

Rosemount Irish Invitational

October 1, 2022

Legislation Docket

Congressional Debate Tournament Schedule and Information

Senate (Varsity)

7:45 am	Registration
8:30 am	Session 1
11:00 pm - 12:00 pm	Lunch Break
12:00pm	Session 2
2:45pm	Finals

House (Novice & JV)

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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 precedency or recency.
- The questioning style used in both the House and the Senate shall be Direct questioning.

Legislative Docket

Preliminary Legislation for the House and the Senate

A Bill to Prevent Prescription Drug Abuse
submitted by Eden Prairie High School

A Resolution to Pass the Taiwan Plus Act
submitted by Sruthika Ramu from East Ridge High School

A Bill to Improve the Quality of Life for Bears in Zoos
submitted by Maple Grove High School

A Bill to Enforce Mandatory Military Service
submitted by Minnetonka High School

A Bill to Legalize Non-Vital Organ Sales
submitted by Yasmeen Willis from Eastview High School

A Bill to Reform Prison Labor Pay
submitted by Kehan Chen from Bloomington High School

Finals Legislation

The Paid Parental Leave Act
submitted by Robbinsdale Armstrong High School

A Resolution to Reopen North Korea Nuclear Talks to Decrease Nuclear Tension
submitted by Eagan High School

A Bill to Prevent Prescription Drug Abuse

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall safely slow down the production of abused
2 prescribed drugs. To keep up with reduced production, medical
3 professionals will prescribe fewer doses of abused prescription drugs
4 unless a life-threatening situation requires otherwise.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** To reduce the number of prescription drugs that are abused, one must
6 gradually consume smaller and smaller doses.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** This legislation is defined by the following: “An abused prescribed drug is
8 obtained only with a doctor’s prescription.” The most commonly abused
9 prescription drugs are opioids, heroin, synthetic opioids such as fentanyl,
10 and painkillers like oxycodone, hydrocodone, codeine, morphine, and many
11 others. “Life-threatening situation” is defined as a situation in which a
12 medical professional deems such drugs necessary.
- 13 **SECTION 4.** The bill's implementation and operation will be supervised by the U.S. Food
14 and Drug Administration and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health
15 Services Administration (SAMHSA).
- 16 **SECTION 5.** The legislation will go into action as early as January 1st, 2023.
- 17 **SECTION 6.** 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 Pass the Taiwan PLUS Act

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Enhanced support for defense cooperation with Taiwan is critical to the
2 national security of the United States; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Taiwan is recognized by 15 countries as an independent state, and it is
4 presently treated as a major non-NATO ally by the United States under
5 section 1206 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Taiwan is the 10th largest trading partner in goods with the United States
7 and a technological powerhouse; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Taiwan is a leading democracy and a key partner in the Indo-Pacific; now,
9 therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled move with haste to pass H.R. 2103, the
 Taiwan PLUS Act.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sruthika Ramu from East Ridge High School.

A Bill to Improve the Quality of Life for Bears in Zoos

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** This bill will ensure that zoos around the country will take steps to improve
2 bears' lives and end their stress, anxiety, or boredom-induced pacing
3 habits.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Zoos will be funded \$10,000 each in order to provide enriching activities
5 and outdoor or outdoor-inspired enclosures for their bears to limit pacing.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** “Enriching activities”, as mentioned in Section 2, will be defined as any
7 piece of equipment or toy added to a bear's enclosure that provides
8 entertainment. This includes, but is not limited to, the following: swimming
9 pools, colorful toys, and digging pits.
- 10 **SECTION 4.** “Outdoor-inspired enclosures” will be defined as enclosures that
11 incorporate nature into bear enclosures to imitate real wildlife and
12 decrease pacing in bears.
- 13 **SECTION 5.** The Association of Zoos and Aquariums will fund and oversee this project.
- 14 **SECTION 6.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage.
- 15 **SECTION 7.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Maple Grove High School

A Bill to Enforce Mandatory Military Service

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The purpose of this bill is to enforce mandatory military service in the
2 United States.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Mandatory Military Service shall be defined as a period in which a person
4 must enroll in the military.
- 5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense shall be in charge of enforcing this bill.
6 A. The period of Mandatory Military Service shall be 300 days.
7 B. A person must enroll for service before the age of thirty.
8 C. A person can only be excluded from the service if they prove the same
9 requirements to avoid the standard draft.
- 10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect at the beginning of 2025.
- 11 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Minnetonka High School

A Bill to Legalize Non-Vital Organ Sales

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The sale of non-vital organs to public or private entities is hereby legalized.
2 Non-vital organs may only be harvested and sold from living, consenting
3 adults over the age of 18.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** A non-vital organ is an organ that can be removed from a person without
5 affecting the quality of life (one kidney, portions of the liver and
6 gallbladder, etc.) A consenting adult is someone who has the cognitive and
7 mental ability to fully understand the implications of organ removal.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of
9 Justice will oversee the implementation and enforcement of this
10 legislation.
- 11 A. Black Market organ sales remain illegal, and individuals caught selling
12 or providing illegal organs will face legal consequences.
- 13 B. Insurance companies will work in conjunction with service providers to
14 determine levels of coverage.
- 15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on March 1, 2023.
- 16 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Yasmeen Willis from Eastview High School

A Bill to Reform Prison Labor Pay

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) is amended to explicitly extend
- 2 protection to all incarcerated individuals.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** The Federal Bureau of Prisons shall oversee this legislation.
- 4 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2023. All laws in conflict with
- 5 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bloomington Debate (Kehan Chen)

The Paid Parental Leave Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Parent(s) of children born in the United States are entitled to 12 weeks of
2 paid parental leave, available during the 12-month period following the
3 birth, adoption, or placement of a new child.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** “Parent” is defined as a legal guardian to a child. To apply for paid leave, a
5 parent must be a citizen of the United States.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** A Parent shall receive the minimum wage for all hours of said 12-week
7 period. If a child is raised by multiple parents, only one parent is entitled to
8 apply for this wage.
- 9 **SECTION 4.** A Parent applying for this wage must provide a birth certificate and proof
10 of their citizenship to receive paid leave.
- 11 **SECTION 5.** A 1% tax on the income tax of the top 10% of wage earners shall be
12 implemented to fund this bill.
- 13 **SECTION 6.** This shall be overseen by the Department of Labor. The DoL shall expand
14 its application process for paid parental leave to all citizens. The
15 International Revenue Service shall handle the calculation and transfer of
16 money collected from the Section 5 tax. This money will be transferred to
17 the Department of Labor for any additional funding.
- 18 **SECTION 7.** This legislation will take effect in FY 2023.
- 19 **SECTION 8.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Robbinsdale Armstrong High School.

A Resolution to Reopen North Korean Nuclear Talks to Decrease Nuclear Tension

- WHEREAS,** The North Korean Nuclear Program is a threat of national security; and
- WHEREAS,** As we ended our Nuclear Weapons talks in 2019 due to failed negotiations and unfulfilled promises with Former President Trump, North Korea has cut off ideas of denuclearization,
- WHEREAS,** Without our intervention and help to prevent them from growing and using their nuclear arsenal they become grave threats to all nations within range of their arsenal,
- WHEREAS,** Without us intervening their creation and testing they will be able to grow in power and threaten more and more countries; therefore be it,
- RESOLVED,** That this Congress here assembled shall call upon President Joe Biden to resume Former President Trump's denuclearization talks; be it
- FURTHER RESOLVED,** That these talks final and eventual goal shall be to remove nuclear weapons from North Korea to stabilize relations.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Eagan High School.