



2024 Laird Lewis Invitational
at Myers Park
Legislation Packet

Please read these docket and procedural rules very carefully. They will be in effect for the duration of the tournament.

1. Each session (Session 1, Session 2 and Finals) has three main pieces of legislation. That is nine total topics to research.
2. Chambers will decide among themselves by a majority vote of the chamber what order to debate the three main pieces of legislation assigned to each session.
3. No additional legislation may be considered. If a chamber debates all three pieces for that session, the session is over. All students should be prepared to speak on each topic for the session.
4. The docket agenda can be amended at any time by a 2/3 vote of the chamber, but students may only move around the three pieces of main legislation for that session. Competitors may not move legislation from other sessions.
5. Each piece of legislation must have a minimum of both one affirmative and one negative speech before calling for previous question. Students are encouraged to debate each topic thoroughly but not to the point of rehash. Chamber members should call for previous question when debate gets stale.

6. RECENCY: Each chamber will receive a randomized list of students from the Tab Room. This list shall serve as the initial precedence list for speeches. Precedence for questions shall follow the reverse order of the speech precedence list. Each chamber will receive a new precedence list for the second session.
7. PRESIDING OFFICERS:
- Parliamentarians will conduct the election for Presiding Officer. Students should
 - not see or count the ballots. And students should not preside over the election.
 - Novice chambers will elect Presiding Officers. Coaches should teach their Congress students how to preside ahead of the tournament.
- There will be only one Presiding Officer per session.
8. Cross examination will use direct questioning with individual questioning periods of 30 seconds until the total cross examination time for the speaker has expired. The Presiding Officer will keep a separate recency chart for this and ensure that all competitors have an equal chance to ask questions. Initial precedence for questioning will follow the reverse order of the initial speech precedence list.

LEGISLATION DOCKET

Finals will not be held if there is only one preliminary chamber.

Session One (Chamber decides order):

- A. The Amtrak Affordability Act
- B. A Bill to Limit Tourism in National Parks
- C. A Bill to End Aid for Ukraine

Session Two (Chamber decides order):

- A. A Bill to Fund Free Public Municipal Restrooms
- B. A Bill to Repeal the Jones Act
- C. A Bill to Mandate Historical Marker Accuracy and Integrity

Finals [If necessary] (Chamber decides order):

- A. A Resolution to Withdraw from the Pandemic Agreement to Strengthen the American Pharmaceutical Industry
- B. A Bill to Ban Foreign Investment in Sports Leagues
- C. A Bill to Ban the Use of Undercover Cars

The Amtrak Affordability Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** For a coach ticket on any given route, Amtrak may charge no more than 50% of the average
3 airfare cost for a comparable itinerary. For fare on a sleeper car (where available), Amtrak
4 may charge no more than an amount equal to the average airfare cost for a comparable
5 itinerary.

6 **SECTION 2.** Congress shall divert an additional \$1 billion annually to Amtrak to subsidize ticket prices
7 and to be used to make Amtrak more affordable and efficient overall.

8 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Transportation, which shall be
9 directed to work with Amtrak to design an efficient and regularly updated system for
10 determining and guaranteeing appropriate fares.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

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

A Bill to Limit Tourism in National Parks

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** In order to better enable the National Park Service (NPS) to achieve its mission, the number
3 of visitors allowed in National Park Areas shall be limited.

4 **SECTION 2.** The NPS is instructed to evaluate an environmentally and logistically sustainable capacity
5 for each of its parks and park areas and to set limits accordingly. The NPS shall have full
6 discretion over the parameters and details of these restrictions, but they are directed to
7 keep matters of equity and accessibility in mind when determining which visitors gain
8 access.

9 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the NPS.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

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

A Bill to End Aid for Ukraine

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall halt the transfer of weapons, supplies, and any other form of aid to
- 3 Ukraine immediately and indefinitely.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Defense.
- 5 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.
- 6 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Fund Free Public Municipal Restrooms

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. Congress shall establish an annual fund of \$500 million to support the construction and maintenance of restrooms in municipal areas that shall be free to the public and open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year (closing only for cleaning, maintenance, and repairs).

SECTION 2. These funds shall be managed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which shall establish a program that enables municipalities to apply for, receive, and utilize these funds. Congress directs HUD to ensure this process promotes the construction of public restrooms in areas that would most benefit from them.

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

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

A Bill to Repeal the Jones Act

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** The Merchant Marine Act of 1920, also known as the Jones Act, is hereby repealed. There
- 3 shall no longer be any restrictions on vessels that transport goods between U.S. ports.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Commerce.
- 5 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2025.
- 6 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Mandate Historical Marker Accuracy and Integrity

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** All historical markers visible from public roadways or walkways shall henceforth be held to
3 the highest standards of historical accuracy and integrity, regardless of what agency or
4 organization is responsible for their installation and maintenance.

5 **SECTION 2.** A historical marker is defined as a sign posted to commemorate an historical event and to
6 provide information about that event for the benefit of the public.

7 **SECTION 3.** The federal government shall invoke the principle of eminent domain to remove and
8 dispose of any historical marker that has not been brought up to these standards within
9 two years of the date of implementation of this legislation. Reasons for removal and
10 disposal shall include but not be limited to factual errors, omissions of key details, and
11 biased representations.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Education, which shall be
13 responsible for assessing the accuracy and integrity of historical markers in addition to
14 arranging for the timely removal and disposal of any substandard markers.

15 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

A Resolution to Withdraw from the Pandemic Agreement to Strengthen the American Pharmaceutical Industry

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States is a current supporter of the Pandemic Agreement, a
2 nonbinding agreement between the US and other nations; and
3 **WHEREAS,** This agreement creates an unnecessary burden for the United States
4 Pharmaceutical Industry and society as a whole through restrictive
5 commitments; and
6 **WHEREAS,** Supporting this agreement hinders innovation and hurts the important
7 pharmaceutical industry, costing American jobs and potential future
8 medical solutions; and
9 **WHEREAS,** Any commitment to this nonbinding agreement is fruitless because of its
10 design, which only seeks to hurt Americans; now, therefore, be it
11 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled withdraws the United States' support
12 for the Pandemic Agreement and to other similar agreements that exist.

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SECTION 1. No foreign company or entity may purchase any stake greater than 15% in any sports league based in the United States.

SECTION 2. Individuals may still purchase sports teams or leagues with permission from the State Department. Foreign owners will not move their teams or leagues outside of the United States without approval by their respective leagues and the Department of State.

SECTION 3. The Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States will be responsible for the implementation of this legislation. The State Department will work with the Office of Foreign Assets Control to implement Section 2 of this legislation.

A. Any league or team in violation of this bill will have 120 days to comply.

B. Individuals can hold a non-controlling stake without approval by the State Department.

C. Any violators will be subject to a fine of one million dollars for each day that they are in violation of this legislation.

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

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A Bill to Ban the Use of Undercover Cars

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The use of unmarked or “undercover” police cars by state and local law enforcement is hereby prohibited.

SECTION 2. An unmarked car is defined as a vehicle used by law enforcement designed to appear that it is not used by law enforcement. All vehicles used by law enforcement should have multiple indicators that they are law enforcement vehicles and should be identifiable in plain sight by common citizens.

SECTION 3. The Department of Justice is responsible for determining compliance with this legislation.

A. Any police force found to not be in compliance with this legislation will lose access to all grants provided by the Department of Justice as well as any other agency.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on August 1st, 2026. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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