

Bulldog Invitational 2018

Congress Docket

Thank you all for attending this year's Bettendorf Bulldog Invitational. The following legislation will be used for the duration of the tournament. Congress will consist of one session on Friday night, allowing for Congress students to compete in Individual Events on Saturday. We hope you enjoy your experience at the Bulldog Invitational and hope to see you again next year.

As stated in the tournament invitation, presiding officers (POs) will not be ranked alongside the other debaters. Instead, they will receive a gavel for their participation and be recognized for their service during the award ceremony. Score sheets and comments will still be provided, but the Presiding Officer will not receive a speaking award. The student elected as Presiding Officer will serve for the entire Congress session.

The order of the docket is not set. The chamber is allowed to arrange the docket in whatever order they desire. In addition to the bills received from schools in attendance, I have placed some bills/resolutions from the NSDA Congress Debate Legislation packets from November and some bills/resolutions from the upcoming Glenbrooks competition. I hope this will strengthen the docket and allow for some additional prep for upcoming events. If a bill does not have an authorized school listed OR said school is not present, anyone in the chamber may rise in representation for said bill/resolution.

Thank you for your time and we hope you enjoy your experience at this year's Bettendorf Bulldog Invitational.

Mr. Rankin
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A Bill for Children's Mental Health

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. Section 1 That K-12 public, private, and homeschools that receive funding from the
2. community, state, or federal services will be required to provide mental health
3. curriculum, and counselors for all students that meet the
4. suggested criteria.
5. Section 2 Mental health curriculum would include classes on different neurological
6. diseases, how they affect children and adolescents, and what students
7. should do if they find themselves in a situation where they require medical
8. attention. Counselors hired by the selected schools will be qualified, and
9. recommended by other professionals.
10. Section 3 The USDE and the HHS would be in charge of enforcing this bill.
11. Section 4 The affected schools would be expected to comply to this bill by the fall of
12. next year. If any school system under this bill fails to comply, they will be
13. expected to pay a fine of \$500 per student as well as to have their
14. administrators evaluated. If fines are charged, any money collected is to go\
15. towards mental health facilities and research within the nation.
16. Section 5 This bill would take effect on August 1st, 2020.
17. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted by Burlington High School

A Resolution to Create Term limits for Congress Representatives and Senators

1. WHEREAS, Currently the United States of America has no term limits set for representatives or 222
2. senators; and
3. WHEREAS, these officials then treat their position as a career and not as position for the people; and
4. WHEREAS, these officials concentrate more on to being reelected than the important issues; and
5. WHEREAS, to limit power of these officials will limit corruption; and
6. WHEREAS, committee appointments should be made through merit instead of seniority; now
7. therefore, be it
8. RESOLVED, By the Student Congress here assembled that terms limits be set at 2 terms for senator
9. and 4 terms for representatives.

Introduced by Davenport West

Puppies Assisting Wounded Servicemembers (PAWS) Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall provide service dogs to veterans
3 with mental illnesses who do not have mobility impairments, as well as
4 provide hardware clinically determined to be required by the dog to
5 perform tasks necessary to assist with veterans' diagnosed disorders.

6 SECTION 2. Service dogs are defined by Titles II and III of the Americans with
7 Disabilities Act; and for purposes of this act, they must be certified by
8 Assistance Dogs International, have wellness verification from a licensed
9 veterinarian, and pass the American Kennel Club Community Canine test
10 and the ADI Public Access Test prior to permanent placement with a
11 recipient.

12 SECTION 3. Veterans shall be eligible for this benefit if they are enrolled with the
13 Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) under 38 U.S.C. §1705, and has been
14 treated and has completed an established evidence-based treatment for
15 post-traumatic stress disorder yet remains diagnosed with post-traumatic
16 stress disorder by a qualified health care provider as rated on the post17
traumatic stress disorder checklist (PCL–5).

18 SECTION 4. Once in receipt of the service dog, each veteran must care for the dog
19 including providing food and veterinary care. If at any point, the veteran
20 is no longer able or willing to care for the service dog, the organization
21 that provided the service dog and the veteran shall determine the
22 appropriate recourse to ensure the safety of both the veteran and the
23 service dog.

24 SECTION 5. This bill shall take effect upon passage. All laws in conflict with this
25 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by the National Speech & Debate Association (November 2018
docket); adapted from H.R.6908, 115th Congress (2017-2018) by Rep. Steve Stivers (R-OH) and H.R.2327,
115th Congress (2017-2018) by Rep. Ron DeSantis (R-FL).*

A Resolution to Amend the 14th Amendment of the Constitution to Clarify Birthright Citizenship

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: The first sentence of Article 1 of the 14th Amendment
8 shall be reworded as: "All persons born to citizens or legal
9 residents of the United States, or naturalized in the United
10 States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens
11 of the United States and of the state wherein they reside."

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

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docket).*

A Resolution to Amend Senate Rules for Presidential Nominations

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the United States vests in the Senate

1 a sacred duty to

2 ensure scrutiny of Presidential nominees for top-level Executive and

3 Judicial Branch officials are the best candidates fit for their positions, and

4 not obligations of favor to the President; and

5 WHEREAS, To be impartial adjudicators of the law, all judges and Justices must

6 affirmatively demonstrate their ability to be unencumbered with political

7 bias and must exhibit a temperament fitting of that impartiality; and

8 WHEREAS, Presidentially-appointed Executive Branch officials exert high authority and

9 crucial administrative rulemaking for laws passed by this Congress; and

10 WHEREAS, In a highly partisan contemporary climate, the American people deserve a

11 process for advice and consent not marked by political tribalism or self

12 interest motivated by impending elections; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Senate here assembled amend Rule XXXI: Executive Session -

14 Proceedings on Nominations included in Standing Rules of the Senate,

15 to add a new Rule 3, and renumber subsequent rules as 4-8:

16 “Proceedings on a nomination shall be suspended indefinitely in the event

17 of credible allegations of criminal, immoral, or unethical behavior, until

18 such allegations are resolved satisfactorily upon the concurrence of the

19 committee chair and ranking minority member, and this rule may not be

20 suspended without two-thirds of a committee concurring.”

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Postal Operation for Security and Tampering (POST) Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. The Office of Postal and Shipping Security (OPSS) is herewith established
3 in the Department of Homeland Security, with establishment of a
4 Presidentially-appointed Director, who shall report directly to the
5 Secretary.

6 SECTION 2. The OPSS shall be tasked with recommending to Congress no later than
7 180 days following appointment of a Director protocols and budgetary
8 appropriations necessary for scanning and vetting every single mail piece
9 and package shipped by the United States Postal Service (USPS), as well
10 as private industry security requirements for scanning packages sent by
11 non-USPS carriers.

12 SECTION 3. The OPSS shall work closely with the USPS Postal Inspection Service, the
13 Postmaster General, and representatives of the three largest private
14 shipping companies in the United States.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the National Speech & Debate Association (November 2018 docket).

A Bill to Privatize Nuclear Waste Disposal

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE 1 ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. The Nuclear Waste Policy Act will be amended to:

3 A. Require the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to set regulations and restrictions on the
4 disposal of nuclear waste from energy production in the United States.

5 B. Require nuclear waste produced by private companies to be disposed of by that company
6 or a private nuclear waste disposal company.

7 C. Mandate all disposing entities to follow federal law with respect to nuclear waste
8 disposal.

9 SECTION 2. Private companies shall be defined as companies in the nuclear power industry that are active in
10 the production and/or disposal of nuclear energy and are not owned by the United States federal
11 government or a state government.

12 SECTION 3. The Department of Energy (DOE) will be charged with the implementation and enforcement of
13 this bill.

14 SECTION 4. Implementation will begin in FY 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Olathe Northwest High School

A Bill to Tax Added Sugar

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. A tax on any food or drink product with added sugar would be subject to a 1% sales tax.

3 SECTION 2. Added sugar shall be defined as refined or unrefined sugar, corn syrup or any other sugar
4 substitutes.

5 SECTION 3. United States Department of Agriculture in conjunction with the IRS will be in charge of the
6 implementation of this bill. At least 25% of the revenue generated must be spent on general
7 health initiatives.

8 SECTION 4. This legislation shall be implemented by the beginning of 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Evanston Township High School

A Bill to Halt Military Trade with Taiwan

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. The USA will stop all military weapons and military vehicles trade with Taiwan. The USA will
3 also stop the sale of information that would be used to manufacture military naval vessels and
4 military aircraft to the Taiwan government and Taiwanese companies.

5 SECTION 2. Naval vehicles include vehicles that travel on water and underwater.

6 SECTION 3. The Department of State and the Department of Commerce will oversee the Implementation of
7 this bill. This bill will lose its effects when the United States federal government officially
8 recognizes Taiwan as an independent nation.

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

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Edina High School

A Bill to Import Foreign Pharmaceuticals

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. A. The FDA shall be responsible for implementing a 30-day review period for each request
3 from a pharmaceutical sponsor seeking importation and market approval for their product
4 when it has already been verified in accountable drug exporting countries.

5 B. Following review, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall be responsible for
6 formally approving or denying applicants and negotiating the form and content of
7 labeling for all pharmaceuticals accepted.

8 SECTION 2. A. “Pharmaceutical sponsors” shall be defined as any company representing a foreign
9 medicinal drug described in their request to the Department of Health and Human
10 Services.

11 B. “Accountable drug exporting countries” shall be defined as nations with federal drug
12 oversight agencies currently recognized and accepted by existing policy under the FDA
13 Export Reform and Enhancement Act of 1996.

14 SECTION 3. The Department of Health and Human Services shall be responsible for overseeing the
15 implementation of this legislation. Monthly reports on all denials and approvals shall be
16 submitted to the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House and the Committee on Health,
17 Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate.

18 SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect in Fiscal Year 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Spring Woods High School

A Bill to Overhaul the Power Grid System

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. A. The US national power grid system will be comprehensively overhauled to better protect
3 against cybersecurity threats, natural disasters, and become adaptable to renewable
4 energy.

5 B. \$10 billion will be immediately distributed nationwide to begin implementing this
6 legislation.

7 SECTION 2. “Comprehensively overhauled” refers to modernizing the power grid to be adaptable to
renewable

8 energy sources and will implement underground power lines. “Cyber security threats” refer to
9 potential terrorist attacks or hacks on the power grid system that could render it useless.

10 SECTION 3. The Department of Energy and the Department of Homeland Security shall oversee the funding
11 and implementation of this legislation.

12 SECTION 4. This bill shall go into implementation at the start of the 2019 Fiscal Year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Theodore Roosevelt High School

A Bill to Fund FEMA

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. The funds diverted to Immigration and Customs Enforcement will now be granted back to the
3 budget of FEMA.

4 SECTION 2. The funding of \$9.8 million granted to ICE for detention and removal operations plus an
5 additional \$200 thousand will be transferred to FEMA's budget. The funds taken from ICE will be
6 explicitly placed into the budget of the Center for Domestic Preparedness.

7 SECTION 3. The Department of Homeland Security will be overseeing this legislation and the transfer of
funds.

8 SECTION 4. This law will take effect in FY 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by West Orange High School

A Bill to Die with Dignity

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. Adults who have a terminal illness will be able to choose to end their life of their own accord.

3 SECTION 2. Adults shall be defined as anyone 18 years of age or older, Terminal illness shall be defined as a
4 disease that cannot be cured or adequately treated and that is reasonably expected to result in the
5 death of the patient within a short period of time.

6 SECTION 3. Patients and doctors will be required to follow specific protocol:

7 A. Patient (or legally designated proxy with approval of patient) must make verbal and
8 written request to their standing primary care physician or terminal illness specialist.

9 Physicians have the right to turn down the request.

10 B. Patient must be evaluated by the doctor to determine the severity, immediacy, and pain
11 associated with their disease and death.

12 C. Physician must inform patient of other options to address pain levels and assisted living,
13 insist the patient document having conferred with family, friends, or next of kin to make
14 them aware of this desire, and remind the patient they may change their mind.

15 D. A second physician must independently review the case to concur with the first doctor's
16 diagnosis and to verify that the patient is fully informed.

17 E. Once the patient's request has been approved, they may submit a written request for the
18 lethal prescription. The physician can prescribe the lethal drugs two days after receiving
19 this written request but may not under any circumstances administer the drugs
20 themselves.

21 F. The physician may prescribe one of two kinds of barbiturates: Seconal or Nembutal.

22 G. According to directions provided by the physician, the patient will self-administer the
23 lethal dosage in their private residence with at least one health-care worker present.

24 H. Once the health care worker determines that life functions appear to have ceased,
25 authorities should be called to verify physical death and remove the body.

26 SECTION 4. Physicians who do not comply with established protocol face fines starting at \$10,000 and
27 possible revocation or suspension of their medical license.

28 SECTION 5. This law will go to in effect by January 1, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by John F. Kennedy High School

A Bill to Subsidize Research and Development of Biodegradable Plastic

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. The United States Federal Government shall hereby subsidize the research, development, and
3 production of biodegradable plastics.

4 SECTION 2. Biodegradable plastics shall be defined as plastics that decompose naturally and quickly in the
5 environment or decompose rapidly when introduced to certain enzymes.

6 SECTION 3. The Environmental Protection Agency shall oversee implementation and enforcement of this
7 legislation by annually subsidizing biodegradable plastic researchers and manufacturers in the
8 amount of at least \$2 billion US dollars.

9 A. The subsidies provided to manufacturers will be given in the form of cash subsidies.

10 B. Subsidies will be given to researchers based on how much measurable progress is made
11 each year.

12 SECTION 4. This bill shall go into effect at the start of 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Plano Senior High School

A Bill to Pursue Arctic Interests

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. The United States Federal Government shall provide 4.8 billion dollars to the U.S. Coast Guard
3 to

4 fund the building of 6 heavy polar class icebreakers. All polar class icebreakers built using the
5 allocated funds must be equipped with full science capability.

6 SECTION 2. A. A heavy polar class icebreaker shall be defined as a cutting vessel specifically designed
7 to clear arctic ice with the use of an icebreaking bow.

8 B. Full science capability, as defined by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering,
9 and Medicine, refers to a vessel equipped with facilities comparable with those of modern
10 oceanographic research ships.

11 SECTION 3 A. The Comptroller General of the United States will be responsible for establishing a
12 review committee consisting of relevant staff from the Government Accountability
13 Office, the National Science Foundation, U.S. Coast Guard, and prominent experts from
14 industry and academia. This committee will be responsible for creating a procurement
15 schedule and providing oversight of the building process. The Comptroller General shall
16 also be required to submit a biannual report of these proceedings to Congress and make
17 recommendations for further legislative action if deemed necessary.

18 B. The 4.8 billion dollars specified in Section 1 shall be provided from the budget of the
19 Department of Homeland Security.

20 SECTION 4. This bill shall be implemented on January 1, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bronx High School of Science

A Bill to Allow for Online Voting

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. The United States government shall hereby allow for online voting in all 50 states and territories
3 as an alternative to our current voting system.

4 SECTION 2. Online Voting shall be defined as a US governmental online voting service that allows for the
5 use

6 of online electronic means to either aid or complete the casting and counting of votes.

7 SECTION 3. This bill shall be enforced by the Federal Election Commission.

8 A. Current Voting candidate prerequisites shall be used for online voting.

9 B. The Federal Election Commission will be responsible for creating a council for securing
10 online voting. This will include protection from fraud, and identity theft. 10 billion
11 dollars shall be allocated for this service.

12 SECTION 4. This law will go into effect on June 1, 2019.

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

Submitted for Congressional Debate by Dowling Catholic High School

A Bill to Increase Gas Taxes to Repair Infrastructure

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. The federal gasoline tax will be raised to 22 cents per gallon for standard fuel and 34 cents per
3 gallon for diesel.

4 SECTION 2. The federal gasoline tax shall be defined as the federal tax levied upon gasoline sales in the
United

5 States. All gas taxes are applied to federal infrastructure projects.

6 SECTION 3. The Department of Transportation and the Department of Energy shall oversee implementation
of

7 this legislation.

8 SECTION 4. This legislation shall be enacted on January 1, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by American Heritage – Plantation