

Lincoln Northeast Space Race Congressional Debate Docket

- 1. This docket is set and must be debated in this order.**
- 2. All bills/resolutions will be debated with at least an authorship/sponsorship, one affirmative, and one negative before voting.**
- 3. The novice docket will cover all legislation.**

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A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Balance the Federal Budget

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

7 **ARTICLE --**

8 SECTION 1. Total spending for any fiscal year may not surpass total
9 income for that same fiscal year, unless two thirds of the House and two
10 thirds of the Senate, as well as the President pass the budget in the case
11 of explicit declared war, emergency, or recession.

12 SECTION 2. The limit of debt that the Federal Government can take on
13 cannot be raised without 4/5 approval from the House and Senate.

14 SECTION 3. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article
15 through appropriate legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Creighton Prep High School

A Bill to Abolish HAARP

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

2. **SECTION 1.** The High-frequency Active Auroral Research Program (HAARP) will be abolished. The facility at University of Alaska Fairbanks which houses the program and the equipment will be repurposed to uses that are in no way related to HAARP. Any other facilities which house similar equipment and perform similar experiments will also be repurposed.

3. **SECTION 2.** The High Frequency Active Auroral Research Program (HAARP) is an ionospheric research program that uses the Ionospheric Research Instrument (IRI), a high-power, high frequency (HF) transmitter. "Abolished" means permanently shut down.

4. **SECTION 3.** This bill will be jointly enforced by the United States Air Force (USAF), the United States Navy, and the Governor of Alaska.

5. **SECTION 3A.** If the HAARP program is not abolished, all scientific researchers associated with the continuing program will have their credentials stripped.

6. **SECTION 3B.** If the HAARP program in Fairbanks, Alaska is not abolished, the state of Alaska will lose all federal funding. If any other state is found to house or otherwise support a HAARP facility, that state will also lose all federal funding.

7. **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect one year after passage.

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

Submitted by Marian High School

A Bill to Legalize Euthanasia

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Euthanasia will be legalized all across the United States

SECTION 2. Euthanasia is the act of painlessly killing a patient suffering from an incurable and/or a painful disease or in a irreversible coma.

SECTION 3. The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the enforcement of the bill.

SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect upon passage.

SECTION 5. All laws that are in conflict with this policy shall hereby be declared null and void.

Submitted by- Norfolk Sr. High

A Bill to Ban Disposable Water Bottles

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Disposable water bottles shall be banned

SECTION 2. Disposable: intended to be used once and then thrown away

SECTION 3. The Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Commerce will enforce stopping production disposable water bottles.

- a. Companies producing disposable water bottles will be fined \$100,000 per bottle produced.
- b. Retailers selling disposable water bottles will be fined \$25,000 per bottle sold.

SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect on December 20, 2019

SECTION 5. All laws that are in conflict with this policy shall hereby be declared null and void.

Submitted by Norfolk Senior High School

A Resolution to Transition to Using Hydrogen Power over Gas Power

1. **WHEREAS**, The United States of America has become increasingly dependent on
2. Petroleum; and
3. **WHEREAS**, Foreign powers are using their vast oil wealth to manipulate and control
4. the
5. United States; and
6. **WHEREAS**, The increased amount of greenhouse gasses produced by petroleum is
7. Causing the Earth's natural climate cycle to accelerate; and
8. **WHEREAS**, the amount of usable fossil fuels is decreasing rapidly; and
9. **WHEREAS**, newer and much cheaper alternatives are becoming available with
10. massive
11. Potential; and
12. **WHEREAS**, Hydrogen fuel cell power has proven to be one of the cheapest, most
13. Efficient, and safest methods of new energy; so be it
14. **RESOLVED**, The United States will begin to increase the use of hydrogen power to
15. The point of being readily accessible; and
16. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, The United States will provide measures to encourage
17. Vehicle producers to produce vehicles that use hydrogen power.

Submitted by Lincoln Southeast High School

A Resolution to Increase National Institutes of Health Funding

WHEREAS, In recent years, the National Institutes of Health has been increasingly unable to satisfy grant requests from an ever-growing field of scientific and biomedical researchers, and

WHEREAS, Incidence rates for various diseases - chronic respiratory diseases, mental health issues, dementia-related diseases, heart disease - have either risen or stalled for the first time in over a decade, and

WHEREAS, Grants are a major source of income for many biomedical scientists today, and

WHEREAS, Scientists have been inclined to forge data and compromise standardized scientific ethics to achieve falsely significant results to procure grants, and

WHEREAS, Increased scientific development contributes to general economic growth, and

WHEREAS, Now more than ever, it is imperative that efforts on human health are improved and maintained; and

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled incrementally increase National Institutes of Health grant funding every year.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Creighton Preparatory School.

A Resolution to Demand the United Nations Investigate Russian Campaign of Assassination of Political Enemies

WHEREAS, A number of political enemies of the Russian government have recently died under suspicious and mysterious circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Coincidence can only cast away suspicions in so many instances of untimely death; and

WHEREAS, The world owes protection to political dissidents, whistle blowers, and those who speech freely to power; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled demands that the United Nations begin the process to investigate accusations of Russian assassinations of political enemies of the administration of Vladimir Putin.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Millard North.

A Bill to Mandate Superblocks in All US Cities

1 Be it enacted by the Student Congress here assembled that:

2 **Section 1:** All US cities must have superblocks.

3 **Section 2a:** City is a governmental area with a minimum of 100,000
4 inhabitants.

5 **Section 2b:** Superblocks are a modern urbanization idea. The idea consists
6 of taking nine square blocks of city. Cordon off a perimeter and keep
7 through traffic, freight, and city buses on that. In the interior, allow only
8 local vehicles, traveling at very low speeds, under 10 mph. And make all
9 the interior streets one-way loops. Curbside parking is not allowed inside
10 superblocks.

11 **Section 3a:** The US Department of Housing and Urban Development will
12 oversee the implementation of this law.

13 **Section 3b:** All cities in compliance, will be given \$20 million for
14 funding.

15 **Section 4:** The law shall be implemented one year after passage.

16 **Section 5:** All other laws conflicting with this policy shall hereby be
17 declared null and void.

18 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Norfolk Senior High School*

A Resolution to begin the process of moving the Capital of the United States to Nebraska

1. **WHEREAS**, The Capital of the United States is no longer in a regionally central location; and
2. **WHEREAS**, The proximity to New York City leads to corporate collusion with the state; and
3. **WHEREAS**, The proximity of the Capital is becoming less feasible to manage the western states and territories; and
4. **WHEREAS**, The location on the East Coast makes the Capital unreasonably vulnerable to a naval attack; and
5. **WHEREAS**, The founding fathers had little idea of the sheer size of the North American Continent when deciding the location of the Capital; and
6. **WHEREAS**, Nebraska now holds the central most, most secure region in the United States; and, be it
7. **RESOLVED**, The United States begin the proper procedures to move the Capital of the United States away from Washington D.C. to Nebraska.

Submitted by Lincoln Southeast High School

A Bill to Impose a Tax on Plastic Bags to Decrease Pollution

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Any single-use plastic bags distributed by a commercial establishment
- 2 will include a minimum tax of ten cents per bag. This tax will be charged to customers
- 3 upon their purchase if a plastic bag is used.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** A single-use plastic bags are defined as bags made of plastic that are
- 5 used as shopping bags. Commercial establishments include but are not limited to
- 6 supermarkets, grocery stores, convenience stores, and establishments of any kind
- 7 where currency is being exchanged for a product.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be enforced by the Environment Protection Agency.
- 9 1. All revenue from the tax will go towards pollution cleanup.
- 10 **SECTION 4.** This law will go into effect January 1, 2019.
- 11 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln East High School.

A Bill to offer Anonymity for the Accused

BE IT ENACTED THAT THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1:** The United States will hereby offer the ability to be anonymous for those
2. accused of felonies, and anyone who violates the Anonymity of the Accused is
3. themselves sentenced with a gross misdemeanor.
4. **SECTION 2:** "Anonymity of the Accused" shall be defined as the optional ability to be
5. offered the chance to be isolated from the press, and not be shown publically. The ability to
6. be anonymous is at the discretion of the accused.
7. **SECTION 3:** The implementation of this bill will be overseen by the United States
8. Federal Witness Protection Program (WITSEC).
9. **SECTION 3a:** To aid in the implementation of this bill, WITSEC will receive an
10. additional 10 million USD annually to implement this bill.
11. **SECTION 4:** This bill will go into effect one year after passage.
12. **SECTION 5:** All laws in conflict with this bill will hereby be declared null and void.

Submitted by Lincoln Southeast High School

A Bill to Amend the Constitution to Disband the Electoral College

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. RESOLVED, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is
3. proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid
4. to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of
5. three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by
6. the Congress:
7.

ARTICLE –
8. SECTION 1. The Electoral College is hereby disbanded and the President of the United
9. States of America shall now be elected by a popular vote.
10. SECTION 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article through appropriate
11. legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln East High School.

A Bill to Mandate Influenza Vaccination of Minors in Public Schools

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** All students, grades K through 12, in all public schools will be subjected to
3. a mandatory influenza vaccination is required to be administered between the months
4. of September through December.
5. **SECTION 2.** Influenza will be defined as the latest version of a highly contagious viral infection of the respiratory passages causing fever, severe aching, and catarrh, and often occurring in epidemics.
6. **SECTION 3.** Overseeing the enforcement of the bill will be the U.S. Department of
7. Health & Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
8. A. The influenza vaccine will be administered by the IAC (Immunization Action
9. Coalition) Immunization Partners. The influenza shot to be administered will be defined
10. by the CDC.
11. B. There will be \$1,500,000,000 USD allocated yearly for this bill.
12. **SECTION 4.** The bill will be implemented after a 180 day grace period after being
13. passed.
14. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced into Congress by Elkhorn High School.

A Resolution to Require Video Surveillance

1. **WHEREAS,** Video surveillance on the streets are not required under any current laws;
2. and
3. **WHEREAS,** Many civil lawsuits and criminal prosecutions are won or lost based on
4. footage from cameras that have recorded scenes of accidents or alleged crimes; and
5. **WHEREAS,** the amount of criminals who have successfully escaped an arrest
6. are due to the lack of surveillance on the streets, now, therefore, be it
7. **RESOLVED,** By this Congress: that video surveillance be required on every street.

Introduced by Hastings Senior High School

A Bill to Fund Vocational Schools

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. \$6 billion will be allocated to the U.S. Department of Education for the
3 purpose of funding vocational schooling across the country.

4 SECTION 2. Vocational schools will be defined per the Perkins Act of 1990 as,
5 “organized educational programs offering a sequence of courses which
6 are directly related to the preparation of individuals in paid or unpaid
7 employment in current or emerging occupations requiring other than a
8 baccalaureate or advanced degree.”

9 SECTION 3. The Department of Education will provide block grants to the states and
10 determine the apportionment of these funds.

11 SECTION 4. This law shall 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 Creighton Prep High School.