

Alabama State Tournament 2025



Congressional Packet

Alabama State Tournament 2025 Congress Procedures

- i. After registration on Tuesday, we will look at the entry numbers and judges available to determine if there will be split sessions for session 1 with a super session during session 2. This will be relayed to your coach by Wednesday at the latest.
- ii. Bills can be debated for a maximum one hour then a Motion to Previous Question will be forced. Bills, however, do not have to be debated the full hour if this motion passes before the hour.
- iii. Each section in Congress will have legislation submitted by the schools in that chamber (as of 10am 2/7) at the front of the docket order so that schools will have the opportunity to debate the legislation they submitted. However, school entry adds, subtracts, and changes after 2/7 might affect who is in which chamber. The dockets will not change because a school moved their entries to a different section.

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A Bill to Restore Voting Rights for People Charged with Non-Violent Crimes of Moral Turpitude

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Alabama Legislature shall hereby restore voting rights for individuals who are convicted of non-violent crimes of moral turpitude.

SECTION 2. Non-Violent Crimes of Moral Turpitude are defined as a category of crimes that are considered inherently immoral or unethical but that do not involve direct physical harm to others.

SECTION 3. Amend Section 17-3-30.1 of the Code of Alabama 1975, and in turn, create an amended version of the Felony Voter Disqualification Act. This amendment would remove a part of the felonies listed in HB282 178796-3 from 2017. Voting rights shall automatically be restored for individuals who have been convicted of a non-violent crime of moral turpitude including:

- Sodomy as defined in Sections 13A-6-63 and 13A-6-64.” with the exception of sodomy resulting from force, with a minor, or sexual assault (Lawrence v. Texas 2003).
- Endangering the water supply as defined in 4 Section 13A-10-171.”
- Trafficking in cannabis, cocaine, or other illegal drugs or trafficking in amphetamine and methamphetamine as defined in Section 13A-12-231.”
- Bigamy as defined in Section 13A-13-1.” with the exception of bigamy resulting from force, trafficking rings, or sexual assault
- Prohibited acts in the offer, sale, or purchase of securities as defined in Section 8-6-17.”
- Theft of property as defined in Sections 15 13A-8-3 and 13A-8-4.”
- Theft of lost property as defined in Sections 17 13A-8-7 and 13A-8-8.”
- Theft of trademarks or trade secrets as defined 19 in Section 13A-8-10.4.”
- Forgery as defined in Sections 13A-9-2 and 13A-9-3.”

SECTION 4. Establish an Alabama Voting Rights Commission to oversee this bill implementation, review potentially discriminatory policies, and protect voting rights for members of protected classes.

- A nominating committee, composed of certified voting rights organizations, will select commission members.

SECTION 5. The U.S Election Assistance Commission gave the state of Alabama \$4,989,605 for election improvement; any remaining funding can be pulled from the General Fund appropriation for Elections Expenses.

SECTION 6. This legislation will take effect immediately after its passage.

SECTION 7. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Resolution Eliminating Currency

WHEREAS, Citizens of the United States are decreasing their use of physical currency when conducting transactions; and

WHEREAS, The cost of making pennies, nickels, and dimes, often exceeds the worth of the coin; and

WHEREAS, The inflation rate currently in the United States translates into few things costing 1 cent, 5 cents, or 10 cents; and

WHEREAS, Coins are annoying, except when doing a flip in PF; and

WHEREAS, Most places of business have a "have a coin, take a coin" tray at the cash register; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled instruct the United States Treasury Department to cease the production of pennies, nickels, and dimes and begin the transition to an eventual goal of eliminating physical currency completely in the United States.

Submitted by The Montgomery Academy

Resolution To Establish MUST

WHEREAS, The United States continues seeing China as an existential threat; and

WHEREAS, Chinese expansion in the Pacific Ocean threatens many allies of the United States as well as neutral nations in the region; and

WHEREAS, The ongoing violations of sovereign waters by the Chinese Navy is particularly alarming; and

WHEREAS, Malaysia and Thailand find themselves in a precarious situation in the region; and

WHEREAS, Malaysia and Thailand are also seeing violations of their airspaces by the Chinese Air Force; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled instruct the United States State Department to begin talks with the nation of Malaysia and Thailand to enter into a formal defense alliance between the 3 nations to be called the Malaysia United States Thailand Alliance or MUST because we MUST thwart Chinese aggression and expansion.

Submitted by The Montgomery Academy

A Bill to Enact an Excise Tax Upon ICE Vehicles

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States Government shall enact an excise tax upon the
2 manufacture of internal combustion engine vehicles, assessed as 8% of the
3 total cost of manufacture per vehicle.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** An “internal combustion engine vehicle” is defined as a vehicle powered by
5 a gasoline or diesel engine, excluding hybrid electric vehicles. An excise tax
6 refers to a tax levied upon goods prior to sale. The total cost of
7 manufacturing includes the value of labor, materials, and any additional
8 costs incurred in production.
- 9 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service shall oversee enforcement alongside state
10 DMVs.
- 11 A. Manufacturers shall provide statements of manufacturing costs
12 alongside payment to the IRS.
- 13 B. Noncompliant vehicles shall be denied registration by state motor
14 vehicle departments, preventing legal usage on public roads.
- 15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2026. All laws in conflict with this
16 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by LAMP High School.

A Bill to Extend Parental Leave to Provide Increased Support for Families to Strengthen Child Development and Ensure Economic Stability

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** This bill will extend maternal leave and expand it to include paid parental
2 leave following the birth, adoption, or foster care placement of a child,
3 ensuring all guardians are provided sufficient time for bonding, recovery,
4 and care.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this bill:
- 6 (a) "Parental leave" shall refer to a period of paid leave provided to guardians, regardless
7 of gender, to a minor following the birth, adoption, or foster care placement
8 of a child, in order to promote family bonding and early childhood
9 development.
- 10 (b) "Eligible employee" shall refer to any worker employed full-time or part-time for at
11 least 12 months by an employer with 50 or more employees within a
12 75-mile radius.
- 13 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Labor will oversee enforcement of this policy,
14 ensuring compliance by employers through audits, employee reports, and
15 penalties for non-compliance.
- 16 A. Employers will be required to provide paid parental leave for a minimum
17 of 12 weeks for both parents.
- 18 B. The Department of Labor will establish a reporting system for
19 employees to submit complaints of non-compliance, which will be
20 reviewed for potential penalties against offending employers.
- 21 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on 01 January 2026. All laws in conflict with
22 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Resolution to Increase Public Transit by Cutting Funding for Electric Vehicles

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The transition to electric vehicles is causing human rights concerns,
2 destroying ecosystems, and contributing to the current climate crisis
3 through the mining of lithium and cobalt; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** The use of modern-day slavery is fueling electric vehicle production and
5 wreaking havoc on local ecosystems; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Reports indicate that hundreds of thousands of people are forced to work
7 in hazardous conditions mining these materials, and mining has
8 contributed to deforestation and water pollution; there, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled will stop funding electric vehicle
10 innovation, production, and incentivization;
- 11 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this funding will be diverted to significantly increasing public
12 transit.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Central High School

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Guarantee Maternity and Paternity Leave

1 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is
2 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which
3 shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
4 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within
5 seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

ARTICLE --

7 **SECTION 1:** All companies with 20 or more employees will be required
8 to guarantee both parents 6 months of paid parental leave
9 with a remuneration rate of at least 65% of regular earnings.

10 **SECTION 2:** To use the guaranteed leave, it must be used within a year of
11 the baby being born, but the parents can take the leave at
12 separate times.

13 **SECTION 3:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
14 appropriate legislation.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Central High School

A Bill to Condemn Cruise Lines to Prevent Exploitation of U.S Citizens

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall prohibit the operation of any cruise line that violates U.S.
2 law while American passengers are on board or depart from U.S. docks.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Many cruise lines (such as Carnival, Royal Caribbean, and Norwegian) that
4 operate mainly in the U.S. use a "Flag of Convenience" and often get away
5 with many different crimes while in international waters while following
6 the terms of Maritime law and DOHSA.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** To prevent these large Cruise lines from being completely exempt from US
8 law while operating in the US, despite "Flags of Convenience," all ships
9 should operate under US law if they have US passengers on board or are
10 departing from a U.S. dock.
- 11 A. This bill will be overseen by the Department of Transportation and
12 enforced by the U.S. Coast Guard.
- 13 B. Any Cruise line in direct violation of this bill shall receive a 2 year
14 permanent ban from all U.S docks.
- 15 C. Any cruise line that fails to provide at least one U.S. liscensed medical
16 professional on board when carrying over 1000 U.S. passengers shall be
17 fined \$500,000 per voyage, with funds allocated to the U.S. Department
18 of Helath and Human Services for maritime medical saftey improvents
- 19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2025
- 20 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hoover HS.

A Bill to Prohibit Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) from Conducting Raids on Educational Institutions

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** ICE shall be prohibited from conducting immigration enforcement
2 operations within 1000 feet of any educational institution
- 3 **SECTION 2.** An “educational institution” shall be defined as any public or private k-12
4 school, college, university, vocational school, or daycare center
- 5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security shall oversee the enforcement of
6 this bill and ensure ICE compliance
- 7 A. Any violation of this bill shall result in disciplinary action against the
8 responsible ICE agents, including possible suspension or termination.
- 9 B. The Department of Homeland Security Office for Civil Rights and Civil
10 Liberties shall conduct annual reviews to ensure adherence to this
11 policy
- 12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2025
- 13 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hoover HS.

A Bill to Implement an Age Cap on the President of the United States

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Congress shall implement an age limit for the President of the United States to ensure that the individual leading the Executive branch be fit for office.

SECTION 2. The average American citizen is able to receive full retirement benefits at age sixty-seven. Working after sixty-seven risks the ability for the individual to perform their job's duties safely and effectively, begging the question of why one of the great leaders of America should not have an age cap for their position.

SECTION 3. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Submitted for Congressional Debate by Vestavia Hills HS.

A Bill to Impose Mandatory Vasectomies on Convicted Sex Offenders to Prevent Rape Related Pregnancies

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall implement mandatory vasectomies on all individuals
2 assigned male at birth who have been convicted as sex offenders in their
3 respective states.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** A sex offender includes any adult or juvenile who has been convicted of a
5 sexual offense. A sexual offense includes any crime that contains a sexual
6 component. An estimated 32,101 pregnancies result from rape each year.
7 Sex offenders are statistically more likely to be repeat offenders, so in order
8 to prevent further rape related pregnancies, sex offenders will lose their
9 ability to reproduce via a vasectomy.
- 10 **SECTION 3.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
11 legislation.
- 12 **SECTION 4.** Congress shall ensure adequate funding is provided for the achievement of
13 this goal.
- 14 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.
- 15 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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