



## **New England District National Speech & Debate Association Congress Qualifiers 2020**

Pages 2-6 will be debated in Preliminary sessions of both the Senate and House.

Pages 8-9 will be debated in the Super Session of the House. Senators should also prep this material as it will be debated if preliminary legislation is exhausted before the sessions end.



## A Bill to Implement a Nationwide Vehicle Mile Tax (VMT)

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal gasoline excise tax is hereby abolished and replaced with a  
3 nationwide vehicle mile tax (VMT) of 0.6 cents per rural mile and 4.2 cents per  
4 urban mile.

5 A. This money will be allocated to the Highway Trust Fund (HTF).

6 **SECTION 2.** A VMT is an excise tax levied on drivers based on the distance they drive.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service in conjunction to the Department of  
8 Transportation shall be in charge of the implementation of this legislation.  
9 No vehicle point location may be tracked or saved.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented beginning fiscal year 2020.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Shreya Thalvayapati, Hopkinton High School*



## A Bill to Encourage Investment in Green Energy

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All federal subsidies of oil companies shall hereby be abolished.

3 **SECTION 2.** Federal subsidies shall be defined as a benefit given to an industry by the  
4 government, including but not limited to direct funding, tax breaks, and  
5 research.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy and the Treasury Department shall oversee the  
7 implantation of this legislation.

8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Shrewsbury High School*



## A Bill to Abolish DACA

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) issued by President Barack H.  
3 Obama on June 15, 2012 is declared null and void.

4 **SECTION 2.** Any individuals under the policy currently shall be considered illegal immigrants  
5 and subject to deportation. However, this bill will not refer to people who are or  
6 have been in the United States military.

7 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement will oversee the enforcement  
8 of this bill.

9 **SECTION 4.** This Bill will go into effect January 1, 2021.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Senator Aiden Dever, Catholic Memorial*



## A Bill to Institute a Cap and Trade Policy to Reverse the Negative Effects of Climate Change

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. The United States will implement a Cap and Trade Policy on the emission of  
3 carbon.

4 B. The amount of \$5 Billion will be additionally allocated from the federal  
5 budget to the Environmental Protection Agency which is strictly to be used for  
6 research and development in renewable energy.

7 C i. The EPA shall divide the caps among US companies and the total number of  
8 caps shall amount to 95% of the previous year's domestic carbon emissions.

9 ii. Failure to comply will result in a fine of \$750 per metric ton of emissions.

10 **SECTION 2.** 'Cap and Trade' is defined as a market-based approach to controlling pollution  
11 that allows corporations to trade emissions allowances under an overall cap, or  
12 limit, on those emissions.

13 **SECTION 3.** The United States Environmental Protection Agency will oversee the  
14 implementation of this legislation.

15 **SECTION 4.** If passed this legislation would go into effect 1/1/2021.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Senator Keith Richards, Natick High School*



## Rideshare Driver Protection Act of 2020

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All rideshare company drivers classified as 1099 independent contractors shall  
3 now be considered W-2 employees.

4 **SECTION 2.** "Rideshare company" shall be defined as a company that uses a digital network  
5 to connect riders to drivers to pre-arrange and provide transportation.

6 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of Labor and the Internal Revenue Service shall jointly  
7 oversee the implementation and enforcement of this legislation.

8 A. Failure to comply will result in a fine no less than \$25,000 per worker.

9 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect at the beginning of fiscal year 2021.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Matt Peljovich, Needham High School*



## **Super Session Legislation for the House**

*(This legislation will also be used as reserve legislation in the Senate if preliminary legislation is exhausted before the sessions end.)*





## **A Bill to Modify the Authorization for Use of Military Force**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 The Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Terrorists, passed on September 14,
- 2 2001 and effective September 18, 2001, is hereby amended to preclude the President of the
- 3 United States from waging offensive military operations absent a formal Declaration of War
- 4 by this Congress.
- 5 “Offensive military operations” include activities not directly related to the defense of
- 6 personnel, property, equipment, and positions in position as of the passage of this
- 7 legislation, such as preemptive strikes or attempts to capture additional territory,
- 8 personnel, property, or equipment.
- 9 This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.
- 10 All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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## A Bill to Privatize Air Traffic Control in the United States

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 A charter is hereby issued for a not-for-profit organization called the ATC Corporation.
- 2 Within two years of the establishment of this charter, the Federal Aviation Administration
- 3 shall transfer responsibility for the provision of air traffic control services to the ATC
- 4 Corporation. The Corporation shall furnish financial reports to Congress on an annual basis.
- 5 "Air traffic control services" refers to functions performed for the safe, lawful, and efficient
- 6 management of aircraft movements in the controlled airspace under the jurisdiction of the
- 7 United States.
- 8 The ATC Corporation shall report to the Federal Aviation Administration on all matters
- 9 related to activities referenced in Section 2 of this legislation.
- 10 This legislation shall effect the issuance of the charter referenced in Section 1 of this
- 11 legislation immediately upon passage.
- 12 All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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