

## **2024 HCK Legislation**

Thank you for attending the HCK Invitational. Schools were asked to submit legislation for competition. We received four pieces of legislation from two schools. Those are at the top of the docket in random order. Please debate those pieces of legislation before moving on to the other four in the list. An author or sponsor from the school listed on the legislation shall speak first on those bills or resolutions that were submitted. The docket has been supplemented by legislation from various dockets by the NSDA. Any debater may be called on as the first affirmative speaker for the supplemental legislation, following recency. Please encourage participation from all students in the room for both speeches and questions.

Good luck to everyone.

## **A Bill to Expunge First-Time Offenders' Criminal Record**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **Section 1** First-time offenders can file to have their offense expunged from their  
3 criminal record after 5 years and meeting the specific requirements.

4 **Section 2** This is a state bill and will act on state law.

5 A. A first-time offender will be defined as a person who is convicted of an  
6 offence for the first time and has no prior criminal history.

7 **Section 3** Requirements to meet expungement include time, proof of income, paid  
8 court costs, and the absence of further offences. This bill restricts first-time  
9 offenders convicted of violent crime from expungement.

10 A. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) defines violent crimes under  
11 their Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program. These are murder/non-  
12 negligent manslaughter, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.

13 B. All costs owed by the offender to the court must be paid off.

14 C. Offenders must provide proof of income for ten out of the twelve months  
15 per year for the 5-year time frame.

16 **Section 4** This is a state bill, it will primarily be funded through personal income tax  
17 and corporate income tax.

18 **Section 5** This bill will go into effect January 1, 2026.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dubuque Hempstead High School*

# A Bill To Raise Minimum Wage For Full Time Employees

1. **Be it enacted by the congress here assembled that:**
2. **Section 1:** The United States government will raise its national minimum wage to \$20 an
3. hour for all full-time employees.
4. **Section 2:** Full-time employees will be defined as any persons over the age of 18
5. working at least 40 hours a week at one workplace.
6. **Section 3:** The National Department of Labor shall oversee the pay rates of all full time
7. workers and track that they are being paid correctly.
8. A. Tips or other additional funds provided by the consumer upon worker's service shall
9. not be taxed, nor deducted from a worker's wage.
10. B. Tax on paychecks shall be up to the state and federal government.
11. C. All workers who make less than \$41,600 per year and meet all the above
12. requirements shall receive \$41,600 a year minimum from their employer by default.
13. **Section 4:** If any business is found in violation to the terms brought forth by the National
14. Department of Labor, the following penalties will be enforced:
15. A. On the first offense, businesses will be given 30 days to comply or face a \$5,000 fine
16. per offense.
17. B. On the second offense, businesses will be given 30 days to comply or face a
18. \$10,000 fine per offense. On the third or any additional offenses, the business will
19. have its business license revoked and shut down.
20. **Section 5:** All funds for raised wages will be taken from the US general fund.
21. **Section 6:** This bill shall take effect on January 1st, 2025.

*Respectfully submitted by Bettendorf legislators*

# A Bill to Limit Gun Accessibility

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** This bill pushes to limit gun accessibility nationally. Gun users must be at  
2 least 25 years of age, have a clear criminal record, being licensed through a  
3 certified gun course and acquire and have a conceal and carry permit  
4 (CCW). When not in use, guns must be secluded in a locked secure location,  
5 such as a safe or locked box.  
6 Users must always carry a license and insurance when operating a gun.  
7 Exceptions include US military and forces
- 8 **SECTION 2.** A gun is defined as a weapon incorporating a tube from which bullets,  
9 shells, or other missiles are propelled by explosive force (Oxford Dictionary). This bill also  
10 covers any weapon used to shoot and harm. This includes but is not limited to handheld  
11 weapons such as shotguns, rifles, handgun, pistols, machineguns, assault rifle,  
12 semi-automatic weapon, and any firearm as defined by oxford dictionary
- 13 **SECTION 3.** The agency that would oversee and fund this bill is the Bureau of Alcohol,  
14 Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). Anyone found in possession of an unlicensed gun  
15 will be fined \$400 and/or face a year of jail time and would be classified as a class one  
16 felony. Those caught discharging the weapon unlicensed will be sentenced of a minimum  
17 of 2 years in prison and will not be applicable to apply for gun accessibility
- 18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on [insert date here, formatted as "FY 2021"  
19 or "July 1, 2021" but not "July 1st"]. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby  
20 declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dubuque Hempstead High School*

## **A Bill to Legalize Gambling in Casinos for Minors**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Gambling within casinos shall hereby be legalized for people under 21 years  
3 of age.

4 **SECTION 2.** Casinos shall be defined as buildings where gambling services are held and  
5 where gambling serves as the main service of said building.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Commerce shall have the power to enforce this  
7 legislation by fining casinos who do not follow the regulations outlined in this  
8 bill with respect to child gambling

9 **SECTION 4.** Minors are required to be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian when  
10 entering casino premises and during their time in said casino. Any minor  
11 found operating in the casino without a legal guardian shall result in the  
12 guardian being fined \$500 per instance.

13 **SECTION 5.** Minors will be allowed to gamble up to a set dollar amount limit, dictated  
14 by their parent/guardian upon arrival/check-in at the casino. This limit will not  
15 be allowed to exceed \$100 per day per child.

16 **SECTION 6.** This legislation will take effect on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025. All laws in conflict with this  
17 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bettendorf legislators*

## **A Bill To Legalize Crime**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** All Crime, as defined by state and federal law, shall be  
2 Temporarily legalized for 12 hours, from 7 pm to 7 am, annually on the Night  
3 of March 21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>

4 **SECTION 2.** To participate in the event, individuals must meet the following  
5 Criteria: The participant must not have been convicted of a felony or  
6 incarcerated for any criminal offense, or else they shall be barred from  
7 participation until the completion of their sentence.

8 Participants must complete online registration 30 days before the event,  
9 providing their criminal record and proof of identity.

10 Upon successful registration, participants shall be mailed  
11 a wristband which must

12 Be worn throughout the event to be recognized as a legal participant.

13 Military Personnel, and state or federal government officials, shall be granted  
14 immunity from harm during the event but shall be

15 prohibited from partaking in it.

16 **SECTION 3.** Weapons classified under federal law, such as those  
17 Under the National Firearms Act, are authorized for use during the legalized  
18 crime period.

19 However, explosives and military – grade weapons are  
20 prohibited during this event.

21 Police, fire, and medical services will be unavailable during the twelve-hour  
22 duration of legalized crime. However, a designated emergency response  
23 team, comprising of law enforcement and security personnel, shall remain  
24 on standby to address major incidents affecting public safety or government  
25 officials.

26 **SECTION 4.** Participants who exceed the legal boundaries established by  
27 this bill, engaging in behaviors outside the defined  
28 scope of legalized crime, shall  
29 be subject to the original criminal penalties associated with those acts  
30 committed, as outlined in federal or state law.

31 **SECTION 5.** Crime shall be defined as a behavior, act, or omission, defined  
32 by federal or state law as deserving of punishment or penalty.

33 **SECTION 6.** The Department of Justice shall oversee the implementation of  
34 this bill. They shall be responsible for establishing an online platform for  
35 registration and for implementing surveillance to ensure the provisions of  
36 the bill are enforced during its timeframe.

37 **SECTION 7.** This legislation shall take effect on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

38 **SECTION 8.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null  
39 and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By Hempstead High School*

CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE: **DECEMBER 2024 NSDA LEGISLATION DOCKET**

**A Bill to Ban Fluoridation of Public Water**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** The addition of fluoride to public water supplies is hereby banned  
3 throughout the United States and its territories.

4 **SECTION 2.** Any jurisdiction found in violation of this legislation shall lose all  
5 federal funding until compliance is reached.

6 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Centers for Disease Control 7  
and Prevention (CDC).

8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect 90 days from the date of passage.

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

CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE: **DECEMBER 2024 NSDA LEGISLATION DOCKET**

**A Bill to Abolish the Department of Education**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Education is hereby abolished.

3 **SECTION 2.** All former duties of the Department of Education shall be either abandoned or reassigned

4 to other agencies, at the discretion of the President of the United States.

5 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

6 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

## A Resolution to Oppose Oppressive Voter ID Laws

1 **WHEREAS**, Voter ID Laws are used in many states to restrict the right to vote “to  
2 those who can show appropriate picture identification;” and  
3 **WHEREAS**, This identification can often be difficult or expensive to obtain; and  
4 **WHEREAS**, Those impacted by these laws are disproportionately people of color; and  
5 **WHEREAS**, These laws limit the ability of all people to participate in the democratic  
6 process; and  
7 **WHEREAS**, A democracy is supposed to be a government for, by, and of the people; and  
8 **WHEREAS**, Representation cannot effectively occur if individuals are unjustly silenced; now,  
9 therefore, be it  
10 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that we reject all oppressive voter  
11 identification laws in the United States.

CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE: **NOVEMBER 2024 NSDA LEGISLATION DOCKET**

**A Bill to Limit Tourism in National Parks**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** In order to better enable the National Park Service (NPS) to achieve its mission, the number  
3 of visitors allowed in National Park Areas shall be limited.

4 **SECTION 2.** The NPS is instructed to evaluate an environmentally and logistically sustainable capacity  
5 for each of its parks and park areas and to set limits accordingly. The NPS shall have full  
6 discretion over the parameters and details of these restrictions, but they are directed to  
7 keep matters of equity and accessibility in mind when determining which visitors gain  
8 access.

9 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the NPS.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

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