JV/Novice State Debate Tournament Legislation Packet
December 3rd and 4th, 2021 hosted by Eagan High School

Friday December 4th, 2020
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Session 1 3:30-5:30 PM
Dinner Break 5:30 - 6:30 PM
Session 2 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Saturday December 5th, 2020
Session 3 8:30-10:30 AM
Lunch before Semis
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Finals 3:00 PM

JV/Novice State Congressional Debate Legislation
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JV/Novice State Congressional Debate Legislation
A Bill to Mandate and Fund Effective Sex Education in Schools

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. 1 billion additional dollars in Title I grant money will be made available to public high schools, subject to the following restrictions:

   A. The school implements a sex education curriculum that aligns with either the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program (TPPP) or the Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP).
   B. The school does not offer any sex education programming that exclusively focuses on abstinence only sex education.

SECTION 3. The Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services will be responsible for implementation of this bill.

   A. Title I grant money will be administered and distributed through the Department of Education
   B. The Department of Health and Human Services will be responsible for ensuring compliance with TPPP and PREP.
   C. Funding will be reallocated from the Department of Defense (DoD) budget.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect in January of 2023. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bloomington Debate
Primary

JV/Novice State Congressional Debate Legislation
A Bill to Increase the Legal Age of Gun Purchases to 25

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The minimum legal age to purchase any firearm is hereby raised to 25 years of age.

SECTION 2. The United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives will be responsible for enforcement of this legislation.

SECTION 5. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2022.

SECTION 6. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bloomington Debate Secondary
A Bill to Support Underfunded Schools Financially to Close Achievement Gaps

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** Research shows that academic achievement levels are lower in schools that are not sufficiently funded, the United States government will give financial support to underfunded public schools to close achievement gaps.

2. **SECTION 2.** An underfunded school shall be defined as a school that cannot provide at least $10,000 dollars per pupil annually. A public school will be defined as a school governed by a school board or a school administrative unit and with its funding coming primarily from public funds.

3. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee enforcement and implementation of this bill.

   A. $150 billion dollars will be allocated from the Department of Defense to the schools getting the funding.

   B. The funding will be divided based on financial needs, which will be determined by the Department of Education.

4. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on the Fiscal year of 2023.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Duluth East High School.*

*JV/Novice State Congressional Debate Legislation*
A Resolution to Ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) to Encourage Equality Within the United States

WHEREAS, There is a desperate need for equality within the United States and a push for equity is necessary; and

WHEREAS, The United States gender pay gap was 19% in 2019 according to the United States Census Bureau and sexism is still a major issue; and

WHEREAS, Sexism will continue to last in the United States unless more is done to combat the issue; and

WHEREAS, The United States is part of a very small minority of United Nations members to not ratify CEDAW; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for the United States Senate to ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the United States continues to work towards equality and encourage other countries to do so as well.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Eagan High School.*

*Primary*

*JV/Novice State Congressional Debate Legislation*
A Bill to Require Postpartum Depression Screening to Improve Mental Health

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All perinatal units are required to create and implement a program for the screening and treatment of postpartum depression in order to combat this mental health disorder.

SECTION 2. Perinatal units are defined as “a maternity and newborn service of a hospital for the provision of care during pregnancy, labor, delivery, and postpartum periods”

SECTION 3. Any refusal to create or implement such program will be met with whatever consequence is deemed fit, based on the situation at hand.

SECTION 4. The United States of Health and Human Services will oversee the implementation and funding of this bill.

SECTION 5. This bill will be put into action January 1st, 2023.

SECTION 6. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Eagan High School Secondary*
A Bill to Require GMOs to Be Labeled
BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All food products sold in the United States shall now be required to be clearly labeled if they are or contain genetically modified organisms.

SECTION 2. Food products are defined as “food” in section 201(f) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. A genetically modified organism shall be defined as a food product produced through the manipulation of an organism’s genes by introducing, eliminating or rearranging specific genes using the methods of modern molecular biology. Clearly labeled shall be defined as a sticker, wrapper, or other written, printed, or graphic matter stating that an item is or contains genetically modified organisms.

SECTION 3. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Food and Drug Agency (FDA) shall oversee this legislation.

A. The Food and Drug Agency (FDA) shall be in charge of monitoring compliance with this legislation.
B. Companies shall face a $10,000 fine for their first violation of this legislation. Any subsequent violation will result in the company being barred from selling the non-compliant food product.

SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect 1 year after its passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Anjali Nambudiri East Ridge High School Primary*
A Bill to End Prison-Based Gerrymandering

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The U.S. Census Bureau shall now be required to list a prisoner's residence as the prison in which they are serving time only if they are eligible to vote. If they are ineligible to vote, prisoners' residence shall be recorded as their home address before being sentenced.

SECTION 2. A prisoner shall be defined as any person serving time in a federal prison, state prison, or private correctional facility. Eligible to vote shall be defined as legally allowed to vote in all state and federal elections. Ineligible to vote shall be defined as being unable to legally vote in state and federal elections due to being a prisoner.

SECTION 3. The Department of Justice in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Commerce shall oversee this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect upon its passage. The U.S. Census Bureau shall be required to be in compliance with this legislation when data collection for the 2030 Census begins.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Anjali Nambudiri

JV/Novice State Congressional Debate Legislation
A Bill to Ban Guns in All Private Hands

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All firearms be banned from private ownership.

SECTION 2. Firearms shall be defined as: any weapon with a trigger that has the ability to injure or kill someone.

Private ownership shall be defined as:

the ownership of a gun by someone who is not a government entity. Law enforcement and the military shall retain the possession of firearms for exclusively law enforcement and military duties.

Ban(ed) shall be defined as:

the possession of a gun being unlawful and not allowed.

SECTION 3. The Department of Justice and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives shall enforce this bill.

A. The DoJ and BATFE shall be granted $100 billion dollars to implement this legislation.

B. The DoJ and BATFE can use the grant to form an open public buy-back program where people can turn in their firearms for a small monetary incentive.

C. The DoJ and BATFE shall facilitate the eradication of illegal firearms possessions around the country at federal, state, and local levels.

SECTION 4. This bill shall be in effect by January 1st, 2025.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Edina High School.
Primary
A Bill to Ban Testing and Research on Animals

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States will ban all testing and cruelty research that is presented upon all animals. Any company that wishes to distribute their product’s in the U.S shall face inspections for animal testing/research.

SECTION 2. Testing and research will be defined as the act of using animals to develop products or services for human use.

SECTION 3. The United States Department of Agriculture and 3rd party licensed/approved USDA supervisors will oversee and inspect all laboratories that are historically involved in animal testing in the following industries; Health and Beauty, Pharmaceutical, and Cleaning products that wish to sell their product in the U.S.

SECTION 4. Failure to follow will lead to punitive fines, based on the severity of the issue up to a maximum of $45,000 per incident. The Department of Agriculture shall be responsible for the implementation, oversight, and enforcement of this legislation. Any funds that are collected from failures to abide by this law will be used to help fund the inspectors.

SECTION 5. This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2023.

SECTION 6. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Edina High School.
Secondary
A Bill to Stop Mandating Standardized Testing in Schools

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. The U.S. Congress shall no longer require standardized tests to be administered in public schools.

a. Standardized testing shall be defined as instruments administered to students under controlled conditions to assess capabilities, including knowledge, cognitive skills and abilities, and aptitude.

Section 2. School funding, as well as teacher’s position and pay, shall no longer be affected by standardized test performance or participation.

Section 3. This bill will go into effect July 4th, 2022.

Section 4. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Maple Grove Senior High
Primary
A Bill to Regulate Social Media

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Federal Communication Commission (FCC) will be granted the power to create a new agency within its existing Media Bureau to regulate Social Media called the Internet Safety Agency (ISA). The ISA will focus on extending the rules and regulations concerning obscene, indecent, and profane content on social media platforms.

A. Social media companies which violate the FCC obscene, indecent, and profane regulations will be fined 1 million per violation.

SECTION 1B Funding for the I.S.A. shall be 60 billion dollars for the remainder of the fiscal year 2022. This funding shall be diverted from the Department of Defense’s budget with any future funding to be supplied in the format of (annually biannually 5-year 10-year budgets) to be approved by the congress all such budgets shall be new funding dedicated specifically to the I.S.A. as opposed to redirected funding.

SECTION 2. Social media is defined as websites and applications that enable users to create and share content or to participate in social networking. This definition may be expanded by the I.S.A.

SECTION 3. The ISA will oversee the implementation and enforcement of social media regulations. Funding of the ISA will be through fines imposed upon social media companies. Excess funds from fines will be used to fund future ISA enforcement and programs.

SECTION 4. This bill shall be enacted by Jan 1, 2023

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation shall be declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Robbinsdale Schools
A Bill to Limit the Age a President can be elected to 55

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All future presidents shall no longer be allowed to be elected past the age of 55.

SECTION 2. A. The current president will be allowed to run again and then the bill will be fully enforced.

   B. At ages 60-70 the brain starts to shrink causing fewer connections to neurons.

SECTION 3. The FEC will be responsible for all enforcement of this bill.

SECTION 4. This bill will be implemented for all elections by Nov 3rd, 2024.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Underwood High School

Primary