Welcome to the Online Pumpkin Tournament! Enclosed, please find the following legislation:

- **Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs:**
  *A Bill to Place a Moratorium on Face Recognition Technology* (Sen. Ravi, Natick HS)

- **Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:**

- **Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:**
  *A Bill to Encourage Banning Non-Compete Agreements in Employment* (MSDL)

- **Committee on Armed Services:**
  *A Resolution to Remove Tactical Nuclear Weapons from Europe* (MSDL)

- **Committee on Foreign Affairs:**
  *A Resolution to Ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court* (MSDL)

As you can see, several pieces of legislation are MSDL-authored. I strongly encourage everyone to consider submitting legislation for future tournaments. Additionally, MSDL rules authorize a rank penalty for competitors from schools not submitting legislation. It’s early in the season, but please understand that waiving the rule now does not portend a lack of enforcement in the future.

I suggest reviewing Article 1 of the Constitution to aid in your understanding of Congress’ enumerated powers. This can help you come up with ideas for legislation. Remember that, even though Congress is limited to doing certain things directly, it can use other means (such as granting or withholding funding to states) to achieve its ends.

Happy prepping!

Best regards,

Joe Bowden
MSDL Chair of Congress
A Bill to Place a Moratorium on Face Recognition Technology

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All state, local, and federal law enforcement agencies are hereby prohibited from utilizing facial recognition technology within the United States.

A. $50 million each year shall be invested into facial recognition technology research to improve its accuracy and reliability.

SECTION 2. Facial recognition technology shall be defined as the automated or semi-automated process by which a person is identified or attempted to be identified based on the characteristics of his or her face.

SECTION 3. The Department of Justice shall be responsible for the enforcement and implementation of this legislation.

A. Use of facial recognition technology by law enforcement shall now be viewed as a violation of Section 12601 of Title 34 of U.S. Code.

B. Data collected using facial recognition technology can no longer be utilized to meet probable cause standards or be brought up as evidence before a jury.

C. The $50 million funding towards facial recognition research shall be reallocated from the budget of the Department of Defense to the National Institute of Justice.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall go into effect on January 1, 2022, and shall expire on January 1, 2027. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully introduced for Congressional Debate by Senator Akshaya Ravi, Natick High School
A Bill to Kickstart US Investment in the Renewable Energy Movement

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall hereby move to create and implement programs that will create more jobs in the renewable energy sector. A total of $475 million will be spent on an annual basis to maintain these programs.

SECTION 2. Renewable energy sources shall be defined as energy that has been derived from earth’s natural resources that are not finite or exhaustible.

A. Programs under this bill shall be defined as sub-agencies under the U.S. Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency that would be tasked with implementing renewable energy sources across the nation, and shifting energy output to these newly implemented sources.

SECTION 3. The Environmental Protection Agency along with the U.S. Department of Energy shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

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

Introduced by Senator Seth Rosenman from Acton-Boxborough Regional High School
A Bill to Encourage Banning Non-Compete Agreements in Employment

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Upon the effective date of this legislation and thenceforth, the Department of Labor shall reduce grant funding to states, territories, or federal districts by 20 percent in the fiscal year following any calendar year wherein that jurisdiction did not enforce laws, regulations, or ordinances prohibiting non-compete agreements in employment. Nothing in this legislation shall be construed as abridging employers’ rights to maintain trade secrets or private information through confidentiality or non-disclosure agreements with employees.

SECTION 2. “Non-compete agreements in employment” are covenants prohibiting employees from working for any employer for any period following termination of employment.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of Labor shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2024. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Massachusetts Speech and Debate League. This legislation is for educational and competitive purposes only and does not necessarily constitute the endorsement of a policy position by the Board of Directors of the MSDL.
A Resolution to Remove Tactical Nuclear Weapons from Europe

WHEREAS, The United States maintains tactical nuclear weapons in Europe; and

WHEREAS, keeping tactical nuclear weapons in Europe three decades after the end of the Cold War and the collapse of the Soviet Union means wasting time and resources defending against a threat that no longer exists; and

WHEREAS, this outdated military posture harms our Nation’s relationship with Russia and inhibits cooperation on mutually beneficial issues, such as counterterrorism and nonproliferation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled call upon the President of the United States to use the Commander-in-Chief Power to order the removal of tactical nuclear weapons from Europe.

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RESOLVED, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that this legislation shall serve as the Article of Ratification of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court concluded at Rome, Italy on July 17, 1998 and signed by the President of the United States on December 31, 2000.

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