

# East Iowa District Congress *Docket*

Thank you for attending the **East Iowa District Congress** tournament. My name is **Maggie Rietz (Davenport West)** and I will be acting as the *Congress Director* for our District Congress event. At this time, we have the following schools registered in the tournament:

- ✓ Bettendorf HS
- ✓ Burlington HS
- ✓ Cedar Rapids Kennedy
- ✓ Davenport West HS
- ✓ Dubuque Hempstead
- ✓ Iowa City West

Each school was asked to submit **2** pieces of legislation by Wednesday, January 6, 2021. I have received **10** pieces of legislation and have randomly set the docket for debate. If a school is not represented in your chamber, the bill may be represented by any school in attendance.

As of **Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021**, our registration numbers are:

**10** Students in the Senate (6 schools represented; 8 schools must be represented to hold a Senate)

**14** Students in the House (16+ students are required to hold a House)

If we have 8 schools in the Senate, East Iowa can qualify **2** students in the Senate, and if we have 16+ in the House, East Iowa can qualify **2** students in the House to the NSDA Nationals tournament.

If you have not entered your students, please enter them soon. The deadline for entries is January 23.

*One thing to remember:* students are only marked as “**present**” if the student gives a speech. Therefore, every school must speak in the **Senate** to ensure 2 students qualify to Nationals. At least 16 students must give a speech in the **House** to ensure 1 student qualifies to Nationals.

In addition, the qualifiers will select **1** piece of legislation to submit to the NSDA Nationals tournament to represent East Iowa. The legislation must be from one of the East Iowa schools and will be selected immediately after the tournament.

To ensure that each school represented in the legislation has the opportunity to speak on at least one of their pieces of legislation during prelims, the first seven bills in the docket are designated for session one and the last five will be for the final session. Students in the House may change the order or table legislation within that group, but **MAY NOT** use legislation designated for the afternoon final session in the morning session. Because students in the Senate will remain in the same chamber all day, students may change the docket order, but it is still not recommended. The order is on the following page.

Morning Session 1

A Bill to Reform Federal Elections

A Bill to Stop Anti-Consumer Action in the Telecom Industry

A Bill to Shift Resources and Funding Towards United States Cyber Operations

A Bill to Raise Minimum Wage to Address Wealth Inequality

A Bill Make Vasectomies More Accessible

A Bill to Regulate GMOs

A Resolution to End All Arms Sales to Taiwan

Afternoon Final Session

A Bill to Increase Spending in the Renewable Energy Sector

A Resolution to Add Term Limits to Supreme Court Positions

A Bill to Legalize and Regulate the Sex Work Industry

A Bill to the Raise of Federal Minimum Wage

The Public Option Act of 2021

Thanks again for attending the East Iowa District Congress tournament. Good luck to all students involved.

Maggie Rietz

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# A Bill to Reform Federal Elections

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **Section One:** The United States shall establish a Federal Elections Implementation
3. Administration (F.E.I.A.) as an independent executive agency.
4.       **A:** The F.E.I.A. shall have authority over planning, implementing, recording, and
5.       reporting all legal and public elections regarding positions of a federal office.
6.       **B:** The F.E.I.A. shall be overseen by a joint committee established by the
7.       Congress, entitled the F.E.I.A. Committee, as well as the Chief Justice of the
8.       Supreme Court.
9.       **C:** Any actions unlawfully interfering with or hindering the F.E.I.A., including
10.      but not limited to bribery, coercion, and gross wilful negligence, shall be
11.      considered treason against the United States.
12. **Section Two:** Individual state agencies which run federal elections are hereby abolished;
13. all authority regarding running federal elections is transferred to the F.E.I.A. As
14. determined by the Office of Management and Budget, state governments shall be
15. required to provide funding to the F.E.I.A. appropriate to prior expenses of administering
16. elections. Further funding may be provided at the discretion of the O.M.B.
17. **Section Three:** This bill shall be implemented as of March 1, 2021.
18. **Section Four:** Any laws or acts in conflict with this bill hereby have the segments in
19. conflict declared null and void. Any pre-existing legislation on the implementation of
20. public elections shall remain valid until review by the F.E.I.A., after which said
21. legislation shall be modified to accommodate this bill, or declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bettendorf High School.*

# **A Bill to Stop Anti-Consumer Action in the Telecom Industry**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
2. **SECTION 1.** No Internet Service Provider (ISP) may impose a full or partial limit on the
3. amount of data which a consumer can use over any period of time (henceforth referred
4. to as a “data cap”), excepting data transferred over mobile data standards, such as 3, 4,
5. and 5G LTE connections, as this method incurs significant expenses per unit of data
6. transferred.
7. **SECTION 2.** No ISP may prioritize connections from one source over another, all
8. information transferred must be treated equally to the best of the service provider’s ability.
9. Traffic from or to any domain, server, or other internet service must be
10. received at the same rate as any other traffic.
11. **SECTION 3.** The FCC shall be responsible for the enforcement of this legislation
12. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect on January 1st, 2021.
13. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for congressional debate by Burlington Community High School*

# A Bill to Shift Resources and Funding Towards United States Cyber Operations

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1     **SECTION 1:** Funding and resources towards United States cyber operations will  
2                   increase in order to establish United States dominance in the global cyber  
3                   domain.

4     **SECTION 2:** According to the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, cyberspace  
5                   operations are defined as “the employment of cyber capabilities where the  
6                   primary purpose is to achieve objectives in or through cyberspace. Such  
7                   operations include computer network operations and activities to operate  
8                   and defend the Global Information Grid.”

9     **SECTION 3:** The United States Cyber Command, under the umbrella of the United  
10                   States Department of Defense, will oversee the implementation of this bill.

11                   A. Funds to increase United States cyber operations will come from the  
12                   US military’s research, development, testing, and evaluation budget.

13                   B. An initial \$10 billion dollars of funding will be allocated towards cyber  
14                   operations (as requested in the status quo) with additional funding  
15                   provided as deemed necessary by the US military.

16     **SECTION 4:** This legislation will be implemented immediately.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dubuque Hempstead High School.*

# **A Bill to Raise Minimum Wage to Address Wealth Inequality**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States government shall require that all employed people  
2 must be paid 15 dollars an hour and no person shall be paid more than  
3 15 times the minimum wage.

4 **SECTION 2.** The U.S. The Department of Labor will oversee the enforcement of  
5 this bill.

6 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2021. All laws in conflict  
7 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Grinnell High School*

# A Bill Make Vasectomies More Accessible

Be it enacted by the Congress here assembled that:

1. **Section One:** The Affordable Care Act will cover vasectomies under Preventative Health
2. Services.
3. **Section Two:** The Affordable Care Act shall be defined as the comprehensive health care
4. reform law enacted in March 2010 (sometimes known as ACA, PPACA, or
5. “Obamacare”. The law provides numerous rights and protections that make health
6. coverage more fair and easy to understand, along with subsidies (through “premium tax
7. credits” and “cost-sharing reductions”) to make it more affordable. Vasectomy shall be
8. defined as a surgical procedure designed to make a man sterile by cutting or blocking
9. both the right and left vas deferens, the tubes through which sperm pass into the
10. ejaculate.
11. **Section Three:** Providing accessible vasectomies:
  12. A. The Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO) will
  13. oversee the enforcement of this bill and any insurance providers who will not fully cover
  14. a patient’s vasectomy will be subject to a \$6000 fine.
  15. B. This bill will reallocate \$100 million of the Affordable Care Act budget for the
  16. insurance coverage of vasectomies.
17. **Section Four:** This bill will go into effect on October 1st, 2021

*Respectfully submitted by John F. Kennedy High School*

## A Bill to Regulate GMOs

Be it enacted by the Congress here assembled that:

1. **Section 1:** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration shall be required to tighten federal
2. legislation regarding GMOs in foods and drugs in accordance with the Federal Food,
3. Drug and Cosmetic Act.
4. **Section 2:** GMOs, or genetically modified organisms, extend to products like animals or plants that have
5. been modified on a genetic basis. The Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act
6. **Section 3:** The provisions of this bill shall take effect immediately after passage of this bill.
7. **Section 4:** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this
8. bill. The USFDA shall enforce this by:
  9. A. Any corporation creating products over the regulated GMO amount shall have their
  10. product removed by the USFDA.
  11. B. Taxes will be levied on guilty corporations after routine government checks.
12. **Section 5:** All laws in conflict with the provisions of this bill shall be declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Oskaloosa High School*

# A Resolution to End All Arms Sales to Taiwan

1 WHEREAS, Taiwan has purchase millions of dollars in advance weapons systems  
2 including anti-aircraft missiles systems, automated machine guns, and anti-armored  
3 vehicle rockets since 2016; and  
4 WHEREAS, American weapons continue to fuel tensions between Taiwan and China; and  
5 WHEREAS, these weapons work to destabilize the entire East Asian region; and  
6 WHEREAS, American made weapons signal to our allies that America will not remain a  
7 natural actor in East Asia and that the United States is willing to fuel conflict; now, therefore be  
8 it  
9 RESOLVED, that the Congress here assembled recommend the end of all arms sales to Taiwan.

*Respectfully submitted by Iowa City West High School*

# A Bill to Increase Spending in the Renewable Energy Sector

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The U.S will make a new program to increase government spending to  
2 support renewable energy developments.

3 **SECTION 2.** Renewable energy developments will be interpreted as funding to  
4 make new renewable and sustainable energy technology and  
5 improvements to the current ones.

6 **SECTION 3.** A new renewable energy committee will be formed in order to enforce  
7 and oversee the effects of the bill.

8 A. The new committee will be called the Global Environmental Technology  
9 and Renewable Energy Construction Department, also known as  
10 G.E.T.R.E.C.D.

11 B. This committee will be given discretionary authority to determine  
12 what technologies, strategies, and programs are utilized by all federally  
13 funded programs, concerning renewable energy development, in the  
14 United States.

15 **SECTION 4.** Beginning with the first fiscal year upon passage of this bill, all federal  
16 construction projects will be required to consult with and implement  
17 feedback from G.ET.R.E.C.D. Failure to comply can result in the project  
18 being suspended, modified, or cancelled.

19 **SECTION 5.** All necessary funding for this bill will come from the general fund.

20 **SECTION 6.** This bill will go into effect on March 1st, 2021.

21 **SECTION 7.** Any and all laws that directly conflict with this bill are hereby declared  
22 null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bettendorf High School.*

# A Resolution to Add Term Limits to Supreme Court Positions

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **RESOLVED**, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is  
2 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to  
3 all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of  
4 three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the  
5 Congress:

6 ARTICLE --

7 **SECTION 1:** The number of years that a person can serve on any one federal court,  
8 including the Supreme Court, will be limited to 18 years.

9 **SECTION 2:** Current federal judges will be permitted to serve until they decide to retire or  
10 are otherwise unable to serve.

11 **SECTION 3:** All legislation and amendments will be revised to incorporate these changes.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Grinnell High School.*

## A Bill to Legalize and Regulate the Sex Work Industry

1. **Section One:** Sex work in the United States shall now be legal and regulated as any business.
2. **Section Two:** Sex work is the exchange of goods or money for consensual services or erotic
3. performances, either regularly or occasionally, including window prostitution, private clubs, clubs
4. without bars, and escort agencies.
5. **Section Three:** Business owners may now open “brothels” or “clubs” in accordance with the following
6. standards
7.           A. A permanent location meeting health and safety standards must be established. Business
8. owners must obtain a sex work license from the Department of Health and Human Services to operate
9. said location. Workers and business owners must have a permanent location for their operations.
10.           B. Anyone 18 or older may apply for a sex work license, with health and safety standards to be
11. determined by each state. Only licensed sex workers will be permitted to conduct this business at said
12. locations. Background checks and health records must be recorded by each state to be in compliance
13. with this law.
14. **Section Four:** Non-compliance with the provisions of this bill will result in the following fines.
15.           A. For employing anyone under the age of 18 in any capacity, the business will lose its license
16. for six (6) months and be subject to a \$25,000 fine.
17.           B. Any agency found to be non-compliant with health and safety regulations will lose its license
18. for three (3) months, be subject to a \$10,000 fine, and be required to demonstrate corrective measures
19. before being allowed to resume operations.
20.           C. Any failure to keep agency licensure current will result in two (2) month suspension once
21. licensure is up to date, as well as a \$5,000 fine for the first violation. Each subsequent violation will
22. result in double the suspension and fine from the previous violation. After 5 licensure violations, the
23. agency will be shut down.
24.           D. Any failure of a sex worker to keep their registration and licensure up to date will result in a
25. two (2) month suspension once licensure is up to date, as well as a \$1,000 fine for the first violation.
26. Each subsequent violation will result in double the suspension and fine from the previous occurrence.
27. After 5 licensure violations, the sex worker will no longer be permitted registration and licensure.
28. **Section Five:** The Department of Health and Human Services will be responsible for enforcing this bill.
29. **Section Six:** This bill will go into effect January 1st, 2022.
30. **Section Seven:** All legislation in conflict with this bill shall be declared null and void.

## **A Bill to the Raise of Federal Minimum Wage**

Be it enacted by the Congress here assembled that:

1. **Section 1:** The U.S. Department of Labor are to raise the minimum wage underneath the Fair Labor
2. Standards Act to decrease the poverty rate and decrease the wealth gaps between economic
3. classes.
4. **Section 2:** The minimum wage is described as the price level that workers can legally work for.
5. Underneath the Fair Labor Standards Act, it established the federal minimum wage of 7.25
6. per hour.
7. **Section 3:** The U.S. Department of Labor shall revise the minimum wage provision of the Fair Labor
8. Standards Act and enforce by October of 2021 adjusting to the size of businesses per needed.
9. A. Businesses per the current FLSA will pay their workers the higher minimum wage
10. between the state and federal legislature regarding minimum wage.
11. B. Businesses will redevise their wage program for workers to be paid accordingly in
12. coordination with the Fair Labor Standards Act.
13. **Section 4:** The DOL shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill. Routine
14. administration will check businesses to ensure the adherence to the minimum wage
15. requirement within the next following pay periods of the business. Implementation of this
16. revisement will begin on October 23, 2021.
17. **Section 5:** All laws in conflict with the provisions of this bill shall be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted, Oskaloosa High School

# The Public Option Act of 2021

1 SECTION 1: The U.S. government will hereby create a public option healthcare system.

2 SECTION 2.: The public option healthcare system is defined as a proposal to create a government-run health insurance  
3 agency that would compete with other private health insurance companies within the United States. This  
4 healthcare plan would be subsidized by the Department of Health and Human Services based on the same  
5 income levels used by the Affordable Care Act. Any US citizen may purchase this insurance regardless of  
6 employer provided insurance.

7 SECTION 3: The Department of Health and Human Services in conjunction with the Department of Commerce will  
8 oversee the implementation of this legislation.

9 A. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services within the Department of Health and Human Services  
10 will work to establish and insurance plan as well as making it available to the general population of the  
11 United States.

12 B. The Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Commerce have the authority  
13 to work with any other agency in order to implement and enforce this legislation.

14 C. A yearly allocation of 100 billion dollars per fiscal year from 2021 to 2030 for program funding. After  
15 2030, the Congressional Budget Office shall issue a revised budgeted estimate for the public option plan.  
16 Congress will be encouraged to act with appropriate legislation at that time to amend the funding  
17 levels.

18 D. All funding shall be provided from the Department of Health and Human Services budget.

19 SECTION 4: his legislation will go into effect on the first day of the 2021 Fiscal Year.

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

*Respectfully submitted by Iowa City West High School*