

# **Taylor MS Tournament Congress Legislation**

**Prelims Rd. 1:**

**3, 5, 1**



## **Item 3 - A Bill to Abolish Online Data Collection to Protect the Privacy of Users and Defend against Data Breaches**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall ban the collection of user data through cookies, embedded  
2 software, device fingerprinting, and other malicious methods to protect citizens  
3 privacy from companies and hackers targeting those companies.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** "User Data" will be defined as name, age, political party, gender, purchasing  
5 preferences, location, and other personal information.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) shall oversee the  
7 implementation and enforcement of this bill.
- 8 A. The FCC shall determine what constitutes an infringement on user rights.  
9 B. The FCC shall also determine what further constitutes "User Data" other than  
10 outlined in Section 2.
- 11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026.
- 12 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Stephen F. Austin High School.*



## **Item 5 - A Bill to Fund High-Speed Rail Development to Improve Transportation Infrastructure**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** \$100 billion of funding shall be allocated to the development and  
2 implementation of high-speed rail systems across the United States.

3 **SECTION 2.** A High-Speed Rail System is defined as a rail network capable of sustained  
4 speeds exceeding 150 miles per hour.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Transportation and Federal Railway Administration (FRA) will  
6 oversee enforcement of this legislation.

7 A. Funding shall come from the U.S Department of Defense.

8 B. The FRA must submit a plan of action detailing the location of railways they  
9 will construct as well as which sections of pre-existing railways they will  
10 maintain to Congress within 6 months of this legislation taking effect. There  
11 must be focus on maintaining high-speed railroads first and then  
12 constructing new railroads second.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Seven Lakes High School.*



## **Item 1 - A Resolution to End the Use of Direct-to-Consumer Genetic Testing Services in Criminal Investigations**

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   Law enforcement often uses direct-to-consumer (DTC) genetic testing service  
2                   results in criminal investigations; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**   The unwarranted use of DTC genetic testing service results constitutes a  
4                   violation of health privacy rights for over 26 million Americans; and
- 5   **WHEREAS,**   Under the Supreme Court ruling in *Griswold v. Connecticut*, a person has the  
6                   Constitutional right to privacy including bodily autonomy which includes the  
7                   right to their own DNA and genetics; and
- 8   **WHEREAS,**   The Fourth Amendment requires law enforcement to obtain a warrant prior to  
9                   conducting a search; now, therefore, be it
- 10   **RESOLVED,**   That the Congress here assembled require law enforcement to obtain a search  
11                   warrant prior to conducting DNA searches through DTC genetic testing services;  
12                   and, be it
- 13   **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the warrant applies only to the DNA of a specific individual for which  
14                   law enforcement has successfully proven probable cause.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Westlake High School.*

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**Prelims Rd. 2:  
8, 2, 17**



## Item 8 - A Resolution to Establish a Free Trade Deal with China

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   The United States and China are the two largest economies in the world, and  
2                   increased trade between the two nations has the potential to foster economic  
3                   growth and enhance diplomatic relations; and
- 4   **WHEREAS,**   Current trade barriers, tariffs, and restrictions impede the flow of goods and  
5                   services between the U.S. and China, limiting market access for businesses and  
6                   raising costs for consumers in both nations; and
- 7   **WHEREAS,**   A comprehensive free trade agreement (FTA) with China could significantly  
8                   reduce tariffs, expand trade opportunities, and improve access to a wider range  
9                   of affordable products and services; and
- 10   **RESOLVED,**   That the Congress here assembled calls for negotiations with the People's  
11                   Republic of China to establish a free trade agreement focused on reducing tariffs  
12                   and other trade barriers; and, be it
- 13   **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this agreement shall include provisions to protect intellectual  
14                   property, ensure fair labor practices, and promote environmental sustainability.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Memorial High School.*



**SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Income Tax will be replaced by a consumption tax model called The Fair Tax.

**SECTION 3.** A. The Fair Tax would outsource the administration of the national sales tax to the governments of the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Currently, 45 states and D.C. collect statewide sales taxes. In states without a sales tax, the Secretary of the Treasury (or another state) would administer the national sales tax.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jack C. Hays High School.*



## Item 17 - A Bill to Create Refugee Status for Venezuelan Migrants

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1   **SECTION 1.**     The United States shall establish a specific refugee status for Venezuelan migrants  
2                   fleeing political persecution, violence, or economic hardship, granting them a pathway  
3                   to permanent residency.

4   **SECTION 2.**     A. "Refugee status" shall refer to a protected immigration status allowing Venezuelan  
5                   migrants to reside and work in the United States legally.

6                   B. "Venezuelan migrants" shall refer to individuals who are nationals of Venezuela or  
7                   habitual residents of Venezuela seeking asylum due to documented risks of persecution  
8                   or other significant hardships.

9   **SECTION 3.**     The Department of US Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the U.S.  
10                   Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will oversee the enforcement of this  
11                   legislation.

12                   A. A grant of \$100 million shall be allocated to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration  
13                   Services (USCIS) to support the implementation of this legislation.

14                   B. The USCIS will provide work visas to Venezuelan refugee applicants at its discretion,  
15                   prioritizing cases that demonstrate a significant need for immediate employment  
16                   authorization granting them immediate work eligibility upon approval of their initial  
17                   application

18                   C. The USCIS will coordinate with relevant agencies to facilitate job placements for  
19                   Venezuelan migrants in critical sectors such as healthcare, agriculture, and  
20                   education. Workers with higher experience in these sectors will be prioritized for  
21                   obtaining a work visa.

22                   D. A portion of the allocated funding will be used to create ESL programs specifically  
23                   for Venezuelan migrants to help them integrate and succeed in the US.

24   **SECTION 4.**     This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2026.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Prosper High School.*



# **Taylor MS Tournament Congress Legislation**

**Finals (if needed):**

**11, 4, 9, 18**



## Item 11 - A Bill to Mitigate Stand-Your-Ground Laws to Reduce Criminal Violence

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** United States Federal Government will withhold all federal funding for public  
2 safety programs, including grants and direct aid, from states who have expanded  
3 stand-your-ground laws beyond the defense of the home until such time as  
4 those laws are repealed.

5 **SECTION 2.** Stand-Your-Ground laws will be defined as the castle doctrine's premise of self-  
6 defense in one's own home.

7 A. States who have expanded this law to extend legal protection for the use of  
8 deadly force, with no duty retreat, outside of one's property will be subject  
9 to the withholding of funds.

10 B. Funding may be reinstated upon the repeal of such laws.

11 C. Public safety agencies will be defined as a government agency that is  
12 responsible for the protection and well-being of the public, including law  
13 enforcement, fire protection, and medical assistance.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

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

17 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Katy Taylor High School.*



## Item 4 - Geothermal Fracking Initiative Act of 2025

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Congress finds that Geothermal Fracking (GF) represents a promising and  
2 renewable source of clean energy and thus authorizes the creation of the  
3 Geothermal Fracking Initiative (GFI).

4 **SECTION 2.** Geothermal Fracking is defined as the process by which fluids are pumped deep  
5 beneath the earth's surface to fracture rocks, through which water is circulated  
6 and heated for the purpose of creating electricity.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

8 A. The initial budget for the GFI shall be \$2 billion. All money allocated for the  
9 initial disbursement shall be disbursed by January 1, 2027.

10 B. Private companies may apply for grants from the GFI to drill GF exploratory  
11 wells and to develop drilling infrastructure and physical energy plant  
12 infrastructure.

13 C. Companies applying for grants from the GFI must certify that the proposed  
14 wells do not pose a significant threat to native ecosystems.

15 D. Companies applying for grants from the GFI must demonstrate that energy  
16 plants using water from GF wells are likely to be financially solvent within ten  
17 years of the projected completion of the first GF well.

18 E. Every two years, Congress shall review the effectiveness of the GFI in  
19 increasing energy production using GF and shall either disband the GFI or  
20 authorize additional funding for the GFI.

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

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Tascosa High School.*



## Item 9 - The Cuban Ascension Policy Act (C.A.P. Act)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States government shall lift economic sanctions on the country of  
2 Cuba by repealing the Helms-Burton Act, Cuban Assets Control Regulations, and  
3 the Cuban Democracy Act. Furthermore, the United States Government shall  
4 engage in foreign relations with the country of Cuba to achieve and maintain the  
5 goal of open trade and borders between one another.

6 **SECTION 2.** The definitions for this act are as follows:

7 A. The Cuban Assets Control Regulations shall be abbreviated if necessary to  
8 "The CACR."

9 B. The Office of the United States Trade Representative shall be abbreviated if  
10 necessary to "The USTR."

11 **SECTION 3.** The United States Congress shall oversee the repealing of the Helms-Burton Act,  
12 Cuban Assets Control Regulations, and the Cuban Democracy Act. The USTR shall  
13 be tasked with foreign relations with Cuba to achieve the goals stated in Section  
14 1.

15 **SECTION 4.** This act shall go into effect 90 days after passage.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Snyder High School.*



## Item 18 – The Terminate Representatives' Activities in the Domain of Exchange (T.R.A.D.E.) Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   The United States shall prohibit members of Congress and their immediate  
2                   family from engaging in the buying, selling, trading, and holding of stocks.
- 3   **SECTION 2.**   Immediate family shall be strictly defined as an individual's spouse, previous  
4                   legal guardians, or dependent children. Stocks will be defined as equity or partial  
5                   ownership within a company.
- 6   **SECTION 3.**   The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) shall oversee and implement regulations of  
7                   the following Standard:
- 8                   A. No member of congress nor their immediate family shall be permitted to  
9                   purchase or hold stocks during their tenure in office.
- 10                  B. Any stocks acquired prior to the enactment of this legislation must be  
11                  divested within a period of six months following its passage.
- 12                  C. Any member of Congress in violation of these provisions will incur a  
13                  monetary penalty amounting to 20% of the assets in question.
- 14   **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect in fiscal year 2026. All laws in conflict with this  
15                   legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Westlake High School.*