The Grey Matter Invitational

Congressional Debate

The 2022 Grey Matter Invitational Congressional Debate Procedures

Legislation

Each session will be themed, three pieces of legislation will be available for each. Only legislation designated to that session may be debated. The chamber *must debate the bills in the order designated below*. No new legislation may be brought to the floor. No authorships exist on legislation; only sponsorships may be delivered.

Session Length

Preliminary and final sessions will be 2.5 hours long, including elections and recesses. There is no base speech requirement. Chambers will have a maximum of 15 minutes of recess time per session.

Session Details and Procedures

A presiding officer will be elected each session. Presiding officers may serve one preliminary session unless no one else wishes to run. The parliamentarian will run PO elections however they see fit. Direct questioning will be used throughout the tournament. Precedence and recency will be determined by the presiding officer and will reset after each session.

Parliamentarians will be advised that motions to suspend the rules should be ruled out of order by the chair.

For each piece of legislation, the sponsor of the bill will have a 90 second final appeal speech at the end of debate. The appeal is triggered when the chamber moves to previous question.

Preliminary chambers will be based on number of entrants. Once registration is finalized, we will announce how many out of each prelim chamber will advance to finals.

Best Practices

We strongly encourage presiding officers to use visual time indicators. We also recommend the chamber use placards to state motions and vote.

Preliminary Legislation Session 1 – How should the United States protect consumers?



A Bill to Support Sharing

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1	SECTION 1.	Any consumer data collected by a business entity shall be
2	requestable to	be shared in full by any other business entity within the
3	same industry. Consumer opt-ins will be required for both the collection of	
4	data and the s	haring of that data. All data must be encrypted, randomized,
5	anonymize, ar	nd aggregated before all usage.
6	SECTION 2.	Consumer data shall be relegated to purchasing and
7	consumption I	habits, such as items purchased or time spent on a website,
8	and shall not i	nclude financial information such as credit card numbers,
9	social security	numbers, banking accounts, personal data (age, height,
10	weight, birth location, relatives information) or addresses.	
11	SECTION 3.	The Department of Commerce shall oversee the
12	enforcement of	of this legislation
13	SECTION 4.	This legislation will go into effect in FY 2023
14	SECTION 5.	All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared
15	null and void.	
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A Bill to Demilitarize Big Tech

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1	SECTION 1.	The US military shall be barred from initiating contracts with
2	large tech cor	npanies that also provide consumer products.
3	SECTION 2.	Big tech companies shall be defined as large private
4	enterprises	such as Facebook, Google, and Amazon which primarily
5	develop techr	nologies through the internet or through technology
6	information s	ciences. This also includes companies which provide expertise
7	in data scienc	e, cloud computing, and cybersecurity.
8	SECTION 3.	The Department of Commerce and Defense shall oversee
9	enforcement	of this legislation.
10	SECTION 4.	This legislation will go into effect in FY 2023
11	SECTION 5.	All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared
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A Bill to Protect the US Security & Consumers

1	BE IT ENACTE	D BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2	SECTION 1.	No public traded company, that has or has had a contract with the U.S.
3		Federal government and compiles, stores, or distributes American
4		citizens data, cannot finance debt of 8% of their debt with an
5		international investor, group of investors, or financial institution.
6	SECTION 2.	Publicly Traded company is a company undertakes its initial public
7		offering, or IPO, by selling shares of stock to the public, usually to raise
8		additional capital.
9		A financial institution shall be defined as a depository institutions, banks
10		savings banks, money service businesses, trust companies, insurance
11		companies, securities brokers and dealers, commodities exchanges,
12		clearing corporations, investment companies, employee benefit plans,
13		and U.S. holding companies, U.S. affiliates, or U.S. subsidiaries of any of
14		these entities.
15	SECTION 3.	The Department of Treasury will be tasked with enforcement.
16	SECTION 4.	This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2023. All laws in conflict
17		with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Preliminary Legislation Session 2 – What should the government's role in assisting citizens with the basic costs of living be?



A Bill to End Single-Family Housing Federally

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
- 2 Section 1. The United States will hereby stop all funding toward any home in a
- 3 single-family zone or commonly known as "single-family zoning".
- 4 Section 2. That shall include the production, purchase, maintenance, or sale of any
- 5 single family home and no longer implement these zoning restrictions to increase
- 6 housing equity and decrease crimination.
- 7 **Section 3.** A. "Single-family zoning" shall be defined as restrictions on residential
- 8 zones which restrict development to detached, single-family houses.
- 9 **Section 4.** This bill shall be overseen by the US Department of Housing and Urban
- 10 Development.
- 11 **Section 5.** This bill shall take effect on January 1st, 2023.
- 12 **Section 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.



A Bill to Expand Public Housing Vouchers to Increase Affordability

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- 2 **Section 1.** The United States shall expand public housing vouchers to
- 3 increase affordability and allow for more opportunities for low-income people.
- 4 Section 2. A. "Public housing vouchers" shall be defined as money from the federal
- 5 government used to pay rent in public housing systems.
- B. This expansion will require the government to provide vouchers to
- 7 anyone who receives 75% or less of the median income specific to the county or
- 8 municipality the individual resides in.
- 9 **Section 3.** This bill shall be overseen by the US Department of Housing and Urban
- 10 Development.
- 11 **Section 4.** This bill shall take effect on January 1st, 2023.
- 12 **Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.



A Bill to Help American Working Families

1	BE II ENACIE	D BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2	SECTION 1.	The United State Federal Government will provide partial funding for 24
3		hour childcare services for people at or below the poverty line.
4	SECTION 2.	Childcare service is defined as care for a child on a regular basis provided
5		away from the child's residence for less than 24 hours per day by
6		someone other than the parent, stepparent, guardian or relative within
7		the third degree of consanguinity of the parents or stepparents of such
8		child.
9	SECTION 3.	The Department of Housing and Urban Development and Department of
10		Education will be tasked with implementation and enforcement.
11		A. Funding will come from a five percent increase in capital gains tax.
12	SECTION 4.	This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2023. All laws in conflict
13		with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.





A Resolution to Restructure Tribal Colleges

1	WHEREAS,	Many tribal colleges in the United States lack adequate	
2	funding, desp	ite the fact that the communities they serve are already	
3	chronically underserved		
4	WHEREAS,	Their education goes beyond the norm that is provided by	
5	institutions of	higher learning and are integral in preserving the cultural	
6	integrity of inc	digenous populations	
7	WHEREAS,	The US federal government does not properly support these	
8	colleges even	though they do enroll US citizens.	
9	RESOLVED,	Tribal colleges in the US be given extra support from State	
10	and Local edu	cation budget proportionate to the amount of non-	
11	indigenous citizens they enroll		
12	FURTHER RESOLVED, the Congress will give these colleges priority in the		
13	allocation of s	pecific grants to college students to afford tuition.	
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A Bill to Improve the Water Quality On **Indigenous People's Land**

1	BE IT ENACTE	D BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:		
2	SECTION 1.	The US government will raise the quality of water on indigenous land to		
3		match the quality of water of the median state.		
4	SECTION 2.	Water quality can be thought of as a measure of the suitability of water		
5		for a particular use based on selected chemical, physical, and biological		
6		characteristics of water based on the standards of its usage.		
7	SECTION 3.	The EPA and Bureau of Indian affairs will be tasked with executing said		
8		law.		
9		A. Any construction needed to implement this legislation will be done by		
10		the Army Corp of Engineers.		
11		B. Fifty Billion Dollars will be used from a federal gaming tax of 5% on all		
12		wins.		
13	SECTION 4.	This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2023. All laws in conflict		
14		with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.		
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A Resolution to End Uranium Mining on Public Land

1	WHEREAS,	The US government's leasing of federal lands for mining of	
2	radioactive m	aterials has failed to be regulated by environmental	
3	regulations		
4	WHEREAS,	Proximate populations suffer very clear and manifest health	
5	harms from th	ne mining of these resources.	
6	WHEREAS,	The large lobbying efforts by vested interests has paralyzed	
7	local, state, ar	nd federal entities alike, along with silencing the voices of	
8	indigenous po	pulations.	
9	RESOLVED,	That the Congress here assembled banned all mining of	
10	uranium on in	digenous lands and all public lands within 100 miles of said	
11	lands through	the cessation of the issuance of new contracts.	
12	FURTHER RES	OLVED, the Congress will match, dollar per dollar, the	
13	revenue gene	rated from the extraction of uranium until current contracts	
14	expire in the form of grants to indigenous populations for their local		
15	governments	and education.	
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