

# 2025



## **Mississippi High Schools Activities Association Congressional Debate State Championship**

### **Legislation Book**

## **Congressional Debate Reminders**

- Please read all rules in the 2024~2025 MHSAA Speech and Debate Manual.
- Legislation cannot be switched or replaced from a different session.
- Schools that have submitted legislation are permitted to do authorship/sponsorship speeches. A school MAY NOT designate an authorship/sponsorship from another school to speak for their bill.
- The order of legislation may be changed in sessions and chambers will vote on legislation for dockets during sessions.
- If a semifinal is needed, bills will be provided on Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- No suspension of the rules is allowed in Congressional Debate.
- Preset recency will be used for all sessions.
- All finals legislation is from outside organizations. No authorship or sponsorship may be claimed, and preset recency and precedence will be followed.
- All sessions will be three hours with an additional 15 minutes for a break.
- Students may choose any of the six bills assigned per session to debate.

## Preliminary Sessions

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*National Speech and Debate Association*

# Session 1

## Legislation A

## A Bill to put Youth Mental Health Services in Schools

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1     **SECTION 1.** A. All public middle and high schools shall be required to provide on-  
2     campus youth mental health services for students.

3 B. Schools that fail to comply will lose access to federal education grants.

4     **SECTION 2.** Youth Mental Health Services: Licensed mental health professionals who  
5                     provide counseling, crisis intervention, and preventative care for students  
6                     during school hours.

7 Federal Education Grants ~ Federal funding provided via state and local  
8 education agencies to support academic programs, resources, and student  
9 services.

10 **SECTION 3.** \$500 million will be allocated annually from the Department of  
11 Education's budget to fund school based mental health programs,  
12 including hiring licensed professionals and training staff. The  
13 Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Health  
14 and Human Services, will oversee the implementation and enforcement of  
15 this bill.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Murrah High School.*

## Legislation B

### A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Reform Judicial Confirmations

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

#### 7 **ARTICLE --**

8 **SECTION 1:** The Senate shall be obligated to hold a confirmation vote  
9 on any presidential nominations for appointments within  
10 the federal judiciary that are made prior to the first  
11 Monday in September in a year when a presidential  
12 election is to be held.

13 **SECTION 2:** When such confirmation hearings and a confirmation  
14 vote are not held, a judicial nominee shall be considered  
15 *de facto* confirmed when the Presidency and the Senate  
16 are held by different political parties. When the  
17 Presidency and Senate are held by the same political party,  
18 the lack of confirmation hearings and a vote shall be  
19 considered a *de facto* rejection of the nominee.

20 **SECTION 3:** This amendment shall only be applicable to federal  
21 judgeships duly authorized by Congress and occupied by  
22 the first Monday in September in a presidential election  
23 year and shall not be construed to authorize the wanton  
24 creation of new federal judgeships.

# Legislation C

## A Bill to Mandate Equal Pay Audits for All Large Corporations

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** All corporations with more than 500 employees in the United States  
2 shall be required to conduct annual audits to ensure compliance with  
3 federal equal pay laws.

4 **SECTION 2.** "Equal pay Audits" shall be defined as compensation parity for  
5 employees performing substantially similar work, regardless of gender,  
6 race, or ethnicity. "Large Corporations" shall be defined according to  
7 Section 1, line 1 of the proposed legislation.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor shall oversee enforcement, with corporations  
9 found in violation subject to fines of at least \$100,000 per offense.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Petal High School*

## Legislation D

### A Bill to Prohibit the Usage of Cell Phones in Schools

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1   **SECTION 1.**   Cell Phone usage in K-12 schools will be prohibited

2   **SECTION 2.**   Cell Phone Usage in K-12 schools is defined as the use of cell phones in  
3                   K-12 schools that a student uses for texting, social media, gaming,  
4                   and/or taking pictures.

5   **SECTION 3.**   The Department of Education and the Department of Health & Human  
6                   Services will oversee the implementation of this legislation. All schools  
7                   violating this law shall be stripped of the federal funding they receive for  
8                   one school year.

9   **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect on the first school day for the school year  
10                   2025-2026. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared  
11                   null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Madison Central High School.*



# Legislation E

## A Bill to Make America Rich

1   **SECTION 1.** The Democratic Republic of the Congo is hereby designated a Critical  
2   National Security Interest. The President is hereby authorized to deploy any forces,  
3   except nuclear weapons, needed to ensure secure extraction of rare earth minerals for.  
4   national security purposes under the operation named "Tango Melon."

5   **SECTION 2.** The Department of Defense and related agencies shall implement measures  
6   to organize mineral extraction zones, deploy security forces, and engage in environmental  
7   procedures to facilitate mining while minimizing civilian disruption.

8   **SECTION 3.** Environmental procedures will include controlled dispersal of waste  
9   material to manage terrain, encourage population relocation, and enhance access to  
10   mineral-rich areas while ensuring minimal ecological damage.

11   **SECTION 4.** No officer of the United States shall impede this operation. Those who  
12   resist or obstruct the deployment of forces or personnel will be fined \$10,000 per offense  
13   and may face up to twenty years of imprisonment.

14   **SECTION 5.** The use of nuclear weapons in this operation is prohibited.

15   **SECTION 6.** Funding for this operation will come from a tariff rate of 10% on all  
16   foreign nations, and a 40% levy on profits from secured rare earth minerals from  
17   Operation Tango Melon, until the operation is complete.

18   **SECTION 7.** This legislation shall take effect immediately after passage. The newly  
19   formed National Security Court shall be constituted of 3 judges appointed by the  
20   President of the United States and shall have both exclusive and original jurisdiction to  
21   hear claims relating to this legislation. All legislation in conflict with this legislation is  
22   hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Germantown High School.*

## Legislation F

### The Democracy for All Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1           **SECTION 1.** All candidates for federal office shall have access to public  
2 funding for their campaign if they choose to accept it. If a candidate  
3 accepts public funding they will have a spending cap placed upon their  
4 campaign that will equal the total amount of money received from public  
5 funding. No candidate that receives public funding will be allowed to  
6 spend any money towards their campaign in excess of the appropriate  
7 spending cap. Candidates who accept the public option will not be allowed  
8 to receive or donate any campaign dollars to their affiliated party  
9 organization. The allocated funds will be available to candidates one year  
10 before their appropriate election.
- 11           **SECTION 2.** The funding for campaigns that choose public funding will  
12 come from the Federal Election Fund (FEF). The FEF will be supervised by  
13 the Federal Election Commission (FEC). All funding for the FEF will come  
14 from the Department of Defense.
- 15           **SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Commission will oversee the  
16 implementation of this legislation. The FEC will also conduct an  
17 investigation of all candidates that apply and will determine their  
18 legitimacy as a candidate to deter fraud. The funding allocation will be  
19 implemented as shown below.
- 20           A. Presidential Candidates shall receive 500 Million USD.  
21           B. Candidates for Senate shall receive 10 Million USD.  
22           C. Candidates for House shall receive 5 Million USD
- 23           **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect upon passage. All laws in  
24 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Oxford High School.*

# Session 2

## Legislation G

### The Fish Act

**SECTION 1.** Not later than 60 days after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the Departments of the Interior and Transportation, and other relevant agencies, shall establish a Task Force on Coastal Economic Development. The Task Force shall be composed of representatives from Federal, State, and local governments, industry stakeholders, academic experts, and community organizations. The Task Force is charged with evaluating current coastal economic conditions, identifying regulatory barriers, and proposing actionable strategies to enhance economic development in coastal regions. The Task Force shall submit a comprehensive report of its findings and recommendations to Congress within 180 days after its establishment.

**SECTION 2.** Section 213 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act of 2006 is hereby amended as follows:

(a) Consolidated Hurricane Impact Report.

(i) Within 120 days after the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with relevant Federal, State, and local agencies and in 10. accordance with established administrative procedures shall prepare and transmit a consolidated report to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the House Committee on Resources.

(ii) The report shall, subject to internal review and revision pursuant to standardized audit protocols, assess the impacts of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma on:

(1) commercial and recreational fisheries;

(2) shrimp fishing vessels;

(3) the oyster industry; and

(4) fishery habitats—including those supporting shrimp and oyster populations—in Alabama, Louisiana, Florida, Mississippi, and Texas.

(iii) All data collection, analysis, and reporting shall be executed in accordance with administrative guidelines promulgated by the Department of Commerce and subject to Congressional oversight.

(b) Expedited Habitat Restoration and Oversight.

(i) Within 60 days following submission of the consolidated report, the Secretary shall launch an expedited habitat restoration program for degraded fishery habitats in Louisiana and Mississippi, with emphasis on shrimp and oyster habitats.

(ii) This program shall be implemented under standardized restoration protocols and include periodic progress evaluations in collaboration with the relevant Congressional committees, with full documentation maintained in compliance with established interagency coordination procedures.

**Section 3.** Administrative Provisions.

All measures undertaken pursuant to this section 3 shall adhere to existing reporting, audit, and public disclosure requirements. The Secretary shall ensure full compliance with internal control standards and shall take further administrative steps as necessary to facilitate effective implementation, continuous monitoring, and stakeholder briefings.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Germantown High School*

# Legislation H

## A Bill to Secure Stability for Social Security

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1   **SECTION 1.**   The Social Security Tax shall be increased .1 percent on both employers  
2                   and employees each year for the next twenty-five years. Additionally,  
3                   income over \$400,000 shall be subject to Social Security tax, while the  
4                   phase-out limit of \$171,600 shall be increased each year by a percentage  
5                   equivalent to the change in Consumer Price Index until that amount  
6                   reaches \$400,000, after which the phase-out will be eliminated. Funds  
7                   collected will be placed in the Social Security Trust Fund.

8   **SECTION 2.**   The phase-out limit represents the income at which Social Security Tax  
9                   has historically not been collected.

10   **SECTION 3.**   This legislation will be implemented by the Internal Revenue Service and  
11                   the Social Security Administration along the same lines as currently  
12                   Social Security taxes are collected and routed to the Social Security Trust  
13                   Fund.

14   **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect on the first Monday after 180 days have  
15                   passed since passage. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby  
16                   declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by St. Andrew's Episcopal School.*

# Legislation I

## A Bill to Establish Standards for Entertainment-Based Animal Facilities

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will establish animal protection  
2 and safety standards in entertainment-based animal facilities to protect  
3 the welfare of animal performers and their handlers, including  
4 providing adequate space, activity, care, and medical assistance for the  
5 animals held in them.

6 **SECTION 2.** Standards for animal protection and safety will be a set of prescribed  
7 guidelines for how the facilities must treat the animals under their  
8 guidance using guidance from the United States Department of  
9 Agriculture (USDA) and the American Society for the Prevention of  
10 Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA).

11 Entertainment-based animal facilities will be defined as any  
12 attraction/museum that holds non-human lifeforms to be seen by a  
13 larger public.

14 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) will oversee the  
15 legislation with assistance from the Securities and Exchange Commission  
16 (SEC). Organizations that violate the administered guidelines will be  
17 fined on how poorly maintained the facilities are and/or the general  
18 treatment of the animals, starting at a fine of no less than 10,000 dollars  
19 per offense or animal affected.

20 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2027. All laws in conflict with  
21 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Madison Central High School.*

# Legislation J

## The Digital Democracy Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1           **SECTION 1.** The United States shall offer all voters the ability to vote  
2           online. This service shall be available to all voters during election day.  
3           Voters shall have access to all candidates that they are eligible to vote for.
- 4           **SECTION 2.** Users will register with the Federal Election Commission via  
5           an app or website. Once a user has registered with the appropriate  
6           information they may vote for any candidate of their choice.
- 7           **SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Commission will oversee the  
8           implementation and maintenance of this legislation.
- 9           **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect before the next federal  
10          election cycle. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared  
11          null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Oxford.*

# Legislation K

## A Bill to Limit the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Employment Decisions

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Employers in the United States are prohibited from relying solely on  
2 Artificial Intelligence (AI) algorithms to make hiring, promotion, or  
3 termination decisions.

4 **SECTION 2.** "Artificial Intelligence algorithms" shall be defined as computer-based  
5 systems designed to analyze data and make autonomous decisions  
6 without direct human input.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) shall oversee  
8 the enforcement of this legislation, and employers found in violation  
9 will face penalties of up to \$50,000 per incident.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Oxford High School.*



# Legislation L

## THE NEMO'S GARDEN ACT

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1   **SECTION 1.**   The United States shall incorporate underwater agriculture into its agricultural  
2                   industry.

3   **SECTION 2.**   “Underwater agriculture” shall be defined as the cultivation of both traditional crops  
4                   in a controlled environment without soil at least five meters below the surface of  
5                   freshwater bodies, using a nutrient-rich solution to provide water and minerals to the  
6                   roots.

7   **SECTION 3.**   The Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Environmental Protection Agency  
8                   (EPA) shall oversee the implementation, budget, and enforcement of this legislation.  
9                   The cost to implement this legislation is 500 million dollars.

10                  **A.**     The USDA will be responsible for the implementation and infrastructure of the  
11                   underwater agriculture and ensuring the quality and safety of food.

12                  **B.**     The EPA will be responsible for monitoring the bodies of water used for  
13                   underwater agriculture and the surrounding area near the water to assess the  
14                   chemical and ecological status of the area.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Oak Grove High School*

# Finals

## Legislation M

### A Bill to Prohibit No-Knock Warrants

1       BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2   **SECTION 1.** No-knock warrants shall be prohibited for all federal and state law enforcement agencies. A knock-  
3       and-announce policy must be followed when executing a search warrant.

4   **SECTION 2.** For this legislation, a "no-knock warrant" is defined as a search warrant that allows law  
5       enforcement officers to enter a property without announcing their presence or purpose.

6   **SECTION 3.** The oversight and enforcement of this policy shall be the responsibility of the United States  
7       Department of Justice as well as each state, territory, and federal district's respective Department  
8       of Justice or equivalent agency. The enforcement mechanism will involve mandatory  
9       training for all law enforcement agencies and officers on the new policy.

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

Introduced by John W. North High School.

# Legislation N

## A Bill to Increase Fusion Funding

BE IT ENACTED BY THE 1 CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

1 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall begin diverting \$5 billion annually from the Department of Defense  
2 budget toward that of the Department of Energy for the express purpose of nuclear  
3 fusion research. Specifically, this funding is to be used to support the quick and safe  
4 development of nuclear fusion technology that can be utilized to produce vast amounts  
5 of electricity inexpensively, and then to implement said technology as soon as  
6 practicable.

7 **SECTION 2.** Nuclear fusion is defined as a process wherein two or more atomic nuclei combine to  
8 form a heavier atom, resulting in the release of energy.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy shall be tasked with the implementation of this legislation,  
10 which shall include conceiving of, developing, and executing the best systems for  
11 bringing about these goals.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect at the start of the next fiscal year. All laws in conflict  
13 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by the KRFL State Qualifier.*

**Legislation O**  
**A Bill to Promote the Construction of Ring Routes in Public Transit Systems**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS 1 HERE ASSEMBLED:

1 **SECTION 1.** Over the course of the next decade, Congress shall apportion an additional \$10 billion to  
2 the Department of Transportation aims to support the nation's urban areas by adding  
3 ring routes to their public transit systems.

4 **SECTION 2.** A ring route is defined as a line of urban rail transit that connects non-central  
5 neighborhoods of a city without traversing the city center.

6 **SECTION 3.** Funding for this legislation shall be sourced from a 0.5% tax increase on the annual  
7 revenue of the fossil fuel industry. The Department of Transportation shall be tasked  
8 with implementation of this legislation, including setting up a process by which local  
9 public transit systems may apply for and receive these funds. The Internal Revenue  
10 Service shall oversee the implementation of Section 3.

11 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect at the start of the next fiscal year. All laws in conflict  
12 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by the KRFL State Qualifier.*

## Legislation P

### A Resolution to Encourage the Recognition of Northern Cyprus

- 1   **WHEREAS** As of this past July, the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, commonly known as  
2                   Northern Cyprus, has been the de facto government of the northeastern portion of the  
3                   island of Cyprus for half a century and
- 4   **WHEREAS** Official recognition by and normalized relations with the international community would  
5                   do enormous good for the nearly 400,000 people who call this territory home; and  
6                   **WHEREAS** Movement in this direction would also be enormously beneficial for relations  
7                   between the United States and Turkey; now, therefore be it
- 8   **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that the Executive Branch is strongly encouraged to  
9                   recognize the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and to establish an embassy in North  
10                  Nicosia as soon as is practicable; and be it
- 11 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress encourages the rest of the international community to make  
12                  haste in following suit.

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