

MDTA Jamboree

Legislation Docket



Congressional Debate Tournament Schedule and Information

Senate (Varsity)

7:45 am - 8:30 am	Registration (in Student Commons)
8:30 am - 10:30 am	Session 1
10:45 am - 12:45 pm	Session 2
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Lunch Break
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Final Session
4:15 pm	Awards

House (Novice & JV)

7:45 am - 8:30 am	Registration (in Student Commons)
9:00 am - 9:30 am	Intro to Congressional Debate
9:30 am - 11:30 am	Session 1
11:45 am - 12:00 pm	Q & A Session for Congressional Debate
12:15 pm - 1:15 pm	Lunch Break
1:30 pm - 3:45 pm	Session 2
4:15 pm	Awards

Tournament Guidelines

- When a piece of Legislation includes a named author, recognition is granted to the author to give the Authorship speech, despite their precedence and recency.
- If the named author of a piece of Legislation is not present in a chamber, recognition is granted to the team members of that school to give the Sponsorship Speech, despite their precedence or recency.
- The questioning style used in both the House and the Senate shall be Direct questioning.

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Preliminary Legislation for the House and the Senate

A Bill to Improve Special Education

submitted by Caroline Harding from Bloomington High School

The Plea Bargaining & Justice Act

submitted by Robbinsdale Cooper High School

A Bill to Implement an Assault Weapon Return Program

submitted by Eagan High School

A Resolution to Designate Ethiopia as a State Sponsor of Terrorism

submitted by Raja Chinnakotla from Edina High School

A Bill to Eliminate Invasive Species

submitted by Eden Prairie High School

A Resolution to Recognize Tibet as Its Own Country

submitted by Nayomi Paul from East Ridge High School

Finals Legislation for the Senate

A Bill to Empower Congress to Ensure Checks and Balances

submitted by Maple Grove Senior High School

A Bill to Tax Bullets

submitted by Minnetonka High School

A Bill to Improve Special Education

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The number of students needing and enrolling in special education has
2 risen. To attend to the issue of underfunding and understaffing, the
3 Department of Education (DoE) will oversee that new policies will be put in
4 place for special education procedures. Further, funding of \$15 billion will
5 be used specifically for special education programs, such as those listed
6 within the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA).
- 7 **SECTION 2.** Special education shall be defined as students identified by a team of
8 professionals as having a disability that adversely affects academic
9 performance and as being in need of special education and related
10 services.
- 11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee the implementation of this
12 legislation as well as the distribution of funding, which will be diverted
13 from the Department of Defense's budget (DOD).
- 14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the beginning of FY 2024.
- 15 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Caroline Harding from Bloomington High School

The Plea Bargaining & Justice Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The practice of Plea Bargaining in criminal court cases is hereby abolished.
- 2 **SECTION 2.** Plea bargaining is defined as an arrangement between a prosecutor or the
3 state and a defendant whereby the defendant pleads guilty to a lesser
4 charge in exchange for a more lenient sentence or an agreement to drop
5 other charges.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will oversee the implementation of this bill.
- 7 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1st, 2023. All laws in conflict with this
8 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Robbinsdale Cooper High School.

A Bill to Implement an Assault Weapon Return Program

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** In order to combat the growing gun violence epidemic in America, the
2 United States shall implement the following measures to reduce assault
3 weapon ownership:
- 4 A. Stations shall be implemented in towns with a population of 5,000
5 or greater for citizens to return all assault weapons. If not, they will
6 receive a fine of \$3,500 monthly until the weapon(s) is returned.
- 7 B. A new branch within the Department of Defense shall be dedicated
8 to safely disposing of these weapons. \$300 million shall be allocated
9 to fund this program.
- 10 **SECTION 2.** An “assault weapon” shall be defined as a firearm with switch fire
11 capabilities and detachable attachments.
- 12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense shall oversee the implementation of this
13 legislation.
- 14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2023.
- 15 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Eagan High School

A Resolution to Designate Ethiopia as a State Sponsor of Terrorism

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Ethiopia is continuing its civil war against the Tigray region; and
2 **WHEREAS,** Ethiopia has not stopped aggression towards innocent civilians; and
3 **WHEREAS,** Ethiopia’s continuing access to the global system allows for continuation of
4 consistent income, thereby supporting more opportunities for their
5 aggression; and
6 **WHEREAS,** A designation of “State Sponsor of Terrorism” allows for further
7 punishment against the Ethiopian regime and more direct action against
8 the government; now, therefore, be it
9 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled call upon President Joe Biden to
10 designate this recommendation towards the Ethiopian State; and, be it
11 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That Ethiopia, through the International Court of Justice, fully pays
12 reparations to the damage done in Tigray.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Raja Chinnakotla Edina High School

A Bill to Eliminate Invasive Species

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The U.S. will work and support the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of
2 Land Management (BLM) in eliminating invasive species in the U.S. by
3 giving them \$10 billion over a period of 5 years.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** “Invasive species” is defined as an organism that causes ecological or
5 economic harm in a new environment where it is not native.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will work to disperse the
7 money to the agencies. The funding will be from the U.S. Department of
8 Agriculture.
- 9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect in FY 2023.
- 10 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Eden Prairie High School

A Resolution to Recognize Tibet As Its Own Country

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The people of Tibet want their country to be recognized as its own, but
2 currently the People’s Republic of China has illegal occupation over the
3 country, and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** China is currently and has for the past seventy three years politically,
5 economically, culturally, and militarily oppressed the country and peoples
6 of Tibet with use of authority and military. China must withdraw from Tibet
7 so that it can be a free and independent country so the Tibetans can be
8 culturally and religiously independent, and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Due to China’s illegal occupation, Tibetans were denied fundamental
10 freedoms, especially cultural and religious, as well as the fact that Tibet
11 cannot develop and reach its true potential as a country, and
- 12 **WHEREAS,** Tibetan culture and language, as well as huge numbers of the Buddhist
13 population, will be wiped away,
- 14 **RESOLVED,** The United States Government shall meet with other concerned UN
15 member countries to release a statement to recognize Tibet as its own
16 country and propose that China withdraw its troops and give Tibet its
17 independence and recognition on or before March 1, 2025.
- 18 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** Should China choose to retaliate against the peaceful efforts of US
19 and other UN countries, these countries shall send advanced weaponry
20 and ammunition and facilitate the delivery of these to the Tibetan Military.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Nayomi Paul from East Ridge High School

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall enact, through clarification or passage of new law, an
2 automatic review of any ruling by the Supreme Court that cuts, reduces,
3 eliminates, or brings into question any right held by citizens of the United
4 States or its respective territories.

5 **SECTION 2.** These reviews will be initiated by bills submitted to the Congress no more
6 than two (2) days after a Supreme Court ruling that limits or eliminates
7 previously held Constitutional rights at the discretion of the Comptroller
8 General of the United States.

9 A. Bills that fall under review classification are not subject to standard
10 procedural rules and are to be submitted to committee by a sponsoring
11 member of the respective body to which the member has been
12 elected.

13 B. Previous response bills, such as the Women’s Health Act, are
14 grandfathered into submission under this bill, are to be considered
15 submitted, and are not subject to the time constraints of new bills
16 under this act.

17 **SECTION 3.** The Government Accountability Office and sitting Comptroller General of
18 the United States are responsible for the oversight of this bill.

19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon Presidential approval. All
20 laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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A Bill to Tax Bullets

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** This bill serves as an incentive to phase out the rapid buying of bullets by
2 taxing the buying of bullets at a 100% rate.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Taxation of bullets will be implemented by raising the current 10% tax on
4 ammunition for hollow-tipped bullets.
- 5 **SECTION 3.** “Hollow-tipped bullets” are defined as a type of expanding bullet, which
6 expands on impact, causing a more lethal hit without penetrating further
7 than necessary.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** The ATF and the Internal Revenue Service will work jointly in the
9 implementation of this bill.
- 10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect at the beginning of the 2023-2024
11 congressional year.
- 12 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Minnetonka High School