



Minnesota Debate Teachers Association

Legislation for MN Tournaments from
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The 16 pieces of legislation in this packet are divided in half. The first 8 should be the primary pieces of legislation for 10/24. The second 8 should be the primary pieces of legislation for 10/31.

A Bill to Release Guam from U.S. Jurisdiction

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The Territory of Guam shall be released from its territory status of the
2 United States of America, therefore making the Territory an independent
3 nation.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Guam will be released from U.S. jurisdiction and will no longer be classified
5 as a Territory of the United States. It will also not be subject to U.S.
6 policies, and therefore will be able to create new policies over the gradual
7 process of this bill. The United States of America will remove its military
8 presence in Guam as well to leave Guam to have its independent relations
9 between other nations. In addition, the United States of America will
10 recognize Guam as a sovereign state after the complete process of this bill
11 is carried out by the implementation date.
- 12 **SECTION 3.** The Governor of Guam, the U.S. Department of State, and Congress will
13 oversee the process.
- 14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect gradually between the passage of this bill
15 and January 1, 2025.
- 16 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lakeville Debate

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A Bill to Ban Predatory Video Game Mechanics

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Randomized loot crates and pay-to-win game mechanics targeted towards children under the age of 18 in video games shall be banned.

SECTION 2. “Pay-to-win game mechanics” shall be defined as progression systems that encourage players to spend money in order to advance through a game's content at a faster rate. “Randomized loot crates” shall be defined as consumable virtual items which can be redeemed to receive a randomized selection of other virtual items.

SECTION 3. The Federal Trade Commission will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This shall go into effect July 1 2021.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Armstrong High School

A Bill to Allow All Prisoners to Vote

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All those who are incarcerated prisoners in state and federal penitentiaries are hereby allowed to vote in all federal elections.

SECTION 2. Incarcerated prisoners are defined as a person who is detained in a jail or prison for committing a criminal offense.

SECTION 3. The Federal Elections Commission will work with the Department of Justice (DoJ) to oversee the enforcement of this piece of legislation.

SECTION 4. Any costs associated with additional polling places will be taken from the existing The Help America Vote Act. This legislation will take effect upon passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Connor Brynteson, Robbinsdale
Cooper High School*

10/24 Primary

A Bill to Grant D.C. Statehood

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 SECTION 1. The District of Columbia (D.C.) will be granted full statehood, making it the 51st
2 state of the United States of America. The District of Columbia will be renamed
3 to "Douglass Commonwealth," keeping the abbreviation "D.C."

4 SECTION 2. D.C. shall be admitted with the same rights and responsibilities as all states of
5 the United States of America, including two Senators and proportionate
6 representation in the House of Representatives with full voting rights. The Mayor
7 of D.C. will become the Governor on its first day of statehood.

8 Subsection A. The new "Capital" of the United States shall consist of the principal Federal
9 monuments, the White House, the Capitol Building, the United States Supreme
10 Building, and the Federal executive, legislative, and judicial office buildings
11 located adjacent to the Mall and the Capitol Building, as well as additional
12 buildings or area as determined by the overseeing bodies.

13 SECTION 3. The process will be overseen by the Department of the Interior, the Mayor of the
14 District of Columbia, and the U.S. Department of State, as well as other bodies,
15 including Congress, as needed.

16 SECTION 4. This Resolution will go into effect starting the Fiscal Year of 2022.

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

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10/24 Primary

The Order To Conserve Ecologies on the American Nation's Shores (O.C.E.A.N.S.)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States will establish areas of land and water along coastlines of the United States. These will be protected by the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

SECTION 2. Protected areas of land and water shall extend a minimum of one (1) mile up to a maximum of three (3) miles from the coast. Coastlines shall be defined as the line that forms the boundary between the land and the ocean.

SECTION 3. The National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) in conjunction with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shall be responsible for the implementation of this legislation.

A. The establishment of these national water parks will be made possible through grants allocated to the NPCA. The cost of construction and maintenance will be the responsibility of the EPA.

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

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by East Ridge High School

10/24 Primary

A Resolution to Encourage the United Nations to Manage Debris Output into Earth's Orbit

WHEREAS, Currently, more than 500,000 pieces of debris are being tracked as they orbit Earth; and

WHEREAS, Pieces of orbital debris as small as flecks of paint could damage operating spacecrafts due to their orbital velocity of over 17,500 mph; and

WHEREAS, SpaceX's Starlink project - a project to launch hundreds of satellites into Earth's orbit in order to provide global broadband internet - could output massive amounts of debris into Earth's orbit in the event that the satellites become inoperable; and

WHEREAS, More space missions result in a higher chance that an orbiting spacecraft will be struck by a piece of debris, which creates even more debris; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Congress here assembled that the United Nations shall more closely monitor and regulate future space missions and the debris output that comes with those missions in order to secure the safety of currently-operating spacecrafts.

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U.S.A. Green Freedom Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1 The U.S. Military is one of the highest polluters in the world. If the U.S. Military were a country, they would be the 47th highest polluter in the world. In 2017 alone they bought 269,230 barrels of oil per day. The U.S. Military and Government need to take responsibility for the harm enacted on the planet.

Section 2 A new branch of the military, the Environmental Corp. will be formed effective July 4, 2021. This branch will be responsible for the environmental protection of U.S. mainland, territories, and protectorates. The Department of Defense will be providing \$500 billion USD to organise this sector.

Section 3 The E.P.A. will appropriate 100% of their funding into the Environmental Corp. and will be dissolved on July 4, 2022. The Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force will also be absorbed by the Environmental Corp. on July 4, 2022. Any reference to these branches of the military after July 4, 2022 will be illegal with the penalty of \$741,776 USD.

Section 4 All current prisoners within federal and state prisons and penitentiaries will be enlisted into this Environmental Corp. on July 4, 2021. The minimum on their wages will be set at \$45.00 USD per hour.

Section 5 This legislation will take effect on July 4, 2021. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

10/24 Primary

A Bill to Reform Gifted & Talented Program In Elementary Schools

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The Gifted and Talented program will be reformed to successfully meet the
2 needs of those students without causing disparity among their peers.
3 Instead of a single test, each student enrolled in public education will be
4 entitled to a one on one consultation with both their primary teacher and
5 a gifted specialist.

6 **SECTION 2.** The Gifted and Talented program installed in many districts has been a
7 topic of conversation for whether the results of a single test can
8 adequately determine a student's capability for advanced education at as
9 young an age as four years old. Public education shall be defined as
10 enrollment in any public school across the United States of America.

11 **SECTION 3.** This will be managed and funded by the Department of Education
12 A. To fund this, a national property tax of 2.5% will be imposed on all
13 private properties with a property value above 1 million dollars
14 B. Any and all taxes imposed on independent school districts will be
15 waived

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on June 20th 2021. All laws in conflict with
17 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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A Bill to Mandate U.S Public Schools to go full Distance Learning

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All public schools within the United States of America are required to go
2 full time Distance Learning for the 2020-21 academic year.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** All public schools must go full-time Distance Learning on the first day of
4 school.
- 5 **SECTION 3.** For the schools that have already started their school year and are not
6 participating in a Distance Learning model, must transition to it as soon as
7 possible. The transition must occur within two weeks.
- 8 **SECTION 4.** All schools must provide some plan to accommodate everyone regardless
9 of access to technology. This includes, but is not limited to:
10 -Ensuring each student has reliable internet sufficient to stream live
11 content
12 -Provision of devices and related accessories (printer, monitor, keyboard,
13 etc.)
- 14 **SECTION 5.** Congress will provide \$500 million in grants to fund technological access
- 15 **SECTION 6.** The U.S Department of Education will oversee this process, in conjunction
16 each state's Department of Education.
- 17 **SECTION 6.** This legislation will take effect on October 15, 2020.
- 18 **SECTION 7.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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A Resolution to Promote Telemedicine

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 crisis has made accessing medical care more difficult;
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WHEREAS, Americans are hesitant to obtain medical care due to the possible risk
of exposure to COVID-19 that may occur; and

WHEREAS, Medical care given during the COVID-19 crisis has changed in
response to need for quarantining patients and reducing the amount of
contact between patient and health worker; and

WHEREAS, Recent events have spurred advances in technology that increase the
accessibility of video conferencing; and

WHEREAS, Simple medical care and diagnosis can be accomplished through video
conferencing capabilities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that the United States urge hospitals
and other places of medical care to establish routes of telemedicine to
decrease the amount of patients that must be present in person.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by East Ridge High School

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A Bill to Replace Prisons with Rehabilitation Centers

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All prisons, private and public, shall be abolished. In their wake, rehabilitation centers shall be constructed as a replacement. All rehabilitable prisoners shall serve their sentences in these new rehabilitation centers.

SECTION 2. A: Rehabilitable shall be defined as able to be restored to a condition of good health and/or the ability to work.

B: Rehabilitation center shall be defined as a center with the intention of restoring oneself to a condition of good health and/or ability to work

SECTION 3. The Bureau of Prisons (BoP) shall oversee the enforcement of this piece of legislation.

A. The Construction of the rehabilitation centers shall be funded through a 5% diversion from the budget of the Department of Defense.

B. Rehabilitation centers shall be required to meet the minimum standard housing code of the state the center is located in.

SECTION 4. The funding shall be taken immediately upon passage, the change of prisons shall take effect 5 years after passage.

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

10/31 Primary

A Bill to Protect the Boundary Waters

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Ban any mining within the watershed of the boundary waters.

2 **SECTION 2.** Mining shall be defined specifically as any mining in the bedrock
3 underneath the watershed of the boundary waters

4 A. Specific attention shall be given to the mining of nickel, copper, or other
5 ores that leave behind sulfide ores which turns into acid rain when
6 exposed to moisture in the air.
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8 B. Within the watershed of the boundary waters shall refer to the area set by
9 the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency as the Boundary Waters Canoe
10 Area Wilderness watershed
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12 **SECTION 3.** The US Forest Service, Department of the Interior, and the Environmental
13 Protection Agency shall work in tandem to oversee the implementation of
14 this bill and, if needed, enforce it.
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16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2021. All laws in conflict with
17 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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A Bill to increased Aid to the Northern Triangle

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) shall increase the aid to the Northern Triangle to 10 billion dollars to non-governmental organizations (NGOs) help stabilize the region and the lives of the local population.

Section 2.

A. The Northern Triangle is defined as Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador.

B. Developmental Aid is defined as economic, agricultural, educational, and medical aid.

Section 3. The USAID would oversee the implementation of this legislation.

Section 4. The implementation date of this policy shall be the fiscal year 2022.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cooper High School

10/31 Primary

A Resolution to Incentivise Bee-Friendly Lawns

WHEREAS, Both State regulations and Homeowners' Association regulations prevent excessive weeds and plants from being grown in public places and in residential neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Traditional grass lawns and outdoor garden irrigation use nearly 9 billion gallons of water each day in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Pollinator-friendly lawns and public spaces comprised of flowers and weeds would both conserve water and help bee populations; and

WHEREAS, Bees are dying in the United States at an alarming rate with some regions seeing a 90% decrease in population; and

WHEREAS, Increasing creation of residential areas contribute to the loss of natural bee habitat; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that each residential region of every state and territory allow their residents to opt into planting pollinator-friendly yards as an alternative to traditional cut grass lawns; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, each state and territory be incentivized economically to make any public spaces previously maintained by kept garden or grass lawn to exchange for pollinator-friendly alternatives.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by East Ridge High School

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A Bill to Ban Military Recruitment in Public High Schools

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Presentations or speeches promoting the military or the distribution of
2 promotional material of the United States military are prohibited from
3 public schools. The presence of military personnel with the intent of
4 recruitment are prohibited from entering school grounds.

5 **SECTION 2.** Presentations, speeches, and materials promoting the US military are
6 defined as written or spoken expressions of support for the US military
7 with either explicit or implicit encouragement to join the military or its
8 associated programs. Military personnel are defined as persons employed
9 by the United States Armed Forces.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee implementation and
11 enforcement of this law.

12 Funds currently used by the Department of Defense for this purpose will
13 be transferred to the Department of Education; any funds necessary to
14 enforce this law will be internally managed by the Department of
15 Education.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2021. All laws in conflict with
17 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Federalize Education

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** All public schools in the United States will come under the direct control of
2 the United States Federal government and the department of education

3 **SECTION 2.** All staff and school districts will become federal employees and districts
4 with all benefits and salaries

5 **SECTION 3.** This will be managed and funded by the department of education

6 A. To fund this a national property tax of 2.5% will be imposed

7 B. Any and all taxes imposed by independent school districts will be
8 waived

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 15th 2021. All laws in conflict with
10 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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