

2023-2024



MHSAA

Legislation Book

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Assignments

- Legislation is assigned for each MHSAA tournament.
- Students MUST use the legislation assigned in the session assigned. The legislation should not be removed or changed from the assigned sessions; however, the order of legislation can be changed.
- Out-of-state competitors may submit legislation to the tournament directors who will need to forward any additional legislation to coaches and competitors.

Legislation Assignments

William Carey University Crusader Classic, September 1-2

Prelims: H, U, AA, AH

Finals: E, AB, I, AK

University of Mississippi Tournament- October 13-14

Prelims: B, AD, AG, AL

Finals: N, K, U, Z

Warrior Invitational @ Oak Grove HS- November 3-4

Prelims: Session 1- O, L, W, AI; Session 2- I, Y, AB, AC

Finals: F, R, AE, AM

Singing River Classic @ Pascagoula HS- December 1-2

Prelims: Session 1- D, J, AH, AJ; Session 2- E, M, AF, AN

Finals: C, G, P, X

Madison Central Mid-State Invitational- December 15-16

Prelims: Session 1- Q, W, AG, AK; Session 2- F, V, Y, AM

Finals: D, R, X, AE

Saints Classic @ St. Andrew's Episcopal School- January 5-6

Prelims: Session 1- C, K, O, Z; Session 2- Scenario

Finals: General Topic

Cowbell Classic @ Mississippi State University- January 19-20

Prelims: Session 1- S, T, Y, AI; Session 2- J, H, AD, AN

Finals: B, N, Q, AA

Dr. Barbara Low Charger Challenge @Oxford High School- February 2-3

Prelims: Session 1- A, G, AC, AL; Session 2- M, V, P, AJ

Finals: L, S, T, AF

MHSAA State Congress @ Millsaps- April 12-13

Separate Bill Book

LEGISLATION A

A Bill to Bar Out-of-State Funding in Local and State Elections

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Federal Government shall bar out-of-state funding in local and state
3 government elections.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Bar” shall be defined as preventing persons or organizations from engaging
5 in specific activities. “Out-of-state” shall describe persons, organizations,
6 and members of organizations not currently residing in a particular state.
7 “Local” shall describe an electoral district, county, or municipality within
8 one state.

9 **SECTION 3.** Out-of-state persons or organizations caught funding local or state political
10 campaigns will be fined ten (10) times the amount donated.

11 **SECTION 4.** The Federal Election Commission in conjunction with the office of each
12 state’s Secretary of State office shall cooperate with federal, state, and local
13 law enforcement to oversee the implementation and enforcement of this
14 legislation.

15 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect on November 1, 2026. All laws in conflict
16 with this legislation will hereby be declared null and void upon
17 implementation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jackson Preparatory School.

LEGISLATION B

A Bill to Change the Legal Minimum Drinking Age of Alcoholic Beverages in the United States

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal government shall amend 23 U.S.C. § 158 (aka “the National
3 Minimum Drinking Age Act of 1984”) to lower the minimum age for the
4 purchase, public possession, and consumption of alcoholic beverages from
5 the current 21 years of age to 18 years of age.

6 **SECTION 2.** “Minimum age,” “purchase,” “public possession,” “alcoholic beverage” and
7 all terms other than the minimum age remain defined as currently detailed in
8 23 U.S.C. § 158.

9 **SECTION 3.** The United States Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Federal
10 Trade Commission, Food and Drug Administration and other relevant
11 federal entities shall continue administer and enforce the amended 23 U.S.C.
12 § 158 as before, in cooperation with federal, state, and local law
13 enforcement.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025. All laws in conflict with
15 this legislation will hereby be declared null and void upon implementation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jackson Preparatory School.

LEGISLATION C

A Bill to Require United States Congressional Districts be Drawn by Independent Commission

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** United States Congressional Districts shall be (re)drawn by an Independent
3 Commission in each state in order to seek fair representation of populations
4 within each District. The members of the Independent Commission shall be
5 eight (8) persons drawn from a pool of twenty (20) state residents who are
6 not members of the state legislature. Ten (10) persons will be nominated by
7 the leader of each of the two political parties in each state’s Senate (or, in
8 the case of Nebraska, its unicameral legislative body). The justices of each
9 state’s Supreme Court will publicly draw eight (8) random names from the
10 pool of twenty (20).

11 **SECTION 2.** A “United States Congressional District” shall be defined as a territorial
12 division of a state from which a member of the U.S. House of
13 Representatives is elected. An “Independent Commission” shall be defined
14 as an appointed body, separate from the state legislature, that is responsible
15 for drawing the districts used in Congressional elections.

16 **SECTION 3.** A. The United States’ Federal Election Commission and Department of
17 Justice, along with state legislatures and Secretaries of State will oversee
18 implementation and enforcement of this legislation in cooperation with
19 federal, state, and local law enforcement.

20 B. Any state that fails to redraw districts via the Independent Commission
21 by January 1, 2026, will be fined one million dollars (\$1,000,000) every
22 month until the terms of this legislation are met.

23 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with
24 this legislation are hereby declared null and void upon implementation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jackson Preparatory School.

LEGISLATION D

A Bill to Privatize the Interstate Highway System

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal government shall terminate funding and oversight of the
3 Interstate Highway System and turn over maintenance of sections and
4 portions of said system to appropriate private entities within the states and
5 territories through which the irrelevant sections and portions of the system
6 are located.

7 **SECTION 2.** “Interstate Highway System” is defined as all roadways officially
8 designated as a part of the national system of interstate and defense
9 highways and roadways under 23 USC 103. “Appropriate private entities”
10 are defined as person(s) or organizations unaffiliated with federal, state, or
11 local governments, which have demonstrably sufficient means and utility to
12 maintain the sustained useability of the highways and roadways within the
13 Interstate Highway System.

14 **SECTION 3.** A. The Federal Highway Administration of the United States Department of
15 Transportation, in cooperation with the Departments of Transportation of
16 the various states and territories, shall oversee the implementation and
17 enforcement of this legislation.

18 B. Any private entity which, in the judgment of the Federal Highway
19 Administration, fails to maintain in usable condition any section or portion
20 of the Interstate Highway System under its purview shall be fined \$500,000
21 per day for each mile of unusable roadway. Such fines shall be deposited
22 into the general fund of the relevant states and/or territories.

23 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with
24 this legislation will be declared null and void upon implementation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jackson Preparatory School.

LEGISLATION E
A Bill to Abolish the United States Patent Office

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Federal government shall abolish the United States Patent Office and
3 all related patent law such that no patents remain, and all current and past
4 “patented” inventions move into the public domain.

5 **SECTION 2.** A “patent” is an exclusive privilege granted to an inventor to make, use, or
6 sell an invention for a set number of years. “Public domain” refers to a legal
7 condition in which intellectual property is not owned by any particular
8 entity and is available for anyone to use.

9 **SECTION 3.** No new or extant government agency is needed to administer or enforce the
10 legislation as it only removes agencies, regulation, and laws rather than
11 amending existing law or creating new law.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 31, 2025. All laws in conflict with
13 this legislation will hereby be declared null and void upon implementation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jackson Preparatory School.

LEGISLATION F
A Bill to Change the Legal Age for Casino Gambling in the United States

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal government shall lower the minimum legal age for casino
3 gambling in the United States to sixteen years of age.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Gambling” is defined as a person staking or risking something of value
5 upon the outcome of a contest of chance or a future contingent event not
6 under the risk-taking person’s control or influence, with the agreement or
7 understanding that the risk-taking person (or someone else) will receive
8 something of value in the event of a certain outcome. “Casino” is defined as
9 any premises (or part of premises) within a designated site where persons
10 may participate in one or more gambling activities. “Casino gambling” is
11 defined as a gambling within the premises of a casino.

12 **SECTION 3.** The United States’ Federal Trade Commission, Department of the Treasury,
13 and Department of Justice, in conjunction with the gambling control boards
14 and/or commissions of the various, relevant states, shall cooperate with
15 federal, state, and local law enforcement entities to administer and enforce
16 the legislation.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025. All laws in conflict with
18 this legislation will hereby be declared null and void upon implementation

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jackson Preparatory School

LEGISLATION G

The UPP Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will implement a Universal Pre-School
3 Program (UPP) to create a strong educational foundation for all children ages
4 three to five years old. The Universal Pre-School Program will ensure that any
5 family with a pre-school aged child will have the option to enroll their child in a
6 publicly funded pre-school program.

7 **SECTION 2.** Pre-school shall be defined as an educational establishment for preschool aged
8 children that prepares them for elementary school. Pre-school aged children shall
9 be defined as children aged three to five years old.

10 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Education will cooperate with state and local
11 governments to implement this legislation. All funds deemed necessary for the
12 implementation of this legislation will be allocated from the Department of
13 Education.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Madison Central High School.

LEGISLATION H

Eating Disorder Treatment Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall create a new governmental
3 system of support for people experiencing eating disorders. This system
4 shall provide therapy, treatment plans, and mental health professionals to
5 assist people with said disorders.

6 **SECTION 2.** Eating disorders shall be defined as behavioral conditions characterized by
7 severe and persistent disturbance in eating behaviors and associated
8 distressing thoughts and emotions. Treatment plans shall be defined as a
9 documented guide or outline for a patient's therapeutic treatment.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
11 (SAMHSA) will be responsible for the overseeing and management of this
12 act. The SAMHSA will be granted 150 million dollars to use in training
13 counselors and doctors, hiring personnel, and facility expansion.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on June 6, 2025. All laws in conflict with
15 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Madison Central High School.

LEGISLATION I

A Bill to Reform Immigrant Asylum

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1 The United States federal government will reform asylum law.

A. All immigrants will be granted asylum, regardless of point of entry, to promote the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

B. Immigrants will receive increased protection in the workplace after entering the United States.

C. Immigrants will be given the same wage and benefits as a citizen of the United States, as well as proper treatment in the workplace, if an illegal immigrant is found in a workplace, they should be reported so that they can give proper asylum.

SECTION 2 The right to seek asylum will be defined as the indiscrimination of all immigrants that cross the border, regardless of point of entry. It also includes the creation of proper asylum facilities for immigrants.

SECTION 3 The U.S. Department of Justice will oversee the implementation of this legislation. Any business or business owner found in violation of this legislation will face a fine of up to \$500,000 and there will be an inspection of the company to decide termination of the business.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Madison Central High School.

LEGISLATION J
A Bill to Ban Plastic Bags

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States Federal Government will ban the commercial use of plastic bags.

SECTION 2. Plastic bags will be defined as a bag made of flexible plastic material used to carry groceries in a grocery store. Commercial use will be defined as any business online or in person.

SECTION 3. The Environmental Protection Agency will oversee the implementation of this bill. Any business found violating this bill will be fined 5,000 dollars for the first infraction, 10,000 dollars for the second infraction, 25,000 dollars for the third infraction, and every infraction after the third would be incur a fine of 50,000 dollars.

SECTION 4. This bill will be implemented on July 1, 2024. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Madison Central High School.

LEGISLATION K
A Bill to Ban Citizen Arrests

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States Federal Government shall enforce a complete ban on citizen's arrests.

SECTION 2. Citizen arrests shall be defined as instances in which private citizens detain suspected criminals.

SECTION 3. The Department of Justice will oversee enforcement of this legislation. Any private citizen in violation of this bill shall be prosecuted for obstruction of justice and face potential jail time up to one (1) year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Madison Central High School.

LEGISLATION L

A Resolution to Increase Arctic Protection

1 **WHEREAS,** The increased effects of industrialization and worsening climate change is
2 harming the earth and life on the planet due to modern industrialized societies;
3 and

4 **WHEREAS,** Reports estimate that the Arctic and its collapse due to environmental harm will
5 inevitably lead to complete human and global extinction; and

6 **WHEREAS,** The Arctic is being destroyed due to major greenhouse gas producing countries
7 such as the United States, China, and Russia putting profits over the health of the
8 planet; and

9 **WHEREAS,** Additionally, almost all planetary species will be harmed by the global extinction
10 that will occur due to inadequate efforts to save the Arctic, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED,** That the United States Federal Government in cooperation with the Arctic
12 Council and United Nations should protect the Arctic, and

13 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this coalition should change Arctic policy to protect the
14 ecosystems, natural resources, and life in the region.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Madison Central High School

Legislation M
A Bill to Legalize Online Sports Betting

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Sports betting through sports gambling websites shall be made legal
2 nationwide.

3 **SECTION 2.** Sports betting shall be defined as predicting sports results and placing a
4 wager on the outcome. Sports gambling websites shall be defined as online
5 pages created specifically for placing wagers on sports results, such as
6 FanDuel, DraftKings, Caesar’s Sportsbook, and other similar pages.

7 **SECTION 3.** A new agency shall be created under the Department of the Treasury to
8 oversee enforcement and preside over state gaming commissions.

9 **A.** Individuals shall be permitted to bet on sports online and use all regular
10 facilities of sports gambling websites without penalty or restriction in all
11 50 states.

12 **B.** Residence verification requirements on sports betting websites shall be
13 eliminated.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by The Mississippi School for Math and Science.

LEGISLATION N

A Bill to Expand the House of Representatives

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The current limit of 435 national representatives in the House of
2 Representatives shall be eliminated.

3 **SECTION 2.** The House of Representatives shall be defined as the lower chamber of the
4 United States Congress in which the number of representatives per state is
5 determined by the state's population.

6 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Census Bureau, an agency of the U.S. Department of Commerce,
7 shall oversee the enforcement of this bill.

8 **A.** The size of the house shall be determined by the total U.S.
9 population divided by the population of the smallest state and rounded
10 to the nearest odd whole number.

11 **B.** The former calculation shall occur in conjunction with the U.S. census.

12 **C.** People may run for the newly created seats during the soonest
13 representative election year after the census if the election and census
14 years do not align. If they do, people may run for the created seats that
15 year.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2030. All laws in conflict with
17 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by The Mississippi School for Math and Science

A Bill to Cap Yearly Tuition of Public Universities at \$20,000 per Year

2 **SECTION 1.** The cost of tuition at a public university in the United States shall be no
3 more than \$20,000 per year.

10 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the U.S. Department of Education.
11 Any university found to be noncompliant with this legislation may be
12 subject to loss of state/federal funding.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect January 1, 2024. All laws in conflict with
14 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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LEGISLATION P
A Bill to Abolish Cash Bail

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government should abolish cash bail.

2 **A.** Cash bail is hereby abolished in the Federal Justice System.

3 **B.** All state, tribal, and local justice agencies that continue to utilize cash
4 bail will lose access to Justice Assistance Grants.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Cash Bail” - Any money paid as a deposit for the release of someone who
6 has been arrested. Justice Assistance Grants (JAGs) - The JAG program
7 provides state, tribal, and local governments with funding to support a
8 variety of programs. including, law enforcement, prosecution, courts, crime
9 prevention, etc.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will oversee this bill’s enforcement.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Murrah High School.

LEGISLATION Q

A Bill to Phase Out Physical Money

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will stop the production of and phase out all physical money by

3 June 30th, 2030.

4 **SECTION 2.** Physical money includes all paper bills and coins.

5 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will be implemented by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

6 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately after it is ratified. The phase out of

7 bills will be as follows:

8 **A.** June 30th, 2025 - \$100 and \$50 bills will no longer be accepted as legal
9 currency.

10 **B.** June 30th, 2027 - \$20 and \$10 bills will no longer be accepted as legal
11 currency.

12 **C.** June 30th, 2030 - all remaining physical money will no longer be accepted
13 as legal currency.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Murrah High School.

LEGISLATION R
**A Bill to Subsidize the Production of Monocrystalline Solar Panels
to Increase Residential Energy Independence**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States will allocate 5 billion dollars annually to Seraphim
2 Solar and Mission Solar, subsidizing the cost of monocrystalline solar
3 panel production.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Monocrystalline solar panels are photovoltaic solar panels made of silicon
5 solar cells.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will be implemented and overseen by the Department of
7 Energy. This bill will be administered in tandem with the Biden
8 Administration’s solar manufacturing accelerator plans.
- 10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect beginning FY 2025. Funding will continue
11 annually until ended by an Act of this Congress. All laws in conflict with
12 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Murrah High School.

LEGISLATION S
A BILL TO COUNTER JIHADIST INFLUENCE IN MENA
(MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA)

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall provide increased infrastructural aid and military
3 support to governing bodies across MENA to reduce Jihadist extremism.

4 **SECTION 2.** All funding purposes and mechanisms are as followed:

5 **A.** The Department of Defense (DoD) shall transfer \$100 billion of
6 their annual discretionary budget to the United States Agency for
7 International Development (USAID) to provide funding for educational
8 and energy development in especially underdeveloped communities
9 in areas most susceptible to terrorist recruitment.

10 **B.** Military branches most responsible to counter terrorism (as
11 defined by the Chief of Staff) shall organize 100,000 personnel in
12 guerilla groups, stealth organizations, and state-of-the-art
13 technologies to subvert terrorist operations.

14 **SECTION 3.** The DoD in conjunction with the USAID shall enhance negotiations and
15 joint operations with regional organizations and governing bodies.

16 **A.** “Jihadist extremism” shall be defined as self-declared entities who
17 conform to revolutionary Islamic ideology, but also conduct,
18 encourage, and perpetuate political violence.

19 **B.** “Regional organizations and governing bodies” shall be defined as
20 legitimate institutional powers who are both recognized by the
21 United Nations and committed to a reduction in Jihadist extremism.

22 **C.** “Guerilla groups and stealth organizations” shall be defined as
23 squads of highly trained personnel under the authority of the
24 Chief of Staff who fulfill antiterrorist goals through combat missions.

25 **D.** “State of the art technology” shall be defined as combat drones, tactile
26 missiles, with the purpose of efficient operations.

27 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect in August 2024. All laws in conflict with
28 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Oak Grove High School.

LEGISLATION T
A BILL TO MANDATE MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal government in conjunction with public schools shall enhance
3 measures to end period poverty across the nation by enacting subsidies
4 and requiring elementary, middle-school, and secondary schools to
5 provide adequate access to proper menstrual products.

6 **SECTION 2.** The federal government shall subsidize 75% of the manufacturing cost for
7 menstrual products to incentivize production. All educational institutions
8 up to the twelfth (12th) grade that receives federal funding shall provide
9 cost-free menstrual products in adequate proportions.

10 **SECTION 3.** Responsible federal agencies shall take appropriate measures to coerce
11 states and territories into compliance.

12 **A.** The tax regulatory process and subsidization shall be solely
13 determined by the US Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service.

14 **B.** The Department of Education and the Federal Drug Agency shall
15 collaborate to ensure menstrual products are provided in
16 appropriate proportions.

17 **C.** If schools fail to comply, 25% of federal aid shall be cut per month
18 for respective school districts until requirements are met.

19 **D.** “Menstrual products” shall be defined as hygiene supplies
20 necessary to manage menstruation.

21 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take immediately after passage. All laws in conflict
22 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Oak Grove High School

LEGISLATION U

A BILL TO GRANT PUERTO RICO STATEHOOD

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The territory of Puerto Rico shall be admitted as the 51st state to the
3 Union with political and fiscal measures enacted to ensure a smooth
4 economic and cultural transition.

5 **SECTION 2.** Appropriate governing bodies shall collaborate with the Puerto Rican
6 legislature in all aspects of the admittance process.

7 **A.** Federal aid to the people of Puerto Rico shall be adjusted to
8 match their proportion and need in a ratio equivalent to the
9 aid provided to current States.

10 **B.** \$50 billion in subsidies shall be allocated to incentivize private
11 investments on the archipelago of Puerto Rico.

12 **C.** The legislature shall appoint a 10-person commission of culturally
13 and ethnically diverse Puerto Rican native to supervise the
14 districting process as to encourage equal representation of the
15 population.

16 **D.** All other provisions not explicitly stated in this legislation that
17 correspond with the admittance process shall be followed to its
18 full constitutional extent.

19 **SECTION 3.** The US Congress shall supervise all agencies to ensure the admittance of
20 Puerto Rico is equitable and smooth, and has full discretion to take
21 further actions after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Oak Grove High School

LEGISLATION V

A RESOLUTION TO ACCELERATE SPACE COLONIZATION

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States is falling behind in interstellar innovation; and
2 existential crises such as climate change threaten the human population;
3 **WHEREAS,** a lack of intergovernmental action to properly address such issues
4 warrants further investment into space colonization;
5 **WHEREAS,** scientific discovery and technological advancement shall be rapidly
6 incentivized to prepare for a potential evacuation of the US population;
7 now, therefore, be it
8 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled significantly expand government
9 initiatives to design a suitable colonization process of habitable galactic
10 bodies; and, be it
11 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the star-spangled banner shall spearhead a future for the
12 nation beyond our stars.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Oak Grove High School.

LEGISLATION W

A Bill to Nationalize the Defense Industry to Curb Spending

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States Department of Defense will be required to go through a
2 Nationalization program. The process of creating or selling Government
3 issued military hardware, data, and data systems by any corporation is hereby
4 Illegal. All further purchases made by the US Department of Defense must
5 be bought from internal Government sources or be created by the United
6 States government. All current DOD contracts will be non-renewed during
7 their next cycle if the contract is with a private or for-profit corporation.

8 **SECTION 2.** “Data systems” are defined as networks for creating, storing, or transferring
9 information of any kind. The “Nationalization Program” as mentioned prior
10 will bar the United States Government from using outside contractors or
11 companies to produce desired military equipment, instead all equipment
12 must be produced in house.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense will oversee the implementation of this bill.
14 All Violations will result in a 10,000,000 dollar fine per infraction and may
15 result in up to 20 years in prison for the involved parties.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Oxford High School.

LEGISLATION X

Bill to Reform Presidential Elections

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will change the date of the
2 presidential election to the Sunday after the first Monday of November.
3 The three days prior to and including that Sunday will become a federal
4 holiday in order to grant people free time to properly research, discuss, and
5 submit ballots for the presidential candidates. Ballots will be open to
6 submission all three days.
- 7 **SECTION 2.** The Federal Election Commission (FEC) will oversee implementation of
8 this bill.
- 9 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2025. All laws in conflict with this
 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Oxford High School.

LEGISLATION Y
A Resolution to Denounce the Use of Space Weapons

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The placement of weapons in space seems inevitable; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** The destruction of and defense against space weaponry is possible today,
- 3 which would result in an increase of space debris; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** The debris from destroyed space weapons and satellites would be extremely
- 5 dangerous for the atmosphere and surrounding satellites; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** The number of debris in space is already problematic; now, therefore, be it
- 7 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled disapproves of and abstains from the use
- 8 of space weaponry.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Oxford High School.

LEGISLATION Z

A Resolution to Petition the UN general assembly to remove The Russian Federation from the UN Security Counsel

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The Russian Federation continues to escalate the war in Ukraine
- 2 **WHEREAS,** All attempts by the United Nations to close the conflict are vetoed by
- 3 powers granted to the Russian Federation as a member of the security
- 4 council
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The Ukraine war has led to 354,000 casualties and the continuing
- 6 degradation of global trade and international relations
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Removing the Russian Federation from the security council will allow the
- 8 UN to take humanitarian actions to help refugees from the war as well as
- 9 setting the correct precedent for intervention in times of crisis; now,
- 10 therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled Shall send a formal petition to the
- 12 United Nations to begin the process of removing the Russian Federation
- 13 from the UN security council.

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LEGISLATION AA

Bill to Enable Early Education of Foreign Languages

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will hereby allow foreign
3 language classes to begin to be offered as an optional class in the fourth
4 grade.

5 **SECTION 2.** Foreign language classes will be defined as a class or series of classes
6 educating students on a language other than English, as well as the
7 culture of the people who speak that language.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee the implementation of this bill.

9 **A.** The Department of Education shall be allotted 840 million dollars by
10 the Department of Defense for this legislation.

11 **B.** Any school districts not offering at least three foreign language classes
12 as specified under this bill may be fined 10,000 to 750,000 USD
13 depending on the size of the violation and the funding of the school.

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

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LEGISLATION AB

The Robin Hood Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will increase taxation on wealthy
3 individuals for the purpose of gathering additional funds for Temporary
4 Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), the Department of Education, and
5 the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

6 **SECTION 2.** Wealthy individuals will be defined as those earning in the top 5% of
7 individuals each year.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will oversee implementation of this bill.

9 **A.** Taxation on wealthy individuals will be increased to 35% of their yearly
10 income.

11 **B.** Failure to comply with the terms of this legislation will result in up to 5
12 years of jail time and a fine ranging from 100,000 to 10 million dollars
13 depending on the wealth of the individual.

14 **C.** Funding gained from taxes and fines under this legislation will be split
15 evenly among TANF, the Department of Education, and SNAP.

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

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LEGISLATION AC
A BILL TO REGULATE CRISPR TECHNOLOGY

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All work pertaining to the use, research, and development of CRISPR technologies will be regulated to strictly medical usage. Any further use of CRISPR technology not delegated to the fields of gene medicine or gene therapy is strictly forbidden.

SECTION 2. CRISPR technology, also referred to as Cas9, shall be defined as the processes in which genes are edited through cutting into DNA and altering the sequence. Medical usage shall be defined as research done on using gene editing technology as a solution to medical conditions (gene medicine, gene therapy, pharmaceuticals etc.).

SECTION 3. The Food and Drug Administration for Biologics Evaluation and Research shall oversee the passing of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation will become effective as of January 1st, 2024. All laws in conflict with this legislation shall hereby be declared null and void.

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LEGISLATION AD

A Bill to Compensate Employees for Poor Conditions

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Employees who have to work outside in extreme weather conditions
3 must receive extreme conditions compensation for the time they had to
4 work in these conditions. Employees must also receive extreme
5 conditions compensation for working inside if the interior
6 faces extreme temperature conditions.

7 **SECTION 2.** Extreme conditions compensation will be defined as giving employees at
8 the minimum a 1.5x pay rate from their normal hourly rate. Extreme
9 conditions will be defined as the standard minimum and maximum
10 temperatures for conditions to be considered too hot or cold respectively.
11 These standards will be defined by each individual state.

12 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Labor will oversee the implementation
13 of this bill.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect in the federal government's second fiscal
15 quarter after passage. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby
16 declared null and void.

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LEGISLATION AE

A Bill to Ban the Exclusive Franchise Tag in the National Football League

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The exclusive franchise tag will no longer be available for general
3 managers of NFL franchises to use on players.

4 **SECTION 2.** Franchise will be defined as one of the individual clubs within the
5 National Football League. Exclusive franchise tag will be defined as a tool
6 used by general managers to prevent players from seeking contracts from
7 other teams.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor will oversee the implementation of this bill.

9 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect the following NFL league year after passage. All laws
10 in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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LEGISLATION AF
**A Resolution to Amend the Constitution Set a Maximum
Age for Elected Officials**

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 shall be
3 valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the
4 legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date
5 of its submission by the Congress:
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8 **SECTION 1:** There shall be a maximum age limit for all federal elected
9 officials. At and after the age of 70 persons are no longer eligible
10 to run for public office. People reaching this maximum age while
11 in office will be allowed to finish out the remainder of their current
12 term. Elected Official means any officer or employee of a
13 Governmental Authority or any department, agency, or
14 instrumentality thereof, including state-owned entities, or of a
15 public organization or any person acting in an official capacity.
16 This shall strike conflicting requirements for elected officials in
17 any section as outlined in the US Constitution.
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20 **SECTION 2:** This will be overseen by the Federal Election Commission and enforced by the
21 United States Office of Personnel Management.

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LEGISLATION AG

A Bill to Illegalize Extreme Tourism

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Extreme Tourism will be made illegal within the United States.
- 2 **SECTION 2.** Extreme Tourism will be defined as any form of travel that involves
3 endangering the lives of participants in daring and unconventional
4 activities, often in remote or hazardous locations, with an emphasis
5 on adventure and excitement. This law will include but is not
6 limited to bungee jumping, cave diving, storm chasing, submarin
7 diving, and space exploration purely for the sake of entertainmen
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- 9 **SECTION 3.** The National Travel and Tourism Office will be over the implementation
10 this bill.
11 A. If extreme tourism is continued by a business, these
12 businesses can be charged 50,000 US dollars per infraction.
13 B. For those individuals that violate these extreme tourism laws can be
14 charged 10,000 US dollars per infraction
- 15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2026. All laws in conflic
16 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Petal High School.

LEGISLATION AH

A Bill to Enforce Filial Responsibility

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** This bill would require that all descendants of an indigent parent provide
2 financial support under the stipulation that said relative is reasonably
3 capable of incurring the cost of such support and the parent was not absent
4 for a period of ten years or greater during said descendants' adolescence.
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SECTION 2. For the purposes of this legislation, financial support is defined as providing for an individual's basic needs, such as food, housing, and medical care if they are unable to do so themselves. Indigent is defined as lacking in the means to afford basic care and maintenance of an individual's necessities. Reasonably shall be defined by the relevant courts on a case-by-case basis.

15 **SECTION 3.** The Administration on Aging of the Department of Health and Human
16 Services and the Disability Rights Section of the Department of Justice will
17 oversee the implementation and enforcement of this legislation.
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19 Any relative who is reasonably capable of providing support and refuses to
20 filial responsibility will be fined \$150 for each month in which care was not
21 provided.
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24 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2025. All laws in conflict
25 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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LEGISLATION AI

A Bill to Regulate Nationwide Campaigns

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will regulate nationwide campaigns.

3 **A.** Individuals that run for a federal office will be restricted to campaigning 6
4 months before the election takes place. The term “Federal office” means
5 the office of President or Vice President, or of Senator or Representative
6 in, or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress.

7 **B.** Corporations, P.A.C.s, and super P.A.C.s that would like to advertise for a
8 political candidate will not be allowed to do so until 6 months before the
9 election the candidate is running in.

10 **SECTION 2.** Organized political debates are not counted as part of a campaign by this bill;
11 however, the candidates are only allowed to debate an opponent that is running
12 for the same office 4 times per election cycle (before the election takes place).
13 These debates can happen at any time. If the individual who is running for a
14 national office must engage in a primary race for their party, they are allowed 4
15 debates before the primary.

16 **SECTION 3.** If this law is violated, the individual/corporation will be fined \$400,000 and banned
17 from advertising/campaigning for a political candidate for 1 month. If the one-
18 month ban is violated, the individual/corporation will be fined \$1.4 million and
19 banned from advertising/campaigning for a political candidate for 2 months. Every
20 additional time this ban is violated, \$1 million will be fined and a month will be
21 added to the ban. This bill is to be enforced by the Department of Justice.

22 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect January 1, 2025. All laws in conflict with this
23 legislation will be declared null and void upon implementation of this legislation.

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LEGISLATION AJ

A Bill to Refocus the Press

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will refocus the press to prevent misinformation,
3 abuse, speculation, and advertising overreach.

4 **A:** News broadcast networks and all associated press are to be barred from
5 narratives that misinform the public This entails that the press may not
6 intentionally withhold crucial details in order to fabricate a narrative that does not
7 accurately represent the facts of any given story.

8 **B:** When reporting on a crime the identity of the criminal should not be used to
9 insinuate systemic injustice unless the case blatantly relates to such issues. In
10 addition, sentiments that perpetuate or instigate violence against racial and ethnic
11 demographics are to be banned from media presentations.

12 **C.** Information provided by a news broadcast network that speculates on a situation
13 using factors believed to be true at the time of reporting will not be punished.
14 Repercussions are only issued to broadcast networks who intentionally
15 misinform their viewers or perpetuate harmful sentiments.

16 **D.** News platforms will be limited to ten minutes of advertisements per hour.
17 Additionally, news platforms are not to adhere to the desired narrative of an
18 advertising partner when doing so would interfere with journalistic integrity.
19 Advertising segments should be differentiated from a news report.

20 **Section 2:** Advertising segments are defined as the promotion of particular products or ideologies
21 that are promoted by an advertising partner. News reports are defined as a detailed
22 account of any particular event or gives a description of any mishap or incident.

23 **Section 3:** The first infraction in violation with this law is punishable by a fine of \$5,000. The
24 second infraction is punishable by suspension of broadcasting license for a period
25 relevant to the damage caused by the network. The third infraction will lead to the
26 revoking of the network's license. The Federal Communication Commission will oversee
27 the implementation of this bill.

28 **Section 4:** This bill will go into effect January 1, 2025. All prior legislation in conflict with this bill
29 is to be considered null and void.

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LEGISLATION AK

A Resolution to Bind the United States Supreme Court to the Code of Conduct for United States Judges

1 **WHEREAS,** Several members of the United States Supreme Court have engaged in practices
2 that would violate the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, and

3 **WHEREAS,** There is no review body in the judiciary, above the United States Supreme Court,
4 and

5 **WHEREAS,** Those practices create situations in which Supreme Court justices adjudicate cases
6 where they know a party involved or may directly benefit from their decision,
7 thus be it

8 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled strongly urges the United States Supreme
9 Court to bind itself to the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, and

10 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** Declares that if the United States Supreme Court opts not to bind
11 itself to the Code of Conduct for United States Judges in a timely manner, the
12 Congress will pursue implementation of this through an amendment to the United
13 States Constitution.

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

LEGISLATION AL

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution Reform the Drawing of Legislative Districts

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:

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7 **SECTION 1**: States shall now be required to prioritize contiguity and
8 compactness in the drawing of districts for the United
9 States House of Representatives and all state legislative
10 bodies.

11 **SECTION 2**: States may only vary from the mandates of Section 1 in
12 order to draw districts to reasonably promote the
13 representation of historically marginalized racial groups.

14 **SECTION 3**: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
15 appropriate legislation.
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LEGISLATION AM

A Bill to Eliminate Fossil Fuel Subsidies

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government will reduce subsidies for fossil fuels by ten
3 percent each year for the next ten years, after which subsidies for fossil fuels will
4 be zero.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Fossil fuels” are defined as those hydrocarbon-based energy sources that are
6 derived from the remains of dead plants and animals and is traditionally
7 understood to include coal, natural gas, and oil.

8 **SECTION 3.** The mandates of this legislation will be implemented by the United States
9 Department of Energy.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on the first October 1 after passage of this
11 legislation. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
12 void.

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LEGISLATION AN
**A Bill to Eliminate Stand-Your-Ground Laws in Order to
Reduce Indiscriminate Gun Violence**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government hereby declares all state-level “stand-your-
3 ground-laws” invalid and establishes a federal duty to retreat in cases where self-defense
4 is judged to be necessary, with the exception of instances where the threatened
5 individual is under threat of violence, sexual assault, robbery, or burglary.

6 **SECTION 2.** Duty to retreat shall be defined as a provision which requires a threatened party to only
7 resort to using lethal force in self-defense after reasonable means of retreat have been
8 exhausted. The castle doctrine shall be defined as an exception to Section 1, in which the
9 duty to retreat does not apply inside the threatened party’s place of residence.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will oversee the implementation of this legislation, in
11 cooperation with state-level judicial departments.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2024.

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

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