

# MHSAA Congressional Debate State Championship Legislation



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# Prelims

# Legislation A

## The Miscarriage Protection Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government hereby prohibits any state or  
3 private investigations into miscarriages to implicate as potential abortions.  
4 Those who have experienced a miscarriage cannot be fined or imprisoned  
5 under suspicion of performing an abortion. Feticide laws can no longer be  
6 used against the pregnant individual involved.

7 **SECTION 2.** Miscarriage is defined as the natural termination of a pregnancy by the  
8 body. Investigations are any legal action or questioning taken towards an  
9 individual who has experienced a miscarriage.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

11 **A.** Any individual found in violation of this bill can face up to a maximum  
12 of 10 years jail time.

13 **B.** Any state agency in violation of this bill can be fined up to \$20,000 per  
14 offense, and repeated violations can be subject to closure of said  
15 agency.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect June 24, 2023. All laws in conflict with this  
17 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Madison Central High School.*

# Legislation B

## The Defenders Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Every public school with a student population of over 400 will have the option  
3 to have a federally funded legion of defenders. The purpose of this legion is to  
4 provide tactical support if there is a threat or emergency on campus.

5 **SECTION 2.** A public school shall be defined as any school supported by public funds  
6 and has a student population of over 400. A legion shall be defined as the  
7 group of Defenders at a particular site, a legion should be comprised of at  
8 least 70% ex-military personnel. A Defender shall be defined as anyone in a  
9 legion that has met all of the training and the psychological testing and the  
10 physical examination.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense shall oversee a successful implementation.

- 12 A. The DoD shall ensure that all legions have met the standards of gun  
13 safety, the Defenders have completed all of their training and  
14 examinations, the armories at each legion are stocked appropriately for  
15 the types of encounters that may arise, and each legion is appropriately  
16 and proportionally sized to the school they serve.
- 17 B. Each defender must undergo a bi-yearly psychological and physical  
18 examination to screen for mental illnesses or conditions that may impact  
19 their performance or the safety of the public. Tactical response drills  
20 must be conducted at least twice a month, on a weekend, when the  
21 public is not around. If this is not feasible, they must train at a  
22 government site, or with another legion. Any weapons on site must be  
23 kept in a safe in the armory.
- 24 C. The DoD will be allotted 10 billion dollars each year to implement this  
25 legislation.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Murrah High School.*

## Legislation C

### A BILL TO OUTLAW FOREIGN ADOPTION

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The process of adopting a child by crossing the United States national border  
3 shall be illegal.

4 **SECTION 2.** Foreign adoption shall be defined as leaving the country that the citizen is a  
5 permanent legal citizen of, in the efforts to adopt a child who does not reside in  
6 the country in which the citizen has legal citizenship.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

8 A. The Department of State shall utilize its Adoptions Tracking Service to  
9 ensure the enforcement of this bill.

10 B. If the Department of State finds an adoption to be in violation of this  
11 bill, it will contact the adoption parents(s).

12 C. The act of getting a child through foreign adoption will result in a  
13 sentencing with no bail of a minimum of one year and a maximum of  
14 eight years.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2023. All laws in conflict with this  
16 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Oak Grove High School*

## Legislation D

### **A Bill to Abolish Mandatory Minimums for Drug Related Offenses**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-570) is hereby repealed,  
3 abolishing mandatory minimum sentences for drug related offenses.

4 **SECTION 2.** Mandatory minimum sentences are provisions that mandate that those  
5 found guilty of drug related crimes serve at least a sentence established  
6 for a predetermined time.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will be responsible for overseeing the  
8 implementation of this legislation.

9 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect six months after its passage. All laws in conflict with this  
10 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Petal High School.*



# Legislation E

## A Bill to Limit Federal Aid to States

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Federal aid to state budgets shall henceforth be limited to a total of no  
3 more than thirty-five percent of a state's revenue. This limit shall only be  
4 suspended in times of a declared national emergency, with such  
5 declaration being initiated by the President and supported by a two-thirds  
6 vote of both houses of Congress.

7 **SECTION 2.** "Federal aid to state budgets" is defined as any federal program, project,  
8 service, or activity that directly assists state governments.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of the Treasury will be responsible for the implementation  
10 of this legislation.

11 A. Specific federal grants in aid will still be distributed by the granting  
12 agency, but those agencies will be required to report the amounts  
13 disbursed to the Department of the Treasury to ensure compliance  
14 with the legislation.

15 B. The Department of the Treasury is authorized to impound funds from  
16 states not determined to be in compliance with this legislation.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by St. Andrew's Episcopal School.*

**Legislation F**  
**A Resolution to Provide Reparations to  
Descendants of Indigenous Persons Forced into Assimilation  
Schools**

1   **WHEREAS,** Residential schools were established in the United States from the 17<sup>th</sup> to  
2                   the 20<sup>th</sup> century to assimilate Native American children into Euro-American  
3                   culture; and

4   **WHEREAS,** Reports estimate that the U.S. funded over 400 residential schools,  
5                   displacing 20,000 Native American children by 1900 and an estimated  
6                   triple that number by 1925; and

7   **WHEREAS,** Native American children were forcibly removed from their homes, families  
8                   and communities; stripped of traditional clothing, hair and personal  
9                   belongings and behaviors reflective of their native culture; subjected to  
10                  physical, sexual, cultural, and psychological abuse and neglect; punished,  
11                  tortured, or even murdered for refusing to assimilate; and

12   **WHEREAS,** The remains of at least 500 children have been found buried at 19 of these  
13                  schools alone; and

14   **WHEREAS,** Past assimilation programs harm Native American communities to this  
15                  day, as surviving communities face generational trauma, generational  
16                  poverty, and increased vulnerability to serious health conditions; now,  
17                  therefore, be it

18   **RESOLVED,** That the United States Federal Government should distribute reparations  
19                  to the families of Indigenous children forced into assimilation residential  
20                  schools.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Madison Central High School.*

**Legislation G**  
**A Bill to Require Transponders on Airplanes to  
Make the Skies Safer**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All devices that are capable of flight must have transponders on board.

3 **SECTION 2.** A device capable of flight shall be defined as any device that can move in  
4 the air and can achieve an altitude of 20 feet. A transponder shall be  
5 defined as an ADS-B device.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) shall be responsible for  
7 implementation of this legislation. Any company caught selling devices  
8 that are not compliant, sales of that specific product will be halted, and the  
9 company will be fined \$5,000,000 plus \$2,000 for each device sold after  
10 the implementation of this bill. Any person caught having a device that is  
11 out of compliance will be fined \$1,000.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2023. All laws in conflict with this  
13 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Murrah High School.*

## LEGISLATION H

### PUBLIC SCHOOLS MEAL PLAN DIVERSITY ACT

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A bill to subsidize meal plans in public schools for different dietary  
3 needs will be implemented.

4 **SECTION 2.** Dietary Needs will be defined as students that are vegan, vegetarian,  
5 have medical needs such as diabetes or food allergies, and/or have  
6 religious dietary restrictions.

7 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture will oversee the implementation of  
8 this bill.

9 A. The USDA will allocate funding as necessary to ensure that  
10 schools have the proper resources to implement this bill.

11 B. The USDA will only allocate resources to schools that do not  
12 already have these programs in place or incomplete iterations  
13 of this program.

14 C. The USDA, through its food and nutrition service, will also look  
15 into other accommodations for dietary needs not currently listed  
16 in this legislation.

17 D. Schools that refuse to allocate the funds to these programs will be  
18 fined \$2,000 for the first infraction and \$4,000 for the second  
19 infraction. The fine will increase by \$2,000 per infraction.

20 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2023. All laws in conflict with  
21 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Oak Grove High School*

Legislation I  
**A BILL TO LEGALIZE PSILOCYBIN AS A RECREATIONAL  
SUBSTANCE**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Psilocybin will be legal for personal consumption to all adults of 21 years  
3 or older. Individuals will have to show proof of age before purchasing  
4 psilocybin. Psilocybin sold by regulated businesses will be labeled and  
5 subject to additional state and local regulations to ensure that consumers  
6 are informed and protected. Cultivation of psilocybin is universally legal for  
7 persons over the age of 21 if all other aforementioned stipulations are  
8 followed.

9 **SECTION 2.** Additional regulations can include those imposed by state laws, FDA  
10 regulations, and federal consumer protection laws.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Drug Enforcement Administration will oversee the distribution of  
12 commercial psilocybin licenses. The Food and Drug Administration will  
13 oversee the distribution and regulations of psilocybin sales.

14 **SECTION 4.** The Drug Enforcement Agency will open the application process for  
15 psilocybin commercial licenses starting on January 1, 2025. Distribution  
16 and sale of psilocybin will begin at the start of the 2025. fiscal year  
17 (September 30, 2025). All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby  
18 declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Petal High School.*

# LEGISLATION J

## A Bill to Aid Haiti

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall reaffirm its commitment to the stabilization and protection  
3 of Haiti through a five-year stabilizing action.

4 **A.** The United States shall deploy 5,000 members of the U.S. Army National Guard  
5 and 3,000 U.S. Marines to Haiti for the purpose of peacekeeping and stability.

6 **B.** Stabilizing action measures will be funded annually to Haiti at an annual  
7 cost of 3 billion Dollars.

8 **SECTION 2.** This stabilizing action will include, but is not limited to, the securing of voting  
9 locations, training of police and state forces to reduce corruption and promote  
10 public trust, and the inclusion of targeted measures by U.S. personnel to reduce  
11 organized crime and gang-related violence within Haiti.

12 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of State, the Department of Defense, and the Central  
13 Intelligence Agency shall be responsible for the implementation of this legislation.

14 **A.** The Department of State, Department of Defense, and the CIA will report every  
15 three months to the House Armed Services Committee and the House Foreign Affairs  
16 Committee to report on the progress of the stabilizing action.

17 **B.** Funding allocations will be renewed and approved annually for each of  
18 the five years of the stabilizing action. Passage of this legislation  
19 authorizes \$3B in funding beginning 3/1/2023. Funding shall be drawn  
20 from the Department of Defense.

21 **SECTION 4.** Aid will amount to a total of \$3 billion annually for five consecutive years (\$15B  
22 total) and will be distributed as follows:

23 **A.** \$1.5 billion will go towards the country's economy through the purchase of  
24 land for all U.S.-based corporations seeking to build new factories or places of  
25 business.

26 **i.** Haitian citizens must account for 80% of the workforce at these new  
27 facilities.

28 **ii.** Any U.S.-based corporation that qualifies for the grant will receive a 10%  
29 annual reduction in corporate income tax through the official end of the  
30 stabilizing action, to be concluded no later than 3/1/2028.

31 **B.** \$1.5 billion shall go towards funding of the stabilizing action outlined in Section 2.

32 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect on May 1st, 2023. All laws in conflict with this  
33 legislation are hereby declared null and void

# Finals

**Legislation K**  
**A Bill to Establish Presumed Speeding Laws**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall hereby establish only  
3 presumed speeding laws in all fifty states.

4 **SECTION 2.** Presumed speeding laws are laws in which drivers are allowed to drive  
5 reasonably over the posted speed limit as long as the driver is practicing  
6 safe driving. Safe driving is the practice of drivers being alert to their  
7 surroundings and prepared to react to the environment around them.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Transportation and the Department of Justice shall  
9 oversee the implementation of this legislation.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on September 1, 2023. All laws in conflict  
11 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mississippi High Schools Activities Association*



## Legislation L

### **A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Mandate the use of a Public Defenders**

1 **WHEREAS,** Amendment VI of the Constitution upholds the right to an attorney; and

2 **WHEREAS,** In the present day, affluent criminal defendants expect favorable outcomes  
3 compared to impoverished criminal defendants who are reliant on public  
4 defenders; and

5 **WHEREAS,** It is just and the intention of the justice system that cases be decided on  
6 innocence and guilt and not quality of representation; now, therefore, be it

7 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of this Congress here assembled that the following article is  
8 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which  
9 shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified  
10 by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within 5 years from  
11 the date of its submission by the Congress;

#### 12 **ARTICLE--**

13 **SECTION 1.** Criminal defendants in criminal trials must exclusively be represented by  
14 public defenders.

15 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Justice will be responsible for defendant's  
16 representation and overseeing that this legislation and eventual amendment is  
17 accurately enforced and within the United States' justice system.

18 **SECTION 3.** This amendment will come into effect two years after its ratification by this  
19 Congress for hired private attorneys to resolve open cases with their current  
20 clients, as well as for any further reform to be taken by the Department of  
21 Justice and this Congress to ensure the mandating of this practice.

22 **SECTION 4.** This Congress shall have the power to enforce this article with any further  
23 legislation.

## Legislation M

### **A Bill to Ban the Forced Entry of Homeowners into HOAs**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The forced entry of homebuyers into Homeowners Associations is hereby  
3 banned.

4 **SECTION 2.** Homeowners Association (HOA) is defined as any association of homeowners  
5 that imposes any rules or regulations on the homeowners that are not shared by  
6 the municipality the homes are located in. These rules and/or regulations include  
7 but are not limited to rules on house decoration, vehicle placement, taxes/fees,  
8 etc. Homebuyer is defined as anyone looking or actively buying or renting a  
9 property/place of residence. Forced entry is defined as forcing someone to join  
10 the HOA as a condition of buying/renting the home and/or property.

11 **SECTION 3.** A. HOAs will still be allowed to operate; however, they will be unable to  
12 force a homebuyer to join the HOA. If the community is gated, the new  
13 homebuyer will receive access into the community, and will pay a one-  
14 time reasonable fee for said access. If the homebuyer is not a member of  
15 the HOA, they will not be required access into any communal property  
16 owned by the HOA, including but not limited to pools, parks, etc.

17 B All current homeowners/renters shall have the ability to leave the HOA if  
18 they are currently in one at no detriment to them.

19 C. The Department of Housing and Urban Development shall receive \$750  
20 million from the Department of Justice in order to oversee the  
21 implementation of this legislation.

22 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2023. All laws in conflict with this  
23 legislation are hereby declared null and void

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by the South Oregon District.*

# Legislation N

## A Resolution to Recognize the State of Palestine

- 1     **WHEREAS,**     The Human Rights Watch condemns the actions of the Israeli government  
2                     and its forceful occupation over the Palestinian Territory; and
- 3     **WHEREAS,**     Israel's unlawful use of artillery bombardment and forced eviction of  
4                     Palestinians in May of 2021 resulted in the displacement of over 38,000 Palestinians; and
- 5     **WHEREAS,**     Israel's vaccine distribution policies amidst the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted discriminatory  
6                     policies instituted by the Israeli government, with 5,000 vaccines being relegated to a  
7                     population of over 6.8 million citizens despite sufficient vaccine doses; and
- 8     **WHEREAS,**     The Israeli government stands in violation of international law through the Apartheid  
9                     Convention due to their severe human rights violations and extensive discrimination of native  
10                    Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip; and
- 11    **WHEREAS,**     Tensions between the Israeli government and the Hamas terrorist organization will keep rising  
12                    so long as the Palestinian conflict is unresolved; and
- 13    **WHEREAS,**     American diplomacy has the potential to severely deter Israel from violating international  
14                    human rights laws as well as the potential to establish the basis for the expansion of  
15                    American political interests in the Middle East; now, therefore be it
- 16    **RESOLVED,**     That the Congress here assembled recognize the state of Palestine as a sovereign nation,  
17                    with the Palestinian Authority as their de facto authority through the powers invested in them  
18                    through their written constitution; and be it
- 19    **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the U.S. government be encouraged to initiate treaties with the Palestinian  
20                    Authority regarding Palestine's right to exist and thrive as an independent sovereign  
21                    state in an international setting.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by the University Interscholastic League*

# Legislation O

## A Bill to Regulate Fast Fashion

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will place a ban on orders more than \$250 from unethical or  
3 fast fashion companies.

4 **SECTION 2.** Unethical/fast fashion companies are defined as corporations that have inhumane  
5 working conditions, unsafe chemicals in clothing, or harm the environment (i.e.,  
6 Forever 21, SHEIN, H&M, Zara, etc.).

7 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission will work in conjunction with the  
8 Environmental Protection Agency to oversee the proper enforcement of this bill.  
9 A. Any companies found not in compliance with this bill shall be fined \$10,000 per  
10 violation.

11 B. The Environmental Protection Agency will provide insight on practices  
12 executed by corporations.

13 C. The Federal Trade Commission will begin monitoring companies found in  
14 direct violations within their environmental practices.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. All laws in conflict  
16 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Cal Invitational.*

## Legislation P

# A Bill to Abolish the Internal Revenue Service to Promote Freedom, Fairness, and Economic Opportunity

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Internal Revenue Service will be abolished, and all income, payroll, estate  
3 and gift taxes will be replaced by a 23% federal sales tax. Persons who are lawful  
4 U.S. residents receive a monthly sales tax rebate based upon criteria related to  
5 family size and poverty guidelines.

6 **SECTION 2.** A sales tax is a tax on the use or consumption in the United States of taxable  
7 property or services. The term 'person' means any natural person, and unless the  
8 context clearly does not allow it, any corporation, partnership, limited liability  
9 company, trust, estate, government, agency, administration, organization,  
10 association, or other legal entity (foreign or domestic).

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of the Treasury will oversee enforcement. The states have the  
12 responsibility for administering, collecting, and remitting the sales tax to the  
13 Treasury.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2025.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Wisconsin Forensics.*

## Legislation Q

# A Bill to Remove the Statute of Limitations for Sexual Assault and Rape

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal government and the states shall have no “statute of limitation” for the  
3 prosecution of sexual assault and/or rape.

4 **SECTION 2.** Sexual assault and rape will fall under the definitions of U.S. Code § 920 - Art.  
5 120

6 **SECTION 3.** The law will be overseen and enforced by the Justice Department and the US  
7 court system

8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect for in January 2024. All laws in conflict with this  
9 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by the West Kansas District.*

## Legislation R

### The National Anthem Reflection and Reconsideration Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall establish a committee to reflect on and reconsider our National  
3 Anthem.

4 **SECTION 2.** This committee shall consist of 630 representatives, the following entities  
5 appointing one each: the fifty states, the District of Columbia, the five populated  
6 US territories, and the 574 tribes officially recognized by the Bureau of Indian  
7 Affairs (BIA).

8 **SECTION 3.** The head executives of these entities shall have three months from passage to  
9 appoint their representatives to this committee. The committee will then have one  
10 year from passage to research, discuss, debate, and, by a majority vote of the  
11 committee, recommend either the continued use of "The Star-Spangled Banner,"  
12 the adoption of a new song, or some third option to arrive at a new anthem (or to  
13 abandon use of an anthem altogether). The committee's recommendation shall  
14 become law unless Congress elects to overrule it through a new item of  
15 legislation.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate the National Speech and Debate Association.*