2025 MONTANA WEST NSDA SENATE DOCKET

Bill Number and Title	Authoring School Code (if applicable)
A. A Bill to Remove Cuban Trade and Travel Restrictions	13
B. A Bill to Extend Current National Highway System Routes to Their Former Length and Refurbish Historic National Highway System Routes	17
C. A Bill to Increase USAID Funding to the Least Developed Countries	16
D. A Bill to Fund the Mapping of the Arctic Ocean Through Seals	11
E. A Bill to Invest in Military Infrastructure in the Arctic Region	13
F. A Bill to Allocate Funding for Blue Zone Practices Abroad	11
G. A Resolution to Remove Daylights Saving	14
H. A Bill to Place an Interest Cap on Tuition	19
I. A Bill to Standardize the Legal Age of Purchase for Nicotine Products	18
J. A Bill to use FDA Committees to eliminate Shrinkflation	18
K. A Bill to Increase and Centralize Wildfire Prevention Funding	19
L. A Bill to Increase Funding to the Department of Transportation to Fund Maritime Administration	16
M. A Bill to Provide NASA Funding to Invest in X-Ray Astronomy	18
N. A Bill to Provide Free Lunch to Public School Districts	16
O. A Bill to Provide Universal Public Preschool	13
P. A Resolution to End China's Deceptive Island Building	11
Q. A Bill creating a National Fund to Offer Financial Incentive to Speech and Debate Judges	17
R. A Bill to Incentivize Wind Energy	14

A Bill to Remove Cuban Trade and Travel Restrictions

2	SECTION 1.	All restrictions on trade, and travel pertaining to the Republic of Cuba are
3		hereby removed.
4	SECTION 2.	Trade Restrictions: regulatory restrictions on the trade of goods and/or
5		services between the United States and Cuba.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1

- Travel Restrictions: the federal statute prohibiting traveling to Cuba for tourist activities.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** This bill will require no direct enforcement, oversight, or funding.
- 9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect upon passage. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by School 13.

A Bill to Extend Current National Highway System Routes to Their Former Length and Refurbish Historic National Highway System Routes

1	BE IT ENACTE	D BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2	SECTION 1.	This bill aims to refurbish decommissioned, resized, and renumbered
3		historic National Highway System highways to their former length.
4	SECTION 2.	NHS: National Highway System
5		Refurbish: resurfacing, repaving, and replacing old non-federally
6		compliant signage along NHS routes, and installing federally compliant
7		new signage for these routes.
8		Historic NHS Highway route: NHS highway routes that existed before the
9		mass renumbering and decommissioning following the year of 1964.
10	SECTION 3.	The Federal Highway Administration (FWHA) will oversee enforcement
11		with additional help from the American Association of State Highway and
12		Transportation Officials (AASHTO).
13		A. The US is to reconstruct obliterated sections of decommissioned
14		historic NHS routes; and is to reincorporate roads running along the
15		former alignment of these historic NHS highway routes.
16		B. The United States Federal Government will pay 45% of the price of
17		rebuilding roads per mile ONLY for damaged routes or routes in
18		disrepair. The U.S. will pay 90% of the cost of installing signage for
19		these routes.
20	SECTION 4.	This legislation will take effect at the start of FY 2026. All laws in conflict
21		with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
	Introduced for	Congressional Dehate by School 17

A Bill to Increase USAID Funding to the Least Developed Countries

1	BE IT ENACTE	D BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2	SECTION 1.	Annual funding for the United States Agency for International
3		Development (USAID)'s Family Planning services shall be increased to
4		1.74 billion USD for the purposes of providing resources such as
5		contraceptives, sexual education classes, postpartum counseling, and
6		continuation of current family planning programs to the least developed
7		countries.
8	SECTION 2.	<u>Least developed countries</u> : low-income countries that face the most
9		severe structural barriers to sustainable development as identified by the
10		list maintained by the United Nations.
11		Family Planning: reproductive planning intended to determine the
12		number and spacing of one's children.
13	SECTION 3.	This bill shall be enforced by the United States Agency for International
14		Development.
15		A. Funding will be provided from money reallocated by the
16		appropriations committee.
17	SECTION 4.	This legislation will take effect on FY26. All laws in conflict with this
18		legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by School 16.

A Bill to Fund the Mapping of the Arctic Ocean Through Seals

1	BE IT ENACTE	D BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2	SECTION 1.	The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration will receive
3		funding for a program with the goal of creating a seafloor and habitat
4		mapping program in the Arctic Ocean.
5	SECTION 2.	For the purposes of this legislation, <u>habitat map</u> shall be defined as: a
6		spatial representation of a physically distinct area of the arctic seafloor
7		that is associated with particular groups of plants and animals.
8	SECTION 3.	The U.S. Department of State and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric
9		Administration are responsible for overseeing and administration of this
10		legislation.
11		A. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration will receive
12		\$600,000 in funding each year for the 3-year long program.
13		B. Program shall create a seafloor and habitat map of the Arctic ocean
14		surrounding the state of Alaska and Northern Canada (Yukon,
15		Northwest Territories, and Nunavut.)
16		C. Program will tag 12 individuals from six arctic seal species being:
17		spotted seals, harbor seals, ribbon seals, bearded seals, ringed seals,
18		and northern fur seals.
19	SECTION 4.	This legislation will take effect at the start of Fiscal Year 2026. All laws in
20		conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
	Introduced for	Congressional Debate by School 11.

A Bill to Invest in Military Infrastructure in the Arctic Region

1	BE IT ENACTE	ED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2	SECTION 1.	the United States Federal Government shall increase investment in US
3		military infrastructure in the Arctic region.
4	SECTION 2.	Military Infrastructure: includes buildings, roads, airfields, ports, training
5		ranges, barracks, utilities, piers, pipelines, vessels, and other structures
6		within the Arctic Region.
7		Arctic Region: consists of parts of northern Norway, northernmost
8		Sweden, northern Finland, Russia, the United States, Canada, and
9		northern Iceland, along with the Arctic Ocean and adjacent seas.
10	SECTION 3.	This bill will be enforced by the Department of Defense and shall
11		reallocate the Department of Defense budget to ensure yearly
12		maintenance of US military bases in the arctic region.
13	SECTION 4.	This legislation will take effect on the first day of the next Fiscal Year. All
14		laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
	Introduced for	Congressional Debate by School 13.

A Bill to Allocate Funding for Blue Zone Practices Abroad

1	BE IT ENACTE	D BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2	SECTION 1.	The U.S. shall allocate funding to the Department of Health and Human
3		services for changes within U.S. communities and the promotion and
4		practice of lifestyles inspired by those who live in Blue Zones.
5	SECTION 2.	Blue Zone: A location in the world where people live substantially longer
6		than average these include: Loma Linda, USA, Sardinia, Italy, Okinawa,
7		Japan and Nicoya, Costa Rica.
8		Community-Wide Environmental Change: An Environmental or social
9		change that promotes blue zone-inspired lifestyles inducing but not
10		limited to; bike paths, cooking clubs, walking groups, etc.
11	SECTION 3.	This legislation will be administered by the Department of Health and
12		Human Services and the FDA.:
13		A. The Department of Health and Human Services will be allocated \$150
14		million from the USAID budget to provide educational grants to
15		healthcare professionals for training in Blue Zone lifestyle strategies
16		abroad.
17		B. The U.S. partner cities will implement at least three community-wide
18		environmental changes under DHHS recommendations.
19	SECTION 4.	This legislation will take effect at the beginning of fiscal year 2026. All
20		laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
	Introduced for	Congressional Debate by School 11.

A Resolution to Remove Daylights Saving

1	WHEREAS,	Daylight Saving Time (DST), the practice of adjusting clocks by one hour
2		to make better use of daylight, is disrupting people's natural circadian
3		rhythms; and
4	WHEREAS,	Daylights Saving is harmful and can be linked to Sleep disorders:
5		insomnia, difficulty falling asleep, and decreased sleep quality;
6		Cardiovascular issues: Increased risk of heart attacks and strokes; Mental
7		health concerns: Increased rates of depression, anxiety, and seasonal
8		affective disorder (SAD); Traffic accidents: Increased risk of car crashes
9		due to sleep deprivation; and
10	WHEREAS,	the abrupt change of time due to Daylight Saving causes people to lose
11		sleep and without the proper amount of sleep, health can deteriorate;
12		and
13	WHEREAS,	Removing Daylights Savings would improve the health citizens; and
14	WHEREAS,	countries around the globe are actively moving away from using this
15		system and using only Standard Time; now, therefore, be it
16	RESOLVED,	By the Congress here assembled will advise states' governments to
17		remove Daylight Savings time and adopt the global standard of
18		Coordinated Universal Time (UTC).

Introduced for Congressional Debate by School 14.

A Bill to Place an Interest Cap on Tuition

1	BE IT ENACTE	D BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2	SECTION 1.	Interest on tuition for public colleges and universities shall stop accrual
3		once the threshold reaches no more than 50% of the principle.
4	SECTION 2.	Accrual - the accumulation or increase of something over time, especially
5		payments or benefits.
6		Interest (on Debt) - the cost of debt for the borrower and the rate of
7		return for the lender.
8		<u>Delinquency</u> - a failure to pay an outstanding debt.
9	SECTION 3.	Federal and state governments will oversee the enforcement of the
10		interest cap, while the Department of Education will oversee
11		management of tuition, and student delinquency.
12		A. The Dept. of Education (ED) and Dept. of Treasury (TREAS) will
13		approve a penalty and appeal system that works with banks and
14		credit unions for working with borrowers who fail to make payments
15	SECTION 4.	This legislation will take effect on FY 2025. All laws in conflict with this
16		legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by School 19.

A Bill to Standardize the Legal Age of Purchase for Nicotine Products

1	BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:	
2	SECTION 1.	The Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act of 1938 will be amended under
3		a new act to increase the legal purchasing age of all nicotine (including
4		synthetic or alternative) products to 21 years old.
5	SECTION 2.	Synthetic nicotine is defined as Nicotine that is made in a lab [or from
6		other sources]; that doesn't come from tobacco leaf.
7	SECTION 3.	The Food and Drug Administration and Securities and Exchange
8		Commission will work in conjunction to enforce this bill.
9		A. The new act will be called Nicotine 21 or N21.
10	SECTION 4.	This legislation will take effect at the beginning of the next fiscal year,
11		October 1st, 2025. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby

Introduced for Congressional Debate by School 18.

12

declared null and void.

A Bill to use FDA Committees to eliminate Shrinkflation

1	BE IT ENACTE	D BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2	SECTION 1.	The FDA will create a committee to work specifically towards eliminating
3		the practice of weight-out or shrinkflation in commercial companies or
4		contemporary corporations.
5	SECTION 2.	"Weight-out"- reduction in the size or weight of retail products,
6		especially items of packaged food, with no corresponding reduction in
7		the retail price.
8		"Shrinkflation" – uses the same definition as 'weight-out' for purposes of this
9		legislation.
10	SECTION 3.	The FDA will act as enforcers for this piece of legislation and oversee the
11 12 13 14 15		 following regulation: A. Creation of a new committee inside the FDA that will specifically regulate and combat shrinkflation. B. The committee shall be denoted the Commercial Weight-out Abolishment Committee or CWAC.
16		C. This legislation will be funded by means of allocation via the HAC to a
17		sum of \$750,000, to be renewed annually.
18	SECTION 4.	This legislation will take effect on the beginning of the next fiscal year
19		(October 1st, 2025). All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby
20		declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by School 18.

A Bill to Increase and Centralize Wildfire Prevention Funding

1	BE IT ENACTE	D BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2	SECTION 1.	This legislation will allocate \$20 billion to create the Timber for Resilience
3		Program (TRP) to increase funding, collaboration, and centralize many
4		projects involving wildfire prevention.
5	SECTION 2.	<u>Timber for Resilience Program</u> - Centralizes wildfire projects that use
6		similar methods of prevention as well as increasing funding, and creating
7		better collaboration between departments.
8	SECTION 3.	The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the U.S. Department of
9		the Interior (DOI) will oversee the enforcement of this bill as well as the
10		management of the Timber for Resilience Program.
11		A. Agencies under the USDA that will be able to collaborate via the TRP:
12		a. U.S. Forest Service (USFS)
13		b. Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)
14		B. Agencies under the DOI that will be able to collaborate via the TRP
15		a. Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)
16		b. Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
17		c. National Park Service (NPA)
18		d. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)
19		C. Any state departments or agencies shall be allowed to work with the
20		TRP within their home state.
21		D. All projects that are to be centralized, will be projects that used the
22		same or similar means of wildfire prevention.
23	SECTION 4.	This legislation will take effect on FY 2025. All laws in conflict with this
24		legislation are hereby declared null and void.
	Introduced for	Congressional Debate by School 19 .

A Bill to Increase Funding to the Department of Transportation to Fund Maritime Administration

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
- 2 **SECTION 1**. The annual budget of the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is hereby
- increased by \$600,000,000 for fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year
- 4 thereafter.
- 5 **SECTION 2**. MARAD: The United States Maritime Administration authorized under
- the Merchant Marine Act of 1936.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** This piece of legislation will be enforced by the Department of
- 8 Transportation and the Office of Management and Budget.
- 9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2026. All laws in conflict with this
- legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by School 16.

A Bill to Provide NASA Funding to Invest in X-Ray Astronomy

1	BE IT ENACTE	D BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2	SECTION 1.	The United States Federal Government will allocate funding to maintain
3		the Chandra X-Ray Observatory project and establish a committee to
4		discuss a plan to create a new X-Ray Observatory.
5	SECTION 2.	"X-Ray observatory"- a telescope that detects X-rays from distant cosmic
6		bodies in space.
7	SECTION 3.	House Appropriations Committee will allocate the \$70 million dollars
8		annually, until annulment to NASA. NASA will receive the funds and
9		ensure they are used accordingly.
10		A. The Science Mission Directorate within NASA will oversee the
11		establishment of a committee to discuss a plan to create a new X-Ray
12		Observatory.
13		B. The committee will reconvene 1 year from the bill's passage to
14		discuss further legislation updating NASA's X-Ray Astronomy
15		infrastructure.
16	SECTION 4.	This legislation will take effect on FY26. Funding will be allocated each
17		year at the beginning of the fiscal year. All laws in conflict with this
18		legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by School 18.

A Bill to Provide Free Lunch to Public School Districts

1	BE IT ENACTE	D BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2	SECTION 1.	Eligibility for participation in the National School Lunch Program shall be
3		expanded to all public K-12 districts, regardless of income eligibility. All
4		meals provided through the National School Lunch Program shall be free
5		of cost to the students and families. Federal reimbursement to school
6		districts for meals provided through the National School Lunch Program
7		shall be calculated at an increased rate.
8	SECTION 2.	National School Lunch Program: The federally assisted meal program
9		authorized under 42 U.S.C. § 1751.
10	SECTION 3.	This bill shall be enforced by the Food and Nutrition Service under the US
11		Department of Agriculture.
12		A. Funding of \$11 million USD shall be added to the National School
13		Lunch Program through House Appropriations.
14		B. Federal reimbursement to school districts for meals provided through
15		the National School Lunch Program shall be calculated at an increased
16		rate of \$4.70 to offset increased food costs.
17	SECTION 4.	This legislation will take effect at the start of Fiscal Year 2026. All laws in
18		conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by School 16.

A Bill to Provide Universal Public Preschool

1	BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:	
2	SECTION 1.	Create the Universal Pre-K grant system to assist states in establishing or
3		expanding universal prekindergarten programs in public schools.
4	SECTION 2.	Prekindergarten Program: Any federally funded education program
5		preceding kindergarten that is directly operated by a public school
6		district.
7	SECTION 3.	The actions of this legislation shall be enforced by The Department of
8		Education whereas the funding shall be sourced through the action of the
9		Internal Revenue Service.
10		A. Federal grant assistance shall equate to no more than 80% of total
11		project costs. Remaining financial requirements shall be met through
12		contributions from local state governments.
13	SECTION 4.	This legislation will take effect at the beginning of fiscal year 2027. All
14		laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
	Introduced for Congressional Debate by School 13 .	

A Resolution to End China's Deceptive Island Building

1	WHEREAS,	China has stolen control of international territorial waters through the
2		creation of artificial islands; and
3	WHEREAS,	China has fully militarized at least three of several islands it built in the
4		disputed South China Sea; and
5	WHEREAS,	China has ignored the entire world's outrage with their actions to abuse
6		Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) protocols; and
7	WHEREAS,	China has continued building up its infrastructure in the South China Sea,
8		despite a 2016 ruling that this was in violation of the Law of the Sea
9		Convention; and
10	WHEREAS,	China has been aggressive to nearby passing aircraft and naval vessels,
11		attempting to create a large sphere of influence by laying claim to waters
12		nearby other nations; now, therefore, be it
13	RESOLVED,	By the Congress here assembled that The United States of America shall
14		ratify the United Nation's Convention on the Law of the Sea and will meet
15		all necessary obligations coming with said passage.
16	FURTHER RES	SOLVED, The United States shall call upon the United Nations GA1 to
17		discuss the topic of China's violations of the United Nations Convention
18		on the Law of the Sea and pressure China to cease creation of artificial
19		islands in international waters.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by School 11.

A Bill creating a National Fund to Offer Financial Incentive to Speech and Debate Judges

1	BE IT ENACTE	D BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2	SECTION 1.	Establish a fund to be allocated to any non-profit or High School speech
3		and debate organization for direct judge compensation.
4	SECTION 2.	High School is defined as a state certified academic institution of the
5		grades 9-12.
6		Non-Profit organization is defined as an organization under the IRS's
7		501(c)(3) exemption status.
8	SECTION 3.	The U.S. Department of Education will oversee enforcement and
9		allocation of funding.
10		A. \$3,700,000 will be allocated to the fund.
11		B. Judges would be compensated at a rate of \$7/hour.
12		C. Compensation shall not exceed 1 judge for every 2 students entered.
13	SECTION 4.	This legislation will take effect at the beginning of the next fiscal year. All
14		laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
	Introduced for	Congressional Debate by School 17.

A Bill to Incentivize Wind Energy

1	BE II ENACIE	ED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2	SECTION 1.	A tax commensurate with the amount of profits reported to the IRS each
3		year by energy companies shall be levied against energy companies that
4		profit from fossil fuel generated power. A federal subsidy of 40% the
5		initial investment cost will be granted to energy companies that elect to
6		invest in and implement wind generated power while simultaneously
7		divesting in fossil fuel energy production.
8	SECTION 2.	Profits: All money that remains after all operating expenses have been
9		doled out, including; salaries of all employees, machine maintenance,
10		electricity, health care expenses, insurance, etc.
11		<u>Federal Subsidy:</u> Funding that is provided by the federal government to
12		mitigate the harms incurred by energy producers to incentivize the
13		transition to renewable energy.
14		Energy Companies: Here defined as companies that produce and profit
15		from energy through the extraction and burning of fossil fuels.
16	SECTION 3.	The Department of Energy in conjunction with the Internal Revenue
17		Service will oversee enforcements of the bill proposed.
18		A. The Department of Energy will be responsible for monitoring energy
19		production throughout the U.S. and report to the IRS on compliance
20		with the law. This department will also grant the subsidies laid out in
21		the bill.
22		B. The IRS will levy taxes to companies based on profits gained through
23		fossil fuel-based energy production.
24		C. If energy U.S. dependence is still predominantly tied to fossil fuels in
25		period of ten years, the above proposed tax will double during the
26		next ten-year period.
27	SECTION 4.	This legislation will take effect on FY 2026. All laws in conflict with this
28		legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by School 14.