
9. that removes snow and ice without harming roads or the environment.
10. **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Transportation will oversee that states in need of
11. snow and ice removal products will use Geomelt instead of other
12. alternatives such as rock salt.
13. **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect immediately upon passage.
14. **SECTION 5.** All other laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be
15. declared null and void.

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## PRELIMS #6

### **A Bill to Aid Police Departments in the Distribution of Naloxone HCl**

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** Each local government or municipality with more than 100 annual opioid
2. overdose deaths shall be given a federal grant, proportional to need, to be
3. allocated to police departments solely for the purchasing of Naloxone
4. HCl, commonly known as Narcan. Each local government or municipality
5. shall be given a base amount of \$20,000 plus an additional \$500 for each
6. overdose death greater than 100 in 2017, this data being procured from the
7. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
8. **SECTION 2.** Naloxone HCl, commonly known as Narcan, shall also be made legal for
9. over-the-counter consumption without a prescription nationwide.
10. **SECTION 3.** \$10 billion shall be allocated for this legislation and the Department of
11. Health and Human services shall be in charge of the implementation of
12. this legislation and oversight to ensure proper spending and allocation.
13. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect January 1, 2020.
14. **SECTION 5.** All other laws that are in conflict with this policy shall hereby be declared
15. null and void.

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# PRELIMS #7

## A Bill to Stimulate Student Academic Achievement and Success

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS THAT:

1       **SECTION 1.** Federal School Districts will be mandated to engage students in their work  
2               and motivate them to do well through a monetary reward system.

3     **SECTION 2.** Monetary Reward System – a scale of dollars to grade point average and  
4             nationally normed achievement test scores.

5       **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will be responsible for the implementation of  
6                   this bill. The legal minimum and maximum reward a student shall be  
7                   eligible for shall be determined annually by a subcommittee on student  
8                   achievement and assessment.

9      **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

10       **SECTION 5.** All other laws that conflict with this policy shall hereby be declared null  
11                               and void.

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## PRELIMS #8

### A Resolution to Condemn Saudi Arabia's Violent Suppression of Journalists

**Whereas,** a plethora of evidence exists to prove that the Saudi Arabian government played a direct role in the murder and dismemberment of journalist Jamal Khashoggi in their Turkish embassy.

**Whereas,** Jamal Khashoggi was currently seeking asylum in the United States to escape punishment for criticizing the Saudi Arabian government's human rights abuses.

**Whereas,** the circumstances of Jamal Khashoggi's death leads to the undeniable conclusion that Saudi Arabia killed Khashoggi as retribution for his criticisms of the Saudi government.

**Whereas,** Saudi Arabia has regularly executed and punished journalists for expressing views contrary to that of the Saudi Arabian government.

**Whereas,** suppression of political dissent and the free press is antithetical to the fundamental values of the United States.

**Whereas,** the United States has played a key role in supporting the Saudi Arabian regime through our military and economic assistance.

**Resolved,** by the Congress here assembled that the United States shall cease all weapons sales with the government of Saudi Arabia. Any continued incarceration or violence against journalists or political dissidents perpetrated by the Saudi Arabian government will result in economic sanctions.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Nicholas Skidmore  
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## PRELIMS #9

### **A Bill to Alter the National Flood Insurance Program to buy the property of Homeowners after a disaster**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1           **SECTION 1.**   The National Flood Insurance Program will no longer pay for
- 2           the rebuilding of flooded houses and businesses but will take the title to
- 3           the flooded land from the owner in return for the insurance payment if the
- 4           property is destroyed. This property will be then permanently owned by
- 5           the United States and turned into Greenway.
- 6           **SECTION 2.**   Greenway is defined as a strip of undeveloped land near an
- 7           urban area, set aside for recreational use or environmental protection
- 8           **SECTION 3.**   This legislation will be enforced by Federal Emergency
- 9           Management Agency (FEMA).
- 10          **SECTION 4.**   This bill will go into effect by January 1st, 2020.
- 11          **SECTION 5.**   All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared
- 12          null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Beechwood High School.*

# *SUPERS LEGISLATION*

# **SUPERS #1**

## **A Bill to Move the Retirement Age Up to 66**

1           **WHEREAS,**     American health and life expectancy allows for those aged  
2           65 able to contribute to the workforce; and  
3           **WHEREAS,**     The retirement age has been at 65 since 1935 with the  
4           original Social Security Act, when life expectancy was 61, compared to 78.7  
5           in 2011.; and  
6           **WHEREAS,**     The federal debt is growing daily, and spending 21% of the  
7           GDP on Social Security is only inflating it; and  
8           **RESOLVED,**    The Social Security age for full retirement benefits will be  
9           raised to 66 and the \$32 billion saved will be used to pay off the federal  
10          debt. All laws in conflict with this bill are considered null and void. This  
11          goes into effect immediately; and, be it.

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## **SUPERS #2**

### **A Bill to Set the Minimum Age for Marriage to 18 Across the United States**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The United States government will set the minimum age for marriage for both males and females to 18 with no exceptions.

**SECTION 2.** In 18 states there are currently no statutory minimum age for a child to get married if legal and parental conditions are met. Setting a minimum age at the federal level would help to reduce the amount of domestic violence cases seen across the United States.

**SECTION 3.** This bill will be enforced by each state's Department of Family Services with the Federal Department of Justice overseeing any court cases brought to the federal level.

**SECTION 4.** This bill will not require any funding.

**SECTION 5.** This legislation will go into effect at the beginning of the 2019 year.

**SECTION 6.** All others laws and/or passages of Congress that conflict with this bill will be considered null and void.

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## A Bill to Require the Use of Body Cameras by Police Officers

1. **SECTION 1.** All police officers will be required to wear an active on-officer recording
2. system while on patrol.

7. **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Justice will oversee the implementation of this

8. bill by educating officers on the proper use of the cameras.

16. (b) Funding to purchase this recording equipment will come from

17. a 1% tax increase on all tobacco-containing products.

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

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