

Yale University Invitational Congressional Debate 2024

Preliminary Docket

Out Round Docket

Session Details

A Bill to Aid Myanmar

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall hereby donate and deliver \$200 million in
3 humanitarian aid to the citizens of Myanmar through Myanmar's
4 maritime border with Indonesia. US troops will be allotted as necessary
5 to deliver the aid to USAID representatives at the border.

6 **SECTION 2.** Humanitarian aid shall consist of a combination of agricultural
7 supplication, temporary housing, bottled water, and medical supplies,
8 including but not limited to vaccines and first aid equipment.

9 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of State in conjunction with USAID will be
10 responsible for the implementation and oversight of this bill.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Emily Stevens, Western High School

A Resolution to Save Venezuela

1 **WHEREAS,** Nicolás Maduro has taken over the Venezuelan government and refuses
2 to hand over power; and

3 **WHEREAS,** The citizens of Venezuela have been persecuted for years under Nicolás
4 Maduro’s authoritarian regime; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Democratic elections in Venezuela voted in a pro democracy candidate;

6 **RESOLVED,** This congress authorizes the use of military force in Venezuela to topple
7 the Maduro regime and validate the legitimate results of the most recent Venezuelan
8 presidential election and install a democratic government in accordance with the laws of
9 the nation to enforce the will of the Venezuelan people.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rachel Barold, Walt Whitman High School

A Bill to Ban Fracking

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill prohibits federal agencies from issuing permits for the expansion
3 of fracking or fracked oil and natural gas infrastructure, including
4 infrastructure, including infrastructure intended to extract, transport, or
5 burn natural gas or oil. By 2030 all fracking permits will be revoked. By
6 2030 the United States will be fracking free.

7 **SECTION 2.** Hydraulic fracturing or fracking is a process to extract underground
8 resources such as oil or gas from a geologic formation by injecting water,
9 a propping agent (e.g., sand), and chemical additives into a well under
10 enough pressure to fracture the geological formation.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Agency shall be
12 deemed responsible for implementing this bill.

13 **SECTION 4.** Upon passage, this legislation will take effect July 1, 2025. All laws in
14 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void. .

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Amelia Weinhouse, Packer Collegiate Institute

A Bill to Aid Haiti to Put an End to Gang Violence

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall allocate a one-time sum of \$200
3 million to the joint coalition of the Haitian National Police (HNP) and the Kenya-
4 led Multinational Security Support (MSS) Mission for peacekeeping purposes to
5 combat widespread criminal gang violence and increase political stability.

6 **SECTION 2.** A. "The Haitian National Police" is the law enforcement and de facto police
7 force of Haiti.

8 B. "The Multinational Security Support Mission" is the UN-backed and U.S.-
9 funded international police force, led by Kenya, that aims to restore law and
10 curb gang violence in Haiti.

11 C. "Peacekeeping purposes" are defined as the efforts that prevent conflict
12 between groups or communities that include but are not limited to police
13 training, the necessary resources for peacekeeping, and administrative logistics.

14 D. "Criminal gang violence" is defined as the use of violence or intimidation by a
15 group to achieve criminal goals and maintain power, reputation, or economic
16 resources.

17 **SECTION 3.** The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) shall oversee
18 the implementation of this legislation.

19 A. The USAID shall conduct monthly comprehensive audits regarding the
20 effectiveness of the funding.

21 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lukas Shrestha, Newton South High School

A Bill to Invest in Nuclear Energy

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall substantially increase investment into U.S. nuclear
3 power plants and infrastructure to decrease reliance on foreign energy supplies.

4 The U.S. shall increase the affordability of nuclear energy options by subsidizing
5 consumer costs.

6 **SECTION 2.** A. Nuclear power plants are nuclear power reactors that generate electricity for
7 a power grid.

8 B. Substantially increasing investment is investing enough money to build 25
9 more nuclear plants over the next 10 years. This funding will also cover the costs
10 associated with maintaining existing nuclear plants.

11 C. Subsidizing consumer costs will be defined as keeping costs low enough to
12 stay competitive with solar, wind, and other renewable energies.

13 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Energy will be responsible for implementing this
14 legislation.

15 A. The Department of Energy will submit an annual report on the progress
16 made.

17 B. If logistical or other challenges should arise, the Department of Energy will
18 allocate as much funding as necessary to stay on schedule.

19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect January 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with this
20 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Georgia Karshan, Packer Collegiate Institute

The Paid Parental Leave Act (P.P.L. ACT)

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All corporations either operating within or otherwise based in/founded in
3 the United States are hereby required to provide paid parental leave to
4 all employees, indiscriminate to gender.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. "Paid parental leave" shall be defined as a minimum of 12 weeks of
6 paid leave for all employees who have worked for their current place of
7 employment for at least 1 year.

8 B. Corporations that reported less than \$5 million in annual revenue for
9 the previous year shall receive the funding to carry out today's legislation
10 through the return of 0.5% of the federal taxes from these companies.
11 Corporations that reported more than \$5 million in annual revenue for
12 the previous year shall be responsible for paying for the policy
13 themselves.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Labor in conjunction with the Internal Revenue Service
15 shall be responsible for the implementation and oversight of this bill.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Kendall Wild, Western High School

A Bill to Ban Medical Patents

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All medical patents shall hereby be nullified, and the U.S. Patent and
3 Trademark Office shall be restricted from issuing any and all medical
4 patents in the future. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) shall be
5 allocated an additional 60 billion dollars per year to finance the research
6 and development done by the pharmaceutical industry.

7 **SECTION 2.** Medical patents shall be defined as patents on any medication, medical
8 device, or medical process that prevent other competitors from
9 producing similar medications, devices, or processes.

10 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, the Department of Commerce,
11 and the Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee the
12 enforcement of this legislation.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2025.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sean Robertson, Packer Collegiate Institute

A Bill to Enhance Aid in Latin America and The Northern Triangle

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** To enhance economic and social opportunity in Latin America and the Northern
3 Triangle, an additional \$50 billion in aid and foreign direct investment shall be
4 allocated.

5 A. At least 50% of the aid shall be used to expand the Central America Regional
6 Security Initiative (CARSI) and its humanitarian efforts.

7 B. The remaining funds shall be allocated to foreign direct investment, to be
8 implemented by local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) approved by
9 the Department of State (DOS).

10 **SECTION 2.** “Humanitarian efforts” shall be defined as the development of economic and
11 social opportunity in the Northern Triangle including but not limited to the
12 creation and investment in hospitals, schools, and small businesses with the
13 ultimate goal of alleviating poverty, decreasing violence, and decreasing the
14 flow of migrants at the U.S. southern border.

15 “Foreign direct investment” shall be defined as aid carried out utilizing local
16 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in the region that have been approved
17 by the Department of State (DOS). Aid shall be allocated via the discretion of the
18 implementing body with the oversight of the DOS

19 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State (DOS) shall be tasked with the implementation of this
20 legislation.

21 A. The DOS will do a semi-annual evaluation and audit regarding the
22 efficacy of aid in poverty reduction and violence reduction.

23 **SECTION 4.** Funding allocation will come out of the Department of Defense budget.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ellie Keane, Packer Collegiate Institute

A Bill To Implement Carbon Tax For Green Energy

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A tax of fifty dollars for every metric ton of carbon, in excess of one
3 thousand tonnes, released into the atmosphere will be put on every
4 company that is located within the United States. This money will then be
5 taken and given to local governments to implement green projects or
6 technology.

7 **SECTION 2.** The term green project will be defined as an organized action that
8 benefits the environment, which includes but isn't limited to recycling
9 and community cleanups.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service and the Environmental Protection Agency
11 will be responsible for the implementation and enforcement of this bill.

12 A. Funds collected from this tax will be distributed by the IRS to each
13 State's Office of the Treasurer which will then be given out to local
14 governments who participate in green projects or activities.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect in Fiscal Year 2028.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rohan Batra, Olentangy High School

The Climate Change Compromise Act of 2024

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall implement a carbon tax of \$50 per metric ton of
3 carbon emitted by companies.

4 **SECTION 2.** A carbon tax shall be defined as a tax levied on the emission of carbon
5 through the burning of fossil fuels. Companies shall be defined as legal
6 entities that emit greater than 10,000 metric tons of carbon annually.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy and the Internal Revenue Service shall be in
8 charge of overseeing and implementing this legislation.

9 A. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) shall collect the tax accordingly
10 and increase the tax by \$10 per metric ton annually for companies
11 who fail to comply.

12 B. The tax revenue shall be allocated to the Department of Energy's
13 budget for the research and subsidization of renewable energy
14 sources, as well as the power grid upgrades for the use of renewable
15 energy.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Erin Waganheim, Western High School

A Resolution to Suggest Better Uses for Autonomous Vehicles

- 1 **WHEREAS,** autonomous vehicles have become mainstream; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** major automotive manufacturers are introducing autonomous modes
- 3 and software into their vehicles; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** autonomous functions have led to avoidable accidents due to software
- 5 failures; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** there are concerns that autonomous vehicles are not as environmentally
- 7 friendly as advertised; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** many of these vehicles are being designed not for regular consumer use,
- 9 but rather for specialized commercial functions; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** vehicles for hire or rideshares actively prohibit passengers from sitting in
- 11 a position where they could take control of the car in an emergency; and
- 12 **WHEREAS,** vehicles which are designed to prevent drivers from taking control are
- 13 inherently more dangerous to the general public; now, therefore, be it
- 14 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that autonomous vehicles should not be
- 15 used as vehicles for hire or rideshares.

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A Bill to Prevent Credit Rating Weaponization

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Creditors are hereby prohibited from using medical debt that meets the
3 following criteria from calculating an individual's credit rating score:

4 A. Medical debt that is more than 4 years old as of 2020 or

5 B. Medical debt that exceeds the amount of \$75,000 USD.

6 C. Credit Reporting Services are responsible for ensuring qualified
7 medical debt is removed within 30 days of reporting by the
8 consumer.

9 **SECTION 2.** Creditors are a person or business to whom money is owed. Medical debt
10 is any debt incurred due to the need for prescription medication, non-
11 cosmetic surgical procedures, in home assistance, or palliative care. A
12 Credit Reporting Service gathers and sells individual credit reports and
13 spending histories.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) will oversee the
15 implementation and monitoring of this legislation.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be effective immediately after passage.

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

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A Bill to Protect American Property

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Foreign Nationals are prohibited from the leasing or purchase of
3 commercial real estate if their country of origin appears on the Office of
4 Foreign Asset Control's (OFAC) Sanction List.

5 A. Real Estate Agents and Leasing Companies are required to obtain and
6 store documentation regarding the client's country of origin.

7 B. Real Estate Agents and Leasing Companies are required to report
8 failed transactions due to the OFAC Sanction List.

9 **SECTION 2.** Foreign National is a person who is not a naturalized citizen of the United
10 States. Commercial real estate is property used for business purposes.
11 Leasing Company is an entity that finances and leases property assets.

12 **SECTION 3.** The General Services Administration (GSA) will be responsible for the
13 enforcement of this legislation.

14 A. Real Estate Agents and Leasing Companies in willful violation of the
15 sanction list are subject to loss of license for a period of 5 years.

16 B. Real Estate Agents and Leasing Companies found in willful violation of
17 the sanction list are subject to fines up to \$3 million USD.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect on January 1, 2025.

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

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A Bill to Ensure Responsibility for Online Service Providers

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All online booking or pass-through websites may be held responsible in a
3 court for the conduct of their hosts, contractors, independent providers,
4 or employees.

5 **SECTION 2.** Online booking or pass-through websites are defined as companies which
6 connect service providers such as short-term rentals, food delivery,
7 transportation, etc. with consumers seeking such services.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission will oversee the implementation of this
9 legislation.

10 **A.** If conduct is discovered by the FTC which rises to a level requiring a
11 legal referral, the Department of Justice will be required to seek
12 indictments of both the independent contractor or host, and the
13 online booking company.

14 **SECTION 4.** This will take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

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A Bill to Provide Data Transparency in the Use of Artificial Intelligence

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Social Media companies and ancillary businesses must provide an annual
3 Transparency Disclosure of the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) within
4 their public facing websites.

5 A. AI use tracking prior to the implementation date of this legislation is
6 not required.

7 B. Transparency Disclosure must include uses pertaining to data
8 security, consumer information, and threat detection.

9 C. Transparency Disclosure must include how AI models gather and track
10 the information collected.

11 D. Companies may be required to provide a sampling of up to 10% of the
12 data collected.

13 **SECTION 2.** Social Media companies are defined as businesses that publicly develop
14 and cultivate online communities of people. Artificial Intelligence is a
15 machine-based system that operates autonomously or with little human
16 intervention.

17 **SECTION 3.** The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) will be
18 responsible for the collection of reporting and enforcement.

19 C. Companies failing to provide reporting at the end of each fiscal year
20 will be subject to an initial fine of \$10 million USD.

21 D. Each fiscal quarter of non-compliance will incur an additional fine of
22 \$5 million USD until the report is provided.

23 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect immediately after passage with first
24 reporting due at the end of Fiscal Year 2025.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by The Yale Congressional Debate Tab Staff

A Resolution to Restore X to Brazil

- 1 **WHEREAS,** the Supreme Court of Brazil has ordered all telecommunication
2 companies to block X (formerly Twitter); and
3 **WHEREAS,** this action is blamed on X refusing to appoint a legal representative in
4 Brazil; and
5 **WHEREAS,** Justice Alexandre de Moraes has previously ordered X to deactivate
6 accounts linked to digital disinformation related to the Brazilian
7 presidential election of 2022; and
8 **WHEREAS,** Elon Musk has called such actions censorship; and
9 **WHEREAS,** the bank accounts of both X and Starlink have been frozen; and
10 **WHEREAS,** President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva has spoken out against Musk’s belief
11 that his wealth gives him special rights and privileges; and
12 **WHEREAS,** X has struggled with advertising revenue since the Musk takeover; and
13 **WHEREAS,** the loss of the Brazilian market will make it even more difficult to attract
14 advertisers to X; now, therefore, be it
15 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that it is our sense that the Brazilian
16 Supreme Court should allow X to operate without restrictions.

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SESSION DETAILS

- For the 2024 tournament, Chamber Assignments will be released at least one hour prior to the start of the first session.
- A Presiding Officer will be elected in each session.
 - Voting is required to be run by the Parliamentarian.
 - Results of voting may be requested by the Tab Room.
- For the 2024 tournament, the Yale Congress will adopt **recognition by placard** per the NSDA National Tournament rules.
- Direct Questioning will be in effect for all rounds of competition.
- Recency and Precedence is determined by the Presiding Officer
 - The Presiding Officer must be ready to provide transparency to their documentation to the chamber, the Parli, Scorers, and Tournament Staff.
 - Recency and Precedence will reset each session.
- **Final Appeal:** For each piece of legislation, the Sponsor/Author of the bill will also have a 1 minute 30 seconds Final Appeal speech at the end of legislative debate.
 - The Final Appeal is triggered when the chamber moves to the previous question.
 - This is not scored as a separate speech.
- **Authorship in Prelim Docket:** Authorship rights are provided to the Author of the legislation, not the school.
 - If an author is not present in chamber, Sponsorship of the legislation is open to the chamber members.
- **Out Round Legislation:** Legislation in the Semi Final and Final rounds is open to all participants in the chamber for Sponsorship.