



Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) Section Tournament Vote List for November 30th and December 1st. School shall vote for 8 bills, 1 being most preferred, to 8. Votes are due by Nov 15th at 9:00 PM.

A docket based on most preferred will be created and set for Friday and Saturday sessions.

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| 1. Abolish use of exact match for registration/voting | 20. Increase Military Aid |
| 2. Prohibit discrimination against LGBT Americans | 21. Job Training |
| 3. Keep Families Together | 22. Biodegradable Plastic |
| 4. Mental Health | 23. Ban Tobacco Products |
| 5. Puerto Rico | |
| 6. Abolish Plea Bargaining | |
| 7. Tax Benefits for Environmental Friendly Stores | |
| 8. Remove Historical Monuments | |
| 9. Corporate Tax Holiday | |
| 10. Adoption Bill | |
| 11. Encourage Facial Recognition Software | |
| 12. Nuclear Energy | |
| 13. Remove US Troops from South Korea | |
| 14. End Military Aid to Israel | |
| 15. Fund Palestine | |
| 16. Term Limits | |
| 17. Daylight Savings | |
| 18. Internet Data | |
| 19. Ban Coal | |

A Bill to Abolish the Use of “Exact Match” During the Voting Process

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** In July of 2017, Georgia enacted an exact match law that is expected to
2 disenfranchise on estimated 909,540 eligible voters within the state.
3 Missing a hyphen, having simply a middle initial listed instead of the full
4 middle name, or having a single discrepancy in the spelling of a voter's
5 name is enough to deny them their right to vote. Many are expected to
6 stay home on election day in Georgia because they lack a valid state ID or
7 are confused or uncertain if they comply with the new law.
- 8 **SECTION 2.** Exact match is defined as requiring the name on a voter roll to be identical
9 in both spelling and content to that on a government-issued ID listed in a
10 state’s databases in order for someone to be eligible to vote in an election.
- 11 **SECTION 3.** The Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice
12 will be charged with ensuring that all state and local governments comply
13 with the ban of the use of exact match. The Voting Section will submit an
14 annual report to the Senate that outlines any legislation that may violate
15 the ban or have effects similar to those of exact match.
- 16 **SECTION 4.** Review of State and Local legislation shall start no later than January 1,
17 2019 in preparation for the 2020 election cycle.
- 18 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Apple Valley High School.

A Bill to Prohibit Discrimination Against LGBT Americans

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Discrimination in the workplace based on sexual orientation or gender identity shall be illegal.

SECTION 2. Sexual Orientation shall be defined as an inherent or immutable enduring emotional, romantic or sexual attraction to other people. Gender Identity shall be defined as one's innermost concept of self as male, female, a blend of both or neither.

SECTION 3. The U.S. Department of Justice shall be responsible for the implementation and oversight of this bill.

SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Robbinsdale Armstrong High School

A Bill to Keep Families Together

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1A.** All hearings involving the deportation of illegal aliens and undocumented
2 immigrants that have an upstanding record and one or more children born
3 in the United States shall hereby be started within one week of initial
4 arrest and concluded within one week of its start. To guarantee expediency
5 in trials, representation shall be provided for the undocumented individual.
6 Should the court rule that the deportation of the parent would be
7 detrimental to the child then a 1 year probational green card shall be issue
8 to the individual. Within that year they must complete an application for
9 citizenship and (if not already held) shall begin the process of obtaining a
10 high school diploma or GED, if not they shall be deported.
- 11 **SECTION 1B.** When the court rules for deportation the minor must be adopted by an
12 individual that has the legal status to remian in the United States.
- 13 **SECTION 2A.** An upstanding record shall be defined as an individual that has not had any
14 prior arrests in the United States and their home country and can provide
15 proof of employment.
- 16 **SECTION 2B.** Detrimental shall be defined as the following: either putting the child in
17 eminent danger, leaving the child homeless, or putting them at risk for
18 child abuse.
- 19 **SECTION 3.** The implementation of this bill shall be done through the Department of
20 Homeland Security as well as the Department of Justice. Enforcement of
21 this bill shall be done through the Department of State conducting a yearly
22 review to be presented to Congress..
- 23 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect by the beginning of January 1st 2020.
- 24 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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A Bill to Reduce the Mental Health Stigma

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All persons older than the age of 4 within the United States who visit a
3 mental health care professional at least once within a given year shall
4 receive a 325-dollar health savings account (HSA) fund.

5 **SECTION 2.** A mental health care professional is anyone who is currently practicing
6 and currently certified by the American Psychiatric Association.

7 **SECTION 3.** All minors who do not file their own taxes can transfer their fund to their
8 legal guardian's HSA account. The Internal Revenue Service shall
9 appropriate the funds under the following conditions:

10 A. The mental health care professional involved must certify the
11 appointment.

12 B. The patient, if a danger to their life their or the life of their peers,
13 gives consent to their mental health care professional to share with
14 the Department of Health and Human Services.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect at the start of fiscal year 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Chanhassen High School



A Bill to Abolish Plea Bargaining in Felony Trials

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The practice of plea bargaining in felony cases is hereby abolished.

3 **SECTION 2.** Plea bargaining is defined as an arrangement between a prosecutor or
4 state and a defendant whereby the defendant pleads guilty to a lesser
5 charge.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will oversee the implementation of this bill.

7 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on December 15th, 2018.

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

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10 Introduced for Congressional Debate by Robbinsdale Cooper High School



A Bill to Grant Statehood to Puerto Rico

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Full statehood, as a member of the United States of America, shall be
3 granted to the commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

4 **SECTION 2.** The citizens of Puerto Rico will be granted the full rights and
5 responsibilities given to all members of the United State.

6 **SECTION 3.** By a two-thirds majority of this assembled congress, an Enabling Act for
7 Puerto Rico will be presented to the citizens of the Commonwealth of
8 Puerto Rico. The Executive Branch, led by the Department of the Interior,
9 will oversee the drafting of the Puerto Rico statehood constitution.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on July 1st, 2019.

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

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14 Introduced for Congressional Debate by Robbinsdale Cooper High School

**A BILL TO ALLOW A 5% TAX BENEFIT TO ALL RETAIL STORES WHO
BECOME ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY.**

SECTION 1. Retail stores that can offer financial proof that they have reduced

their environmental impact over a 5 year time period will be allowed

5% tax benefit at the end of the five year period.

SECTION 2. This will be overseen by the Internal Revenue Service and

the Environmental Protection Agency.

SECTION 4. The first year in the five year cycle is 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dilworth Glyndon Felton High School.

**A Bill to Require a Local Vote to
Remove Historical Monuments**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. In order to remove a historical monument, a majority of the people living in the municipality in which it is located must vote in favor.

SECTION 2. A historical monument shall be defined as a structure created for the purpose of commemorating a historical person, event, culture, or heritage.

SECTION 3. This bill will be implemented and enforced by the municipality in which the contested monuments are located.

1. Votes will be held and administered how the municipality sees fit.

SECTION 4. This bill will be enacted immediately upon passing

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dilworth Glyndon Felton High School.

A Bill to Create a Tax Holiday for Corporations

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Corporations who house funds overseas will be granted a tax holiday on any funds brought back to the United States.

SECTION 2. “Tax Holiday” shall be defined as a temporary elimination of tax.

SECTION 3. The IRS (Internal Revenue Service) will be responsible for making this change and enforcing the holiday.

SECTION 4. The Tax Holiday will last from January 1st, 2020 to December 31st, 2025

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 Incentivize Domestic Adoption

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A new federal tax credit shall be established in an effort to incentivize domestic adoptions. This new federal tax credit shall be known as the Domestic Adoption Tax Credit and will offer a maximum of \$20,000 for qualified adoption expenses for tax filings.

SECTION 2. Domestic adoption is the adoption of an eligible child who is a citizen or resident of the U.S, its territories, and/or the District of Columbia.

SECTION 3. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 4. Will be put into action upon fiscal year 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 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 oversees these funds and in distributing
9 the funds to schools that seek it and need it the most. The funding for
10 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 Edina 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 Edina High School.

1 **A Bill to Remove U.S. Troops from South Korea**

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

3 **SECTION 1.** United States Forces Korea is hereby disbanded. All U.S. military
4 personnel stationed permanently in South Korea shall be recalled to
5 the United States.

6 **SECTION 2.** A. “U.S. military personnel” shall refer to any uniformed member of
7 the U.S. Armed Forces serving in an active duty or reserve capacity.

8 B. “South Korea” shall refer to the Republic of Korea.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense shall oversee the implementation of
10 this bill.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect January 1, 2021.

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

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15 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hawley High School.*

1 **A Resolution to End Military Aid to the State of Israel**

2 **Whereas,** Israeli settlement activity in the Palestinian territories violates basic
3 tenets of international law; and

4 **Whereas,** Israeli hegemony has resulted in the military occupation of the
5 West Bank; and

6 **Whereas,** Israel’s leadership has shown an unwillingness to support the two-
7 state solution; and

8 **Whereas,** Israeli control over the Gaza Strip has resulted in conditions the
9 U.N. describes as “unlivable;” and

10 **Whereas,** Israel adopts an aggressive and counterproductive foreign policy
11 toward the Middle East region; therefore be it

12 **Resolved** by the Congress here assembled that the United States end military
13 aid and support to the State of Israel.

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15 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hawley High School.*

A Resolution to Re-establish Funding to Palestine

WHEREAS, The United States has cut roughly \$200 million of vital funding for humanitarian relief efforts to Palestine in early August. These funds were being used to support victims of the conflict and to support improvements within the region such as upgrading water works and other aid projects; **and**

WHEREAS, The humanitarian and economic crisis is intensifying as the conflict between Israeli and Gaza forces continues with violent clashes along the border; **and**

WHEREAS, The United States has continued to freeze aid making it impossible for human rights agencies to carry out relief efforts. This is having detrimental effect on the nearly 1 million people who live in dire need; **and**

WHEREAS, Palestine's devastating situation is worsening and the United States' lack of aid will only deepen the crisis and harm those who rely on international support; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that the U.S. resume the supply of aid to Palestine.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Moorhead Senior High School



A Bill to Place Term Limits on Members of Congress

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Term limits will be imposed on members of the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives.

SECTION 2. The U.S. Senate will be limited to two six-year terms. The U.S. House of Representatives will be limited to six two-year terms. A term limit refers to the statutory limit on the number of terms an official may serve.

SECTION 3. The U.S. vice president and the speaker of the House of Representatives will enforce these term limits.

SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect during the next election for the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Moorhead Senior High School

A Bill to Eliminate Daylight Savings Time

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall end the use of Daylight Savings Time within its
3 states and territories.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Transportation shall oversee the implementation and
5 enforcement of this legislation.

6 **SECTION 3.** This bill shall go into effect on March 10th, 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Maple Grove Senior High

A Bill to Restrict Internet Data Collection and Trade by Third-Parties Without User Consent

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Any third-party, including ISPs, will be banned from collecting and selling
3. user data without their consent.
4. **SECTION 2.** “Consent” refers to any sort of Javascript that alerts the user of their
5. privacy policy and data collection, including pop-ups for cookies. “ISPs”
6. refer to Internet Service Providers.
7. **SECTION 3.** The Federal Communications Commission will oversee implementation,
8. and will intervene if:
9. A. Criminal activity, such as the distribution of malware or the
10. sale of private and sensitive information occurs.
11. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect on January 1st, 2020.
12. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Maple Grove Senior High

A Bill to Ban the Use of Coal as an Energy Source to Reduce Carbon Footprint and Protect the Environment

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All use of Coal as energy for powerplants will be banned by 2030. Those who do not comply will be met with a fine according to their total value.

SECTION 2. Total value will be determined by the company's net worth the year of the offense.

SECTION 3. The EPA will be in charge of overseeing the enforcement of this bill.

A. Violators will be faced with a three strike policy with a fine that's percent of the company's total value.

- a. First offense: 5% total value fine
- b. Second offense: 10% total value fine.
- c. Third offense: 15% total value fine.

SECTION 4. This bill will come into effect on the first day of FY 2030.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ethan Asis, Saint Paul Academy

A Bill to increase military aid to the State of Israel by 20% to Improve the security of the region against the growing terrorist threat

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** The US Department of Foreign Affairs shall increase defense spending to Israel by 20%, with the 20% increase including laws that have yet to be implemented but that have been approved by the executive office.
- SECTION 2.** Laws yet to be implemented but approved includes H.R.5515 - The John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019
- SECTION 3.** The US Department of Defense shall oversee the implementation of this bill, using money allocated to the Department of Defense in the Fiscal Year 2019 budget.
- SECTION 4.** This shall be enacted a month after its passing.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Saint Paul Academy.

Works consulted: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/5515/text>

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

A Bill to Promote 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
3 research, development, and production of biodegradable plastics.

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

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

11 **A.** The subsidies provided to researchers will be based on how much
12 measurable progress is made each year.

13 **B.** The subsidies provided to manufacturers will be given in the form
14 of cash grants.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect at the start of 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by East Ridge High School

A Bill to Ban Tobacco Products

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. The production and distribution of any tobacco products shall be banned.

Section 2. Tobacco products shall be defined as cigars, cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, pipe tobacco, and roll-you-own tobacco.

Section 3. The Drug Enforcement Agency shall enforce this legislation.

Section 4. The production ban shall take effect the 1st day of the 1st fiscal year that begins after the date of enactment. The distribution ban shall take effect the 1st day of the 1st fiscal year that begins after the implementation of the production ban.

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

This Bill Presented for Debate by East Ridge High School.