



2023 Laird Lewis Invitational at Myers Park Legislation Packet

Please read these docket and procedural rules very carefully. They will be in effect for the duration of the tournament.

1. Each session (Session 1, Session 2 and Finals) has three main pieces of legislation. That is nine total topics to research.
2. Chambers will decide among themselves by a majority vote of the chamber what order to debate the three main pieces of legislation assigned to each session.
3. No additional legislation may be considered. If a chamber debates all three pieces for that session, the session is over. All students should be prepared to speak on each topic for the session.
4. The docket agenda can be amended at any time by a 2/3 vote of the chamber, but students may only move around the three pieces of main legislation for that session.
Competitors may not move legislation from other sessions.
5. Each piece of legislation must have a minimum of both one affirmative and one negative speech before calling for previous question. Students are encouraged to debate each topic thoroughly but not to the point of rehash. Chamber members should call for previous question when debate gets stale.

6. RECENCY: Each chamber will receive a randomized list of students from the Tab Room. This list shall serve as the initial precedence list for speeches. Precedence for questions shall follow the reverse order of the speech precedence list. Each chamber will receive a new precedence list for the second session.
7. PRESIDING OFFICERS:
 - Parliamentarians will use strawpoll.com or strawpoll.me to conduct virtual PO elections.
 - Novice chambers will elect Presiding Officers. Coaches should teach their Congress students how to preside ahead of the tournament.
 - There will be only one Presiding Officer per session.
8. Cross examination will use direct questioning with individual questioning periods of 30 seconds until the total cross examination time for the speaker has expired. The Presiding Officer will keep a separate recency chart for this and ensure that all competitors have an equal chance to ask questions. Initial precedence for questioning will follow the reverse order of the initial speech precedence list.

LEGISLATION DOCKET

Finals will only be held if there is more than one preliminary chamber.

Session One (Chamber decides order):

- A. A Bill to Promote Privacy in Federally Funded Buildings
- B. A Bill to Fund the Creation of a Monument to the Haudenosaunee Confederacy
- C. A Bill to Establish Mandatory Public Service

Session Two (Chamber decides order):

- A. A Resolution to Commend Art Vandalism in the Name of Stopping Climate Change
- B. A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Revoke the Presidential Veto Power
- C. A Bill to Subsidize Flood Insurance

Finals Legislation (Chamber decides order):

Finals will only be held if there is more than one preliminary chamber. If no finals are held, this legislation may be used as backup legislation in prelims if and only if all other legislation assigned to the session is debated and voted on.

- A. A Bill to Ban Styrofoam Food Containers
- B. A Bill to Require DNA Evidence for Death Penalty Sentencing
- C. A Bill to Close All Foreign Military Bases

A Bill to Promote Privacy in Federally Funded Buildings

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Any building which is administered in any part with federal funding shall convert all of its
3 restrooms into single-occupancy or single-family units within three years of the passage of
4 this legislation. All organizations, corporations, agencies, and other entities that administer
5 public spaces without federal funding are strongly encouraged to implement similar
6 changes with their own restrooms.

7 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this legislation, a single-occupancy restroom unit is defined as a
8 lockable bathroom accessible to any individual for that individual's sole and private use,
9 and a single-family restroom unit is defined as a lockable bathroom accessible to any
10 individual and that individual's family for their sole and private use.

11 **SECTION 3.** Congress shall establish a committee tasked with implementing and overseeing this
12 transition and allocate to that committee a fund of \$500 million to be dispersed to agencies
13 or organizations in need of financial support to reach compliance as the committee sees fit.

14 **SECTION 4.** Failure to comply with this legislation shall result in suspension of federal funding for the
15 agency or organization responsible for the facility in question until such time as compliance
16 is reached.

17 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Office for Civil Rights.

18 **SECTION 6.** This legislation shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

19 **SECTION 7.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Fund the Creation of a Monument to the Haudenosaunee Confederacy

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall direct \$250 million to the National Park Service (NPS) to plan, design, and
3 construct a monument in Washington, D.C., honoring and celebrating the Haudenosaunee
4 Confederacy and its inestimable influence on the government and history of these United
5 States.

6 **SECTION 2.** The NPS shall have five years from the date of passage to complete these tasks and open
7 the monument to the public.

8 **SECTION 3.** The NPS is directed to work extensively with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and in particular
9 with the Cayuga Nation, the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, the Oneida Nations of New York
10 and Wisconsin, the Onondaga Nation, the Seneca Nation, the Tonawanda Band of Seneca,
11 the Seneca-Cayuga Nation, and the Tuscarora Nation to ensure this monument is
12 meaningful, authentic, and historically and culturally appropriate.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect at the start of the next fiscal year.

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

A Bill to Establish Mandatory Public Service

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Each U.S. Citizen born after January 1, 2006, must complete at least two years of public
3 service by the time of their 30th birthday.

4 **SECTION 2.** This requirement may be satisfied through two full years of service in one of the following:
5 the Armed Forces (including the National Guard), the Peace Corps, AmeriCorps, or the
6 National Health Service Corps.

7 **SECTION 3.** The penalties for failing to meet this requirement shall be identical to those that
8 accompany failure to register for the Selective Service when required to do so.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Selective Service System.

10 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2024.

11 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Resolution to Commend Art Vandalism in the Name of Stopping Climate Change

- 1 **WHEREAS** Climate change poses an existential threat to human life and the future of civilization; and
- 2 **WHEREAS** The nations of the world, including our own, continue to fall woefully short of making the
- 3 changes necessary to save our species from climate change, or even to mitigate its impacts;
- 4 and
- 5 **WHEREAS** The value of even the most celebrated works of art pales in comparison to these deadly,
- 6 catastrophic, and potentially irreversible perils; now, therefore be it
- 7 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that this body commends the recent and growing trend of
- 8 vandalizing art in order to draw attention to the threat of climate change and to the failure
- 9 of global leaders to act appropriately to stop it; and
- 10 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that states, territories, the federal district, counties, and municipalities ought to
- 11 consider light sentencing, or not pressing charges at all, for perpetrators of these sorts of
- 12 acts; and
- 13 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress urges global leaders to take whatever measures are necessary to
- 14 save our planet so that the less powerful no longer feel compelled to vandalize art in order
- 15 to draw attention to the tragic absurdity of this crisis and their helplessness in the face of it.

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Revoke the Presidential Veto Power

1 **RESOLVED,** That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United
2 States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
3 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from
4 the date of its submission by the Congress:

5 **ARTICLE —**

6 **SECTION 1.** The President shall no longer have the right to veto bills sent to them by Congress.

7 **SECTION 2.** As the Constitution stipulates, a bill that the President does not sign within ten days
8 (Sundays excepted) will become law anyway.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

A Bill to Subsidize Flood Insurance

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall direct \$1 billion annually to the Federal Emergency Management Agency
3 (FEMA) to pay the premiums of any homeowners whom FEMA requires to purchase flood
4 insurance and whose household income is less than 400% of the federal poverty level as
5 determined by the Department of Health and Human Services.

6 **SECTION 2.** Congress shall work with FEMA on a year-to-year basis to determine and implement any
7 necessary adjustments to the amount of this funding to more appropriately meet the need
8 outlined by this legislation.

9 **SECTION 3.** Funding for this legislation shall be sourced from a 1% tax increase on annual fossil fuel
10 industry revenue.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by FEMA, with the exception of Section 3, which shall be
12 overseen by the Internal Revenue Service.

13 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2024.

14 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Ban Styrofoam Food Containers

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** Restaurants and other providers of prepared meals are henceforth banned from using
- 3 styrofoam for packaging and/or serving food and/or beverages.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Any establishment found to be in violation of this legislation shall be fined \$100 for each
- 5 violation. Should the total amount fined to a single establishment ever exceed \$10,000,
- 6 that establishment shall lose its license(s) to sell food and/or beverages.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Food and Drug Administration.
- 8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2024.
- 9 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Require DNA Evidence for Death Penalty Sentencing

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** No convicted criminal shall be sentenced to death unless DNA evidence linking the criminal
3 to the crime comprises a central element of that conviction, as determined by the judge
4 overseeing the case.

5 **SECTION 2.** Any inmate currently sentenced to death and awaiting the completion of that sentence
6 whose conviction was not significantly predicated on DNA evidence shall have their
7 sentence commuted to life in prison. District attorneys with jurisdiction in the court where
8 the crime was originally tried shall be responsible for making these determinations and
9 shall have one year from the passage of this legislation to do so.

10 **SECTION 3.** If a judge is found to have violated this legislation, this shall serve as compelling grounds for
11 that judge's impeachment.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Justice.

13 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2024.

14 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Close All Foreign Military Bases

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** Within ten years of the passage of this legislation, all U.S. military bases situated within
- 3 foreign countries shall be closed, their troops and personnel returned to the U.S., and their
- 4 land and facilities returned unconditionally to each respective nation.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Defense.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.
- 7 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.