



## MDTA JV/Novice State Tournament

Eagan High School – December 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>

The tournament will feature three preliminary rounds over two days. In Novice Debate, there will be a quarter-final, semi-finals and final round. JV will feature semi-finals and finals. The following legislation has been assigned to each session.

### Final Round

- Power America Act
- A Bill to Stabilize Central Africa
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- A Bill to Aid Myanmar

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- A Bill To Improve Bridge Infrastructure

### Session 1

- A Bill to aid Syria
- A Bill to Put an Age Cap on Presidential Nominees
- A Bill to Prevent Prescription Drug Abuse

## A Bill to Aid Syria

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will take the following actions to  
3 aid Syrian citizens:

4 A. Remove all sanctions against Syria.

5 B. Fund Syria 20 billion dollars in infrastructure aid.

6 C. Withdraw US Troops and military contractors from the region within  
7 the next 5 years.

8 In return, Syria will make the following commitments:

9 A. Remain neutral in any escalation within the Middle East.

10 B. Work to normalize relations with Kurdish Syrian Democratic Forces  
11 (SDF).

12 **SECTION 2.** Funding on infrastructure is defined as aiding rebuilding buildings,  
13 rebuilding roads, and rebuilding ties with the US economically.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State shall oversee the implementation of this  
15 legislation. And be chartered by ensuring that the funds are being spent  
16 correctly. Funding of this legislation is through the discretionary budget  
17 of the Department of Defense.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Robbinsdale Armstrong High School.*

# **A Bill to Put an Age Cap on Presidential Nominees**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1:** The maximum age for an individual to be eligible to run for the office of President of the United States shall be 70 years.

**SECTION 2:** A. The eligibility criteria for running for the President of the United States shall be defined as follows:

1. Any natural-born citizen of the United States, who has reached the age of 35 and has been a resident within the United States for a minimum of 14 years, is eligible to run for the office of President.
2. With the passage of this Act, the maximum age for presidential candidates shall be set at 70 years.

B. Presidential campaigns in which the candidate will be above the age of 70 by the time of inauguration shall be considered ineligible.

**SECTION 3:** The Federal Election Commission (FEC) will oversee the implementation and enforcement of this bill. It will be responsible for verifying the eligibility of presidential candidates and ensuring that the age cap is upheld.

**SECTION 4:** This bill shall be in effect by the FY of 2028, in time for the 2028 presidential election

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lakeville North High School.*

# A Bill to Prevent Prescription Drug Abuse

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   The United States shall safely slow down the production of abused  
2                   prescribed drugs. To keep up with reduced production, medical  
3                   professionals will prescribe fewer doses of abused prescription drugs  
4                   unless a life-threatening situation requires otherwise. To help patients  
5                   recover, vast amounts of rehabilitation services will become available.
- 6   **SECTION 2.**   To reduce the number of prescription drugs that are abused, one must  
7                   gradually consume smaller and smaller doses.
- 8   **SECTION 3.**   This legislation is defined by the following: "An abused prescribed drug is  
9                   obtained only with a doctor's prescription." The most commonly abused  
10                  prescription drugs are opioids, heroin, synthetic opioids such as fentanyl,  
11                  and painkillers like oxycodone, hydrocodone, codeine, morphine, and  
12                  many others. "Life-threatening situation" is defined as a situation in which  
13                  a medical professional deems such drugs necessary, whether for a chronic  
14                  illness or an immediate need. "Rehabilitation services" are defined as  
15                  programs and treatments designed to help individuals recover from  
16                  prescription drug dependency and abuse. These services include but are  
17                  not limited to detoxification programs, counseling and therapy,  
18                  medication-assisted treatment (MAT), support groups, and reintegration  
19                  programs that promote physical, emotional, and social well-being.
- 20   **SECTION 4.**   The bill's implementation and operation will be supervised by the U.S.  
21                   Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Substance Abuse and Mental  
22                   Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), each allocating \$500 million to  
23                   increase rehabilitation services nationwide.
- 24   **SECTION 5.**   The legislation will go into action as early as January 1st, 2026 providing  
25                   ample time to install rehabilitation services.
- 26   **SECTION 6.**   All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Eden Prairie High School.*

# **A Resolution to Secure America's Future Abroad**

**WHEREAS**, The United States recognizes the success potential of green infrastructure projects both economically and diplomatically.

**WHEREAS**, the biggest countries must come together to help create a solution to climate change especially in global south,

**WHEREAS**, a joint effort will ensure a strong and stable program with benefits for all states involved.

**WHEREAS**, it is evident a new age of collaboration must begin to better the global future,

**RESOLVED**, the Congress here assembled calls for the President to open up talks with China centered on areas where the US and China can collaborate in green energy technology projects and joint financing opportunities for climate focused infrastructure in the Global South.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bloomington Jefferson*

# **A Bill to Mandate Cognitive Testing for Federally Elected Officials 65 Years and Over**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** This bill is to ensure the continued fitness and capacity of federally elected officials aged 65 and over through periodic cognitive ability testing.

**SECTION 2.** (a) Federally elected officials refers to individuals elected to the offices of the President, Vice President, U.S. Senators, and Members of the House of Representatives.

(b) Cognitive testing refers to the evidence-based standardized assessments designed to evaluate cognitive functions, including memory, reasoning, problem solving, and decision making.

**SECTION 3.** This requirement applies to all federally elected officials aged 65 years and older serving in office.

- . Officials aged 65 to 74 shall undergo cognitive ability testing once every 6 months. Officials aged 75 and over shall undergo cognitive ability testing once every three months.
- . Cognitive testing shall be conducted by nonpartisan, independent medical professionals certified in geriatric care and cognitive evaluation.
- . The testing process shall ensure confidentiality, impartiality, and adherence to medical ethics.
- . Officials deemed “unfit for duty” by the independent medical board are required to undergo an additional evaluation within one week, or face appropriate constitutional processes such as impeachment, removal, or other measures outlined by Article I, Section 5 of The Constitution, or the 25th Amendment.

**SECTION 4.** Any federally elected official who fails to comply with this legislation shall

- . Be barred from assuming official duties until testing requirements are met.
- . Be subject to review by the relevant ethics or oversight body.

**SECTION 5.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee the implementation of this bill in coordination with The Office of Congressional Ethics for Members of Congress and The Federal Election Commission.

**SECTION 6.** Cognitive testing will be covered by the respective office holder's insurance.

**SECTION 7.** This legislation will take effect on Jan 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Underwood High School*

# A Bill To Improve Bridge Infrastructure

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1           **SECTION 1.**   This bill aims to improve public bridge infrastructure for the  
2           safety and convenience of our constituents.

3           **SECTION 2.**   A public bridge is defined as a roadway suspended in the air  
4           between two supports to increase accessibility for motorized vehicles.

5           **SECTION 3.**   The Department of Transportation (DOT) will work with The  
6           Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to implement this bill.

7           A. The IRS will tax families who produce an income of over \$300,000  
8           annually by 2%

9           B. All funds produced from this tax will be used to improve bridge  
10          infrastructure across the nation.

11          C. This bill will add approximately 45 billion dollars annually.

12          D. Excess funds will go back to the Department of Transportation for  
13          additional infrastructure repair.

14          **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect in fiscal year 2025 and be  
15          renewed every five years. All laws in conflict with this legislation are  
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# **A Bill to Ban the Use of Minors in Media to Enforce Child Labor Laws and Protect Minors' Rights.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   The banning of using minors in all media that profit off of child labor is  
2                               banned to protect their rights.
- 3   **SECTION 2.**   Definition of Minor: A person under 18 who, legally, cannot make their  
4                               own decisions.  
5                               Definition of Media: Any form of online entertainment. (I.E. Music,  
6                               Television, Movies, Podcasts, YouTube Videos, TikTok Videos, Instagram  
7                               accounts, slides, stories and reels, Magazines, etc.)
- 8   **SECTION 3.**   The US Department of Labor (DoL), and the US Department of Health and  
9                               Human Services (DoHHS) will oversee the execution and enforcement of  
10                              this bill.  
11                             A. Both the DoL and the DoHHS will contribute \$500,000 out of their fund  
12                             to help enforce this bill.  
13                             B. The punishment will be a \$1 Million fine to any corporation or  
14                             individual who profits off of child labor.
- 15   **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect on February 1, 2025. All laws in conflict with  
16                             this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Burnsville High School.*

# **A Bill to Amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (NWPA)**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 is hereby amended to:

- A. Authorize the Department of Energy (DOE) to implement a new process  
for interim storage and permanent geological repository facilities
- B. Restructure the Nuclear Waste Fund to ensure sufficient funding.

**SECTION 2.** Nuclear waste is defined as a byproduct from nuclear reactors, fuel processing plants, hospitals, and research centers.

**SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be jointly overseen by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) along with the Department of Energy (DOE).

- A. The DOE will fund \$6 billion to help store waste.
- B. \$1 billion of the funding will be put towards research and development  
for repository facilities.

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

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lakeville South High School.*

# A Bill to Establish a State-Owned Bank of Minnesota

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   The State of Minnesota will hereby establish a state-owned bank, known as  
2                   the Minnesota State Bank, to provide economic opportunity to the people  
3                   of Minnesota.
- 4   **SECTION 2.**   The Minnesota State Bank will be defined as a bank owned and controlled  
5                   by the State of Minnesota with the same abilities as a financial institution  
6                   (for example, issuing loans, managing savings accounts, etc.), and will  
7                   follow the model of the Bank of North Dakota in terms of operation.
- 8   **SECTION 3.**   The Department of Commerce will be responsible for the management of  
9                   the Minnesota State Bank. All subsequent budget requests will be made  
10                  and managed through the Department of Commerce, as well as requests  
11                  for funds required for construction. The Department of Commerce will  
12                  request the money required for construction in its usual budgetary  
13                  request.
- 14                  A. The Department of Commerce will be responsible for determining a  
15                  Board of Directors, with a minimum of three and a maximum of five.  
16                  The selected group will be designated within six months of this  
17                  legislation's passing and will be officially put into office when the one-  
18                  year planning period is finished.
- 19                  B. Every year after passing, the Department of Commerce will issue a  
20                  report documenting the operating expenses, estimated worth of the  
21                  loan portfolio, operating costs, executive positions salaries, and how  
22                  banking activities have affected the state of Minnesota.
- 23                  C. The Department of Commerce will have one-year following passing to  
24                  create a plan of action as well as a request for initial funding, which will  
25                  not be in excess of fifteen billion dollars, including construction costs.  
26                  They will then have one year to implement the first steps of this plan  
27                  remotely before moving operations into the physical building as laid  
28                  out in Section 3, Subsection C.
- D. The construction of a physical building for the Bank of Minnesota will  
                  be carried out by the Department of Commerce which will provide the

necessary funding, with the design process carried out by the Minnesota Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience, and Interior Design, with predicted costs of construction being no more than five billion dollars. There will be a six-month period for planning and a two-year construction period.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton High School.*

# Inclusive Special Education Reform Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   Beginning in the Fiscal Year of 2026, the Federal government shall  
2                   incrementally increase funding for the Individuals with Disabilities  
3                   Education Act (IDEA) to meet 40% of the average per-student expenditure  
4                   for all eligible students with disabilities within five years of enactment, as  
5                   initially authorized in the IDEA.
- 6   **SECTION 2.**   In addition, the Secretary of Education shall establish grants for Local  
7                   Education Agencies (LEAs) to hire and retain specialized staff and offer  
8                   competitive salaries and benefits to reduce turnover among specialized  
9                   staff.
- 10   **SECTION 3.**   The funding for this Act shall come from repealing the following two fossil  
11                   fuel subsidies: the Intangible Drilling Costs (IDC), codified under IRC §  
12                   263(c), and the Percentage Depletion Allowance (PDA), codified under IRC §  
13                   613 and § 613A. Repealing these two subsidies will generate \$1 billion  
14                   annually or \$13 billion over 10 years.
- 15   **SECTION 4.**   If the Secretary of Education finds more funding necessary after one year,  
16                   Congress must eliminate more fossil fuel subsidies to provide the financing  
17                   needed for this bill.
- 18   **SECTION 5.**   This legislation will take effect on October 1, 2025.
- 19   **SECTION 6.**   All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by East Ridge High School.*

# **A Bill To Require Insurance Companies To Cover Weight Loss Drugs For People With A BMI Over 35**

1       BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2       **SECTION 1.** All Insurance Companies Public and Private will be required to cover at least  
3               75% of the cost of safe and effective weight loss drugs for anyone with Class 2 or  
4               higher obesity.

5       **SECTION 2.** Class 2 obesity is defined as having a body mass index (BMI) of 35.0 or  
6               greater, regardless of current co-morbidities.

7       **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Commerce will have the authority to oversee and  
8               enforce this legislation by utilizing fines and suspensions of operation, or other  
9               appropriate means to guarantee access to weight loss medications to a greater  
10              number of citizens.

11           A. The determination of “safe and effective” will be under direct supervision of  
12           the American Medical Association.

13           B. The Food And Drug Administration will review consideration of new drugs  
14           that would be defined and conform to regulations for categorization.

15       **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect of January 1, 2026. All laws in conflict  
16           with this legislation will be declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bemidji High School*

# **A Bill to Establish Individual Data Privacy**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The following regulations shall be implemented to protect all individuals' data privacy, and to grant them greater control over a corporation's usage of their data:

- A. All individuals must be given the opportunity to opt out of any usage of their personal data by corporations including but not limited to: targeted advertising and unauthorized data transfers.
- B. At any time, individuals maintain the right to correct, delete, and export their personal data.

**SECTION 2.** Personal data is defined as any information relating to a person (name, date of birth, email address, phone number, address, physical characteristics, or location data, etc.)

**SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission shall oversee the implementation and enforcement of this legislation.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be put into effect on January 1, 2025.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Eagan High School*

## **A Bill to Establish a Universal Basic Income**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** All citizens aged 18-64 shall receive a monthly stipend of \$1,000. Those aged 65 and older who receive less than \$1,000 in monthly Social Security payments shall receive a minimum of \$1,000 from Social Security.

**SECTION 2.** To raise the needed funds, all private wealth in the United States will be subject to a tax rate of 8%. The Internal Revenue Service or IRS will define private wealth as the total amount of assets the individual owns.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Treasury and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee the implementation and enforcement of this legislation.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect in the Fiscal year 2025.

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

*Submitted for Congressional Debate by Eastview High School.*



# A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Include a Presidential Candidate Felony Charges Clause

1   **RESOLVED,**   By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is  
2                   proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which  
3                   shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when  
4                   ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within  
5                   seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

## ARTICLE --

7                   **SECTION 1:**   Any persons with felony charges will not be eligible for the  
8                   office of the President of the United States.

9                   **SECTION 2:**   The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by  
10                  appropriate legislation.

11                  **SECTION 3:**   The Judiciary shall have the power to interpret this article by  
12                  appropriate decision.  
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*Introduced for Congressional Debate by STMA High School.*

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Edina High School.*

# Power America Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   The Department of Energy will receive 150 billion dollars to improve the US  
2                   power grid to support renewable energy and meet electricity demand.  
3                   A. 100 billion will be given to the loan programs office in the Dep of  
4                   Energy to give to companies that support the goals in Section 1.  
5                   B. 40 billion will be provided in grants to companies that develop battery  
6                   technology or other forms of power storage.  
7                   C. 10 billion will be allocated to utility companies to improve the safety  
8                   and reliability of power lines.
- 9   **SECTION 2.**   Funding for this legislation will be taken from the Department of Defense.  
10                   The legislation will be overseen by the Department of Energy and the EPA.
- 11 **SECTION 3.**   This legislation will go into effect on December 31st, 2024.
- 12 **SECTION 4.**   All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bloomington Kennedy*

# A Bill to Stabilize Central Africa

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will provide 2 billion dollars in aid to Rwandan and  
3 Congolese officials. The United States shall provide \$1 billion to each  
4 nation via the United States Agency for International Development  
5 (USAID). Disbursement of aid is contingent upon each party ensuring the  
6 existing ceasefires are maintained. Disbursement will be made available  
7 at quarterly intervals over a one-year period.

8 **SECTION 2.** The ceasefire agreement was established in 2024. USAID shall be defined  
9 as humanitarian assistance in the form of shelter supplies, seeds,  
10 fertilizer, healthcare supplies, and food.

11 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of State and USAID shall be tasked with  
12 enforcement of this legislation. The United States Department of State  
13 shall work with representatives at the U.S Democratic Republic of Congo  
14 Embassy representatives and U.S Rwanda Embassy representatives.

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

# A Resolution to Establish a National Sales Tax to Replace the Federal Income Tax

1           **WHEREAS,**   Wealth and income taxes are prone to high levels of tax  
2           evasion; and  
3           **WHEREAS,**   The the Internal Service of Revenue doesn't have the  
4           capability, staff, nor the funds to prevent these acts; and  
5           **WHEREAS,**   Millions of dollars are lost causing significant loss to the  
6           federal government's funds for important public services; and  
7           **WHEREAS,**   A national sales tax of 30% would be much more efficient  
8           and be easier to manage; and  
9           **WHEREAS,**   A national sales tax reduces evasion and would reduce the  
10          workload of the Internal Service of Revenue; therefore, be it  
11          **RESOLVED,**   That the Congress here assembled will establish a  
12          Department of Internal Revenue commission to create a plan to remove  
13          the federal income tax and replace it with a National Sales tax by FY 2028.  
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*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Duluth East HS.*