



NSDA Florida Manatee District Congress Qualifier Legislation Packet

Pompano Beach High School
March 6th & 7th, 2025

CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE SCHEDULE (House & Senate)

Wednesday, March 5th: Congressional Debate Schedule

Chamber Chats on Zoom

6:30 pm - House and Senate Chambers posted

7:00 - 7:30 pm - ZOOM meetings for each House and Senate chamber

Thursday, March 6th: Congressional Debate Schedule

In-person at Pompano Beach High School

4:00 pm - Congress Competitor & Judge Check-in (Do not arrive to campus before 3:45 pm)

4:30 - 7:30 pm - Preliminary Session 1 (judges & students should report to chambers by 4:15 pm)

Judges: Hit **START** on Tabroom by 4:15 pm

Friday, March 7th: Congressional Debate Schedule

In person at Pompano Beach High School

8:00 am - Judge Meeting & Competitor Check-in

8:30 am - 11:30 am: Congress, Preliminary Session 2 (report to chambers 5 mins early)

Lunch 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

12:30 pm - 3:30 pm: House Finals (chambers will open 15 mins prior to semis and finals for students to communicate and coordinate in advance)

3:45 pm or ASAP - Awards Ceremony

The Senate will have 2 preliminary rounds, with no Final. The House will have 2 preliminary rounds, with a Final.

*This schedule is tentative and very much subject to change depending on entry numbers in each chamber. Students and coaches will be updated as we near the competition. Schedule is also subject to change during the competition, depending on results. All participants will be notified of any changes.

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A Bill to Ban Homeschooling to Enhance Social Activity and Independence

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. In order to ensure children have the opportunity to gain independence and receive the basic standards of education and fundamental skills, homeschooling shall be banned for children of appropriate age for education.

SECTION 2. The terms shall be defined as follows:

A. “Basic Standards of Education” shall be defined as the basic skills necessary to learn the average school curriculum.

B. “Homeschooling” shall be defined as education conducted in any place other than a school.

C. “Appropriate Age for Education” shall be defined as any person at or between the ages of 4 to 17.

SECTION 3. The Department of Education shall pull the funding of institutions, individuals, and programs that receive Federal funds if they do not comply with the provisions of this bill.

A. Recipients of Federal funds through grants, agreements, loans, or arrangements are subject to the consequences of encouraging homeschooling.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by American Heritage School – Broward.

A Bill to Aid Sudan

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall hereby donate and deliver \$400 million in
3 humanitarian aid to the citizens of Sudan through Sudan's maritime
4 border with Saudi Arabia. US troops will be allotted as necessary to
5 deliver the aid to USAID representatives at the border.

6 **SECTION 2.** The terms shall be defined as follows:

7 A. Humanitarian aid shall consist of a combination of agricultural
8 supplication, temporary housing, bottled water, and medical
9 supplies, including but not limited to; vaccines and first aid
10 equipment.

11 B. The maritime border shall be defined as the Red Sea that is apart
12 of Sudan's territorial waters.

13 C. US troops allocation shall include but not be limited to: arming
14 ships used for transport.

15 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of State in conjunction with USAID will be
16 responsible for the implementation and oversight of this bill.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented immediately upon passage. All laws
18 in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Western High School.

The Taxpayer Assistance and eXemption (T.A.X.) Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. To exempt tips and overtime earnings from federal income tax, increasing take-home pay for American workers and retirees.

SECTION 2. For the purposes of this legislation, the following terms are defined:

- A. "Tips" shall be defined as any income received as gratuities.
- B. "Overtime Earnings" shall be defined as any income received from overtime hours.
- C. "Tip Credit" shall be defined as the practice of counting tips as a portion of wages to meet federal or state minimum wage requirements.

SECTION 3. The Department of Treasury and Internal Revenue Service will be responsible for the implementation of this legislation:

- A. Businesses that utilize tip credits shall be subject to an additional 12% tax.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

A Bill to Limit Annual College Tuition Price Increases

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The U.S Federal Government will require colleges to limit annual tuition
3 price increases no greater than the year-over-year inflation rate to
4 address the student debt crisis. Colleges that raise tuition prices above
5 the predetermined amount will lose the benefits of their tax-exempt
6 status.

7 **SECTION 2.** Benefits of tax-exempt status shall include access to tax-deductible
8 donations, tax-free infrastructure projects, and minimal tax payments.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will be responsible for overseeing the
10 implementation and enforcement of this bill. Congress must vote to
11 increase tuition fees if it exceeds the current year-over-year inflation
12 rate.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Flanagan High School.

The Haitian Recovery Act (HR Act)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States government shall allocate \$1 Billion to support Haiti in restoring stability, strengthening its national police force, and addressing urgent humanitarian needs.

SECTION 2. Haitian National Police (HNP) shall be defined as the primary law enforcement agency of Haiti.

SECTION 3. The Department of State, in coordination with the Department of Defense and the Department of Treasury, shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation. The specific enforcement mechanisms shall include:

A. Allocation of Funds:

I. \$500 million shall be earmarked for enhancing and strengthening the capacity of the HNP, including training, equipment, and infrastructure.

II. \$300 million shall be allocated for urgent humanitarian aid, including food, medical supplies, and clean water.

III. \$200 million shall be reserved for future governance support and economic development initiatives. This would be a second subsection.

B. Deployment of U.S. Troops: A limited contingent of U.S. troops, not exceeding 1,000 personnel, shall be deployed to Haiti to assist in training the HNP and providing logistical support for aid distribution.

C. Reporting requirements: The Department of State shall provide quarterly reports to Congress on the implementation of this bill and the situation in Haiti, which they will get from the HNP.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Nova High School.

A Bill to Establish Universal Preschool

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Department of Education will integrate universal
3 preschool into our public school system.

4 **SECTION 2.** Universal Preschool is a publicly funded and tuition-free program
5 for age-eligible children. Age-eligible children are children who are
6 between the ages of 2-5.

7 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Education will oversee and
8 enforce this legislation.

9 A. The DOE shall have a budget of \$40 billion per annum.

10 B. Subsidies shall be given to the early childhood providers within the
11 \$40 billion budget.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Everglades High School

A Bill to Demilitarize Police

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Defense will no longer sell or transfer Surplus Military
3 Equipment to State or local law enforcement, firefighting, homeland
4 security, or emergency management agencies.

5 **SECTION 2.** Surplus Military Equipment is defined as equipment transferred under 10
6 U.S. Code § 2576. State or local law enforcement, firefighting, homeland
7 security, or emergency management agencies are agencies eligible for
8 Surplus Military Equipment as defined by 10 U.S. Code § 2576.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Defense Logistics Agency must cease the approval of any new
10 transfers of Surplus Military Equipment.

11 A. The Defense Logistics Agency is directed to find alternate ways to use
12 or dispose of Surplus Military Equipment.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage. All laws in
14 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by NSDA Florida Manatee District.

A Bill to Revive the Company Town

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All companies doing business in the United States that employ more than 2,000 individuals will be required to provide affordable housing for their employees no more than 25 miles from the company's place of business.

A. Employees cannot be required to make use of their employer's housing options, but the company must provide affordable housing for all employees who request it.

B. Individuals' job performance and/or employment status at the company cannot be used as grounds for eviction.

C. If the corporation has an excess of housing units, they may offer these for rent or purchase to individuals who do not work for the company.

SECTION 2. "Affordable housing" shall be defined as housing on which the occupant is paying no more than 30% of their gross income for housing costs, including utilities.

SECTION 3. This legislation shall be implemented by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on August 1, 2030. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by NSDA Florida Manatee District.

A Bill to Invest into Water Conservation

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall provide funding towards the construction of technology
3 that will help farmers conserve water. This funding will come in the form
4 of grants for which U.S. farmers may apply.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. The technologies mentioned in Section 1 are primarily defined as drip
6 irrigation, micro-irrigation, and nanobubble technology.

7 B. Funding for this legislation will come from a 5% increase in corporate
8 income tax.

9 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will be jointly overseen by the Department of Agriculture
10 (USDA), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and Internal
11 Revenue Service (IRS).

12 A. Once the USDA and EPA deem the water conservation adequate and to
13 a sustainable level, the corporate tax rate will be returned to its rate at
14 the time of passage.

15 B. The USDA will conduct inspections starting 2 years after this legislation
16 takes effect. Any farm found to be using more than 2.5 acre feet of water
17 per acre will be fined \$50,000.

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

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