

Marian Debate Tournament

Congressional Debate Docket



Below is the Congressional Debate docket for the Marian High School tournament on February 4th. These pieces of legislation are to be debated in order and cannot be rearranged. Each piece of legislation must have at least one aff and one neg speech before the previous question can be moved.

1. A Resolution to Remove Military Presence from the Philippines - HS
2. A Bill to Extend Physician-Assisted Suicide to All US States - CP
3. A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to End the Right to Bear Arms - MN
4. A Resolution to Curb the Belt and Road Initiative in Latin America - MR
5. A Bill to Start Trading with North Korea - MW
6. A Bill to Break Up American Monopolies - LH
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10. A Bill to Require Pay Transparency - LSE

A Resolution to Remove Military Presence from the Philippines

1. **Whereas,** Vice President Harris has sought to expand United States military
2. presence in the Philippines; and
3. **Whereas,** Tensions are increasing between China and the Philippines partly
4. due to the United States' military presence, thus increasing it
5. would only worsen the tension; and
6. **Whereas,** The United States is already dealing with rising tensions in other
7. countries due to its military presence in Yemen, Somalia, and
8. Syria; and
9. **Whereas,** An increase in military presence will be seen as a threat to not
10. only China, but Russia as well as North Korea; therefore, be it
11. **RESOLVED** by this Congress, the President of the United States should order
12. the US Armed Forces to remove its presence from the Philippines.

Introduced by Hastings Senior High School.

A Bill to Extend Physician-Assisted Suicide Laws to All US States

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS FEDERAL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill will allow for a licensed medical doctor to assist in the death
3 of a patient if the following conditions are met and appropriately
4 documented:

- 5 a. Patient has made an informed decision to request
6 physician-assisted suicide;
- 7 b. In the professional opinions of a licensed medical doctor and
8 legal counsel, the patient is competent to make such a request;
- 9 c. In the opinion of two licensed medical doctors, one of whom
10 has not been involved in the care of the patient, the patient is
11 either;
 - 12 i. Terminally ill
 - 13 ii. In extreme physical or mental pain and suffering.

14 **SECTION 2.** Physician-assisted suicide is defined as the practice of a physician
15 Intentionally aiding in the ending of a patient's life, specifically in cases
16 of terminal illness and extensive pain and suffering. The physician's role
17 can include providing a lethal dose of a drug at the explicit, voluntary
18 request of a mentally competent patient. This is to be carried out in the
19 most humane manner, in accordance with standard medical practices.

20 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and Department
21 of Justice (DoJ) will be tasked with implementing this policy.

22 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect immediately after passage.

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

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to End the Right To Bear Arms

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

ARTICLE --

7. **SECTION 1:**
8. The Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States is hereby repealed.
9. **SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
10. legislation.

Introduced by Millard North

A Resolution to Curb the Belt and Road Initiative in Latin America

1. **WHEREAS,** China is rapidly expanding its influence in Latin America through its Belt
2. and Road Initiative and industrial investments; and
3. **WHEREAS,** The Belt and Road Initiative monopolizes infrastructure markets and
4. creates a debt trap for participating nations; and
5. **WHEREAS,** The Belt and Road Initiative upholds poor labor and environmental
6. standards; and
7. **WHEREAS,** It is in the strongest interest of the United States to maintain diplomatic
8. and economic relations with our neighboring nations; therefore, be it
9. **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled, that the United States shall make every
10. effort to substantially increase trade with as well as make public and private investments
11. in infrastructure, green energy, counter-narcotics, and agricultural development in all
12. Latin American nations; and, be it
13. **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the United States implores all Latin American nations
14. not to join nor negotiate investments related to China's Belt and Road Initiative.

Introduced by Marian High School.

A Bill to Start Trading with North Korea

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Trade between the United States and North Korea will be opened.
3. **SECTION 2.** Trade shall be defined as an exchange of goods and services between
4. nations.
5. **SECTION 3.** This bill will be overseen by the United States Department of State and
6. the Federal Trade Commission.
7. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect six months after passage.
8. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Millard West High School

A Bill to Take Antitrust Action Against American Monopolies

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States Department of Justice (DOJ) is hereby ordered to begin
2 Antitrust proceedings against the following companies operating within the
3 United States: Live Nation/Ticketmaster, Meta Platforms Incorporated
4 (Facebook/Instagram), Alphabet Incorporated (Google), and Apple
5 Incorporated.
- 6 **SECTION 2.** *Antitrust proceedings* are defined by Section II of the Sherman Antitrust
7 Act.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** The DOJ will be tasked with following appropriate steps to execute antitrust
9 action against the previously stipulated companies under the condition
10 that those companies operate as monopolies in violation of established
11 legal precedent and rule.
- 12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025.
- 13 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln High (NE).

A Resolution to Protect Voter Privacy

1. **WHEREAS**, many states currently allow anyone to access voter registration
2. records, and
3. **WHEREAS**, this removes the privacy and anonymity of our election system, and
4. **WHEREAS**, public registration records allow political interest groups to target
5. specific voters, therefore, be it
6. **RESOLVED**, By this Congress that Voter Registration records should be
7. confidential and not readily available to the public or political interest groups.

Introduced by Millard South High School

A Resolution to Stop Sandbagging the Sand Shortage

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Sand is an important natural resource used in many goods we see today
2 including in construction, cosmetics, and microchips; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Our resources continue to be exhausted due to poor regulation and
4 over-mining; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** There is a global shortage of the sand needed for our modern world and it
6 will continue to deplete if we don't do something; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Our extraction and use of sand is unsustainable as countries continue to
8 urbanize and demand continues to increase; be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** The U.S government will urge the United Nations and its allies to
10 implement regulations in order to ensure the sustainable extraction and
11 use of natural sand; and be it,
- 12 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That we will pursue opportunities to invest in the research and
13 development of artificial sand in order to eventually reduce the demand
14 for natural sand.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Lincoln East Congressional Delegation.

A Bill to Ban Non-Accredited Zoos and Aquariums

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Any zoo or aquarium that is not accredited or that loses accreditation
2 will have six months of probation to gain accreditation or it will be
3 dissolved.

4 **SECTION 2. A.** Zoo is defined as a facility in which animals are housed within
5 enclosures, cared for, displayed to the public, and in some cases
6 bred for conservation purposes.

7 **B.** Aquarium is defined as a facility in which fish or other aquatic
8 animals are housed within enclosures, cared for, displayed to the
9 public, and in some cases bred for conservation purposes.

10 **C.** Accreditation will be conducted by the Association of Zoos and
11 Aquariums (AZA) and adhere to all current standards.

12 **SECTION 3. A.** The USDA will oversee enforcement of all provisions of this
13 legislation in accordance with the Animal Welfare Act.

14 **B.** During the six month probation, the AZA will oversee the
15 treatment of animals and evaluate efforts at reaccreditation.

16 **C.** If a zoo or aquarium is dissolved, the AZA will oversee the
17 transfer of all animals to an accredited facility.

18 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on July 1, 2023.

19 **SECTION 5.** All laws that are in conflict with this policy shall hereby be declared
20 null and void.

Submitted by Norfolk High School

A Bill to Require Pay Transparency

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Employers must disclose the minimum and maximum annual base salary or
2 hourly wage for a job, promotion or transfer opportunity in any
3 advertisement for the position. Employers must disclose this information if
4 asked by a job candidate. Failure to advertise a job, promotion or transfer
5 opportunity without including in the advertisement the range of base
6 salary (or wage) the employer believes, in good faith at the time of posting,
7 it would pay for the advertised position would constitute an unlawful
8 discriminatory practice.
- 9 **SECTION 2.** A job advertisement is considered any information posted about a job
10 opening that could be seen by individuals in two or more states.
- 11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor will oversee enforcement of this legislation
12 pursuant to their other anti-discrimination enforcement.
- 13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2024.
- 14 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln Southeast.