

Legislation Packet for The Bucks County Invitational November 16, 2024

The legislation items offered for debate within this packet constitute the docket for Congressional Debate at the Bucks County Invitational on November 16, 2024.

Participants will vote on the order of debate (the agenda) at the start of the legislative session. In a division with a single chamber, this agenda may consist of any legislation items in this packet. If a division has multiple chambers, items 11-14 will be reserved for the Final session.

In all cases, it is expected that agenda creation is an open, inclusive, and transparent process. Thus, adopting any agenda requires a 2/3 majority vote; the Parliamentarian will discourage motions to amend the agenda, and any motion to revise the agenda similarly requires a 2/3 majority vote.

Otherwise, the tournament will use NCFL rules for Congressional Debate.

A Bill to Provide Aid to Refugee Crisis in Jordan

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. This legislation will provide humanitarian aid, to aid the refugee crisis in Jordan.

SECTION 2.

A. Jordan hosts one of the largest numbers of registered refugees per capita in the world: 1 out of every 15 people is a refugee in Jordan.

Since the beginning of the crisis in Syria, Jordan has shouldered the primary responsibility for hosting Syrian refugees. The presence of refugees has put pressure on basic infrastructure and services, affecting both Syrians and vulnerable Jordanians.

B. Without assistance or aid, Jordan will have to turn down the entrance of refugees into Jordan, leading to an international crisis.

SECTION 3. Jordan will receive \$15 billion in humanitarian aid in the form of cash, supplies, building materials, food, and anything else this congress deems appropriate.

C. The US Agency for International Development will send aid in increments as seen fit, over the course of 2 years. This will be to prevent any possibility of negative impacts to the economy of Jordan.

D. The US Agency for International Development will promote the building of businesses through this humanitarian aid, to assist in building a more sustainable economy in Jordan.

SECTION 4. The United States Agency for International Development's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance will oversee the implementation of this legislation, and an extra \$15 billion will be allocated to the annual budget of the United States Agency for International Development by Congress.

SECTION 5. This legislation will take effect immediately following the passing of this legislation.

SECTION 6. This legislation will go into effect in January 2025.

SECTION 7. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Invest in Nuclear Energy

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Council Rock High School North

A Bill to Strengthen U.S. Nuclear Energy Infrastructure

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States will significantly expand its investment in nuclear power
2 infrastructure, including the development and enhancement of U.S.
3 nuclear power plants, to reduce dependency on foreign energy sources and
4 make nuclear energy more accessible and affordable.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** Nuclear power plants refer to nuclear reactors designed to produce
6 electricity for the national grid. "Significantly expanding investment"
7 includes funding sufficient to construct 25 additional nuclear plants over
8 the next decade, as well as covering the maintenance of current facilities.
9 "Making nuclear energy more affordable" will involve subsidizing consumer
10 costs to remain competitive with solar, wind, and other renewable energy
11 sources.
- 12 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) will oversee the implementation of
13 this bill.
- 14 A. The DOE will submit yearly progress reports to Congress.
- 15 B. If challenges arise, the DOE is authorized to allocate additional funds as
16 needed to keep the project on schedule.
- 17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2026. All conflicting laws are hereby
18 repealed.
- 19 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ridge High School.

A BILL TO REMOVE PROFIT FROM HOSPICE CARE FACILITIES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Strath Haven

A Bill to Strengthen Voter Registration

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All U.S. citizens are subject to annual verification of their identity within

3 the United States, per the following denotations:

4 A. Questioned citizens must be, and will be required to, complete voter
5 registration.

6 B. Citizens who retain multiple residences in more than one state will be
7 required to complete verification per each residence.

8 **SECTION 2.** Those eligible for voting within the United States are defined by satisfying
9 the following criteria:

10 A. Individual citizens of the United States are by law, birth, or
11 naturalization.

12 C. Individuals who are at least eighteen years old, on or prior to Election
13 Day.

14 **SECTION 3.** Verification will consist of a multiple-choice, twenty-question U.S.
15 patriotism test, as well as proof of state-distributed driver's license; proof
16 of residence; Social Security card; and Real ID, if applicable.

17 **SECTION 4.** The Federal Election Commission (FEC) will oversee the implementation
18 and monitoring of this legislation and is responsible for all inquiries.

19 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect at the start of FY 2027.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Holy Ghost Preparatory School.

A Bill to Ban Fracking

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

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.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Newtown Middle School

A Bill to Provide Aid to the Philippines

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** This legislation will send 10 billion dollars over the course of 5 years in aid
2 to minimize those emigrating from the Philippines and bolster their
3 economy.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** The Philippines have a large emigration of professionals and educated
5 citizens to other countries which has proven to be detrimental to their
6 economy.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** The US Agency for International Development will give money directly to
8 the 5 districts that score the highest in unemployment as of FY 2025.
9 USAID will perform yearly checkups to see these districts' progress and
10 guaranteeing the money is being used to effectively increase the quality and
11 amount of businesses and jobs
- 12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2025. All laws in conflict with this
13 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Perkiomen Valley High School.

A Bill to Diplomatically Recognize Taiwanese Sovereignty

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 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 definition as
5 a people politically organized into a sovereign state with a definite territory
6 recognized as independent by the US.
- 7 b. “Diplomatic recognition” is defined as a declarative political act of a state
8 that acknowledges an act or status of another state or government in control
9 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 before the
12 United Nations Security Council for Taiwanese membership to the UN.
- 13 **SECTION 4.** Upon passage, this legislation will take effect on July 1, 2025.
- 14 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted,
Truman High School*

A Resolution to Expand Membership of the USMCA to Countries in Central America, South America, and the Caribbean

1 **Whereas,** The United States is in the USMCA (United States-Mexico-Canada
2 Agreement), and
3 **Whereas,** This agreement brings economic and environmental benefits to
4 all three nations, and
5 **Whereas,** The regions of Central America, South America, and the
6 Caribbean are currently facing economic and environmental challenges,
7 and
8 **Whereas,** Nations in those regions often look to other countries like China
9 for trade and support, and.
10 **Whereas,** Chinese economic and environmental influence in other regions
11 has shown to be detrimental to those nations, Therefore, be it
12 **Resolved,** That this Congress here assembled encourages the governments
13 of Canada and Mexico to allow the expansion of other nations in into the
14 USMCA, or to create an equivalent agreement that allows the membership
 of all nations in North and South America.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by
Aidan Vedder
Southern Lehigh High School*

A Bill to Increase Offshore Windfarms to Preserve Land

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

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

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy will redirect 4 billion from funds meant for
7 renewables towards this endeavor.

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

10 B. The department shall build 500 offshore wind turbines, but this
11 number can change based off of availability of area and prices.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by La Salle College Highschool.

A Bill to Revoke the Military Contracts of Boeing to Prevent Future Incidents

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will not renew
2 military contracts with Boeing.

3 **SECTION 2.** A) "Military contracts" shall be defined as funding,
4 technological partnerships, and transfer of properties.

5 B) "Renewing" shall be defined as the continuation of
6 contracts and relationships.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense will collaborate with the
8 Government Accountability Office to ensure that no future contracts will
9 be established with Boeing, and will redistribute and replace the existing
10 contracts with other capable companies and/or organizations.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented immediately upon its
12 passing.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by
Aubrey Cressman
From Southern Lehigh High School*

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The federal government shall implement stricter safety regulations for gun ownership, including mandatory federal background checks, yearly safety inspections for all firearms, and a renewable safety license required for possession.

SECTION 2. A. A "Federal Background Check" shall be defined as a review of criminal, mental health, and other relevant records to determine eligibility for firearm possession.

B. A "Safety Inspection" shall be defined as an annual examination conducted by a certified firearm specialist to ensure safe operation and compliance with federal standards.

C. A "Safety License" shall be defined as a certification that the firearm owner has met all legal, safety, and training requirements to possess a firearm, renewed every five years.

SECTION 3. A. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation. An extra 6 billion dollars a year will be allocated from the government.

B. State-level law enforcement agencies will assist in performing background checks, firearm safety inspections, and managing the issuance and renewal of safety licenses.

C. Firearm owners found to be non-compliant with this legislation will face fines or revocation of firearm privileges.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by La Salle College High School

The S.A.D Resolution: Saudi Arabian Defense Resolution

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Saudi Arabia has been aided in the murder of Yemeni people by
- 2 the United States congress,
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Congress has sold arms to Saudi Arabia in exchange for oil and
- 4 other commodities,
- 5 **Whereas,** These weapons have been used in the murder of Yemeni
- 6 citizens,
- 7 **Resolved,** This congress shall halt any funding towards arms sales to Saudi
- 8 Arabia and shall call for an end to the United States military alliance with Saudi
- 9 Arabia.
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Submitted by Newtown Middle School

The Green Transition Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Over the course of three years, all federal subsidies currently allocated to
2 the fossil fuel industry shall be redirected to support renewable energy
3 initiatives.

4 **SECTION 2.** Renewable energy is defined as energy derived from natural sources that
5 replenish without depletion. This includes, but is not limited to, solar, wind,
6 and hydroelectric power.

7 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the Environmental Protection
8 Agency (EPA) will be responsible for implementing and overseeing the
9 reallocation of these funds.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2025

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

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ridge High School.