



## **ACTAA State Tournament Legislative Docket 2023**

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# Session 1 Legislation

**1. A Bill to Amend Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act to  
Create More Accessible Public Buildings**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Title III of the American with Disabilities Act will be amended so as to make it more accessible for people with disabilities in public buildings.

SECTION 2. A. Disabilities shall be defined as a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of an individual.

A. Public building shall be defined as a building funded by Federal, State, or local government that is open to the general public.

SECTION 3. The Office of Federal Contracts Compliance Programs under The U.S Department of Labor will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

All Public Buildings shall be required to have a functional wheelchair ramp and/or automatic door openers on the main entrance to the building.

All doors must be less than 5lbs and open easily for those in a wheelchair.

Height of wheelchair ramps shall not exceed 3 feet, angle of the ramp shall not exceed 3.5 degrees. If the ramp exceeds 3 feet or 3.5 degrees a rest station within the ramp is required to be built.

Any elevators on the premise of a building need to be checked for proper operation by a certified professional once every two months per year.

The Department of Justice will enforce this legislation, any public building found not in compliance with the new regulations will be fined 15% of the monthly operational budget monthly until the problem meets the requirements of this legislation.

Funding for any sort of renovations from this bill will be taken from the U.S. Department of Labor's budget for next fiscal year not to exceed 15 million U.S. Dollars.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect in the FY of 2024. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Russellville High School*

## **2. A Bill to Amend the COBRA act to include Life Insurance Policies**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Life Insurance coverage be added to the types of insurance coverages available in the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act

SECTION 2. Life Insurance policies must be supplemental policies provided through employment. Regulations of these public and private businesses will remain the same as defined by the COBRA act.

SECTION 3. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

A. The Department of Labor's Employment Benefits Security Administration will retain authority with respect to reporting and disclosure provisions

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2024. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sylvan Hills High School*

### 3. A Bill to Prevent Bank Failure

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. The amount insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) per depositor per insured bank shall be increased from \$250,000 to \$1 million.

SECTION 2. This legislation shall be overseen by the FDIC and the Department of the Treasury.

SECTION 3. This legislation shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by the National Speech and Debate Association April Docket.*



# Session 2 Legislation

## 1. A Bill to Adjust the Term Limit for Senators

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Senators' terms shall now be limited to 4 years and get a chance at reelection at the end of the 4 years, maximum number of reelections is limited to 3.

SECTION 2. Term Limits should be defined as a specified number of terms that a person in office is allowed to serve

SECTION 3. The Congress will oversee the implications and enforce this piece of legislation

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Russellville High School.*

## **2. A Bill to Require a Majority Vote by the Citizens of the United States to Declare War**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. That the authority of Congress to declare war shall not be effective until confirmed by a majority of all votes cast thereon in a nationwide referendum except in the event of invasion of the United States or territories of the United States.

SECTION 2. A. Nationwide referendum shall be defined as a direct vote in which all citizens of the United States have the opportunity in which they can either vote for the declaration of war or against a declaration of war.

B. Invasion shall be defined as a foreign nation, group, or organization directly attacking the United States.

SECTION 3. A. The Department of Defense shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

SECTION 4. This legislation will be implemented and administered immediately upon passage in Congress and ratification by the requisite number of states. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Episcopal Collegiate School.*



### 3. A Bill to Redesign US Paper Currency

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. US paper currency will be redesigned in the following ways:

A. Harriet Tubman will replace Andrew Jackson on the \$20 bill.

B. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will replace Ulysses S. Grant on the \$50 bill.

C. All bills will feature UV ink, microprinting, holographic printing, and any other current security features used in US currency.

D. All bills will be made from polypropylene as opposed to paper.

E. All bills will include notches on the side so they can be more easily identified by the blind and visually impaired.

SECTION 2. US paper currency is defined as any form of US Currency that is printed on paper or paper-like material. UV ink is defined as a printing technique where ink is visible under ultraviolet light, but not under normal conditions. Microprinting is defined as a printing technique featuring very small and intricate designs to prevent forgeries. Holographic printing is defined as printing that appears holographic in nature which makes forgeries more difficult to produce. Security Features is defined as any technique used in the creation or feature of US currency that makes creating forgeries more difficult.

SECTION 3. The US Department of Treasury and US Federal Reserve will oversee the implementation of this bill.

A. All bills produced after December 31, 2029 must meet the requirements outlined in section one.

B. Any currency produced prior to this deadline will still be considered legal tender and of equal value to the redesigned bills.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Little Rock Central High School.*



# Finals Legislation



## 1. The Charitable Foundation Integrity Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code shall be amended to increase the annual payout required of private charitable foundations to maintain their designation as such from 5% to 20%.

SECTION 2. This legislation shall be overseen by the Internal Revenue Service.

SECTION 3. This legislation shall take effect at the start of the next federal fiscal year.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by the National Speech and Debate Association April Docket.*

## 2. A Resolution to Condemn Lotteries

WHEREAS The funding benefits resulting from lotteries are often of questionable necessity and ethical rectitude; and

WHEREAS Lotteries cause disproportionate economic hardship for those who are already economically disadvantaged, often to the benefit of the economically fortunate; and

WHEREAS The widespread existence of lotteries is hypocritical, as it stands in stark contrast to the negative opinions a great portion of the US population holds toward gambling; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED by the Congress here assembled that this body condemns the existence of state sponsored lotteries; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that Congress strongly encourages all jurisdictions to dissolve their lotteries and replace them with reformed, equitable tax codes as soon as practicable.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by the National Speech and Debate Association April Docket.*

### 3. A Bill to Provide for the Rescue of the Great Salt Lake

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. Congress shall allocate \$10 billion to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) over the next decade to support restoration of Utah's Great Salt Lake to sustainable levels. The EPA is directed to work with local stakeholders to follow the recommendations of the University of Utah's Great Salt Lake Strike Team: namely, to leverage the lake's wet years; set a lake elevation range goal; invest in conservation, water monitoring and modeling; and develop a holistic water management plan.

SECTION 2. After ten years, Congress shall conduct an in-depth analysis of the situation and consider extending or increasing this funding if necessary.

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

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

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

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

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