

Bulldog Invitational

Student Congress

Docket

Thank you for attending the **Bulldog Invitational Congress** tournament. My name is **Joe Rankin** (Bettendorf HS) and I am the head coach of the Bettendorf High School Speech and Debate Team. This year, John Cooper (Iowa City West) will be acting as the *Congress Director* for our event. At this time, we have the following schools registered in the tournament:

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| ✓ Ankeny | ✓ Iowa City West |
| ✓ Burlington | ✓ John F. Kennedy |
| ✓ Dowling Catholic | ✓ Johnston |
| ✓ Glenbrook North | ✓ Oskaloosa |
| ✓ Hempstead | ✓ Theodore Roosevelt |

Each school was asked to submit 2 pieces of legislation by *Thursday, November 5th, 2020*. I have received 8 pieces of legislation and placed them in this document. In order to ensure we do not run out of legislation, I have added additional pieces of legislation from the Glenbrook 2020 Congress Docket and NSDA November 2020 Congress Docket. These bills may be represented by any school in attendance. The bills were chosen to ensure everyone had a fair chance to speak on additional legislation and to expose students to the type of legislation students can expect to see at the NSDA Nationals tournament. If a school is not represented in your chamber, the bill may be represented by any school in attendance.

The docket is **not** set and can be modified as desired when the session starts on *Friday, November 13th, 2020*.

All NSDA rules and time limits will apply to Student Congress. Presiding Officers will **not** be eligible for speaking awards, although they will receive a gavel for presiding.

Thanks again for attending the Bulldog Invitational Congress tournament. Good luck to all students involved.

Joe Rankin
Bettendorf HS

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Abolish the Electoral College

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **RESOLVED**, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is
3. proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall
4. be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by
5. the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the
6. date of its submission by the Congress:
7. **ARTICLE --**
8. **SECTION 1.** The Electoral College is hereby abolished, striking out the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th
9. paragraphs of Article 2 Section 1; Amendment 12; and Amendment 13 of the
10. Constitution.
11. **SECTION 2 .** The following will replace paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 of Article 2 Section 1. “The
12. president will be elected by popular vote. Congress may determine the date of
13. election.”
14. **SECTION 3.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ankeny High School

A Bill to Give Puerto Rico Statehood

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1** . If a majority of Puerto Rico voters so choose, Puerto Rico will become a full
3. member state.
4. **SECTION 2** . A full member state is on equal footing with all other US states in such matters
5. as sending legislators to congress.
6. **SECTION 3**. During the 2024 election the Puerto Rico ballot will include the question, “Do
7. you approve of Puerto Rico's admission as a State of the Union?”
8. A. If the result shows a majority approval, then Puerto Rico will submit the results
9. to the President, Senate, and House of Representatives. At which point the
10. president will declare Puerto Rico a full State of the Union.
11. B. If the majority of votes show disapproval this bill will immediately cease to be in
12. effect.
13. **SECTION 4**. The vote will occur during their 2024 election. Statehood will be effective as
14. soon as results are certified and confirmed by the federal government.
15. **SECTION 5**. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ankeny High School

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Repeal the 19th amendment

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **RESOLVED**, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article
3. is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States,
4. which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution
5. when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states
6. within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:
7. **ARTICLE --**
8. **SECTION 1** . The nineteenth amendment of the Constitution of the United States is
9. hereby repealed.
10. **SECTION 2** . The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
11. legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ankeny High School

Climate Change Act of 2020

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The United States will produce 80% of its power from renewable energy sources
2. by 2050 with the goal of reaching net-zero emissions.
3. A. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will institute a carbon tax of \$20 per
4. pound of carbon produced.
5. B. \$3 billion in subsidies will be allocated towards renewable energy sources.
6. C. An independent review board will be established to process research and provide
7. advice to governmental agencies concerning the sustainability of renewable
8. energy usage.
9. **SECTION 2.** Renewable energy will encompass solar power, wind power, hydroelectric power,
10. geothermal power, tidal power, and biomass.
11. **SECTION 3.** The EPA will oversee the enforcement of this legislation.
12. A. The EPA will work alongside the independent review board to monitor progress
13. and compliance.
14. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect January 1, 2021.
15. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the National Speech and Debate Association

Confirmation Competency Bill (CCB)

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS 1 HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** All appointed federal positions by the President of the United States that
3. require a confirmation process in the Senate shall require sixty (60)
4. percent of votes from Senators to be confirmed.
5. **SECTION 2.** The Senate committees have jurisdiction over all appointed federal
6. positions.
7. **SECTION 3.** The Senate and the President of the Senate will oversee the enforcement
8. of this legislation.
9. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect immediately after its passage.
10. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Theodore Roosevelt High School

Honoring Our United States Electorate (HOUSE) Bill

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS 1 HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Each state that has two (2) or more Representatives in the House must
3. have House Districts be redrawn by an independent or bipartisan group
4. based on the 2020 census.
5. **SECTION 2.** Every state is responsible for creating an independent or bipartisan group
6. to redraw each House district. Newly drawn districts will be used in the
7. 2022 House elections. The Federal Elections Commission shall be
8. responsible for confirming the redistricting has no gerrymandering of any
9. kind.
10. **SECTION 3.** The Federal Elections Commission and State Secretaries of State will
11. oversee the enforcement of this legislation.
12. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect six months after its passage.
13. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Theodore Roosevelt High School

Public Transportation Grant Program

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS 1 HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The United States will reprioritize transportation funding to promote
3. accessibility in cities throughout the nation. This will occur through a
4. Federal Grant program and will be given to cities with non-existing or
5. poor transportation infrastructure systems.
6. **SECTION 2.** The Department of Transportation will dedicate 1.7 Billion for the grant
7. funds to cities. Eligible cities must have a median household income of
8. \$25,000 and include non-existing or inadequate public transportation:
9. such as limited or unaffordable services, limited routes, and safety
10. concerns. Cities will apply for the grant with a proposal through the
11. Department of Transportation. Cities with established proposals for
12. “green initiatives” will be given first priority. if cities commit to a “green
13. initiative” by 2022 they will get an extended grant.
14. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Transportation shall oversee this bill and determine
15. priority. The Federal Transit Administration shall help aid in distribution
16. of grants and technical assistance for cities' transportation systems.
17. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect nine months after its passage.
18. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Theodore Roosevelt High School

A Bill for a Safer Iowa

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1.

- A. Universal background checks in Iowa will be expanded to include long guns. This will ensure that a background check is conducted on all firearm transactions.
- B. The mandatory reporting of lost or stolen firearms by individuals within 48 hours of the discovery of the loss or theft.
- C. Require a mandatory 7-day waiting period between the purchase and possession for all firearms in the state of Iowa.

SECTION 2.

- A. “Long gun” is defined a category of firearms with longer barrels than most other types.
- B. As it stands, the state of Iowa only requires a permit for private purchasers. This is where the background check occurs. Background checks now must be conducted on ALL firearm transactions. Universal Background check is defined as using state, and federal records and databases as well as the NICS. A Waiting Period is defined as 7 days.

SECTION 3. A. The Iowa ATF will oversee the enforcement background checks bill and waiting periods.

B. Failure to report lost or stolen firearms will be classified as a simple misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$300.

SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect six months after its passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Johnston Community School District

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to End the Electoral College

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **RESOLVED**, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled that the following
3. article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States,
4. which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
5. ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven
6. years from the date of its submission by the Congress:
7. **ARTICLE--**
8. **SECTION 1.** Clause 2 and 3 The Electoral College of the United States
9. Constitution, shall hereby be repealed, and a more appropriate amendment shall
10. be set in place as a 10 “new” election system.
11. **SECTION 2.** Clause 2 and 3 will be removed and replaced with “The United
12. States shall elect the new President based on popular vote.”
13. **SECTION 3.** The Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by
14. appropriate legislation.
15. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect immediately after its passage.
16. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
17. and void

Respectfully submitted by the Johnston High School congressional delegation.

A Bill to Raise the National Minimum Wage

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. SECTION 1. The US National Minimum Wage shall rise from \$7.25 per hour to \$15.00 per hour by
3. 2024. The minimum wage shall increase by \$2.00 per hour every year, starting from the year 2025.
4. SECTION 2. The US Minimum wage shall be defined as the lowest payable wage paid to workers from
5. employers under federal guidelines.
6. SECTION 3. The Department of Labor shall enforce this bill and oversee its implementation.
7. A. If any company that fails to comply with this bill, the Department of Labor shall cut 100% of
8. federal loans and subsidies going towards that company.
9. B. Any company found in violation of this bill shall be charged with a fine of 15% of their total
10. corporate income for the fiscal year in which the violation occurred.
11. C. All revenue generated from the fine shall be collected and given as subsidies to businesses that
12. employ less than 50 workers.
13. SECTION 4. This bill shall go into effect on January 1st, 2021. The \$2.00 per hour increase shall go into
14. effect on January 1, 2025. Afterwards, the Minimum Wage shall be increased on January 1st yearly.
15. SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dougherty Valley High School

A Bill to Admit More Refugees

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. SECTION 1. The ceiling on the number of refugees settled shall rise to 150,000 per year.
3. SECTION 2. A. There shall be no bans on refugees from certain countries
4. B. \$1 billion shall be appropriated to the State Department's Reception and Placement Program.
5. C. \$1.5 billion shall be appropriated to the Department of Health and Human Services' refugee
6. support programs.
7. SECTION 3. The Department of State, Department of Homeland Security, and Department of Health
8. and Human Services shall be responsible for the implementation of this bill.
9. SECTION 4. This bill shall be implemented upon passage.
10. SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Edina High School

A Resolution to Support Taiwan in Joining the World Health Organization

1. WHEREAS, Taiwan has been successful in combatting the 1 coronavirus; and
2. WHEREAS, Global health has clearly become a major concern for the future; and
3. WHEREAS, Democracy continues to grow stronger in Taiwan; and
4. WHEREAS, The US and Taiwan have long been allies and relations continue to improve; and
5. WHEREAS, Taiwan's participation in the World Health Organization could bolster future response to
6. global pandemics; now, therefore, be it
7. RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that the US support Taiwan's bid to join the World
8. Health Organization.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Seven Lakes High School

A Bill to Ban the Use of Chemical Weapons in Policing

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. SECTION 1. United States law enforcement officers may not use chemical weapons in policing.
3. A. Federal law enforcement officers may not use a chemical weapon in the course of policing
4. activities in the United States.
5. B. In order for a state or local unit of government to be eligible to receive funds under the
6. Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Acts of 1968, the unit of government shall have a law or
7. policy in place prohibiting the use of chemical weapons in the course of law enforcement officers'
8. policing activities in that jurisdiction and be in substantial compliance with that policy.
9. SECTION 2. "Chemical weapon" shall be defined in accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 229F.
10. SECTION 3. The Department of Justice will administer and enforce this legislation.
11. SECTION 4. This legislation will be implemented one year after its enactment.
12. SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Olathe Northwest High School

A Resolution to Ban Sororities & Fraternities at Colleges & Universities

1. **WHEREAS**, A lack of accountability has allowed sororities and fraternities to cause significant harm
2. to student bodies through hazing practices, while also providing minimal responses to instances of
3. sexual assault and racism; and
4. **WHEREAS**, Approximately 55% of students involved in organizations report they have experienced
5. hazing and, to date, there have been over 100 hazing-related deaths, and studies conclude that fraternal
6. parties are especially dangerous for women, as members of fraternities are found to be 3 times more
7. likely to commit sexual assault than a male not in a fraternity; and
8. **WHEREAS**, The structure of sorority and fraternity life prevents victims from reporting out of fear of
9. retaliation from the organization, as individuals in leadership positions tend to be relatively influential
10. and have significant power on college and university campuses; and
11. **WHEREAS**, Private funding from donors and claims from colleges and universities stating that they
12. do not have control over the actions of individual organizations prevents any level of external
13. accountability, meaning administrative reform to sororities and fraternities is nearly impossible; now,
14. therefore, be it
15. **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation to eliminate
16. sororities and fraternities at colleges and universities.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the National Speech and Debate Association