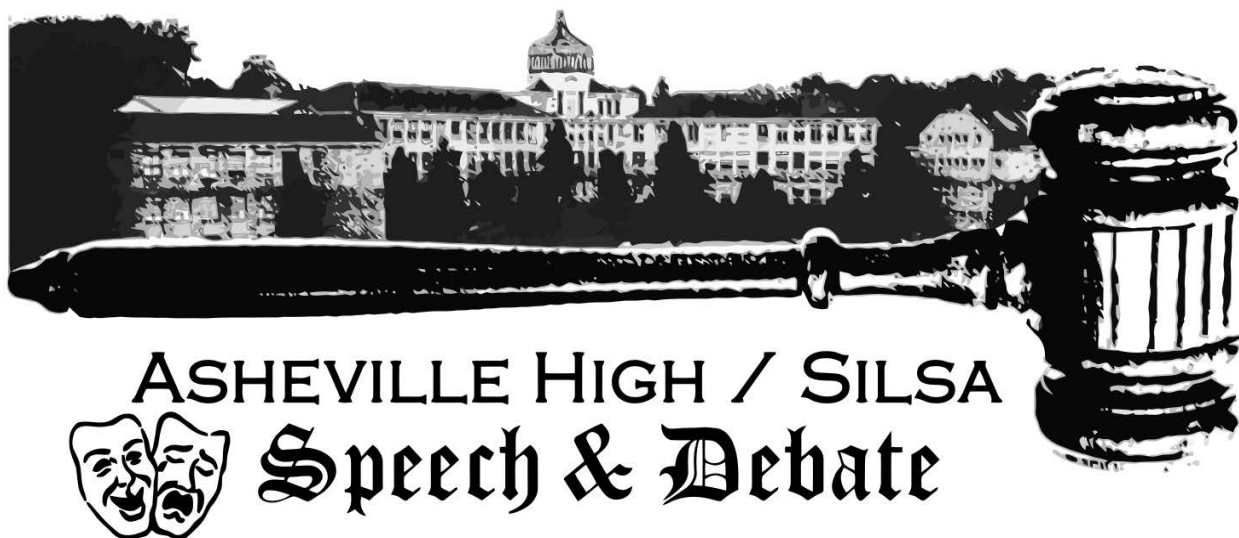




2024 Asheville High Cougar Classic Legislation Packet

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

1. Each session has three main pieces of legislation. The three reserve pieces at the end of the packet are to be used only if finals are necessary or if all three pieces of preliminary legislation are fully debated and more legislation is needed to fill the session time.
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 and only if a chamber debates all three pieces assigned to a session, it may consider the reserve legislation if no final session will be held. 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.

COUGAR CLASSIC LEGISLATION DOCKET

Session One (Chamber decides order):

- A. A Bill to Provide Full Funding for NPR
- B. A Resolution to Foster Effective Multinational Cooperation
- C. The FUTURE Act of 2025

Session Two (Chamber decides order):

- A. A Bill to “Decouple” US Supreme Court Appointments
- B. A Bill to Create a Basic Income for Stay-At-Home Parents
- C. A Bill to Provide for the Eradication of the Bradford Pear Tree

Reserve Legislation [IF NECESSARY]:

- A. A Bill to End Aid for Ukraine
- B. The Antarctic Scientific Expedition Protocol
- C. A Bill to Aid Myanmar

Reserve legislation may only be used under the following situations:

1. A final session is necessary. Should this be the case, we will notify schools a minimum of three days before the tournament.
2. If no final session will be held, this legislation may be used if and only if all three pieces of legislation assigned to a preliminary session have been debated for at least one full cycle and voted on to pass or fail.

A Bill to Provide Full Funding for NPR

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
 - 2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall henceforth provide total funding for the operations of National Public Radio
 - 3 (NPR). NPR shall be barred from seeking and obtaining funding through corporate
 - 4 sponsorships, member donations, or any other means.
 - 5 **SECTION 2.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).
 - 6 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall take effect at the start of the next legislative fiscal year.
 - 7 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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A Resolution to Foster Effective Multinational Cooperation

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **WHEREAS,** The United Nations was established in order to promote peace and
3 diplomacy between member countries around the world, and

4 **WHEREAS,** The United States has cooperated heavily with U.N. policies and ideas
5 while consistently remaining the largest funder of the organization, and

6 **WHEREAS,** other member countries have repeatedly called on the U.N. for action
7 during large-scale conflicts to no avail, with the organization remaining
8 complacent with breaches of international law without any solution or
9 solvency, and

10 **WHEREAS,** U.S. advocacies have been silenced by opposing members of the U.N.
11 Security Council, impeding diplomacy due to political differences and
12 increased tensions, and

13 **WHEREAS,** U.N.-sanctioned peacekeeping operations have not been effective, often
14 leading to worsened situations such as those in Haiti and Somalia, with
15 no action taken by countries involved, and

16 **WHEREAS,** cases of corruption, sexual assault, and other violations of human rights
17 have been committed by U.N. workers globally, violating the United
18 States' moral values and ethics; therefore be it

19 **RESOLVED,** that the United States issue a statement to the United Nations, declaring
20 that if major changes in organization project oversight, leading to
21 increased project effectiveness and decrease in reported U.N.

22 worker-related crime, is not observed in the next 3 years, the United
23 States will voluntarily withdraw from the U.N., and therefore be it

24 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** that, if withdrawal occurs, all U.S. funding reserved for the United
25 Nations shall be evenly reallocated between the U.S. Agency for
26 International Development (USAID) and the North Atlantic Treaty
27 Organization (NATO).

2024 ASHEVILLE HIGH COUGAR CLASSIC

The FUTURE (Fair and Unified Transformation of U.S. Residency and Entry) Act of 2025

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall substantially increase investment in
2 the immigration system to expedite the immigration process and curb the
3 crisis at the border.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. 20 billion dollars shall be provided to the U.S. Citizenship
5 and Immigration Services (USCIS) and U.S. Customs and Border Protection
6 (CBP) each towards hiring additional immigration judges and border patrol
7 agents.

8 B. The cap for both family-based visas and employment-based visas shall
9 both be increased by 150,000 issued each year.

10 C. Any immigrant with a bachelor's degree shall be eligible to apply for
11 entry under a streamlined immigration process; immigrants on
12 student-based visas shall be able to stay after the visa expires.

13 D. 10 billion dollars shall be allocated for resettlement programs designed
14 to relocate newly arrived immigrants across multiple cities and states.
15 These programs will provide housing, language training, and employment
16 assistance, and be administered through USCIS in coordination with local
17 governments and NGOs.

18 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in conjunction
19 with the Department of Justice (DOJ) shall be responsible for the
20 implementation of this bill.

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

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2024 ASHEVILLE HIGH COUGAR CLASSIC

A Bill to “Decouple” US Supreme Court Appointments

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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- SECTION 1.** The appointment of U.S. Supreme Court Justices shall be decoupled from the presidential election cycle, establishing a fixed schedule for appointments to ensure judicial independence and reduce political influence.

SECTION 2. “Decoupling” shall be defined as allowing each President to appoint only two justices to the Court at the beginning of each term regardless of the occurrence of vacancies. Justices will continue to serve life tenure, which means the number of justices on the bench may fluctuate over time.

SECTION 3. The implementation and oversight of this bill shall be managed by the Executive Branch

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

2024 ASHEVILLE HIGH COUGAR CLASSIC

A Bill to Create a Basic Income for Stay-At-Home Parents

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** In recognition of the vital work they perform to keep American society
3 functioning, a basic income shall be created for stay-at-home parents. This
4 income shall be available on an application basis.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Basic Income” shall be defined as a monthly payment of \$1,000, which will
6 be paid directly to stay-at-home parents. “Stay-at-home parents” shall be
7 defined as any parent who is unemployed but primarily raises and supervises
8 one or more children.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service shall be authorized to collect a 2% annual tax
10 on the net worth of households and trusts above \$50 million, which shall be
11 used to fund the basic income.

12 A. The United States Social Security Administration shall be responsible for
13 verifying applicant’s eligibility to receive the basic income and for
14 distributing the basic income to eligible applicants.

15 B. The Department of Justice shall be given the authority to prosecute
16 fraudulent applicants. Fraudulent applications shall carry a fine of no less
17 than \$1,000 per application.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025. All laws in conflict with
19 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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A Bill to Provide for the Eradication of the Bradford Pear Tree

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall establish a fund of \$100 million per year for each of the next five years to
3 fund the eradication of the detrimentally malodorous Bradford pear tree (*Pyrus calleryana*)
4 throughout the United States.

5 **SECTION 2.** States and municipalities may apply for these funds and utilize them to destroy Bradford
6 pear trees in public spaces. Funds may also be used to replant less detrimentally
7 malodorous trees in their place.

8 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

10 **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.
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2024 ASHEVILLE HIGH COUGAR CLASSIC

The Antarctic Scientific Expedition Protocol

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1:** The United States shall withdraw from the Antarctic Treaty System, and will
3 subsequently begin negotiations to establish the Antarctic Scientific
4 Expedition Association. The association will consist of a coalition between the
5 Commonwealth of Canada, the United Kingdom, the French Republic, and Japan
6 for the purpose of advancing new technologies and conducting research on the
7 Antarctic Plateau. Upon formal request, private corporations and entities based
8 in any member country may be considered to receive access to the association's
9 facilities for the testing of new technologies.

10 **SECTION 2:** New technologies shall be defined as any and all experimental products related
11 to potential climate crisis solutions or advancements in confidential military
12 machinery, with the exception of weaponry, that requires testing in Antarctic
13 conditions. Research shall be defined as projects involving general Antarctic
14 geo-engineering for study critical to combating the climate crisis.

15 **SECTION 3:** If negotiations succeed, the United States Antarctic Program in conjunction with
16 the Department of State shall be in charge of overseeing the implementation
17 of this legislation.

18 **3A)** A \$2 billion budget will be set for this project, which will be replenished
19 annually.

20 **3B)** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be allocated an extra \$500 million
21 for the design, development and construction of a new research station
22 and airfield reserved solely for the purposes of the Antarctic Scientific
23 Expedition Association.

24 **SECTION 4:** This legislation shall go into effect on January 1st, 2025.

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

2024 ASHEVILLE HIGH COUGAR CLASSIC

A Bill to Aid Myanmar

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall hereby donate and deliver \$200 million in
2 humanitarian aid to the citizens of Myanmar through Myanmar's
3 maritime border with Indonesia. US troops will be allotted as necessary to
4 deliver the aid to USAID representatives at the border.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** Humanitarian aid shall consist of a combination of agricultural
6 supplication, temporary housing, bottled water, and medical supplies,
7 including but not limited to; vaccines and first aid equipment.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of State in conjunction with USAID will be
9 responsible for the implementation and oversight of this bill.
- 10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented immediately upon passage.
- 11 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
12 void.