

**Hawai'i Speech League
Qualifying Speech Tournament
Leilehua High School
February 01, 2020**



Docket

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Aloha e Hawai'i Speech League Congressional Debaters and Coaches,

The following legislation is respectfully submitted for the Hawai'i Speech League's Speech Qualifying Tournament at Leilehua High School on February 01, 2020.

The student who authored the bill will have the right to the Authorship Speech. If they elect not to author their own bill, a representative from their school will have the first right of sponsorship. If no student wishes to sponsor, the debate will move to the first affirmative.

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In the event that all legislation is debated, the chamber will set an agenda to debate the following reserve bills. Debate will begin with a 1st Affirmative Speech, no Authorships or Sponsorships. These bills will not be debated until all primary legislation has been exhausted.

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11	The Tariff Power Reclamation Act of 2020
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You may set any agenda of these items at the tournament with a majority vote.

No outside legislation, or "day of" tournament legislation submissions will be accepted.

Students may run for presiding officer. A different presiding officer will serve for each session.

Please direct all questions or concerns to Nick Ernst at niernst@ksbe.edu.

Respectfully,

Nick Ernst

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A Bill to Mandate the Release of Presidential Candidates' Tax Returns

1 BE IT ENACTED BY CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Upon filing with the Federal Election Commission for their presidential run,
3 each presidential candidate shall be required to release five years of prior
4 tax returns to the House Ways and Means Committee. They shall be
5 required to do so within three months of the date of their initial
6 announcement.

7 **SECTION 2.** Every Democratic and Republican nominee from 1980 to 2012 voluntarily
8 released at least one year of their prior tax returns upon receiving their
9 party's nomination. This trend was broken when Republican nominee and
10 current President, Donald Trump, refused to release his tax returns in 2016.
11 Despite a subpoena and the Internal Revenue Service authorizing their
12 release, Donald Trump's tax returns have remained hidden from Congress
13 and the public up to the present day. A candidate's tax information—what
14 they are worth, what they borrow and from whom, and the existence of
15 assets, charitable donations, and foreign bank accounts—helps voters to
16 determine potential conflicts of interest and the candidate's entanglement
17 with businesses and foreign governments. The longstanding precedent of
18 bipartisan tax return release has upheld a tradition of financial transparency;
19 it is appropriate that individuals who strive for the United States' highest
20 office be subject to the highest standards of scrutiny and honesty. Qualified
21 candidates for the presidency ought to have nothing to fear or to hide from
22 their constituents and the country, and may thus be compelled to release
23 their tax returns for public knowledge.

24 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be jointly enforced by the Internal Revenue Service and the
25 House Ways and Means Committee. As the bureau of the Treasury tasked
26 with collecting taxes and as the committee with jurisdiction over all
27 revenue-raising measures in Congress, respectively, the IRS and House
28 Ways and Means Committee are the appropriate agencies to carry out this
29 legislation.

30 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect on January 20, 2020.

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

Introduced by Legislator Kanemaru.

B/R_____

A Bill to Place a Federal Carbon Emission Tax

BE IT ENACTED BY CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States Federal Government will place a five percent carbon emission tax per ton, on companies that emit carbon.

SECTION 2.

A. Whereas climate change affects the social and environmental determinants of health: clean air, safe drinking water, sufficient food and secure shelter.

B. Whereas between 2030 and 2050, climate change is expected to cause about 250,000 additional deaths per year, from malnutrition, malaria, diarrhea, and heat stress.

C. Whereas the direct damage costs to health (excluding costs in health-determining sectors such as agriculture and water and sanitation), is estimated to be between two billion to four billion dollars per year by 2030.

SECTION 3. If the government puts a five percent tax on carbon, with returning half of generated revenue to the public in tax or another, can be effective in reducing greenhouse gases and help the United States reach their goal.

A. The fifty percent of the taxes collected from the carbon emission tax will be distributed back to low-income and middle-income Americans, in the form of a monthly dividend. Those with a household income of less than \$80,000 (single) or \$130,000 (couple) would receive a full dividend. Those with a household income between \$80,000 and \$100,000 (single) or between \$130,000 and \$150,000 (couple) would receive none. Those with a household income of more than \$100,000 (single) or more than \$150,000 (couple) would receive nothing.

Introduced by Legislator Heyler.

B/R_____

**A Resolution to Repeal the 2002 Authorization for
Use of Military Force Against Iraq**

1 **WHEREAS,** the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002
2 was passed under the pretense that “Iraq’s continuing weapons of mass
3 destruction programs threatened vital United States interests and
4 international peace and security”; and

5 **WHEREAS,** the original purpose of the 2002 AUMF no longer stands because Iraq
6 ceased its chemical, biological, and nuclear programs after the Persian Gulf
7 War in 1991; and

8 **WHEREAS,** section 3(a) of the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq
9 Resolution of 2002 allows the president to “use the Armed Forces of the
10 United States as he determines to be necessary and appropriate to: (1)
11 defend the national security of the United States against the continuing
12 threat posed by Iraq; and (2) enforce all relevant United Nations Security
13 Council Resolutions regarding Iraq”; and

14 **WHEREAS,** President Trump’s use of the 2002 AUMF to kill Iranian general Qasam
15 Soleimani was unconstitutional because Soleimani was not a threat by or
16 regarding Iraq; now, therefore, be it

17 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled to repeal the 2002 Authorization for Use
18 of 18. Military Force against Iraq.

Introduced by Legislator Tom.

B/R_____

A Bill to Ban the Usage and Sales of Plastic Bags

1 BE IT ENACTED BY CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All grocery stores are banned from selling, using, distributing, and handing

3 out plastic bags at checkout.

4 **SECTION 2.** Plastic bags are defined as any bag that is single-use plastic, not reusable,

5 or biodegradable.

6 **SECTION 3.** The department of environmental health services shall be in charge of

7 implementing this bill to grocery stores.

8 **SECTION 4.** This law shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

Introduced by Legislator Labrador.

B/R_____

A Bill to Annex Canada

1 BE IT ENACTED BY CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall annex Canada into the existing Union through

3 peaceful means if possible and through invasion if necessary.

4 **SECTION 2.** Merriam-Webster defines annexation as the process of incorporating (a

5 country or other territory) within the domain of a state

6 **SECTION 3.** The Joint Chiefs of Staff will oversee the implementation of this bill as

7 annexation is a military matter and will also open negotiations with

8 Canadian officials as well as proceed with military action should

9 negotiations fail.

10 **SECTION 4.** This piece of legislation will be put into effect on April 20th, 2020

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

Introduced by Legislator Masters.

B/R_____

**A Bill to Classify People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals
as a Terrorist Organization**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Federal Bureau of Investigation will classify the organization known as
3 PETA to henceforth be classified as a terrorist organization and shall
4 henceforth be declared as illegal.

5 **SECTION 2.** PETA is a self proclaimed animal rights organization, any member found
6 to be part of this organization henceforth shall receive jail time of up to 10
7 years depending on the offense committed.

8 A. Any suspected member of PETA will be monitored by the NSA or any
9 other intelligence agency if deemed necessary.

10 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Homeland Security will oversee the
11 implementation of this bill.

12 A. In accordance with 18 U.S. Code § 2332b - Acts of Terrorism
13 Transcending National Boundaries: Federal agencies now have more
14 resources allocated to both the investigation and prosecution for
15 suspected PETA members, including international terrorism and
16 homegrown terrorism.

17 **SECTION 4.** The legislation shall go into effect January 1st, 2021

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

Introduced by Legislator Mang.

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A Bill to Legalize Euthanasia

1 BE IT ENACTED BY CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** In all fifty states, the medical procedure of voluntary euthanasia shall be

3 declared a legal option for patients.

4 **SECTION 2.** Voluntary euthanasia is the process in which a life is ended upon request of

5 the impacted patient in a painless manner.

6 A. In order to receive the procedure, patients will have to be considered

7 terminally ill by a licensed medical professional

8 B. Be classified sane, mentally competent, and able to reason from a

9 trained physician to assure the avoidance of impaired judgement

10 C. Provide explicit consent to their primary care doctor.

11 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the

12 implementation of this bill.

13 A. In accordance with the ruling of Oregon Revised Statutes §127.880 -

14 Death With Dignity Act: Terminally ill individuals are given the right

15 to die in a humane manner upon request.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect as of January 1st, 2021

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

Introduced by Legislator Golladay-Watkins.

Reserve Docket

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The Tariff Power Reclamation Act of 2020

1 BE IT ENACTED BY CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** No tariffs may be imposed by the United States without approval from both

3 houses of Congress.

4 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this legislation, “tariffs” shall be defined as any taxes

5 imposed on goods imported from outside the United States that are not

6 imposed on similar goods from within the United States.

7 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the National Speech & Debate Association.

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The Agricultural Free Trade Act of 2020

1 BE IT ENACTED BY CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall cease providing monetary

3 subsidies to agricultural producers within the United States.

4 **SECTION 2.** The United States shall cease engaging in any and all trade activities with

5 any foreign countries who provide monetary subsidies to agricultural

6 producers within their borders.

7 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall go into effect on April 8th, 2025.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the National Speech & Debate Association.

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The Healthcare Security Act of 2020

1 BE IT ENACTED BY CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

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

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

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the National Speech & Debate Association.

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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 therefore, be it

5 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that by January 1st, 2030, the United States
6 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, economic,
13 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.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the National Speech & Debate Association.