

Massachusetts Speech and Debate League

2024 Novice Tournament

Legislation Docket

Welcome to the 2024 Novice Tournament! Enclosed, please find the following legislation.

- ◇ **A Bill to Stop Arms Sales to Saudi Arabia to Protect Yemeni Lives** (Natick HS)
- ◇ **A Bill to Ban the Use of Foreign and Virtual Currencies in the United States** (MSDL)
- ◇ **A Bill to Repeal the Jones Act** (MSDL)
- ◇ **A Bill to Restrict Prescription Drug Advertising** (MSDL)

I'd like to extend my thanks to the experienced Congressional Debaters who will be helping out at this tournament. They'll run a demonstration debate, provide judging feedback, and assist in the legislation-writing workshop to be held at the end of the tournament day.

It's exciting to have a new class of Novice Congressional Debaters. I welcome you to the first day of your career. I hope that you have a fun, educational, and encouraging experience today, and I also hope that this opportunity gives you the confidence to go forward and participate to the best of your ability throughout this season. We're all here to see you succeed.

Best regards,

Joe Bowden
MSDL Chair of Congress

First Tournament of the Season Memes

Just bought a book from IKEA



A rare photo of a McDonald's staff member collecting apple pie filling in the 1980's



Like i was saying, the circus is just one of my careers. The real money comes from frosted flakes



When the ice cream is giving you brain freeze but it's so delicious you can't stop eating it



A Bill to Stop Arms Sales to Saudi Arabia to Protect Yemeni Lives

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall cease all ongoing or planned arms
2 sales to all states actively partaking in the Saudi-led intervention
3 (hereafter referred to as the “Intervention”) on behalf of the Yemeni
4 Cabinet within the Yemeni Civil War.
- 5 A. Should any nation(s) at time of passage not actively partaking in the
6 Intervention begin to do so, all ongoing or planned sales to that nation
7 shall cease.
- 8 B. Should any nation(s) stop their active participation in the Intervention,
9 sales to that country may resume 3 months after the cessation of their
10 participation.
- 11 **SECTION 2.**
- 12 A. “All states actively partaking in the Saudi-led intervention” shall
13 include, but is not limited to, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates,
14 Bahrain, Egypt, and Jordan.
- 15 B. “Arms sales” shall be defined as authorization of the sale or export of
16 any defense article or defense service to a foreign entity, as defined in
17 Title 22 Section 2794 of U.S Code.
- 18 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense shall oversee the
19 implementation of this legislation.
- 20 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect starting January 1, 2025.
21 All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted for Congressional Debate,

Natick High School

A Bill to Ban the Use of Foreign and Virtual Currencies in the United States

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Only currencies issued by the Federal Reserve System of the
2 United States shall be considered legal tender for the settlement of debts
3 in the United States. Foreign currencies shall have exchange value only.
4 Virtual currency instruments created after the passage of this legislation
5 shall have no value in the United States for any purpose.
- 6 **SECTION 2.** “Virtual currency instruments” are defined as currency
7 notes, however denominated, that are not issued or backed by any central
8 banking system.
- 9 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.
- 10 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared
11 null and void.

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A Bill to Repeal the Jones Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Merchant Marine Act of 1920 shall terminate on March 31, 2025.

3 **SECTION 2.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Restrict Prescription Drug Advertising

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Federal Communications Commission shall have the authority to
3 proscribe the advertisement of prescription pharmaceuticals on the public
4 airwaves, and to prevent licensed broadcasters from accepting sponsorship
5 in the name of prescription pharmaceuticals. The Commission shall further
6 have the authority to suspend or revoke the broadcasting license of an
7 operator not in compliance with this section.

8 **SECTION 2.** "Prescription pharmaceuticals" shall include any substance regulated by the
9 Food and Drug Administration whose distribution is limited to individuals
10 with a valid prescription from a physician.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Communications Commission shall be responsible for enforcing
12 this legislation.

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

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