

East Iowa District Congress

Docket

Thank you for attending the **East Iowa District Congress** tournament. My name is **Maggie Rietz** (Davenport West HS) and I will be acting as the *Congress Director* for our District Congress event. At this time, we have the following schools registered in the tournament:

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| ✓ Bettendorf HS | ✓ Iowa City Liberty |
| ✓ Burlington HS | ✓ Iowa City West |
| ✓ Davenport West HS | ✓ John F. Kennedy |
| ✓ Hempstead | |

Each school was asked to submit **2** pieces of legislation by *Friday, January 9*. I have received **8** pieces of legislation and have randomly set the docket for debate. In order to ensure we do not run out of legislation, I have added additional pieces of legislation taken from the docket from the NSDA. These bills are placed at the end of the docket and may be represented by any school in attendance. The bills were chosen to ensure everyone had a fair chance to speak on additional legislation. If a school is not represented in your chamber, the bill may be represented by any school in attendance.

As of Friday, February 8, our registration numbers are:

11 Students in the Senate (7 schools represented, **one away from** the minimum number to hold a Senate)

18 Students in the House (16+ students are required)

Therefore, currently, we cannot run a Senate. We need one more school to enter so we can hold the Senate and qualify **2** students in the Senate. East Iowa currently can only qualify **2** students in the House to the NSDA Nationals tournament. **The deadline to enter students is Saturday, February 15.**

One thing to remember: students are only marked as “**present**” if the student gives a speech. Therefore, every school must speak in the **Senate** to ensure 2 students qualify to Nationals. At least 16 students must give a speech in the **House** to ensure 2 students qualify to Nationals.

In addition, the qualifiers will select **1** piece of legislation to submit to the NSDA Nationals tournament to represent East Iowa. The legislation must be from one of the East Iowa schools and will be selected immediately after the tournament.

Thanks again for attending the East Iowa District Congress tournament. Good luck to all the students involved.

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A Bill to Give Adolescents a Voice in Medical Decisions

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government will recognize the legal right of all
2 people 16 years of age or older when making a decision for medical issues.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Individuals 16 years and older will be able to give consent for all surgeries
4 and medical attention as needed or desired. This would include, but not
5 be limited to: re-assignment surgery, medical prescriptions, and any other
6 medical needs.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** Guardians of individuals ages 16 will still be allowed to be informed of
8 medical procedures, but will not have the ability to overrule or modify the
9 desired medical procedure.
- 10 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 1st, 2021. All medical facilities shall
11 have regulations posted to ensure all are notified of the change.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bettendorf High School

A Bill to Fine Big Pharma for the Treatment of Opioid Addiction

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All pharmaceutical companies who produced and marketed opioids such
2 Codeine, Fentanyl (Actiq, Duragesic, Fentora, Abstral, Onsolis),
3 Hydrocodone (Hysingla, Zohydro ER), Hydrocodone/acetaminophen
4 (Lorcet, Lortab, Norco, Vicodin), Hydromorphone (Dilaudid, Exalgo),
5 Meperidine (Demerol), Methadone (Dolophine, Methadose), Morphine
6 (Kadian, MS Contin, Morphabond), Oxycodone (OxyContin, Oxaydo),
7 Oxycodone and acetaminophen (Percocet, Roxicet), Oxycodone will
8 provide an annual payment of no less than 200,000,000 USD per year for
9 ten years to the Centers for Disease Control and U.S. Public Health Service
10 Commissioned Corps task force to treat opioid addicts and prevent further
11 addiction.
- 12 **SECTION 2.** A. All current civil suits that have concluded but fines not collected will be
13 paid in full.
14 B. No new civil suits may be filed against pharmaceutical companies
15 concerning the manufacture, marketing or distribution of opioids.
16 C. All current and future patients prescribed any of the above-stated drugs
17 will have their names entered into an opioid patient database available
18 to the CDC and USPHSCC task force for the purposes of opioid
19 monitoring.
- 20 **SECTION 3.** A. The task force will create an action committee to communicate with
21 these patients to provide opioid addiction education to prevent addiction.
22 B. 1,000 new rapid response teams will be trained by the CDC and
23 USPHSCC task force to respond to overdoses.
- 24 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be put into effect in January 2021.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Iowa City West High.

A Bill to Shift Resources and Funding Towards United States Cyber Operations

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1:** Funding and resources towards United States cyber operations will
2 increase in order to establish United States dominance in the global cyber
3 domain.
- 4 **SECTION 2:** According to the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, cyberspace
5 operations are defined as “the employment of cyber capabilities where the
6 primary purpose is to achieve objectives in or through cyberspace. Such
7 operations include computer network operations and activities to operate
8 and defend the Global Information Grid.”
- 9 **SECTION 3:** The United States Cyber Command, under the umbrella of the United
10 States Department of Defense, will oversee the implementation of this bill.
- 11 A. Funds to increase United States cyber operations will come from the
12 US military’s research, development, testing, and evaluation budget.
- 13 B. An initial \$10 billion dollars of funding will be allocated towards cyber
14 operations (as requested in the status quo) with additional funding
15 provided as deemed necessary by the US military.
- 16 **SECTION 4:** This legislation will be implemented immediately.
- 17 **SECTION 5:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill To Limit Campaigning

Be it enacted by the Congress here assembled that:

1. **Section One:** The period of time during which candidates for public office may actively campaign
2. in the United States shall be limited to 300 days prior to the election date.
3. **Section Two:** candidate shall be defined as a person wishing to be considered for a leadership
4. position in a political or social office designation. Campaign shall be defined as working in an
5. organized way toward a specific goal. In particular, a campaign is a formal announcement of
6. candidacy for an office, including advertising, canvassing, appearing at public forums as a
7. candidate, and attempting to garner active support for a campaign.
8. **Section Three:** Campaigning is limited:
 9. A. Exploratory committees and initiatives may be formed but not announced in
 10. an official capacity. If formally announced, the candidate will be considered
 11. actively campaigning and in violation of this law if more than 300 days prior to
 12. the election.
 13. B. Those wishing to run for public office will still follow local, state, and national
 14. laws regarding filing paperwork to officially declare candidacy. Filing may not
 15. occur more than 300 days prior to the election date.
 16. C. Once accepted as a candidate, individuals can launch television, radio,
 17. print, and in-person advertisements of themselves and their ideas as they
 18. relate to the desire to hold professional public office.
 19. D. No fundraising to bring in money for a candidacy may occur prior to
 20. the 300-day mark, including dinners, informal fundraising, or directed
 21. donations.
22. **Section Four:** Any candidate found to be in violation of this limited campaigning law will be fined
23. \$10,000 for the first occurrence. Any subsequent violation will render the candidate ineligible
24. for candidacy. Any Political Action Committees (PACs) or organizations working on behalf of a
25. potential candidate or advertising prior to the 300 days will be fined \$50,000 per occurrence.
26. **Section Five:** Each state will be responsible for enforcing this legislation, overseen by the Federal
27. Election Commission. Money from fines will be allocated to the Department of Education.
28. **Section Six:** This bill will go into effect for the 2024 election

Respectfully submitted by John F. Kennedy High School

A Bill to Reduce the Number of Suicide-Related Deaths

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The U.S Department of Health and Human Services will provide funding
2 to advance research in suicide and prevention methods, to reduce the
3 number of suicides in the U.S.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Suicide will be defined as the act or an instance of taking one's own life
5 voluntarily and intentionally, according to Merriam Webster's Dictionary.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** The U.S Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the
7 enforcement of this bill and the distribution of the funding.
- 8 A. The U.S Department of Health will fund 500,000,000 to research
9 suicide.
- 10 B. The U.S Department of Health will oversee the distribution of different
11 funds to major hospitals throughout the country.
- 12 C. Any hospital caught using the funds for anything other than suicide
13 research will be fined \$250,000.
- 14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect on January 1, 2021.
- 15 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Burlington Community High School.

A Bill to Relocate, Preserve, and Protect Civil War Public Memorabilia

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All things publicly owned in relevance to the Civil War of the United States
2 is to be protected/preserved.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Memorabilia from all sides of the Civil War will be moved into 5 museums
4 located in areas of historical significance to the Civil War.
- 5 a. Monuments determined to be offensive by a committee will be destroyed.
- 6 b. The committee will consist of Historians, Museum Conservators, Museum
7 Curators, Archivists, and Anthropologists with a neutral view. When voting
8 they will have no ability to abstain.
- 9 c. All sides will be given equal presentation in accordance with current
10 museum rules regarding exhibits.
- 11 d. Majority of statues will be brought to battlefields related to the purpose of
12 the statue, and the rest will be dispersed into remaining museums as
13 determined by the committee.
- 14 **SECTION 3.** State offices and legislation will protect the laws going into effect while
15 police will protect all the memorabilia, and museums.
- 16 a. Builders will be hired to build the museums and reconstruct statues
17 in their designated areas.
- 18 b. Movers will be hired to move all memorabilia in suitable conditions
19 to ensure they are preserved to their designated location.
- 20 c. A one time budget increase into education spending of four
21 hundred million dollars or Money will be given by existing taxpayer
22 money to pay for the expenses.
- 23 **SECTION 4.** Will go into effect Immediately after the passing of the Bill.
- 24 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with the exception of the “Sunken Military Craft Act of
25 2005” with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to End US Imposed Economic Sanctions on Venezuela

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1:** The United States will immediately terminate all U.S. imposed economic
2 sanctions on Venezuela in order to bring relief to Venezuelan citizens.

SECTION 2: According to the Council on Foreign Relations, economic sanctions are defined as “the withdrawal of customary trade and financial relations for foreign policy purposes.” They are used in order to “alter the strategic decisions of state and nonstate actors”.

7 **SECTION 3:** The Office of Foreign Assets Control, under the umbrella of the United
8 States Department of Treasury, will oversee the implementation of this
9 bill.

10 **SECTION 4:** This legislation will be implemented immediately.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dubuque Hempstead High School.

A Bill to Abolish Selective Service

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The Military Selective Service Act (Title 50, U.S.C 49) shall be repealed and
2 no longer considered the law of the land, with this repeal the Selective
3 Service Agency shall be dissolved.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** The Military Selective Service Act or Title 50, U.S.C 49 shall be defined as
5 an act creating mandatory military service for males ages 18-26 in the
6 United States. The Selective Service Agency shall be defined as an
7 independent agency of the United States government that maintains
8 information on those potentially subject to military conscription.
- 9 **SECTION 3.** **A.** December 31, 2020 will be the final day that the Selective Service Act
10 will be in service.
- 11 **B.** The budget of the selective service agency will be redirected to the
12 department of Education
- 13 **C.** All employees of the selective service will be offered jobs through the
14 departments under 13 the executive branch.
- 15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be overseen by Executive Office of Management and
16 Budget.
- 17 **SECTION 5.** This bill will go into effect on December 31st. 2020.
- 18 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict shall be null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by John. F. Kennedy High School

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 Tariff Power Reclamation Act of 2020

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** No tariffs may be imposed by the United States without approval from
- 2 both houses of Congress.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this legislation, “tariffs” shall be defined as any taxes
- 4 imposed on goods imported from outside the United States that are not
- 5 imposed on similar goods from within the United States.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately.
- 7 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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The Congressional 2030 Decade Challenge

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,

14 and other effects of pollution and climate change.

15 (E) Substantially reduce federal subsidies to meat manufacturers.

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

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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
2 rabbit in a pet store unless the dog, cat, or rabbit was obtained from a
3 public animal control agency or shelter, Society for the Prevention of
4 Cruelty to Animals shelter, Humane Society shelter, or rescue group that
5 in a 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
7 is tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and
8 that does not obtain animals from breeders or brokers for
9 compensation.
- 10 **SECTION 3.** A pet store operator who violates this section shall be subject to a civil
11 penalty of five hundred dollars (\$500). Each animal offered for sale in
12 violation of this section shall constitute a separate violation.
- 13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented by the Department of Agriculture.
- 14 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall go into effect on April 16th 14 , 2021.
- 15 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
16 void.

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