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Congressional Debate Legislation Packet

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Official NCFL packet: https://www.ncfnationals.org/uploads/7/3/2/8/7328308/2026_ncfl_bill_packet.pdf

Congressional Debate — Round Structure

Congressional Debate at the TSDL Championship runs on **Saturday, May 16 only** — there is no Sunday competition. Each round draws from the corresponding session of the 2026 NCFL Grand Nationals legislation packet as follows:

TSDL Round	NCFL Session	Bills
Round 1 (R1) 12:45 PM start	Session 1	R.E.A.C.T. Act • Predictive Betting Markets • Post-Secondary Ed for Law Enforcement • Maximum Age Limit for Politicians
Round 2 (R2) 3:30 PM start	Session 2	M.O.O. Act • Resolution: Safe Zone in Syria • National Automation Transition Fund • Expand Preventive Healthcare Access
Finals 6:00 PM start	Session 3	Federal Funds / School Vouchers • Voter Assistance Commission • Federal Carbon Emissions Tax • 60% Domestic Production Requirement

NCFL Semi Finals and Finals legislation is not used in TSDL competition and is not included in this docket.

Congressional Debate Schedule — Saturday, May 16, 2026

Round / Event	Time (EDT)	Location
SATURDAY, MAY 16 — Congress starts after lunch		

Round 1 Pairings Release	12:15 PM	In Person – The New School
Round 1 Start	12:45 PM	In Person – The New School
Round 1 Hard Stop	2:45 PM	In Person – The New School
Round 2 Pairings Release	3:00 PM	In Person – The New School
Round 2 Start	3:30 PM	In Person – The New School
Round 2 Hard Stop	5:15 PM	In Person – The New School
Finals Pairings Release	5:30 PM	In Person – The New School
Finals Start	6:00 PM	In Person – The New School
Awards	ASAP following Finals	In Person – The New School
NO SUNDAY COMPETITION FOR CONGRESS		

Full tournament schedule: docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1oMA6FKs1TLPq-4DLgt3VYmpdlf03J1onrLE82HgRrE0

Tri-State Debate League Championship 2026 Congressional Debate — Round 1

NCFL Session 1 Legislation • Saturday, May 16 • Pairings 12:15 PM • Start 12:45 PM • Hard Stop 2:45 PM

R.E.A.C.T. Act Predictive Betting Markets Bill Post-Secondary Education for Law Enforcement Maximum Age Limit for Politicians

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The Revitalizing Energy through Advancing Clean Technologies (R.E.A.C.T.) Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 SECTION 1. The United States government shall transfer subsidies currently towards
2 fossil fuels to the production of green technology and expansion thereof
3 gradually over the course of ten years. Additionally, the federal government
4 shall allocate \$3 billion a year in grants to fund investments and innovations
5 in green technology with the goal of developing more affordable, efficient
6 technology.
- 7 SECTION 2. A. Subsidies refer to government assistance or investments into a specific
8 industry to lower the costs of production or stimulate a greater magnitude of
9 output.
- 10 B. Green energy refers to any renewable energy source that has the lowest
11 carbon footprint, such as solar power, wind power, and hydro power. Fossil
12 fuel refers to any nonrenewable source extracted from Earth and burned for
13 energy, such as coal, gas, and oil.
- 14 C. Subsidies will be transferred at a rate of ten-percent the original amount
15 of fossil fuel subsidies per year.
- 16 SECTION 3. A. The Department of Energy (DOE) shall be the lead agency in overseeing
17 the research and innovation, and shall also manage the distribution of
18 grants.
- 19 B. The Department of the Treasury shall be the lead agency in overseeing
20 gradual transfer of subsidies away from fossil fuel sources.
- 21 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on FY 2026. All laws in conflict with this
22 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted, Alexander DeMarco Diocese of Allentown

A Bill to Reclassify Predictive Betting Markets as Online Gambling to Increase Regulative Authority

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 Article I: Prediction-based event contracts that allow individuals to wager money on
- 2 the outcome of real-world events shall no longer qualify for designation as
- 3 a Designated Contract Market under the Commodity Exchange Act and
- 4 shall instead be regulated as online gambling.
- 5 Article II: "Prediction-based event contracts" are any instrument that permits a
- 6 participant to profit or incur loss based on the outcome of a real-world
- 7 event not related to commercial hedging. "Online gambling" is defined as
- 8 any system of wagering in which bets are placed through the internet on
- 9 uncertain future events.
- 10 Article III: This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2026.
- 11 Article IV: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission shall revoke or deny
- 12 Designated Contract Market status to any exchange or platform offering
- 13 prediction-based event contracts. Regulatory authority over such platforms
- 14 shall be transferred to each respective state's gaming commission.
- 15 Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted, Diocese of Arlington

A Bill to Require Post-Secondary Education for Law Enforcement Officers

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 Article I: A. A minimum of 60 college credits from an accredited college and/or
2 university shall be required for all applicants to federal, state, and local law
3 enforcement agencies.
- 4 B. State law enforcement standards commissions and councils shall be
5 required to set and enforce the college credit requirement for state and local
6 agencies within the jurisdiction of the respective commissions.
- 7 Article II: A. Law enforcement agencies shall be defined as an agency of the United
8 States, a state, or a political subdivision of a state, authorized by law or by a
9 government agency to engage in or supervise the prevention, detection,
10 investigation, or prosecution of any violation of criminal law.
- 11 B. State law enforcement standards commissions and councils shall be defined
12 as the state-level regulatory agencies responsible for establishing minimum
13 education, training, and ethical standards for law enforcement officers,
14 including, but not limited to, Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST)
15 boards and Law Enforcement Training Councils.
- 16 Article III: This legislation shall take effect June 1st, 2028.
- 17 Article IV: The Department of Justice shall oversee the implementation and enforcement
18 of this legislation.
- 19 A. Any police officers that are currently employed shall not be affected by the
20 passage of this legislation.
- 21 B. Any state that does not appropriately implement or enforce the minimum
22 college credit requirement as outlined in Section 1A shall become ineligible to
23 receive any DOJ grants for hiring and training new law enforcement officers
24 or purchasing equipment for law enforcement officers.
- 25 Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted, Diocese of Baltimore

A Bill to Create a Maximum Age Limit For All United States Politicians

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 SECTION 1. Any person elected into any kind of political office in the United States of
2 America at the state or federal level must be under the age of 68 by the
3 date of inauguration in order to serve in office.

4 SECTION 2. If a person exceeds the age of 68 whilst in office they may remain in their
5 position but shall be prohibited from running for any other elected political
6 office once their term has been completed; this includes re-elections. This
7 policy will be applied to any form of political office; this includes those
8 serving in any elected position in the legislative, executive and judicial
9 branches of all government agencies at the state and federal level as well
10 as locally elected positions such as city council, district supervisors and
11 boards, etc.

12 SECTION 3. The executive branch will carry out and uphold this bill via the introduction
13 of a new federal agency responsible for regulating the mandatory
14 qualifications of all candidates; The Federal and State Office Regulation
15 Agency (FSORA).

16 A. During campaign registration candidates will be required to submit valid
17 birth certificates, then information regarding the age of individuals actively
18 running for or serving in office will be kept on a regularly updated, public
19 record.

20 B. Individuals who attempt to run for office despite exceeding the age limit
21 will be barred from appearing in any pre-election events and will not
22 appear on voting ballots. In the event of an attempt to circumvent this
23 motion all involved – no matter current political status or age – will be
24 removed from office and declared ineligible from running for or serving in
25 office again.

26 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2028. All laws in conflict with
27 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted, Diocese of New Orleans

Tri-State Debate League Championship 2026 Congressional Debate — Round 2

NCFL Session 2 Legislation • Saturday, May 16 • Pairings 3:00 PM • Start 3:30 PM • Hard Stop 5:15 PM

The M.O.O. (Manure Odors Oversight) Act A Resolution to Establish a Safe Zone in Syria A Bill to Establish
a National Automation Transition Fund A Bill to Expand Preventive Healthcare Access

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The M.O.O. (Manure Odors Oversight) Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 ARTICLE I: Dairy farms in the United States are hereby required to:
- 2 A. Adopt OSHA's "confined spaces" standards to prevent employees
- 3 from entering areas not designed for extended human occupation
- 4 without proper safety gear.
- 5 B. Implement mandatory training on air monitoring, emergency
- 6 response, and safe rescue in the event of gas poisoning.
- 7 C. Engage in a comprehensive review of their air ventilation and ensure
- 8 that air can circulate freely through all confined spaces.
- 9 ARTICLE II: Dairy farms in the United States are additionally
- 10 encouraged to move away from the practice of using "manure pits" in
- 11 favor of safer and more sustainable alternatives.
- 12 ARTICLE III: For the purposes of this act, "Confined space" means any
- 13 area on a dairy farm not designed for continuous human occupancy,
- 14 including but not limited to manure pits, storage tanks, silos, or
- 15 underground slurry passages. "Dairy farm" refers to any facility engaged
- 16 in the production of milk from livestock, most commonly bovines.
- 17 ARTICLE IV: Enforcement of this legislation is entrusted to the
- 18 Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the Department of
- 19 Labor. Violations of this act will result in a minimum \$15,000 fine per
- 20 violation, per affected worker.
- 21 ARTICLE V: This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2027. All laws
- 22 in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted, Archdiocese of Miami

A Resolution to Establish a Safe Zone in Syria

1 Whereas, Ongoing fighting among factions in the Syrian Civil War has resulted in massive
2 loss of life and created an unprecedented refugee crisis; and
3 Whereas, Military actions by the Islamic State, the Assad regime, Kurdish forces, and
4 various Syrian rebel groups have turned Syria into a dangerous conflict zone,
5 leaving civilians without protection and in urgent need of intervention; and
6 Whereas, Existing policies of the United States government are insufficient and require
7 revision to address this humanitarian emergency; now, therefore, be it
8 Resolved, By the Congress here assembled, that the United States Department of State, in
9 coordination with the United States Agency for International Development
10 (USAID), shall commit and distribute \$200 million annually over a five-year
11 period to provide humanitarian assistance, including medical supplies, water
12 sanitation resources, and shelter, to a designated safe zone; and be it
13 Further Resolved, That the United States shall deploy 10,000 military personnel and
14 formally request the deployment of an additional 10,000 troops from the North
15 Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) to secure and enforce the safe zone and
16 accompanying no-fly zone.

Respectfully submitted, Diocese of Palm Beach Upper Saint Clair High School, Diocese of Pittsburgh

A Bill to Establish a National Automation Transition Fund

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 SECTION 1. A National Automation Transition Fund (NATF) shall be established to
2 provide financial help, retraining, and relocation aid for those who lost their jobs
3 due to automation. Large Businesses replacing 3% or more of their staff through
4 automation annually shall be subject to a tax of 0.5-2% of their income, based on
5 the level of displacement.

6 A. Automation is defined as the use of robotics, software, or AI that substantially
7 replaces human labor.

8 B. Large Businesses are defined as businesses that employ more than 500 people.

9 SECTION 2. Employers investing in certified retraining and support programs will
10 receive up to 20% of the money contributed back.

11 A.) The Department of Labor will decide the legitimacy of a program.

12 SECTION 3. The Department of Labor will oversee all parts of this legislation and
13 publish annual reports of automation trends.

14 SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect in the next fiscal year. All laws in
15 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted

A Bill to Expand Preventive Healthcare Access to Reduce Long-Term National Medical Costs

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 SECTION 1. The United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) shall require all
2 public and private health insurance providers to fully cover preventive healthcare
3 services, including annual physical examinations, routine diagnostic screenings,
4 recommended vaccinations, and basic mental health evaluations, with no out-of-
5 pocket costs to insured individuals.

6 SECTION 2. A. For the purposes of this legislation, "preventive healthcare" shall be defined as
7 medical services intended to detect, prevent, or reduce the severity of disease before the onset of
8 serious symptoms, including but not limited to screenings for cancer, diabetes, cardiovascular
9 disease, and mental health conditions.

10 B. "Out-of-pocket costs" shall refer to deductibles, copayments, or coinsurance
11 paid directly by patients at the point of service.

12 SECTION 3. A. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will oversee
13 implementation and compliance. HHS shall ensure insurance provider compliance
14 through regulatory oversight and financial penalties for noncompliance, based on
15 the scope and duration of the violation.

16 B. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) shall monitor coverage
17 adherence and submit annual reports to Congress evaluating reductions in
18 emergency care utilization and long-term healthcare expenditures.

19 SECTION 4. The provisions of this bill shall take effect on September 2, 2026.

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

Respectfully submitted, Richmond Diocese

Tri-State Debate League Championship 2026 Congressional Debate — Finals

NCFL Session 3 Legislation • Saturday, May 16 • Pairings 5:30 PM • Start 6:00 PM

A Bill to Prohibit Federal Funds for Private School Voucher Programs A Bill to Establish a Supplementary
Voter Assistance Commission A Bill to Enact a Federal Tax on Carbon Emissions A Bill to Require 60%
Domestic Production by American Companies

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A Bill to Prohibit the Use of Federal Funds for Private School Voucher Programs

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 Article 1: No federal funds shall be allocated, distributed, or used to support private
- 2 school voucher programs in any state or territory of the United States.
- 3 Article II: A. "Federal funds" shall be defined as any money provided through the U.S.
- 4 government through grants, education programs, or other financial
- 5 assistance to states, localities, or families.
- 6 B. "Private school voucher programs" shall be defined as any
- 7 program—including but not limited to vouchers, Education Savings Accounts
- 8 (ESAs), and tax-credit scholarships—that utilizes federal funds to subsidize
- 9 K-12 tuition or related expenses at non-public institutions.
- 10 Article III: This bill shall be implemented in Fiscal Year 2027.
- 11 Article IV: The U.S. Department of Education shall enforce this prohibition and shall be
- 12 authorized to withhold or revoke federal funding for any state, local
- 13 education agency, or entity found to be in violation.
- 14 Article V: All laws in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be declared null and
- 15 void.

Respectfully submitted, Diocese of Arlington

A Bill to Establish a Supplementary Voter Assistance Commission to Encourage Democratic Participation

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 SECTION 1. Each Congressional voting district shall have created one Voter Assistance
2 Commission to allocate funds for the purpose of supporting voters' Election
3 Day experiences and knowledge of voting procedures.
- 4 SECTION 2. The money shall be allocated towards creating election awareness, Public
5 Service Announcements, distributing food and drinks to voters on Election
6 Days, or any other support systems deemed necessary by a local Voter
7 Assistance Commission.
- 8 A. The members of each 4-person local Commission shall be appointed by
9 the district's representative from the House of Representatives from that
10 district.
- 11 B. There shall be no more than two members of a political party on each
12 Commission.
- 13 SECTION 3. The funds allocated to said Commissions shall be decided by the Federal
14 Election Commission (FEC).
- 15 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2028. All laws in conflict with
16 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted, Archdiocese of Atlanta

A Bill to Enact a Federal Tax on Carbon Emissions

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 Article I: All corporations within or based in the United States shall be subject to a tax on
 - 2 carbon-based emissions. Upon the enactment of this bill there shall be a \$40 dollar tax for
 - 3 every tonne of carbon released by these corporations.
 - 4 Article II: Carbon-based emissions shall be defined as any carbon gas released into the
 - 5 atmosphere which traps heat, causing global warming, climate change, severe
 - 6 storms and sea levels rising. This includes, but is not limited to, emissions of
 - 7 carbon dioxide and methane gas.
 - 8 Article III: Oversight of this bill's implementation will be delegated to the Internal Revenue
 - 9 Service, the Department of Energy, and the Environmental Protection Agency.
 - 10 Article IV: This legislation will take effect January 1, 2030.
 - 11 Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation shall hereby be declared null and void.
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Respectfully submitted, Diocese of Harrisburg

A Bill to Require American Companies to Produce At Least 60% of Their Products in the U.S.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 SECTION 1. All American based companies that produce material in foreign manufacturing
2 plants along with U.S. manufacturing plants must produce at least 60% of their
3 sold material inside of the United States in order to increase domestic sales and
4 production.
- 5 SECTION 2. A. Let "American based companies" be defined as commercial businesses that are
6 incorporated in the United States and/or have their primary headquarters there.
7 B. Let "foreign manufacturing plants" be defined as production facilities a company
8 establishes or contracts with in a country other than its home country to produce
9 goods.
- 10 SECTION 3. The Department of Commerce (DOC) will oversee the implementation of this bill.
11 A. The Department of Commerce will monitor the amount of product/material
12 American based companies that also produce overseas, manufacture.
13 B. If a company violates this legislation, they will be fined the amount of profit they
14 made from the excess international sales as in accordance with their sales reports.
- 15 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026.
- 16 SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted, North Allegheny Senior High School Diocese of Pittsburgh