

Providence Classic 2020

Congressional Debate Legislation Docket

Please read these docket and procedural rules very carefully:

1. There will be two preliminary sessions followed by a final session.
2. Each session, including finals, will be assigned three main pieces of legislation.
3. Chambers will decide among themselves by a 2/3 majority vote of the chamber what order to debate the three main pieces of legislation assigned to each session.
4. The docket agenda can be amended at any time by a 2/3 vote of the chamber, but students may only move around the three pieces of main legislation for that session. They may not move legislation from another session.
5. One hour **maximum** debate time on each piece of legislation. There is no minimum time for debate. However, each piece of legislation must have both one affirmative and one negative speech before previous question is called. Previous question may be called anytime within the hour. However, it **must** be called if debate is still going on at the one hour mark.
6. There will be two Presiding Officers per session in each chamber. Each will serve one half of a session. These elections will occur at the beginning of each session. Prior to the first session, an election is conducted and the winner chooses whether they would like to preside for first or second half. Then a second election must immediately be held with the winner of that election taking the other half of the session. Repeat this process at the beginning of session two and beginning of finals.
7. Cross examination will use **direct questioning** with individual questioning periods of 30 seconds until the total cross examination time for the speaker has expired. The Presiding Officer will keep a **separate** recency chart for this and ensure that all competitors have an equal chance to ask questions.

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Congressional Debate Schedule

Please report directly to your assigned chambers at 8:45 am.

Session 1 - 9:00 - 11:30 am

Docket: (chamber decides order)

1. The Healthcare Security Act of 2020
2. A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Regard Solitary Confinement as Cruel and Unusual Punishment
3. The Biodegradable Materials Act of 2020

Session 2 - 12:15 - 2:45 pm

Docket: (chamber decides order)

1. The Congressional 2030 Decade Challenge
2. A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Allow Line Item Vetoes
3. The Animal Compassion Act of 2020

Finals - 3:15 - 5:30 pm

Docket: (chamber decides order)

1. The Universal Pre-K Act of 2020
2. The Disclosure Act of 2020
3. The Russian Rebuke Resolution

The Healthcare Security Act of 2020

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** No employer, public or private, may require a waiting period after the
2 beginning of employment for any health insurance benefits to become
3 effective.

4 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this legislation, “health insurance benefits” shall be
5 defined as any employee compensation benefits consisting of medical care
6 (provided directly, through insurance or reimbursement, or otherwise and
7 including items and services paid for as medical care) under any hospital or
8 medical service policy or certificate, hospital or medical service plan
9 contract, or health maintenance organization contract offered by a health
10 insurance issuer.

11 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall go into effect on July 3rd, 2021.

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

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

6 ARTICLE 28

10 **SECTION 2.** Any violation of Section 1 of this article shall be considered an act of Cruel
11 and Unusual Punishment under the 8th article of amendment to the
12 United States Constitution.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The sale of non-biodegradable products that have a known biodegradable alternative is hereby prohibited in the United States.

SECTION 2. This legislation shall be implemented by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

A. The EPA shall independently define the terms “Biodegradable” and “Non-biodegradable” as it relates to this legislation.

B. The EPA shall independently determine which products have a biodegradable alternative.

SECTION 3. Companies or individuals found in violation of this legislation shall be issued a penalty of \$20,000 for the first offense, \$100,000 for the second offense, and \$500,000 for each offense thereafter.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall go into effect on January 1, 2022.

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

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The Congressional 2030 Decade Challenge

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **WHEREAS,** Man-made climate change is one of the biggest and most pressing crises
2 facing the United States; and

3 **WHEREAS,** It is in the interest of the United States to set goals for the next decade;
4 now, therefore, be it

5 **RESOLVED,** by the Congress here assembled that by January 1st, 2030, the United
6 States shall:

7 A. Fully eliminate carbon emissions.

8 B. Meet 100 percent of the domestic power demand through clean,
9 renewable, and zero-emission energy sources.

10 C. Spearhead a new international agreement to aggressively combat the
11 effects and causes of climate change.

12 D. Begin mitigating and managing the long-term adverse health,
13 economic, and other effects of pollution and climate change.

14 E. Substantially reduce federal subsidies to meat manufacturers.

15 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a new federal agency, the Department of
16 Environmental Security, shall be established to facilitate the United States'
17 pursuit of these goals.

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A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Allow Line Item Vetoes

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

6 **ARTICLE 28**

7 **SECTION 1.** The Congress shall have the power to empower the President to sign only a
8 portion of bills sent to them for approval.

9 **SECTION 2.** The President may only exercise this power when explicitly granted the
10 authority to do so by an act of Congress.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate
12 legislation.

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The Animal Compassion Act of 2020

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** It shall be unlawful for a pet store operator to sell a live dog, cat, or rabbit
2 in a pet store unless the dog, cat, or rabbit was obtained from a public
3 animal control agency or shelter, Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to
4 Animals shelter, Humane Society shelter, or rescue group that is in a
5 cooperative agreement with at least one private or public shelter.

6 **SECTION 2.** For purposes of this legislation, a “rescue group” is an organization that is
7 tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and that
8 does not obtain animals from breeders or brokers for compensation.

9 **SECTION 3.** A pet store operator who violates this section shall be subject to a civil
10 penalty of five hundred dollars (\$500). Each animal offered for sale in
11 violation of this section shall constitute a separate violation.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented by the Department of Agriculture.

13 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall go into effect on April 16th, 2021.

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

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The Universal Pre-K Act of 2020

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall provide grants to all states for
2 the implementation of a Universal Preschool program.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** States will be responsible for the distribution of grants and the
4 implementation of the Universal Preschool programs.
- 5 **SECTION 3.** States shall retain the right to refuse the grant funding in Section 1 of this
6 legislation and the right to not establish a Universal Preschool program.
- 7 **SECTION 4.** Funding for the grants mandated by Section 1 of this legislation shall be
8 derived from the Department of Education's Fiscal Year 2021 budget.
- 9 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall be implemented by the Department of Education.
- 10 **SECTION 6.** This legislation shall go into effect on October 1st, 2021.
- 11 **SECTION 7.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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The Disclosure Act of 2020

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** All pre-existing Nondisclosure Agreements related to sexual harassment
2 cases are hereby declared null and void.

3 **SECTION 2.** No new Nondisclosure Agreements related to sexual harassment cases
4 may take effect within the jurisdiction of the United States.

5 **SECTION 3.** For the purposes of this legislation, “Nondisclosure Agreement” shall be
6 defined as any legally binding agreement that prohibits disclosure of
7 certain confidential information.

8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately.

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

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The Russian Rebuke Resolution

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The Central Intelligence Agency, Office of the Director of National
2 Intelligence, Federal Bureau of Investigation, National Security Agency,
3 Department of Justice, Department of Homeland Security, and both the
4 House and Senate Intelligence Committees have all concluded that the
5 Russian Federation intentionally interfered in the 2016 United States
6 Presidential Election; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The United States holding secure and independent elections is vital to both
8 our democracy and the international community; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Russian interference has called the security and independence of United
10 States elections into question throughout the world; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** The Russian Federation has refused to acknowledge that the interference
12 took place; and
- 13 **WHEREAS,** All signs point to the conclusion that Russians will interfere in the 2020
14 Presidential Election; now, therefore be it
- 15 **RESOLVED,** by the Congress here assembled that we do hereby forcefully condemn the
16 Russian Federation for their role in interfering in the 2016 United States
17 Presidential Election.

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