

This is the legislation packet for the 2023 Villiger tournament. A few important notes below – **Please Read:**

- 1) This packet assumes there will be no semi-final session — that, instead, we will break directly from prelims to one (long) Super Session. Depending on what happens with our registration numbers and our judge pool, it is *possible* we might add a semis round. Rather than give you provisional bills that may never come up, I will post an update and notify coaches & students by early next week, so keep an eye out.
- 2) Debate will continue until the allotted time for the session has run out. This means there will be no “base-1” agreements that leave a chamber adjourning quite early. Judges will be specifically instructed not to reward speakers who, through a quirk of random precedence, have more speeches than others. Denying competitors who are prepared to speak the chance to do so by adjourning early is considered parliamentary brinksmanship, and thus unsportsmanlike.
- 3) If competitors are going to get together and discuss the docket in advance of the tournament (as seems inevitable), please use the link below. The intent is to prevent some (usually smaller) teams from being left out of the discussion, and then being presented with a *fait accompli* on Saturday morning that they had no way of knowing about or preparing for.
 - a. In this discussion, please speak with one voice per team.
 - b. Respectfully consider all viewpoints, and maintain civility & decorum at all times. The goal is to reach some mutually acceptable compromise, not to build a coalition that runs over the schools left outside. (If some schools are getting their way on everything and other schools on nothing, then you’ve done it wrong.)

Docket Discussion Link: <https://tinyurl.com/2p9rhdkr>

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Session 1

A Bill to Provide Humanitarian Aid to Sudan to Save Lives

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will allocate \$20 million to Non-Government
3 Organizations, or NGOs, in Sudan in response to the civilians affected by
4 the recent Sudanese conflict.

5 **SECTION 2.** a. Non-Government Organizations, or NGOs, are defined as any non-profit
6 organizations that are independent of the Sudanese government.
7 b. These Non-Government Organizations will not correspond with any
8 Sudanese government officials and shall work independently.
9 c. The aid that will be allocated to these organizations will be strictly used
10 towards aiding civilians that are harmed or affected by the Sudanese
11 conflict.

12 **SECTION 3.** The United States Agency for International Development shall be
13 responsible for the allocation and distribution of funds and the
14 implementation of this bill.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately after passage. All laws in
16 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by The Bronx High School of Science.

A Bill to Consider Concealed Speed Traps, Entrapment to To Increase Highway Safety

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The use of concealed speed traps will now be considered
2 entrapment.

3 **SECTION 2.** Concealed speed traps shall be defined as an area of road in which
4 hidden police detect vehicles exceeding a speed limit, using radar, or road
5 markings.

6 **SECTION 3.** This bill shall be overseen by the DOJ, DOT, and DHS

SECTION 4. If any state does not comply with these changes, 80% of federal infrastructure spending will be withheld.

9 **SECTION 5.** Aerial speed-traps must be marked with signs.

10 **SECTION 6.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2024. All laws in
11 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Samuel Gonser, Catholic Memorial School

A Bill to Cancel Student Loan Interest

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The federal government shall cancel the interest rate placed on federal
- 2 student loans in order to minimize students' struggle with the large
- 3 additional amount of money caused by high-interest rates.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** The federal government shall cancel the interest rate (now to be 0%)
- 5 placed on federal student loans.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will take place on January 1, 2025.
- 7 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by The Potomac School.

A BILL TO COOL OUR SOLAR PANELS

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All production of solar panels now requires photonic crystal cooling
3 systems that reduce the amount of excessive heat emitted by 25% or more.

4 Cooling systems should be installed by solar panel manufacturers.

5 Manufacturers who fail to comply will be fined \$500,000 per month until
6 compliance is achieved.

7 **SECTION 2.** “Manufacturers” include, and are limited to, all American owned and
8 based companies.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Agency will
10 work in collaboration to oversee the implementation of the cooling
11 systems.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect in FY 2025.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Session 2

A Bill to Ban Football From Public Schools

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1: The United States shall implement a ban on all organized Football in Public Schools

SECTION 2: Public school shall be defined as any Public Elementary, Middle, or High school. Organized Football shall be defined as any school-organized and run team or club that holds practice or competes against other schools.

SECTION 3: The Department of Education shall oversee the implantation of this bill.

A. Any school or district that fails to comply with this legislation shall only receive 50% of its FY 2025 funding until compliance is met.

SECTION 4: This bill shall take effect at the start of the 2024-2025 School Year

SECTION 5: All other laws in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be declared null and void.

Submitted for Congressional Debate by the Berkeley Carroll School

A Bill to Eliminate the Sale of Gas-Powered Cars by 2030

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The sale of new gas-powered cars shall be stopped on
2 January 1st, 2030.

3 **SECTION 2.** A car shall be defined as a self-propelled vehicle that is
4 operated on highways and roadways and weighs less than 10,000 pounds.
5 Gas-powered is defined as any car having an internal combustion engine.

6 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Transportation shall be
7 responsible for the enforcement of this legislation.

8 A. The Department of Energy shall be responsible for setting up suitable
9 infrastructure for the mass adoption of electric vehicles and necessary
10 regulations across the country.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Gabe Pressman, Needham High School.

A Bill to Grant Refugees Full Access to Education

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States will grant full access to education to all
2 refugees.

3 **SECTION 2.** As of June 2023, there are 2.5 million refugee children that
4 are of school age. Their access to education is limited, with almost half of
5 them unable to attend school at all.

6 A. As a result of inadequate infrastructure, these kids are frequently
7 raised in underdeveloped areas where they cannot receive a quality
8 education.

9 B. These kids will have a difficult time succeeding in the future if they do
10 not receive the proper education they deserve.

11 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Education will oversee the
12 implementation of this bill and will allocate \$50 billion.

13 A. The \$50 billion will be used to create the required
14 infrastructure, hire qualified teachers, and purchase other essentials for
15 quality education.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1 2025.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pennsbury High School.

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Session 3

A BILL TO REVAMP RURAL COMMUNITIES

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** All current federal programs focused on the economic and/or infrastructure
2 development of rural communities will fall under the jurisdiction of a new federal
3 organization called the Rural Development Administration (RDA). Rural areas shall be
4 exempt from Federal Grant Match Requirements.

5 **SECTION 2.** A rural community is defined as a county that includes some combination of open
6 countryside, towns with fewer than 2,500 residents, and urban areas with less than
7 50,000 residents who are not connected to a larger labor market. Infrastructure is
8 defined as the services and systems necessary for a society to function including but not
9 limited to education, healthcare, internet access, and climate protection.

10 **SECTION 3.** The newly created Rural Development Administration will fall under the jurisdiction of
11 the Department of Agriculture

12 A. All of the funding for current programs focused on rural areas will be reallocated to
13 the RDA.

14 B. The RDA will determine how to best reorganize and consolidate the current
15 programs now under its jurisdiction.

16 C. The RDA will also create a new board to represent rural communities in Congress
17 and address inequities faced by rural communities and minorities within them.

18 **SECTION 4.** The transitions detailed in this legislation will start immediately upon passage. All
19 changes will be completed by FY 2029.

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

*Respectfully submitted,
Council Rock High School North*

A BILL TO EXPAND ACCESS TO SCHOOL MEALS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Access to school breakfasts and lunches in all American public schools K-12 will be expanded by broadening eligibility guidelines to include families previously excluded based on unreasonably narrow income thresholds. The program will continue to be operated by the National School Lunch Program, which provides free and reduced-price meals to students who apply through their schools.

SECTION 2. A. Families with incomes equal to or below 250% of the federal poverty rate will now have access to reduced-price school meals, as opposed to the previous 185%.
B. Families with incomes equal to or below 200% of the federal poverty rate will have access to completely free school meals, as opposed to the previous 130%.
C. All public schools K-12 will be advised to inform parents of the revised income guidelines, and to give clear instructions on how a family can apply to the program.

SECTION 3. The National School Lunch Program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, as well as the Department of Education will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

A. It is recommended that the funds accorded to the Department of Agriculture for use by the National School Lunch program be adjusted proportionally to the influx of families applying to the program after the implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect January 1st of 2024.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Danville Area High School

A Bill to Decrease Innovation Espionage

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A special interagency task force shall be created to stop innovation
3 espionage.

4 **SECTION 2.** Innovation espionage shall be defined as any activity of a non U.S. citizen
5 that transmits intellectual property to a foreign corporation, government,
6 or agency.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense (DoD), National Security Administration (NSA)
8 and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will hire more
9 cybersecurity personnel, raise cybersecurity salaries, and create incentives
10 for cybersecurity personnel to work for the government. In addition, they
11 will develop methods to stop cyber attacks aimed at gaining intellectual
12 property and educate companies on how to prevent innovation espionage.

13 A. \$500 million shall be given to hire extra personnel, raise cyber security
14 salaries, create incentives for cybersecurity personnel, and develop
15 methods against cyber attacks.

16 B. \$10 million shall be given to increase awareness and educate
17 companies on innovation espionage.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect three months from passage.

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

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Super Session Legislation

**A BILL TO ESTABLISH STATE ISSUED IDENTIFICATION CARDS
FOR UNDOCUMENTED RESIDENTS**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Article I: State Departments of Motor Vehicles or their equivalents shall provide an identification card option for undocumented residents who apply with evidence of a permanent address in the issuing state.

Article II: "Undocumented residents" is defined as anyone residing in a given country without legal documentation, including individuals who have either illegally entered the United States without inspection, or legally entered the United States with valid visas but whose visas have expired.

Article II: Issuing states shall set the standards for evidence of a permanent address.

Article II: State Department of Motor Vehicles or their equivalents will be prohibited from requesting information on one's immigration status.

Article III: This legislation shall take effect 6 months after passage

Article IV: State Departments of Motor Vehicles or their equivalents shall be responsible for the implementation of this bill.

A. States failing to offer this ID option shall lose 50% of their federal infrastructure funding.

Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Submitted for Congressional Debate by The Berkeley Carroll School

A Bill to Increase Naval and Military Operations in the Black Sea to Deter Russian Expansion

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Department of the Navy and The Department of
3 Defense (DOD) shall increase naval and military operations in the Black
4 Sea.

5 A. The increase in Black Sea operations will come from transferring 50%
6 of current military and naval operations in the Persian Gulf to the
7 Black Sea.

8 **SECTION 2.** “Operations” shall be defined as any military or naval equipment, ships,
9 plans or presence under the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense
10 (DOD) or Department of State (DOS).

11 **SECTION 3.** Implementation of this legislation will be overseen by the Department of
12 Defense.

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

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A BILL TO BAN LEGACY PREFERENCE IN COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

1 **SECTION 1.** The decision to accept potential students at higher education institutions such as but not
2 limited to: colleges, universities, and trade schools shall not be determined on any
3 account of association with family member who is an alumni of the institution.

4 **SECTION 2.** Any of the aforementioned higher education institutions found in violation of this bill
5 shall be fined 20% of their total revenue for the fiscal year of said violation. All fines
6 will directly fund public schools in low income communities.

7 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen and enforced by the Department of
8 Education.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

*Respectfully submitted,
Council Rock High School North*

A Bill to Reduce Carbon Emissions by Imposing a Carbon Tax

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** A carbon tax consisting of \$60 per tonne be implemented upon large
2 corporations in the United States of America that emit carbon dioxide.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Large corporations will be defined as the largest 50% of US based
4 corporations.
- 5 **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency shall be in charge of enforcing this
6 legislation.
- 7 A. A \$500,000 fine shall be placed on any entity that fails to meet this tax.
8 B. 75% of the revenue that is obtained from this tax will be invested in
9 green and renewable energy sources.
- 10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2025. All laws in conflict with
11 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by The Potomac School.