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Congressional Debate National Qualifier
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Southern MN NSDA District Congressional Debate

Schedule

8:00 - 8:30 Registration in room 181

Students should gather in room 5 when they arrive

8:30 – 8:45 Seating Charts and Chamber Caucus

8:45 - 11:45 Session I-Senate and House I

9:00 - 12:00 Session I-Houses II and III

11:45 - 12:45 Lunch-Senate and House I

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch-Houses II and III

12:45 - 3:45 Session II-Senate and House I

1:00 - 4:00 Session II-Houses II and III

4:15 or ASAP Awards for all in room 5

Senate-room 500S of the State Office Building

House I-room 5 of the State Office Building

House II-room 300N of the State Office Building

House III-room 400S of the State Office Building



A Bill to Ban the Publication of 3D Firearm Blueprints.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** This bill prohibits the publication of 3D printer plans for the printing of firearms.
- SECTION 2.** A 3D firearm blueprint is a file that contains the data necessary to print any piece of a firearm.
- SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security shall enforce this bill to enact safety measures.
- SECTION 4.** This shall be enacted January 1, 2019
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lakeville South.

A Bill to Abolish Mandatory Minimums

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall immediately outlaw the use of Mandatory
3 Minimum laws for all federal sentencing. Additionally, the United States
4 Federal Government will create an incentive program for states to
5 eliminate any existing mandatory minimum laws.

6 **SECTION 2.** The United States Federal government shall immediately repeal any laws
7 that utilize mandatory minimum sentences. Mandatory minimum
8 sentences require automatic, minimum prison terms for certain crimes.
9 Most mandatory minimum sentences apply to drug offenses, but can
10 pertain to other crimes, including certain gun, pornography, and
11 economic offenses.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall oversee the implementation and
13 oversight of abolishing the Mandatory Minimum laws.

14 **SECTION 4.** The bill shall take effect 30 days after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Robbinsdale Cooper High School

A Bill to Aid Opioid Addicts

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Department of Health and Human Services shall make 1 billion dollars in grants available to states in order to combat opioid addiction.

SECTION 2. “to combat opioid addiction” shall be defined as strengthening public health surveillance, advancing the practice of pain management, improving access to treatment and recovery services, targeting availability and distribution of overdose-reversing drugs, and supporting cutting-edge research.

SECTION 3. Funding for this legislation will be taken from the 21st Century Cures Act

SECTION 4. The US Department of Health and Human Services shall be tasked with execution of this bill.

SECTION 5. This bill will go into action at the start of FY 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Eagan High School

A Resolution to Adopt a Carbon Pricing System

1 **WHEREAS**, significant changes to the global climate resulting from human activity
2 have been apparent for decades; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change recently warned of the
4 life-changing consequences of climate change and the failure of prior
5 efforts to control the rise in average global temperatures; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Trump Administration’s announcement that it intends to withdraw
7 from the Paris Agreement threatens to gut multi-lateral efforts to combat
8 climate change; and

9 **WHEREAS**, greenhouse gas emissions and their environmental effects are an external
10 cost of industrial activity that the market does not incorporate into the
11 price of goods; and

12 **WHEREAS**, a system that incorporates such external costs would fill this gap in market
13 effects and effectively balance environmental concerns with market
14 economics; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the most effective means of accomplishing this goal would be a system of
16 carbon pricing; now, therefore, be it

17 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that the United States should adopt a
18 national system of carbon pricing.

Introduced by Rosemount High School

A Bill to Cease Licensing Activities for the Yucca Mountain

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall halt the licensing activities for the Yucca
3 Mountain Repository. Additionally, any funding currently scheduled for
4 research and development at Yucca Mountain storage facility shall be
5 halted and redirected to Deep borehole disposals.

6 **SECTION 2.** The United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) oversees all
7 license applications for the disposal and storage of nuclear waste. Deep
8 borehole disposal is the concept of disposing high-level radioactive waste
9 from nuclear reactors in extremely deep boreholes instead of in more
10 traditional deep geological repositories that are excavated like mines.

11 **SECTION 3.** The NRC shall be responsible for halting current licenses on work with the
12 Yucca Mountain site. The U.S. Department of Energy will use the \$120
13 million dollars earmarked for Yucca Mountain research for Deep
14 Borehole Disposal testing.

15 **SECTION 4.** The bill shall take effect 30 days after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Robbinsdale Cooper High School

A Bill to Eliminate Money Bail in Criminal Courts

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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SECTION 1. This bill would repeal existing laws regarding bail.

SECTION 2. Arrested persons shall be either detained or released until trial based upon a risk assessment completed by officials in the local court.

SECTION 3. The Department of Justice shall be responsible for overseeing the enforcement of this bill through all appropriate legislation.

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

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Thomas Jefferson Senior High School.



A Bill to Encourage Facial Recognition Software in Schools

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** There shall be a fund of \$200 million created solely for the costs of
3 implementing facial recognition technology in public schools. The cost for
4 the background costs will not be covered by this fund.

5 **SECTION 2.** Background costs refer to continued maintenance of the technology and
6 the other fees other than the upfront cost of implementation of the
7 technology.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education is in charge of these funds and in
9 distributing the funds to schools that seek it and need it the most. The
10 funding for this bill will be provided in the United States 2020 fiscal year.

11 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect January 1, 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Bowen Zheng, Edina High School

A Bill to Force Down Drug Prices

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The U.S. Federal Government will exercise its “March-in Rights”.

SECTION 2. “March-in Rights” are the licensing rights the U.S. Government has over drugs it has helped create with funds from a U.S. Government agency.

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

SECTION 4. This legislation shall go into effect on July 1st, 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Eagan High School

A Bill to Increase Nuclear Energy Production

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall hereby begin subsidizing the construction of 20
3 nuclear power plants for the generation of US nuclear energy. The Nuclear
4 Regulatory Commission will open contractor bids for the duration of a year to
5 then be subsidized upon approval.

6 **SECTION 2.** A nuclear power plant is defined as an electrical generating facility using a
7 nuclear reactor as its heat source to provide steam to a turbine generator.

8 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Energy will work alongside the United
9 States Nuclear Regulatory Commission in enforcement of this legislation.

10 A. The United States Congress shall provide the necessary funding
11 required to subsidize 10% of the cost of construction of the nuclear
12 power plants.

13 B. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission shall approve power plants and
14 enforce the necessary safety and regulatory standards required for the
15 construction and function of the aforementioned power plants.

16 C. The subsidization will cover at least some of the costs associated with
17 the disposal of nuclear waste.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented starting October 1, 2018. Projects
19 shall be completed no later than 2025.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Anushka Thorat, Edina High School.

A Bill to Open National Parks to Drilling

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will open all national parks to
2 potential oil drilling.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** 1) National Park is defined as a section of land protected by the Federal
4 Government as determined by the National Park Service.
5 2) Oil drilling is defined as the process by which tubing is bored through
6 the Earth's surface and a well is established. A pump is connected to the
7 tube and the petroleum under the surface is forcibly removed from
8 underground.
- 9 **SECTION 3.** Once congress passes the bill the EPA will head enforcement.
- 10 **SECTION 4.** The bill will take effect immediately after being enacted.
- 11 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lakeville North High School.

A Resolution to Urge Further Action on Personal Health and Sexual Education in Public

Schools

1 **WHEREAS,** Personal health and sexual education are severely lacking in
2 public schools; and
3 **WHEREAS,** Across the entirety of the United States of America, there is
4 no unified federal regulation on the content or teaching of
5 sexual education; and
6 **WHEREAS,** As a result of this, students are not taught about proper
7 reproductive health, which allows for the spread of AIDS and
8 other sexually-transmitted diseases, and increases the
9 incidence of teenage and unplanned pregnancies; now,
10 therefore, be it
11 **RESOLVED,** By this Congress that: The United States federal government
12 should urge states to enact legislation that requires public
13 schools to cover the subject of sexual education and personal
14 health, and that the recommendation of abstinence does not
15 cover the stated subject.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Due to the lack of post-secondary planning and personalization of education for students in the United States, All states will be required to develop and implement a personalized learning plan within their K-12 schools modeled on the Minnesota model of the personalized learning plan. .

SECTION 2. Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.125 defines a personalized learning plan as a life plan that includes academic scheduling, career exploration, career and employment-related skills, community partnerships, college access, all forms of postsecondary training, and experiential learning opportunities.

SECTION 3. The United States Department of Education will work in consultation with the Minnesota Department of Education in enforcement of this legislation.

SECTION 4. The legislation shall be implemented starting January 1st, 2019, All states will have this plan phased in no later than 2025.

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

Respectfully submitted for Congressional Debate,

*Rep. Merdena Freeburg
Farmington High School*

A Bill to Remove the Pledge of Allegiance in Public Schools

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** Primary and secondary public schools in all states will no longer be required to do an organized pledge of allegiance.
- SECTION 2.** Students cannot be required by schools to participate. Students that desire participation will be free to do so.
- SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Education will oversee implementation.
- A.** Schools will be audited by the State's Department of Education to ensure following of this bill. The State Department of Education will then report to the U.S. Department of Education.
 - B.** Schools and districts failing to follow this bill will no longer be available for competitive federal funds.
- SECTION 4.** The bill, here proposed, will go into effect at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lakeville South High School

A Bill to Require Sexual Education to Extend Beyond Abstinence

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** In all Minnesota public high schools health classes, sexual education shall
2 be a requirement beyond solely teaching abstinence.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** A. Sexual Education shall be defined as the teaching of healthy sexual
4 relationships, proper use and knowledge of contraceptives, and statistics of
5 sexually transmitted diseases.
6 B. Abstinence shall be defined as abstaining from any sexual activity until
7 marriage.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** The Department for Education will oversee passage of this bill.
- 9 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented the start of the school year after passage.
- 10 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lakeville North High School

A Bill to Revise Resources for Citizens Who Are In Need of Job Training

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (2015) there are over 500,000 people experiencing homelessness in the United States, with roughly 25% of those individuals being children. While individuals are trying to get out of homelessness, barriers preventing those who are experiencing homelessness from working, need to be removed. By establishing programs that teach necessary job training skills and provide the basic necessary resources to aid individuals in finding a job, in order for homelessness in the United States of America shall be dramatically reduced.

SECTION 2. Individuals who are "Homeless" shall be defined as person(s) who are living without a home or permanent place of residence. Additionally, "necessary resources" will include and establish a source and means of communication, proper dress appropriate for an interview, access to grooming, accessibility to medical assistance and needed medicine for those who are dependent, daycare facilities, and transportation.

A. A center dedicated to communication will provide an email address and phone number to enable individuals experiencing homeless to communicate with potential employers, and provide employers with appropriate and accessible contact information.

B. To be further defined, needed medical assistance may include insulin and asthma rescue medicine. These are the main forms of medication that will be included in order for the individual to perform well at an interview or on a daily basis.

SECTION 3. Individual state governments will implement and fund this program via the oversight of the National Association to End Homelessness and the United States Department of Health.

SECTION 4. This law shall be in effect by July 1st, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Wayzata High School