

MESA HIGH SPEECH AND DEBATE



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Congressional Debate Docket

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Bills A-F will be used in the Congress Tournament of Excellence and Congressional Debate Chambers.

Bills A-D will be used in the Cottontail Classic Prelim sessions, and E-F will form the Cottontail final docket.

A - A Bill to Facilitate Protected Status for Hong Kong Residents

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Refugee status and Temporary Protected Status (TPS) shall be granted to Hong Kong
3 residents qualifying for the provisions under 8 U.S. Code § 1158 or 8 U.S. Code § 1254a.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Special Administrative Region of Hong Kong in the People’s Republic of China shall
5 be designated a TPS-designated sovereign territorial entity for two years following
6 passage of this act. Hong Kong will be treated as independent from China when
7 considering quantitative limitations on entry criteria, such as visas.

8 **SECTION 3.** The department of Homeland Security will oversee enforcement of this act and provide
9 semiannual reports to Congress on issuance of asylum and TPS status from Hong Kong.

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B – A Resolution to Support an Independent Kurdistan

1 **WHEREAS,** Turkey, Iran, and Iraq, have suppressed Kurdish language and culture, and
2 engaged in political and social discrimination against Kurds; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Thousands of Kurds have died over several decades during violent succession
4 attempts, yet Turkey, Iran, and Iraq heavily depend on economic output from
5 the oil supply in the Kurdistan geo-cultural region; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Persecution of Kurdish peoples has resulted in immense loss of life and of
7 cultural identity; now, therefore, be it

8 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled support creation of an independent
9 Kurdistan nation-state, and be it

10 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Secretary of State is encouraged to work with various countries
11 and multilateral organizations to work toward the goal of Kurdish nationhood.

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C – Educational Balance Act of 2020

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All Land-Grant Institutions within United States borders and territorial holdings
3 shall establish a cost- and requirement-free enrollment system for US citizens
4 with Tribal membership. Students enrolled under this legislation may not be
5 charged room, board, activity, textbook, or any other fees by the Land-Grant
6 Institution.

7 **SECTION 2.** “Land-Grant Institution” shall be defined as any institution of higher education
8 in the United States designated by a state to receive the benefits of the Morrill
9 Acts of 1862 and 1890. “Tribal Membership” shall be defined as enrollment in
10 any state-recognized or federally-recognized tribe.

11 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Education and the Bureau fo Indian Affairs
12 shall be responsible for the joint implementation and enforcement of this
13 legislation.

14 **A.** Institutions that fail to comply with this legislation shall not receive federal
15 funds for the following fiscal year.

16 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on July 1, 2021.

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

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D - A Bill to Provide Land Acknowledgement

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. All government buildings shall include a land acknowledgement developed
3 through collaboration with local Indigenous groups, indicating the Indigenous
4 groups whose traditional homelands they inhabit.

5 B. U.S. Military Bases and Installations shall be exempt from this requirement.

6 **SECTION 2.** "Government Building" shall be defined as any non-military structure funded by
7 the U.S. Federal Government or containing offices of federal, state, or local
8 government programs.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Executive Branch and the Bureau of Indian Affairs shall be responsible for
10 the implementation and enforcement of this legislation. Any government
11 programs which fail to comply with this regulation will have 10% of their
12 operating budget transferred to the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2022.

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

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E – A Bill to Allow the Federal Government to Assume State and Local Debt Obligations

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A window period will be opened during which state and local
3 governments will be permitted to request that the Federal Government
4 assume debt obligations for state and local financing initiatives related to
5 infrastructure spending, social programs, and other funding needs.

6 **SECTION 2.** The window will be formally opened at the start of the 2021 fiscal year,
7 and end at the close of the 2022 fiscal year.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Treasury Department will be responsible for the implementation of
9 this legislation.

10 **A.** The Treasury Department will have the power to negotiate and
11 execute debt obligation agreements on a case-by-case basis with
12 respective government agencies that apply for debt financing.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect at the start of fiscal year 2021.

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

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F - A Bill to Provide for a Free Trade Agreement with the United Kingdom

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress will formally direct the federal government to immediately begin
3 negotiations on establishing a comprehensive free trade agreement with the
4 United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

5 **SECTION 2.** In addition to completing the negotiations for this free trade agreement, the
6 federal government will be required to put policies in place that stipulate that
7 goods traded between the United States and member states of the European
8 Union pass through British ports on their way into the United States.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Departments of State and Treasury will be responsible for overseeing the
10 implementation of this legislation.

11 **A.** The State Department will have until the end of the 2021 fiscal year to
12 present a completed free trade agreement to Congress for passage.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

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