

# *SpeakfortheArts Online Debate Tournament*



## *Congressional Debate Docket*

## A Message from the Directors

Hello, everyone! Thank you so much for attending this tournament and for supporting the cause that we will bring! It is truly amazing to see the debate community come together for a cause we all care about. We are so excited to see your talent! The Congress rounds will consist of two preliminary sessions in which the top 6-8 (depending on entries) competitors will advance, and one final session. All legislation is adapted from the Nationals 2022 docket, as we believe this is a great opportunity to practice for the upcoming tournament. For the sake of preparation, we have designated 4 bills that will be debated for preliminary sessions, and the order at the discretion of the competitors. For final rounds, there are 2 bills available, both to be debated.

Thank you everyone for your hard work, all docket or Congress related questions can be emailed to:  
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*\* All legislation taken from the released 2022 Nationals Docket*

## Preliminary Session Legislation

#P6- A Bill to Combat Hate Crimes and Domestic Terrorism

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#P10- A Bill to Implement Automation in Hospitals to Aid with Understaffing in Healthcare

#P15- A Bill to Revitalize American Agriculture

## Final Session Legislation

SS3- The Healthcare Reform Act of 2022

HF4- A Bill to Protect the Right to Vote

# A Bill to Combat Hate Crimes and Domestic Terrorism

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1:** The United States shall take a multipronged approach to combat domestic terrorism and hate crimes and help ensure all Americans are safe.

**Section 2:** Rather than falling under state and local authorities, cases involving civil rights violations shall go to federal authorities, be investigated by the FBI, and the FBI shall be required to submit an annual report to Congress regarding the current state of civil rights violations. Additionally, \$20 million shall be allocated from the Defense Budget annually to help local police departments collect and report accurate data.

**Section 3::** This legislation will be carried out by the DOJ, FBI, National Counterterrorism Center, DOD, and DHS. \$1.5 billion shall be allocated to the FBI annually from the Defense Budget annually for the purposes of this legislation.

**Section 4:** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

# A Bill to Fund Education

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall impose the following:

- A. Upon completion of a college degree, State Certified teachers, who work in Public Schools, will be eligible for a Loan Forgiveness Program upon completion of a 4-year teaching contract.
- B. An increase of 10% property taxes and an additional 10% income taxes on Large Corporation shall be allocated to the Department of Education.

SECTION 2.

- A. "Loan Forgiveness Program" will be defined as "a debt being retired early or "forgiven" in finance parlance."
- B. "Large Corporation" will be defined as "a corporation that had, or whose predecessor had, taxable income of \$1 million or more for any of the 3 tax years immediately preceding the 2021 tax year, or if less, the number of years the corporation has been in existence."

SECTION 3. The Department of Education and the IRS will oversee the enforcement of this bill. Any certified teacher who does not finish their 4-year teaching contract will have to pay back their proration with a 10% interest.

SECTION 4. This legislation will be enacted upon the day of passage.

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

# A Bill to Implement Automation in Hospitals to Aid with Understaffing in Healthcare

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A. The United States Department of Health and Human Services shall make \$10 billion in grants available to understaffed public and nonprofit hospitals.

B. These grants will be used to apply for the implementation of robotics and automation at no cost to the facilities.

C. Each facility will be allocated an amount of money depending on size and location. The maximum allocation per facility shall be \$400,000. Facilities who are eligible for this grant and will be selected based on need by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

SECTION 2. A. Automation is defined as systems that are able to operate or accomplish tasks without human intervention.

B. Understaffed Hospitals are defined as public or nonprofit hospitals that exceed a nurse to patient ratio of 1:5 and/or public or nonprofit hospitals that do not meet a doctor to patient ratio of 1:14.

SECTION 3. The United States Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2023. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void

# A Bill to Revitalize American Agriculture

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The United States will promote fair agricultural practices by repealing the Capper-Volstead Act and significantly reducing farm subsidies.

**SECTION 2. A.** The Capper-Volstead Act gives associations of persons producing agricultural products exemptions from antitrust laws.

**B.** "Farm subsidies" refer to federal government funds paid to U.S. agribusinesses.

**C.** "Small farms" will be defined in accordance with the Department of Agriculture's standard of "an operation with gross cash farm income under \$250,000."

**SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) will oversee enforcement of this legislation.

**A.** The USDA will have the power to enforce antitrust in accordance with standard antitrust legislation. This includes, but is not limited to, the Sherman Act, the Clayton Act, and the Federal Trade Commission Act.

**B.** All farm subsidies will receive a blanket 75% reduction in funding.

**C.** The USDA is required to distribute farm subsidies based upon demonstrated need, with at least 75% of subsidies going to small farms.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect in fiscal year 2025. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

# Finals



# The Healthcare Reform Act of 2022

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The United States shall hereby reform its healthcare system in the following ways to expand healthcare access:

- A. A public option healthcare system shall be established to increase healthcare coverage.
- B. \$1 billion dollars shall hereby be provided to rural areas to invest in hospital and medical infrastructure.

**SECTION 2.** The following definitions apply

- A. "Public option" A public option insurance program shall be defined as a government-run healthcare plan that would compete against private insurers in individual market exchanges.
- B. "Hospital and medical infrastructure" will be defined as any resource that is necessary to the operation of a hospital, such as medical personnel, medicines, buildings, vehicles, and any other measure that is designed to bolster healthcare accessibility.

**SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Health and Human Services shall be tasked with the enforcement of this legislation.

- A. A premium of \$200 per month shall be established for the public option.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect in fiscal year 2024. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

# A Bill to Protect the Right to Vote

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The United States shall take a multipronged approach to expand voting access nationwide.

**SECTION 2.** All U.S. states shall be mandated to provide a minimum of 20 days of early voting prior to Election Day. Additionally, all U.S. States shall be required to offer Same Day Registration, and all U.S. citizens formerly convicted of felonies shall be granted full voting rights upon release from prison.

**SECTION 3.** The FEC shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect immediately upon passage. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

