

2020 Florida Blue Key Congressional Debate

Round Robin Legislation Packet



Congratulations on being selected to participate in this year's Florida Blue Key Speech and Debate Tournament Congressional Debate Round Robin!

This packet will go over key instructions for the Round Robin. Additionally, the first two pieces of legislation that you will debate on October 29 are included.

Location: Cloud Classroom

Schedule: (subject to change based on delays)

Preliminary Session: 10AM to 1PM

Lunch 1PM to 2PM

Round-of-6: 2PM to 2:45PM

Round-of-5: 3PM to 4PM

Round-of-4: 4:30PM to 5PM

Round-of-3: 5:30PM to 6PM

Round-of-2: 6:30PM to 7PM

*Breaks will be announced in chamber 5 minutes prior to the start of each round

Format:

The Round Robin will include 12 of the top competitors in the country. The docket will be predetermined by the Round Robin staff and will be released in order of rounds. The first 2 pieces of legislation will be included at the end of this packet.

- 1. Preliminary Session:** The preliminary round will include all 12 competitors. During the first half of the round, competitors will give a "Morning Hour" speech on a topic of their choice. The second half will resume with debate on "Bill 1."

- a. Morning Hour:** During the preliminary session, competitors will spend the first hour delivering "Morning Hour" speeches. The morning hour speech should communicate an issue that competitors feel passionately about and convey it as a specifically pressing issue in our society.. In this speech competitors should: introduce the issue, offer solutions, explain why it is important. Competitors will be judged based on the following criteria for the morning hour:

- i) *Argumentation*- how well the competitor constructed the main argument and described how the solution actually solves the issue
 - ii) *Idea/Topic*- how well the competitor introduced the topic and made it easy to understand
 - iii) *Impact*- how well the competitor explained the importance of the issue and how their solution is the best solution

b. Bill 1

- 1. Round-of-6:** After the preliminary round, the top 6 competitors will advance to the Round of 6. In this, round competitors will debate "Bill 2."

a. Bill 2

- 1. Round-of-5:** The top 5 competitors will advance to the Round of 5. In this, round competitors will debate "Bill 3."

a. Bill 3

- 1. Round-of-4:** The top 4 competitors will advance to the Round of 4. In this, round competitors will debate "Bill 4."

a. Bill 4

- 1. Round-of-3:** The top 3 competitors will advance to the Round of 3. In this, round competitors will debate "Bill 5."

a. Bill 5

- 1. Round-of-2:** The top 2 competitors will advance to the Round of 6. In this, round competitors will debate "Bill 6." In this round, there will be one affirmative speaker and one negative speaker. Since this is the final round, the format will be as follows:

a. Bill 6

1. AFF speech (3 min), followed by 2 minutes of questioning
2. NEG speech (3 min), followed by 2 minutes of questioning
3. 5-minute recess for competitors to prepare rebuttal speeches
4. AFF rebuttal (3 min), followed by 2 minutes of questioning
5. NEG rebuttal (3 min), followed by 2 minutes of questioning

Rules:

Internet: Internet access is permitted only for the purposes of accessing the round and connecting to the online platform during the competition. Any competitor found to have accessed the Internet during a session for research or prep purposes will immediately be disqualified. Students may only access downloaded material during a session to avoid internet browsing. Cell phones, smartwatches, and any other devices capable of internet access during a session must remain in the student's bag and should not be taken out at any point.

Presiding Officer/Speaking Order: A member of FBK Congressional Debate staff will be the presiding officer for the entirety of the Round Robin. This means that competitors will only be judged on their speeches. The PO will randomly select competitors to determine recency in each session and will not consider previous activity, geography, or fastest standing. We strongly recommend competitors utilize placards to be recognized by the PO during the online session. Recency will reset after each session, but it only matters in the preliminary session as that is the only round competitors will speak on two different topics. Each competitor will have a chance to speak twice in the preliminary session and Round-of-2 and once in every other session. All other procedures will follow standard National Speech and Debate Association guidelines.

Questioning: All questioning periods will be direct examination. Each questioner will have 30 seconds of direct questioning before the PO moves onto the next questioner. In every round, the questioning periods for the first affirmative and negative speech will be 2 minutes. Every subsequent questioning period will be 1 minute long. During the Morning Hour, every questioning period will be 1 minute long. For the Round-of-2, questioning will be 2 minutes long.

Legislation: Attached below is "Bill 1" and "Bill 2." The rest of the bills will be released by October 23. In the meantime, competitors should prepare their "Morning Hour" speeches as well as the two bills provided.

A Bill to Halt Security Aid to Azerbaijan (Bill 1)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall immediately suspend U.S. security aid to Azerbaijan.

SECTION 2. Security aid shall include but not be limited to: X-rays and screening ⁵ equipment, boats, and unspecified counterterrorism and intelligence ⁶ equipment.

SECTION 3. The Department of State in conjunction with the Department of Defense ⁸ shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

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

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

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A Bill to Increase Antitrust Enforcement Mechanisms to Decrease Anticompetitive Mergers (Bill 2)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. a) The United State shall grant \$20 million to the Antitrust Division of both the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Department of Justice (DOJ) to combat anticompetitive behavior and increase enforcement. b) Further, in antitrust cases, courts shall hire an independent economic expert to advise on the case.

SECTION 2. “Anticompetitive behavior” shall be defined as any action with the goal of limiting competition in the market to the company’s own benefit. “Antitrust case” shall be defined as any form of legal action brought against parties charged with anticompetitive behavior. “Economic expert” shall be defined under Rule 706 of the Federal Rules of Evidence as someone in a neutral position with no affiliation to either party.

SECTION 3. The DOJ and FTC shall be jointly responsible for the implementation of this bill. Any court not in compliance with Section 1 b) shall immediately have the current case suspended until an investigation is completed and fine determined

SECTION 4. The legislation shall take effect on November 4, 2020.

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

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A Bill to Combat Turkish Aggression in Eastern Europe (Bill 3)

Be it enacted by the Student Congress here assembled that:

- 1 **Article I:** A. Five billion dollars shall be allocated to the U.S. State Department to engage
- 2 in emergency diplomatic missions due to further Turkish escalation of conflict.
- 3 B. The United States shall lead negotiations through NATO allies with Turkey
- 4 and Greece regarding warship maritime conflict in the Mediterranean Sea.
- 5 C. The U.S. shall impose multilateral sanctions on Turkey if it fails to withdraw
- 6 air forces from the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict in Azerbaijan within a time
- frame agreed upon by all negotiating parties.
- 8 **Article II:** A. “Emergency diplomatic missions” are tasked with negotiations and
- garnering multinational support for agreements and possible sanctions.
- 10 B. “Multilateral sanctions” include but are not limited to freezing foreign
- assets, prohibiting military aid and weaponry deals, and cutting economic ties.
- Article III:** The U.S. State Department will oversee the implementation and enforcement
- of this bill.
- 14 **Article IV:** This bill shall be effective immediately after passage.
- 15 **Article V:** All other laws in conflict with this legislation shall hereby be declared null and
- 16 void.

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The Auto Independence Act of 2020 (Bill 4)

WHEREAS, automobile accidents are one of the most common and avoidable causes of death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, despite numerous safety campaigns, human error continues to cause automobile accidents; and

WHEREAS, current automobiles are causing severe environmental damage; and

WHEREAS, due to a lack of sufficiently available mass transit, many Americans, particularly the elderly and disabled, are unable to independently move about; and

WHEREAS, self-driving automobiles are the only known theoretical solutions to these problems; now, therefore, be

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that the United States ought to pursue and fund research and development of self-driving automobiles, with the ultimate goal of replacing all current road vehicles with self-driving ones.

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A Bill to Reprimand Russia (Bill 5)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall implement targeted economic and
2 diplomatic sanctions on Russia in response to Russian bounties on US
3 soldiers in Afghanistan.
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5 **SECTION 2.** Targeted economic sanctions shall be defined as the
6 freezing of assets of Russian officials who were involved with or
7 knowledgeable about the bounties on US soldiers. Diplomatic sanctions
8 shall be defined as the closing of the US embassy in Moscow.
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11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State will oversee enforcement of this
12 legislation

A. The sanctions will be removed only if the Russian Federation issues a
 statement, officially taking responsibility for the bounties and if they
 remove all troops and involvement in the War in Afghanistan.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage.

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

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A Bill to Amend the Presidential Line of Succession (Bill 6)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. If, by reason of death, resignation, removal from office, or inability to serve, there is neither a President nor a Vice President to discharge the powers and duties of the office of President, then the highest-ranking qualified individual on the succession list who is not unable to discharge the powers and duties of the office of President shall serve as acting President.

SECTION 2. The following phrases, when used in this legislation, shall be defined as follows:

A. “Qualified individual” shall be defined as an officer named on the succession list who is eligible to serve in the office of President under the Constitution.

B. “Succession list” shall be defined as the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of Defense, the Attorney General, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, the Secretary of Transportation, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of Education, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and the Secretary of Homeland Security.

SECTION 3. The Archivist of the United States shall be responsible for the implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

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