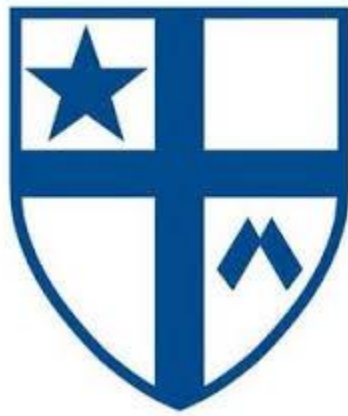


La Salle Forum Invitational 2024



**Congressional Debate
Prelim Packet**

A Bill to Establish Free Universal Healthcare

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Universal Healthcare will be established under the
2 United States Department of Health and Human Services to regulate and
3 administer Universal Healthcare services. The Department of Health and
4 Human Services will cover costs of medical bills, prehospital treatment,
5 vision and dental, prescriptions, and rehabilitation services
- 6 **SECTION 2.** Universal Healthcare will be free and accessible to all U.S. citizens and
7 people in the U.S. with legal status as well as legal refugees. Eligible
8 participants will be able to choose where they get treatment
- 9 **SECTION 3.** Private hospitals will continue to operate under the national healthcare
10 system. The relationship between private hospitals and the government
11 will be loosely based off of the Canadian healthcare system
- 12 A. The government will negotiate with the hospitals on payment on a case
13 by case basis
- 14 B. Medicare and Medicaid would be terminated under this bill. All
15 operations and assets will be shifted to the Department of Universal
16 Healthcare.
- 17 C. The initial budget will be \$3 Trillion. The Congress will decide over the
18 course of this next year how to procure the funding
- 19 **SECTION 4.** All laws in contradiction to this bill are null and void
- 20 **SECTION 5.** This bill will go into effect on January 1st, 2027

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25 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lake-Lehman High School.*

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1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall hereby diplomatically recognize Taiwan as an
2 independent and sovereign state.

3 **SECTION 2.** The following definitions are applicable:
4 A. “Independent state” shall be defined by the Department of State
5 definition as a people politically organized into a sovereign state with
6 definite territory recognized as independent by the US.
7 B. “Diplomatic recognition” is defined as a declarative political act of a
8 state that acknowledges an act or status of another state or
9 government in control of a state.

10 **SECTION 3.** Recognition will be declared and upheld by the U.S. Department of State
11 A. Subsequent recognition of Taiwan would include recommendation
12 before the United Nations Security Council for Taiwanese membersh
13 to the UN.

14 **SECTION 4.** Upon passage, this legislation will take effect on July 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 Ban Fracking

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

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

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

12 **SECTION 4.** Upon passage, this legislation will take effect July 1, 2025.

13 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Council Rock North.

A Bill to Invest In Nuclear Energy

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall substantially increase investment into US nuclear
2 power plants and infrastructure to decrease reliance on foreign energy
3 supplies. The US shall increase the affordability of nuclear energy option
4 by subsidizing consumer costs.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** A. ***Nuclear power plants*** are nuclear power reactors that generate
6 electricity for a power grid; B. ***Substantially increasing investment*** is
7 investing enough money to build 25 more nuclear plants over the next 1
8 years. This funding will also cover the costs associated with maintaining
9 existing nuclear plants; C. ***Subsidizing consumer costs*** will be defined as
10 keeping costs low enough to stay competitive with solar, wind, and othe
11 renewable energies.
- 12 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of Energy will be responsible for implementing this
13 legislation.
- 14 A. The Department of Energy will submit an annual report on the progr
15 made.
- 16 B. If logistical or other challenges should arise, the Department of Ener
17 will allocate as much funding as necessary to stay on schedule.
- 18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect January 1, 2026.
- 19 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void
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A Bill to Mandate the Use of Mancatchers to Prevent the Harm of Police Officers and Individuals During Detainment

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Police officers across all states under the jurisdiction of the United States Federal Government must use a Mancatcher when restraining, detaining, and arresting a noncompliant and or dangerous individual(s). Mancatchers will also be required during the scene of a riot or protest for every arrest or detaining before handcuffs or other restraining devices are used. In cases where Mancatchers cannot be deployed, or will impair the function of an officer of the law, then the necessity for lack of use of a Mancatcher will be determined afterwards in a court of law.

SECTION 2. A) **Mancatchers** will be defined as a pole made out of a lightweight aluminum alloy. The main shaft will branch out to two curved minor shafts with circular ends with blunt, flat rubber caps at the end of each minor shaft and the mechanical arm. On the underside of the main shaft there will be a switch to engage a mechanical locking arm that will be attached on the skywards facing side of the left side minor shaft. The pole will be 4'-4' ½" feet long from the tips of both ends to the point of the main shaft meant to face the police officer or user of the device. The space between the two minor shafts will be 21 inches, measured from one minor shaft tip to another. The mechanical arm will be 21 inches in length. B) A **noncompliant or dangerous individual** will be someone who is verbally and/or physically denying arrest after the point of confirmed intent to be detained by the officer.

SECTION 3. The Department of Justice along with the Department of Labor will oversee the implementation of this legislation along with a one-time budget increase of \$5 billion ceded from the Department of Defense's budget for the fiscal year 2026 for the production of the Mancatcher devices. Beginning with fiscal year 2026 there will be a \$1 million annual, permanent fund for this bill outlined in the fiscal year 2026 budget.

SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect at the start of fiscal year 2026.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Southern Lehigh High School.

A Resolution to Expand the Membership of the UN Security Council to Include Emerging Economies

- 1 **WHEREAS,** the current structure of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC)
2 disproportionately represents the interests of the five permanent members
3 (the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Russia, and China), which
4 were established in the aftermath of World War II; and
5 **WHEREAS,** the geopolitical landscape has significantly changed since the
6 establishment of the UNSC, with emerging economies such as India, Brazil,
7 South Africa, and others playing a crucial role in global stability; and
8 **WHEREAS,** the exclusion of these emerging economies from permanent membership
9 undermines the legitimacy of the UNSC, contributing to a lack of
10 representation and inclusivity in addressing global security challenges; and
11 **WHEREAS,** expanding the membership of the UNSC to include emerging economies
12 would promote a more democratic global governance system, along with
13 representation from different regions that would improve the
14 decision-making process by incorporating a wider range of perspectives,
15 particularly on issues affecting the Global South; now, therefore, be it
16 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled calls upon the United Nations to expand
17 the membership of the Security Council by including permanent seats for
18 emerging economies with significant geopolitical influence.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Garnet Valley High School

A Bill to that Mandate All Students are Required to be Formally Instructed on CPR Procedures

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States will allocate a combined 375,000,000 dollars to the
- 2 Department of Education, the Department of Health, and the Departme
- 3 of Labor in order to educate all students on CPR procedures.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Students shall be defined as all school going children in grades 9th throu
- 5 12th.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health will be allocated 110,000,000 dollars in order
- 7 buy the Red Cross Instructor Kits as well as other supplies and dispense
- 8 them to all schools, both private and public, throughout the states. The
- 9 Department of Labor will receive an allocation of 260,000,000 dollars in
- 10 order to sufficiently pay all teachers under this program.
- 11 A. The Department of Education and the Department of Health will joir
- 12 together. With a joint budgeting of 5,000,000 dollars in order to crea
- 13 the curriculum of the aforementioned program.
- 14 B. The curriculum shall include per school, eight specially trained teach
- 15 2 per grade, that are required to teach a combined yearly total of 10
- 16 CPR instructing hours per year.
- 17 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect in FY 2025. All laws in conflict with this legislation
- 18 are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Notre Dame.

A Bill to Remove Profit From Hospice Care Facilities

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Should any hospice care facility report a live discharge rate higher than that
2 determined by the national average, the facility is subject to governmental
3 review. Additionally, hospice licenses must be reviewed after 24 months as
4 well as inspected every 24 months to ensure quality of care.

5 **SECTION 2.** A 'live discharge rate' shall be defined as the number of patients who are
6 discharged alive from hospice care. 'Governmental review' shall be defined
7 as inspections performed by state departments of public health.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services and Centers for Medicare &
9 Medicaid Services will oversee the implementation of this bill.

10 A. CMS will inspect hospice facilities under governmental review on a
11 bi-monthly basis.

12 B. CMS will institute a system of fines for any quality issues, levied until
13 compliance is reached.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation 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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27 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Strath Haven High School.*

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Saudi Arabian Resolution (S.A.D.)

1 **WHEREAS,** Saudi Arabia has been aided in the murder of Yemeni people by the United
2 States Congress; and
3 **WHEREAS,** Congress has sold arms to Saudi Arabia in exchange for oil and other
4 commodities; and
5 **WHEREAS,** These weapons have been used in the murder of Yemeni citizens; be it
6 **RESOLVED,** This congress shall halt any funding towards arms sales to Saudi Arabia and
7 shall call for an end to the United States military alliance with Saudi Arabia.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Council Rock North.

A Bill to Reform American Prison Labor Programs

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Incarcerated individuals shall have the right to choose to participate in labor
2 programs and will be compensated for their participation at a rate of at least
3 50% of the state hourly minimum wage. All prison labor programs shall be
4 subject to federal and state health and safety laws.

5 **SECTION 2.** *Incarcerated individual* refers to any person who serves a criminal sentence
6 in any federal, state, or local jail, prison, or correctional institution. *Prison*
7 *Labor programs* are defined as any work activity or employment
8 opportunity within or outside of the prison facility

9 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Prisons
10 shall oversee the fair treatment of incarcerated laborers, ensuring that they
11 are amply compensated and that all labor programs comply with federal and
12 state health and safety standards.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect in FY 2026

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

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24 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Archbishop Wood High School.*

A Bill to Increase Offshore Windfarms to Preserve Land

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The government will sponsor the construction of new offshore windfarms.

2 **SECTION 2.** An offshore wind farm is a group of wind turbines built floating on the
3 ocean, which produce much more energy than traditional wind turbines.

4 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department Energy will redirect 4 billion from funds
5 meant for renewable resources for this endeavor.

6 A. This bill is meant to combat the large amount of land traditional renewables use

7 B. The department shall build no more than 500 offshore wind turbines; however, can
8 adjust the number based on availability and price

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect in January 1, 2026

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

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27 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by La Salle College High School*

A Bill to Require Menstrual Products in all Female and Gender-Neutral Bathrooms

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All public and private female and gender-neutral restrooms will be required
2 to keep a stocked supply of menstrual products free of charge for all users
3 that will be restocked weekly.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Menstrual products will be defined as products used to catch menstrual flow,
5 like pads or tampons. A “stocked supply” will be defined as 30 or more of
6 such products within a given bathroom.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the
8 implementation of this legislation.
- 9 A. All private businesses will be required to supply these products from
10 their own funds.
- 11 B. All funding necessary for the implementation of this legislation for public
12 restrooms will come from the budget for the Department of Defense.
- 13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the beginning of fiscal year 2027 to allow
14 for a two year transition period.
- 15 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by State College Area High School

A Bill to Enact Term Limits for Senate and the House of Representatives

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** This bill will enact a law that sets a two-term limit for senators and
2 representatives at the federal level to ensure new candidates and new ideas.

3 **SECTION 2.** Senators that are already in the middle of their term as of the enacting this
4 law will be able to serve out their term.

5 **SECTION 3.** This law will go into effect before the 2026 midterm elections. All law in
6 conflict with this will be null and voided.

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10 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Gettysburg Area High School.*

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A Bill to Provide Aid to Refugee Crisis in Jordan

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** This legislation will provide humanitarian aid, to aid the refugee crisis in
- 2 Jordan.
- 3 **SECTION 2.**
- 4 A. Jordan hosts one of the largest numbers of registered refugees per
- 5 capita in the world: 1 out of every 15 people is a refugee in Jordan.
- 6 Since the beginning of the crisis in Syria, Jordan has shouldered the
- 7 primary responsibility for hosting Syrian refugees. The presence of
- 8 refugees has put pressure on basic infrastructure and services, affecting
- 9 both Syrians and vulnerable Jordanians.
- 10 B. Without assistance or aid, Jordan will have to turn down the entrance
- 11 of refugees into Jordan, leading to an international crisis.
- 12 **SECTION 3.** Jordan will receive \$15 billion in humanitarian aid in the form of cash,
- 13 supplies, building materials, food, and anything else this congress deems
- 14 appropriate.
- 15 A. The US Agency for International Development will send aid in
- 16 increments as seen fit, over the course of 2 years. This will be to
- 17 prevent any possibility of negative impacts to the economy of Jordan.
- 18 B. The US Agency for International Development will promote the building
- 19 of businesses through this humanitarian aid, to assist in building a more
- 20 sustainable economy in Jordan.
- 21 **SECTION 4.** The United States Agency for International Development's Bureau for
- 22 Humanitarian Assistance will oversee the implementation of this
- 23 legislation, and an extra \$15 billion will be allocated to the annual budget
- 24 of the United States Agency for International Development by Congress.
- 25 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect immediately following the passing of this
- 26 legislation.
- 27 **SECTION 6.** This legislation will go into effect in January 2025.
- 28 **SECTION 7.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pennsbury High School.

A Bill to Strengthen Safety Regulations for Gun Ownership to Protect Public Safety

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The federal government shall implement stricter safety regulations for gun
2 ownership, including mandatory federal background checks, yearly safety
3 inspections for all firearms, and a renewable safety license required for
4 possession.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** A. "Federal Background Check" shall be defined as a review of criminal,
6 mental health, and other relevant records to determine eligibility for firearm
7 possession.
8 B. "Safety Inspection" shall be defined as an annual examination conducted
9 by a certified firearm specialist to ensure safe operation and compliance
10 with federal standards.
11 C. "Safety License" shall be defined as a certification that the firearm
12 owner has met all legal, safety, and training requirements to possess a
13 firearm, renewed every five years.
- 14 **SECTION 3.** A. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) shall
15 oversee the enforcement of this legislation. An extra 6 billion dollars a year
16 will be allocated from the government.
17 B. State-level law enforcement agencies will assist in performing
18 background checks, firearm safety inspections, and managing the issuance
19 and renewal of safety licenses.
20 C. Firearm owners found to be non-compliant with this legislation will face
21 fines or revocation of firearm privileges.
- 22 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2025. All laws in conflict with
23 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by La Salle College High School.

A Bill to Abolish the Death Penalty

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The death penalty will be hereby outlawed as a form of punishment across
2 the United States.

3 **SECTION 2.** Let the death penalty be defined as the punishment of execution
4 administered to those legally convicted of a capital crime.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Bureau of Prisons (BoP) will oversee the implementation of this
6 bill.

7 A. All funds that go towards the death penalty will be reallocated back to
8 the prison systems for better conditions, security, and resources.

9 B. Those on Death Row in the United States will hereby have their
10 sentences switched to life in prison without parole.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage.

12 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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The SOL Bill: Saving Our Light Bill

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Daylight Savings Time will be permanent year-round.
- 2 **SECTION 2.** A) Daylight Savings is the time currently in place during the summer
- 3 months in the United States, as opposed to centering the local time on
- 4 time zones based on solar noon.
- 5 B) States and Territories that observe permanent standard time due to
- 6 their location are not required to switch to permanent daylight savings
- 7 time. This currently includes Arizona, Guam, Hawaii, Northern Mariana
- 8 Islands, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands. These states and territor
- 9 may switch to Daylight Savings Time in the future if they choose, but ma
- 10 not switch back afterwards.
- 11 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Transportation will oversee the
- 12 implementation of the bill.
- 13 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented in the Fall of 2025, when the clocks will no
- 14 longer switch back to Standard Time.
- 15 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void
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- 25 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by The Hill School.*

A Bill to Decrease the Cost of Prescription Drugs

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States will cap markup prices by companies, specifically for
2 prescription medication.

3 A. The United States will cap markup prices by companies at 7% for
4 prescription drugs.

5 B. Companies that fail to comply will be take on profits that are
6 double the percentage of markup costs.

7 **SECTION 2.** The following definitions are applicable.

8 C. Prescription drugs will be defined as any medication/drug
9 obtained
10 with a prescription.

11 D. Markup caps will be defined as the maximum percentage a
12 company can raise the price of the medication to gain more profit.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) along with the Internal Revenue Service
14 (IRS) will oversee the enforcement and implementation of this legislation.

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

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

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A Note For Finals: Finals for both JV and Varsity Congress will be a scenario. A memo will be posted prior to the tournament with more information.