



NSDA – Middle School State Congressional Debate Docket 2025

This docket consists of seven bills, The first four are for each preliminary round, and the final three bills will be for the final round.

A - A Bill to Abolish School Resource Officers to End the Criminalization of Students

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The permanent stationing of Law Enforcement Officers, including School 3
Resource Officers (SROs), in all K-12 public schools is hereby abolished. 4 No federal, state,
or local funds shall be allocated for the hiring, training, 5 or deployment of law enforcement
officers within educational 6 institutions.

7 **SECTION 2. 1.** School Resource Officer (SRO) shall be defined as any law enforcement 8
officer, whether directly employed by a police department or contracted 9 by a school district,
whose primary duty is maintaining security within a 10 K -12 school.

11 **2.** Law enforcement officers shall be defined as any personnel with the 12 authority to
arrest, detain, or use force under state or federal law. 13 **3.** Permanent stationing shall be
defined as the regular assignment of law 14 enforcement officers to school grounds for
security, disciplinary 15 enforcement, or other non-emergency duties

16 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education, in coordination with the Department of 17
Justice, shall ensure compliance by redirecting all existing SRO funding 18 toward mental
health services, restorative justice programs, and student 19 support services.

20 **A.** Any school district found in violation of this act shall be subject to a 21 loss of 10% of
its federal education funding annually. 22 **B.** Nothing in this bill shall be construed to prevent
law enforcement 23 officers from responding to emergencies, conducting necessary 24
investigations, or fulfilling legal obligations on school grounds when 25 required.

26 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2026. All laws in conflict 27
with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Brophy College Prep

B - A Bill to Establish a Federal Cap-and-Trade System to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A federal cap-and-trade system shall be established to regulate and 3
reduce greenhouse gas emissions from major sources across the 4 economy.

5 **SECTION 2. A.** A cap-and-trade system is a policy that sets a maximum limit on total 6
emissions which applies to companies that produce 25,000 metric tons or 7 more of carbon
or its equivalent in other greenhouse gases, distributes 8 emission “allowances” and permits
companies to buy or sell these 9 allowances to remain within the set limit.

10 **B.** An allowance shall be defined as a permit for a company to emit one 11 metric ton of
carbon dioxide or its equivalent in other greenhouse gases 12, which expires three years after
issuance.

13 **C.** Greenhouse gases include carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, 14
hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons, sulfur hexafluoride, and any other 15 gases the EPA
determines contribute to climate change. 16

SECTION 3. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shall oversee enforcement of 17 this
Act through:

18 **A.** Setting an initial national emissions cap of 5 billion metric tons of 19 carbon dioxide
equivalent, decreasing by 5% annually unless modified by 20 Congress.

21 **B.** Distributing allowances to companies based on the amount of 22 past emissions,
reducing allocations each year.

23 **C.** Managing a marketplace where companies can trade allowances. 24 Companies emitting
less than their limit may sell credits, while those 25 exceeding their limit must buy additional
credits or pay fines. 26

D. Imposing a fine per excess metric ton of emissions that is greater than 27 the price of
allowances on the market, with revenue funding 28 renewable energy and efficiency

programs.

29 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2027. All laws in conflict 30
with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Brophy College Preparatory

C - A Bill to Reform the Foster Care System to Improve Child Welfare

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Block grants of no more than \$10 billion will be allocated to states for 3 foster care and child welfare system improvements. State eligibility for 4 the grants will include:

5 **A.** The adoption of national standards created by the Department of 6 Health and Human Services for child welfare, including safety 7 benchmarks, timelines for permanency, and mandatory access to 8 mental health services.

9 **B.** The hiring of additional caseworkers to alleviate caseloads and 10 provide more directed services.

11 **C.** Expansion of preventive services for at-risk families, including 12 substance abuse counseling, parenting classes, and emergency 13 financial assistance.

14 **SECTION 2.** Funding for this legislation shall be sourced as follows:

15 **A.** \$5 billion annually shall be reallocated from the Department of 16 Defense's general operating budget.

17 **B.** \$5 billion annually shall be generated through the imposition of a 1% 18 surcharge on incomes exceeding \$5 million annually.

19 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) shall oversee the 20 implementation of this legislation and enforce compliance through the 21 following mechanisms:

22 **A.** States shall submit plans to HHS within 12 months of enactment, 23 outlining how they will meet the staffing and service expansion 24 requirements.

25 **B.** Pilot programs shall be launched in 10 states chosen for geographic 26 and demographic diversity, with outcomes reviewed by independent 27 auditors contracted by HHS. Results

shall be reported to Congress 28 within three years.

29 **C.** States failing to comply with national standards or misusing funds will 30 not be eligible
for these block grants until compliance is achieved.

31 **D.** Preventive services shall be made available to families earning below 32 200% of the
federal poverty line or who are referred to child 33 protective services by law enforcement
officers.

34 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on October 1, 2026 (FY 2027). All laws in 35
conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mesa High School

D - A Bill to Revitalize the United States Energy Grid to Support Diverse Energy Sources

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall expedite the connection of energy sources to the 3
electricity grids through economic incentives.

4 **SECTION 2.** Economic incentives shall consist of

5 **A.** \$1,000 subsidy per MWh of capacity added to the grid. 6 **B.** Additional \$5000 per MWh of
renewable or nuclear energy added 7 to the grid.

8 **C.** If a grid fails to decrease the interconnection backlog by an 9 amount decided by the
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 10 within a 6-month timeframe, the grid operator
shall be fined 5% 11 of their yearly operating revenue.

12 a. After 3 fines under this bill, a grid operator will lose their 13 licenses to operate a grid.

14 **SECTION 3.** An electrical grid shall be defined as any interconnected energy system 15 that
serves more than 1,000 customers and is used for both commercial 16 and residential
customers.

17 **SECTION 4.** The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the Department of
18 Energy shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation. 19 **A.** An audit will be conducted
yearly and released publicly about the 20 impact of this bill.

21 **B.** Up to \$7.5 billion shall be allocated from the United States' 22 discretionary funds per
year. The allocation of these funds shall be 23 based on the amount of subsidies given out
the previous fiscal year. 24 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect in FY 2027. All laws in

conflict with this 25 legislation are hereby declared null and void

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Phoenix Country Day School

Final 1 - A Resolution to Invigorate the Greenlandic Independence Movement

1 **WHEREAS**, Greenland is a proud nation with a distinct and unique cultural and 2

geopolitical identity that is in danger of being diluted by foreign 3 influences; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Connections between Greenland and Denmark have long been tenuous 5 and

are only becoming weaker as time goes on, making Denmark's 6 control of Greenland

increasingly absurd and indefensible; and 7 **WHEREAS**, It is a contravention of our nation's

most deeply cherished values to 8 stand by as this shamefully antiquated vestige of

European colonialism 9 persists well into the 21st century; now, therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED**, by the Congress here assembled, that movements among Greenlanders to 11

attain total independence and sovereignty are strongly endorsed and 12 encouraged; and be it

13 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress shall consider legislative action to support 14

Greenlanders in their fight for independence and to respect and facilitate 15 Greenlanders in

realizing their post-colonial ambitions, whatever form 16 those may take.

Final 2 -A Bill to Protect Children From Social Media

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** No social media platform shall permit citizens of the United States under 3 the
age of 16 to sign up for or maintain an account on their service. It 4 shall be the responsibility
of social media platforms to monitor and 5 ensure the ages of their users in order to comply
with this legislation. 6 **SECTION 2.** The 42 USC § 1862w(a)(2) definition of a social media

platform shall be 7 utilized: “a website or internet medium that— (A) permits a person to 8
become a registered user, establish an account, or create a profile for the 9 purpose of
allowing users to create, share, and view user-generated

10 content through such an account or profile; (B) enables 1 or more users 11 to generate
content that can be viewed by other users of the medium; 12 and (C) primarily serves as a
medium for users to interact with content 13 generated by other users of the medium.”

14 **SECTION 3.** Any domestic social media platform that violates this legislation shall be 15
fined \$5000 for each underaged user found to be registered and/or 16 maintaining an
account on their service. Any domestic platform with 17 more than 10 violations in a
365-day period shall be banned from 18 conducting business for a period of at least 5 years.
Any foreign social 19 media platform that violates this legislation shall be immediately and
20 permanently blocked from all United States’ web servers and devices. 21 **SECTION 4.** This
legislation shall be overseen by the Federal Communications 22 Commission (FCC).

23 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect on January 19, 2026. 24 **SECTION 6.** All laws in
conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Final 3 -A Bill to Prohibit the Launch of LEO Satellites

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall prohibit the launch of Low 3 Earth

Orbit (LEO) Satellites by private corporations. 4 **SECTION 2.** A LEO Satellite is defined as a

piece of electronic equipment that circles in 5 low Earth orbit (LEO) at an altitude of 2,000

Kilometers or less. 6 **SECTION 3.** The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

will oversee 7 and enforce this legislation.

8 **A.** Illegally launched LEO Satellites shall be disabled and moved to end-of 9 life disposal

orbits at the expense of the private corporation which 10 originally launched the device.

11 **B.** Any private corporation out of compliance will incur an additional fine 12 of up to

\$1,000,000 per illegally launched LEO Satellite. 13 **C.** Private corporations illegally launching

ten or more LEO Satellites shall 14 have their business license permanently revoked.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2026. 16 **SECTION 5.** All laws in

conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void. *Introduced for Congressional*

Debate by Westlake High School, Texas Forensic Association