

Southern MN NSDA District Congress - November 18-19, 2022

Friday, University of MN – Twin Cities

Saturday, Robbinsdale Cooper High School

Tournament Legislation

Finals Legislation

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 - Census Constitutional Amendment
- A Resolution to Recognize Taiwan as a Sovereign State

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- Sustainable Fishing Act
- A resolution to Propose an Arctic Treaty with Canada
- A Resolution to Urge UN to forgive Argentina Debt IMF Debt

Preliminary Legislation

- Energy Inspection Act
- A Bill to Free Students of Predatory Loans
- A Bill to Ban Franking Privilege in Congress
- A Bill to Regulate the Troubled Youth Camps
- A Bill to Ban the Use of the Reid Interrogation Technique
- A Bill to Quell Union Corruption and Bolster the Right to Unionize
 - The Green Transportation Act
- A Bill to Ban Current and Future Construction of Oil Pipelines
 - A resolution to Assist Ukraine
- A Resolution to Recognize the importance of Puerto Rico
 - A Bill to Address the Food Waste in America

NOTE:

The legislation marked above for Finals is reserved for the House and Senate (if held). The Semifinals legislation is reserved for the House.

In the event the Senate DOES NOT have a final round, all 17 pieces of legislation are available for the three sessions. If the Senate DOES have a final round, the two preliminary rounds of the senate can utilize 14 pieces for prelims and 3 for finals.

A Bill to Abolish Federal Plea Bargaining

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The practice of plea bargaining in federal criminal cases is hereby abolished.

SECTION 2. This bill shall be overseen by the Department of Justice.

SECTION 3. This legislation shall be put into effect on January 1st, 2024.

SECTION 4. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Eagan High School

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

7 **SECTION 1:** The Congress hereby declares that the Census shall be
8 executed every 5 years rather than 10 years. The U.S.
9 Department of Commerce shall be held responsible for the
10 enforcement of this Article. This is a modification of the
11 United States of America’s Constitution, Article 1, Section 2.
12 This Amendment shall take effect next Census Session April
13 1st, 2030.
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15 **SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
16 appropriate legislation.

A Resolution to Formally Recognize Taiwan as a Sovereign State

1 **WHEREAS**, The relationship between the United States and the People's
2 Republic of China is deteriorating; and

3 **WHEREAS**, The United States has historically recognized the One China
4 Policy; and

5 **WHEREAS**, The People's Republic of China claims the entirety of Taiwan;
6 and

7 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan has been shunned by the International Community
8 since being replaced in the UN by PRC; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan has a government more closely aligned with the same
10 democratic values of the United States; and

11 **WHEREAS**, The United States had provided naval support to Taiwan in
12 the Third Taiwan Strait Crisis; now, therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that the United States
14 hereby recognizes Taiwan, the Republic of China as a fully sovereign and
15 independent state in coexistence with the People's Republic of China.

16 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, By that the United States investigate reopening the
17 United States Taiwan Defense Command that would be located in its
18 original location or on the Taiwan mainland.

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Sustainable Fishing Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** To conserve rapidly depleting fish this will conserve fish in
2 the world while keeping the businesses profitable.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Conservation shall be defined as the prevention of wasteful
4 use of resources. Sustainable shall be defined as able to be maintained at a
5 certain rate and level.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** Upon the signage of this Act into law, fishing restrictions
7 shall be put in place and the following funding will be allocated to the
8 Department of Commerce and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric
9 Administration.
- 10 A. A national database of known natural fish breeding areas shall be
11 established by the NOAA.
- 12 B. Fishing will hereby be banned from all designated natural breeding
13 areas. Any violator will face fines of up to \$1 million and 3 years in
14 prison.
- 15 C. Fishing will be banned within 10 miles of these areas for a minimum of
16 3 years and until the NOAA deems fishing within those ten miles is now
17 sustainable. Any violator will face fines of up to \$1 million and 3 years
18 in prison.
- 19 D. Fisheries will be fully reimbursed for all profit losses for 3 years.
- 20 E. Sustainable fishing Experts from across the world will be hired by the
21 government. They will be sent out across the country to advise fisheries
22 on sustainable yet profitable fishing practices. Their services will be
23 free of charge to these fisheries.
- 24 F. The NOAA, and the Department of Commerce, shall be provided \$100
25 million yearly for enforcement of this legislation.
- 26 G. All funding necessary for this bill will come from a \$0.01 tax on every
27 gallon of water pumped by large corporations who have profits of over
28 \$5 million yearly

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

Submitted by John Marshall HS

A Resolution to Propose an Arctic Treaty with Canada

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

WHEREAS The UNCLOS (United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea) has established that a country's territorial claim to the arctic is determined by their continental shelf. A continental shelf is an extension of the land comprising the seabed and subsoil that extend beyond a country's territorial sea. A country's territory using a continental shelf continues to 200 nautical miles.

WHEREAS By acquiring this territory we will gain access to new trade routes, uncovered natural gasses and oils, as well as gain more access to fresh water.

RESOLVED America will propose a treaty with Canada to share arctic territory and subsequent outcomes of operations.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Edina High School.

A Resolution to Urge the United Nations to Forgive Argentine IMF Debt

1 **WHEREAS**, The current financial debts of Argentina to the International
2 Monetary Fund by part of the United States have reached over \$82 billion
3 USD; and
4 **WHEREAS**, The corruption of the Argentine debt payback system alongside
5 their banks restrict the amount of United States Currency an Argentine
6 citizen can access per month; and
7 **WHEREAS**, Black markets of exchange rates have become the norm, where
8 one can exchange USD for 2x-3x the official rate, thus plummeting the
9 value of the Argentine Peso; and
10 **WHEREAS**, These debts have resulted in a wildly volition peso,
11 uncontrollable inflation, mass homelessness, and drastic policy measures;
12 and
13 **WHEREAS**, This debt is held through IMF bonds, that the United Nations
14 oversees; and
15 **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled urge the United Nations to
16 forgive all debts the Argentine government has to the IMF.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Robbinsdale Cooper

Energy Inspection Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** To increase the safety of severely overlooked fossil fuel
2 plants.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Fossil Fuels shall be defined as a natural fuel such as coal or
4 gas, formed in the geological past from the remains of living organisms.
5 Inspection shall be defined as the Federal Energy Regulatory Commissions'
6 inspections on all non-nuclear power plants
- 7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy and the Federal Energy
8 Regulatory Commission will oversee the implementation of this legislation.
- 9 A. An additional 2,500 power plant inspectors, primarily of Gas and Coal
10 plants, will be hired to make sure everything is up to code and safe.
11 This will cost an estimated \$225 million.
- 12 B. Inspection rates will increase to once yearly for all power plants in
13 America if up to code. It will be increased to every 3 months if
14 violations have been found. If violations continue to be found the
15 power plant will be shut down at the discretion of the commission.
- 16 C. An additional 1,000 staff will be added for an assortment of necessary
17 duties as decided by the commission. This will cost an estimated \$75
18 million.
- 19 D. The commission will get an additional \$50 million in funding yearly for
20 discretionary use.
- 21 E. The roughly \$500 million needed for this bill will come from the
22 Department of Defenses energy programs.
- 23 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st 2023. All laws
24 in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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Submitted for debate by John Marshall

A Bill to Free Students of Predatory Loans

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The interest rate of all student loans - whether public or
- 2 private - shall be limited to either the inflation rate when the loan is taken
- 3 out or match the inflation rate the next year (matching the month the loan
- 4 is taken out of). The choice between the two is completely up to the
- 5 borrower. Current borrowers can either keep their pre-existing loan
- 6 conditions or switch to this interest rate system.
- 7 **SECTION 2.** The “inflation rate” will be gathered from the CPI (Consumer
- 8 Price Index) report. Matching the inflation rate will be defined as a loan
- 9 that is within .5% to the inflation rate issued by the CPI.
- 10 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Reserve Board (FRB), Federal Deposit Insurance
- 11 Corp (FDIC), and the Securities and Exchange Commision (SEC) will work in
- 12 conjunction to implement this legislation.
- 13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July, 4, 2023. All laws in
- 14 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Edina High School.

A Bill to Ban Franking Privilege in Congress

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **Section 1.** Hereby and so forth no member of Congress shall be allowed to
2 use franking privilege. This bill's primary purpose is to reduce the
3 advantage incumbents have in reelection.
- 4 **Section 2.** A. Franking privilege shall be defined as the ability to send mail with
5 signature rather than by postage.
6 B. Member of Congress shall be defined as a person formally
7 elected to the US national legislative body including members of
8 Senate and the House of Representatives.
9 C. Incumbents shall be defined as the current holder of an office or
10 position.
- 11 **Section 3.** The U.S. Senate Select Committee on Ethics and The U.S. House
12 Committee on Ethics shall oversee the implementation of this bill.
- 13 **Section 4.** This legislation will take effect FY 2023. All laws in conflict with this
14 legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Wayzata High School.

A Bill to Regulate The Troubled Teen Industry

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The Troubled Teen Industry is a loosely regulated multi-
2 billion dollar industry resulting in the abuse, injury, and death of countless
3 youth in the U.S. This bill will hereby enact stricter regulation to protect
4 and promote the wellbeing of youth.
- 5 A. All troubled teen organizations and camps must fall under nonprofit status
6 to prevent profits from interfering with the quality of care provided.
- 7 B. The ban of chemical sedation and mechanical restraints.
- 8 C. The ban of use of seclusion, food deprivation, and access to other basic
9 necessities as forms of discipline or treatment.
- 10 D. The ban of discrimination of youth including but not limited to
11 discrimination for gender and race.
- 12 E. The ban of restriction on communication with parents/guardians
- 13 **SECTION 2.** The Troubled Teen Industry shall be defined as private youth
14 treatment facilities, boarding schools, wilderness camps, religious
15 academies, and drug rehabilitation centers that children are sent to for
16 problems ranging from mental health symptoms to substance abuse to
17 minor cases of misbehavior.
- 18 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee
19 enforcement along with the Children’s Bureau. Programs from The
20 Troubled Teen Industry violating regulations will be shut down and fined
 \$500,000.
- SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2023. All laws in
 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Wayzata High School

A Bill to Ban the Use of the Reid Interrogation Technique

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. All states and territories shall discontinue the use of the Reid Interrogation Technique during police interrogations. States shall pursue other interrogation techniques to employ in law enforcement which must be approved by the Department of Justice (DOJ) within a year after passage. The DOJ shall approve techniques based on their likelihood to result in false confessions in comparison to the Reid Interrogation Technique. The DOJ shall revoke all grants to law enforcement in states found by the DOJ that continue to use the Reid Interrogation Technique after enactment.

Section 2. “Reid Interrogation Technique” shall be defined as the interrogation method developed and popularized by John E. Reid as outlined in his manual *Criminal Interrogation and Confessions*.

Section 3. This bill will become effective in fiscal year 2024.

Section 4. The DOJ shall oversee the implementation and enforcement of this legislation.

Section 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation shall hereby be declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate from Eden Prairie High School

A Bill to Quell Union Corruption And Bolster the Right to Unionize

Be it enacted by the Congress here assembled that:

Section 1: In order to bolster the federal right to unionize under the NLRA (The National Labor Relations Act of 1935), the United States will fund a department dedicated to reducing union corruption.

Section 2: 2 billion dollars will be allocated yearly upon enactment. This will continue for 5 years, after which a new source of funding will be established.

Section 3: The department will have four main functions:

- A. Investigating unions to ensure members are not being taken advantage of, and investigating companies going against the NLRA.
- B. Authorizing harsh monetary penalties (dependent on company/business/employer size) for companies who are found guilty (by investigation) of going against the NLRA. These penalties, if paid off, will allow employers/companies/businesses to bypass public allegations by the investigation team that would lead to both court proceedings and public relations damage.
- C. Authorizing harsh monetary penalties (dependent on union size) for labor unions who are found guilty of taking advantage of union members. These penalties, if paid off, will allow labor unions to bypass public allegations by the investigation team that would lead to both court proceedings and public relations damage.
- D. Providing legal protections (amount and quality dependent on size of the accused company/business/employer/labor union) to individuals who choose to seek justice against their company/business/employer/labor union in a court of law.

Section 4: Necessary funds will be collected from penalties described in Section 3. Any deficit will be covered by the US Department of Labor.

Section 5: The Department of Labor will oversee the initial establishment of this department and will ensure efficient use of funds.

Section 6: This bill will be put into effect at the start of FY 2024.

Section 7: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Submitted by Eden Prairie High School

The Green Transportation Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. In order to incentivize a zero emission transportation sector, the following measures shall be implemented to shift away from diesel-powered vehicles.

- A. A 70 cent per gallon federal gas tax shall be levied. Additionally;
- B. The U.S. Department of Transportation shall divert \$50 million annually to electric vehicle production and charging stations.

SECTION 2. The Environmental Protection Agency, Internal Revenue Service, and U.S. Department of Transportation shall oversee this legislation. Funding for this legislation shall be allocated by a 5% tax on the top 10% of United States income earners.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall go into effect July 1st, 2023.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Eagan High School

A Bill to Ban Current and Future Construction of Oil Pipelines

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All current and proposed oil pipelines that require construction upon
2 United States Territory will be denied construction permits.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Oil pipelines are defined as any pipeline that is intended to carry refined
4 and crude oil.
- 5 **SECTION 3.** The US Army Corps of Engineers will deny all current oil pipeline
6 construction applications and reject all future oil pipeline construction
7 applications.
- 8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on December 1, 2022. All laws in conflict
9 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Burnsville High School.

A Resolution to Assist Ukraine

1 **WHEREAS**, The Ukraine and Russia war has waged on for over eight
2 months); and
3 **WHEREAS**, The destruction of cities is estimated to cost over \$100 billion
4 dollars to rebuild; and
5 **WHEREAS**, The resulting destruction has resulted in more than 14,000
6 casualties and over three million people have fled to other countries; and
7 **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled provide Ukraine with 50
8 billion dollars of humanitarian and infrastructure aid and an additional 5
9 billion dollars in military aid; and, be it
10 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, That aid is set conditionally that the Ukraine takes
11 positive steps to negotiate a ceasefire in civilian populated areas.

A Resolution to Recognize the importance of Puerto Rico

1 **WHEREAS,** Puerto Rico has been a colony since 1898 and
2 **WHEREAS,** Although the citizens of Puerto Rico are American citizens,
3 they lack many of the basic rights protected individuals; and
4 **WHEREAS,** The United States has intentionally created laws to
5 disadvantage those who live in Puerto Rico and
6 **WHEREAS,** Puerto Rico has suffered multiple hurricanes and have yet
7 to receive the necessary resources to rebuild; now, therefore, be it
8 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled begin the formal
9 process to recognize Puerto Rico as the 51st State admitted with full
10 rights and responsibilities; and, be it
11 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled instruct FEMA to
12 provide full emergency resources and allocate 25 billion dollars to
13 hurricane relief and recovery of the island.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Robbinsdale Armstrong

A Bill to Reduce Food Waste in America

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States will impose the following:
- 2 A. A 70% fine on gross profits will be implemented on all companies in the
- 3 Industrial Food Processing and Manufacturing industry if their reported
- 4 food waste exceeds 8% of their total food processing and/or
- 5 manufacturing.
- 6 B. All Food Rescue Organizations will be funded 80% towards their cause in
- 7 spreading awareness to reduce food waste and collecting food.
- 8 C. All Organizations with the primary purpose of educating consumers
- 9 about methods of reduction in food waste and/or spreading information
- 10 about the harms of food waste or information related to such will be aided
- 11 70% of their total cost of operation.
- 12 **SECTION 2.** A. “Companies” will be defined as all companies that fall
- 13 under the food processing and/or manufacturing company
- 14 B. Food Rescue Organizations is defined as any corporation that Food
- 15 engages volunteers to transfer fresh food surpluses from local businesses
- 16 to social service agencies serving the food insecure.
- 17 **SECTION 3.** The Food Safety and Inspection Service, SEC, and US
- 18 Department of Agriculture will be responsible for assuring this bill’s
- 19 execution.
- 20 A. The Food Safety and Inspection Service will conduct a yearly
- 21 investigation at the times of their own choosing to identify the amount
- 22 of food waste of each company that falls under the definitions of
- 23 Section 2A.
- 24 B. The SEC will be in charge of working with the FSIS to determine which
- 25 companies will be fined. The fines collected by companies will be
- 26 transferred to the Department of Agriculture
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- C. The Department of Agriculture will assure that Sections 1B and 1C be properly funded from the fines collected in Section 1A, drawing funding from their own budget if necessary
- D. The subsidizing will last for a total of 5 years

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lakeville North High School