

Capitol Valley NSDA Qualifier- 2025

Congress Legislation

Primary vs Reserve Legislation

Congress will use a concept of "primary" and "reserve" legislation. There are 4 "primary" bills and 2 "reserve bills." In each of the two sessions, 2 primary bills must be debated and voted on prior to debating a reserve bill.

The intent of the reserve bills is to allow the Congress session to continue without repetitive speeches on the primary bills. The Student Congress chamber is not required to open debate on reserve bills; it is available at their discretion.

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Primary - A Bill to Restrict Executive Authority Over Oil Import Tariffs

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The authority of the President of the United States to unilaterally impose tariffs on imported crude oil and refined petroleum products shall be restricted. Any tariff or duty imposed on such imports must receive congressional approval through a joint resolution.

SECTION 2. The President may impose temporary tariffs on oil imports only in cases of national security emergencies, as certified by the Department of Defense and the Department of Energy. Such tariffs shall expire within 90 days unless extended by Congress.

SECTION 3. This legislation shall not affect existing trade agreements or tariffs of the United States but shall apply to any future modifications to oil import tariffs.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Davis Senior HS (CA).

Primary - A Bill to Lock the Clock (Daylight Savings Time)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Uniform Time Act of 1966's mandate for states to observe time changes for Daylight Savings Time is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. States must adhere to "permanent Daylight Savings Time", where current "DST" hours are used year-round without any shifts forward or backward.

SECTION 3. The Department of Transportation will oversee implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect beginning 1st July 2025, meaning that there will be no "fall back" in November 2025, and no subsequent time changes thereafter. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Davis Senior HS (CA).

Primary - A Bill to Remove Compliance Requirements from Department of Education Grants

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Compliance requirements for Title I schools established by the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 are hereby abolished.

SECTION 2. Federal funding to states will continue via block grants without federal compliance requirements. Total federal funding dollars distributed to states by the Department of Education will remain the same.

SECTION 3. Grants to states will be divided equally based on student population, and adjusted annually.

SECTION 4. The Department of Education will oversee distribution of grants.

SECTION 5. This legislation will take effect for FY 2026. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Davis Senior HS.

Primary - A Bill to Incorporate AI into the Military

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A total of \$25 billion will be allocated to incorporate fully autonomous artificial intelligence into United States military operations.

- A. \$20 billion is allocated to develop a fully autonomous AI that will operate combat drones.
- B. \$5 billion is allocated to develop a fully autonomous AI system that will collect, process, and analyze data used by the United States military.

SECTION 2. Artificial intelligence (AI) is a machine-based computer system that can replicate a range of human functions and continually get better at their assigned tasks. Fully autonomous AI is capable of completing assigned tasks without any human input or intervention. Data is any information collected during military intelligence and surveillance operations.

SECTION 3. The United States Department of Defense (DoD) shall be tasked with implementing this legislation. The DoD budget will be increased by \$25 billion.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect January 1, 2026.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Davis Senior HS.

Reserve - A Resolution to End the Filibuster

WHEREAS, The filibuster has historically been used to obstruct legislation and hinder the democratic process; and

WHEREAS, The filibuster allows a minority of Senators to block bills that have majority support, undermining the principle of majority rule; and

WHEREAS, The continued use of the filibuster has led to legislative gridlock, preventing Congress from effectively addressing critical national issues; and

WHEREAS, Removing the filibuster would restore the Senate's ability to pass legislation more efficiently and ensure that elected representatives can better fulfill their legislative duties; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled urges the United States Senate to amend its rules to abolish the filibuster, thereby ensuring that legislation can be passed by a simple majority vote.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Davis Senior HS (CA).

Reserve - A Bill to Abolish U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to Prevent Domestic Human Rights Violations

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall hereby abolish the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and all funding delegated to the agency will instead be granted toward the processing of citizenship requests.

SECTION 2. “Abolish” shall be defined as the ending of all previously established duties of an organization, the termination of all employment, and the repeal of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Authorization Act of 2017.

SECTION 3. The Department of Homeland Security shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

A. Funding previously granted to ICE shall be rerouted to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

B. The Office of the Principal Legal Advisor shall have its duties delegated to the Department of Justice.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect 180 days after its enactment. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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