

Coast Forensic League
Congressional Debate and Presiding
Officer State Qualifying Tournament

Saturday—March 8, 2025

Hosted IN-PERSON at Archbishop Mitty High
School

Address: 5000 Mitty Way, San Jose, CA 95129

Official Legislative Docket

Legislative Agenda

Preliminary Legislation—The preliminary round legislation may only be debated in Rounds 1 and 2. Each individual chamber in the preliminary rounds may set the docket to debate three pieces of legislation per round in any particular order. The docket nomination and selection process for both Rounds 1 and 2 must be initiated and completed at the start of the legislative session of Round 1.

- 1) A Bill to Cap the Cost of College Attendance to Make Higher Education Affordable (Bellarmine College Preparatory)
- 2) A Bill to Hold Social Media Companies Accountable (Archbishop Mitty High School)
- 3) A Bill to Abolish U.S. ICE to Decrease Human Rights Violations (Leland High School)
- 4) A Bill to Revolutionise Homegrown AI (Pinewood School)
- 5) A Bill to Forgive Student Loan Debt (Archbishop Mitty High School)
- 6) A Bill to Prohibit the Carry of Firearms to Make America Safer (Leland High School)

Supersession Legislation—The supersession round legislation may only be debated in the Final Round supersession. The legislative docket for the supersession must be established at the beginning of the final round supersession, and must include all pieces of legislation on the legislative agenda. The legislation will be considered “authorless” — no speaker may claim authorship on any piece of supersession round legislation, and the selection of the sponsorship (first affirmative) speaker shall be based on CHSSA procedure.

- 1) Repeal of the Authorization for Use of Military Force
- 2) The Defending from Existential Threats to Eastern Republics (D.E.T.E.R.) Act
- 3) Sustainable Communities Act of 2025

A Bill to Cap the Cost of College Attendance to Make Higher Education Affordable

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All state and private colleges or universities will follow a federal mandated maximum cost
3 of attendance at \$30,000. Any colleges or universities that do not follow this mandated
4 pricing will be subject to removal of their tax-exempt status.

5 **SECTION 2.** "Cost of attendance" shall include tuition, room and board, and other fees imposed on a
6 student by the college.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall oversee the implementation of this bill. The Internal
8 Revenue Service will oversee penalty enforcement.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on August 1, 2025.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bellarmine College Preparatory.

A Bill to Hold Social Media Companies Accountable

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Subsection (c) of Section 230 of Title 47 of the United States
2 Code shall hereby be repealed, thereby holding social media companies
3 accountable for posts on their site.

4 **SECTION 2.** Social Media companies shall be defined as platforms where
5 content is user-generated, including but not limited to: Youtube, X,
6 Instagram, Reddit, Tiktok, and Facebook.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Communications Commission will oversee the
8 implementation of this legislation

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Archbishop Mitty High School.

A Bill to Abolish U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to Decrease Human Rights Violations

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall hereby abolish the U.S. Immigration and Customs
2 Enforcement (ICE). All funding previously delegated to the agency will
3 instead be granted toward the naturalization process.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. “Abolish” shall be defined as the ending of all previously established
5 duties of an organization.

6 B. “Naturalization” shall be defined as the admittance of a foreigner to the
7 citizenship of a country.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security shall oversee the implementation of
9 this legislation.

10 A. Funding previously granted to ICE shall be rerouted to the United States
11 Citizenship and Immigration Services.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on June 1, 2025. All laws in conflict with this
13 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Leland High School.

A Bill to Revolutionise Homegrown AI

BE IT ENACTED BY CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1: The U.S. government will provide funding for the creation of facilities to research AI development : an AI research facility is a facility with the sole purpose of researching and developing new AI technologies.

SECTION 2: These AI research facilities will be built away from major population centers and will have employee housing on site.

SECTION 3: The Department of Energy will provide security and oversight in the construction and operation of these facilities.

SECTION 4: All laws and conflict with this bill are hereby null and void.

SECTION 5: The government will start the process of funding these AI research facilities by 1 June 2025.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pinewood School

A Bill to Forgive Student Loan Debt

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All current federally subsidized student loan debt will be
2 forgiven with no further obligation to repay such debt in any form.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Federal student loan debt is defined as the money borrowed
4 by students from the U.S. government to pay for higher education, which
5 must be repaid with interest over time.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Education shall be tasked
7 with the implementation of this legislation.
- 8 A. After one year of implementation, the department will conduct an
9 evaluation assessing the efficacy of the program. New plans for student
10 loan forgiveness will then be created based on the results.
- 11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on April 1, 2025. All laws in
12 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Archbishop Mitty.

A Bill to Prohibit the Carry of Firearms to Make America Safer

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States government shall hereby make the ability to carry
2 firearms with the exception of handguns illegal. Any person in violation of
3 the terms of this legislation shall be subject to at least 6 months in prison.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Handguns will be the only gun legal to be carried. All rifles, shotguns,
5 semi-automatic, automatic, and larger guns of the sort will be illegal for
6 concealment with the exception of verified job occupations.
- 7 A. “Verified job occupations” include but are not limited to armed
8 guards, military officers, private security, and law enforcement.
- 9 B. “Carry” shall be defined as possessing a firearm in public in a way
10 that is visible or not visible to others.
- 11 C. “Concealment” shall be defined as the action of preventing a gun
12 from being known.
- 13 **SECTION 3.** All gun owners will be required to undergo a mental check and evaluation
14 every year to address safety concerns related to firearm possession. If the
15 mental stability of any household member is compromised, the firearm will
16 be subject to rescission.
- 17 **SECTION 4.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives shall oversee the
18 implementation of enforcement of this legislation.
- 19 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2027. All laws in conflict with
20 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Leland High School.

Repeal of the Authorization for Use of Military Force

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Congress finds that the Authorization for Use of Military Force (Public Law
2 107—40; 50 U.S.C. 1541 note), signed into law on September 18, 2001, has
3 been used to justify a broad and open-ended authorization for the use of
4 military force and such an interpretation is inconsistent with the authority
5 of Congress to declare war and make all laws for executing powers vested
6 by the Constitution in the Government of the United States
- 7 **SECTION 2.** Effective two-hundred and forty (240) days after the date of the enactment
8 of this Act, the Authorization for Use of Military Force (Public Law 107—40;
9 50 U.S.C. 1541 note) is hereby repealed.
- 10 **SECTION 3.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced from the 2021 NSDA Nationals House Finals Legislative Docket; adopted from H.R. 225 as introduced in the 117th Congress

The Defending from Existential Threats to Eastern Republics (D.E.T.E.R.) Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Recognizing the growing threat to Taiwan’s security,
2 A. The United States shall hereby establish military bases in Taiwan.
3 B. The United States shall deploy 10,000 troops to Taiwan.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** A. “Military Bases” are hereby defined as permanent facilities built to
5 house US troops and military equipment for sustained operations of at
6 least one year.
7 1) This can include airfields, barracks, garrisons, navy bases,
8 radar stations, and other infrastructure.
- 9 B. “Taiwan” for the purposes of this bill encompasses the island of Taiwan
10 and 167 outlying islands under the control of the Republic of China (ROC).
- 11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense shall oversee the implementation of this bill.
12 A. The US Department of State shall draft a Status of Forces Agreement for
13 ratification by the US Senate and the Taiwanese Legislative Yuan. If the
14 agreement is not mutually ratified within six (6) months, no action shall be
15 taken under this legislation.
- 16 B. The US Army Corps of Engineers shall estimate the costs of constructing
17 and operating new bases and shall report these costs to Congress by the
18 beginning of FY 2027. These costs shall be met through future National
19 Defense Authorization Acts.
- 20 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.
- 21 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced from the 2024 Barkley Forum for High Schools Exhibition Round Legislative Docket

Sustainable Communities Act of 2025

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** In order to reduce the impact of the transportation sector on US
2 greenhouse gas emissions and mitigate urban sprawl, this Congress hereby
3 requires States to:
- 4 A) Prohibit the construction of new single-family homes that are not within a
5 half-mile walking distance of high quality public transit service, and to
6 B) Prohibit exclusionary zoning laws that ban the construction of high-density
7 housing within a half-mile walking distance of high quality public transit service.
8 C) Twenty percent (20%) of Highway Trust Fund allocations shall be withheld from
9 states deemed to be out of compliance with this legislation.
- 10 **SECTION 2.**
- 11 A) “High quality public transit service” shall be bus or rail service that runs every 15
12 minutes during peak commute hours and every half hour during non-peak
13 commute hours.
14 B) “High-density housing” is defined as multi-family residential dwellings that are
15 three to five stories high and include between four to ten units that are at least
16 600 square feet in area.
- 17 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department
18 of Transportation shall implement and enforce this legislation.
- 19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect by January 1, 2026.
- 20 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced and adapted from the 2022 CHSSA State Championship Legislative Docket—the original
“Sustainable Communities Act of 2022” was submitted by Jeffrey Everett of Monroe High School*