

Student Senate – District 6 & 7

- This is the agenda that will be followed during the 2026 PHSSL Qualifying Tournament. Any modifications must be approved by the tournament director.
- The tournament has appointed a presiding officer. This person will serve as both parliamentarian and presiding officer and is therefore NOT a student competitor. This person will not be is not a scorer / officially ranking but may cast rankings if an unbreakable tie occurs.
- Questioning: After each speech, there will be a 2-minute questioning period (regardless of type of speech). We will use indirect questioning. Due to time constraints, the questioning cannot be extended.
- The round may begin as soon as the competitors and judge are present. The round is over when the listed ten speeches and questioning periods are completed.

SESSION 1

A Bill to Ensure Pharmaceutical Innovation		
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2	NEG	Lillian Tomaselli (Cedar Cliff)
3	AFF	Ekin Ozgur (Gettysburg)
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A Bill to Protect Reproductive Freedom		
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SESSION 2

A Bill to Cap Greenhouse Gas Emissions for Organizations and Businesses		
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SESSION 3

A Bill to Promote Transparency and Integrity within Congress by Prohibiting Insider Trading		
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A Bill to Ensure Pharmaceutical Innovation and Competition

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE SENATE HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States of America shall effectively curtail pharmaceutical
3 patent abuse by eliminating patent thickets and terminal disclaimers.

4 **SECTION 2.** For purposes of this bill, a 'patent thicket' shall be defined as a collection
5 of overlapping patents that a company holds for a single technology.

6 'Terminal disclaimer' is defined as the legal mechanism allowing a patent
7 holder or applicant to relinquish part of a patent's term.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Food and Drug Administration, United States Patent and Trademark
9 Office, and Federal Trade Commission will coordinate and oversee
10 enforcement through the following:

- 11 A. The FDA shall publicly publish all patents owned, licensed or pending that
12 claim or cover the product. USPTO and FDA shall form a task force to review
13 listings, identify duplicative patents, recommend reforms, and submit annual
14 reports to the Senate.
- 15 B. A terminal disclaimer shall only be permitted if the patent demonstrates
16 clinically meaningful improvement in efficacy, safety, or adherence. No more
17 than one terminal disclaimer should apply per patent family covering the
18 same active ingredient.
- 19 C. Reduce the 30-month stay to 18 months. Stays only apply to patents listed at
20 the time of submission; no stays for later-added patents.
- 21 D. A "Meaningful Innovation Certification" program for drugs. Certified
22 products receive a 1-year extension of data exclusivity, provided no anti-
23 competitive patent practices were used.
- 24 E. Civil penalties of up to \$5,000,000 per violation shall apply, along with
25 mandatory delisting of improperly listed patents.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Congressman Noah Puckett.

A Bill to Protect Reproductive Freedom

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. The United States Constitution shall be amended to recognize and protect an individual's right to reproductive freedom, including the right to make personal decisions regarding reproductive healthcare.

SECTION 2. Reproductive freedom shall include, but not be limited to, access to contraception, abortion, prenatal care, and childbirth, without interference from any State.

SECTION 3. No State shall prohibit or impose burdens access to abortion care prior to fetal viability. After fetal viability, a State may regulate abortion only when such regulations include exceptions that allow a licensed medical professional to provide abortion care when, in such professional's medical judgement, it is necessary to protect the life or physical health of the pregnant individual.

SECTION 4. This amendment shall take effect upon ratification in accordance with the Constitutional amendment procedures of the United States. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

SECTION 5. Any individual whose rights are violated under this amendment shall have standing to bring civil action in court. Courts shall have the authority to declare unconstitutional any law or government action that violates this amendment and to issue injunctive relief preventing its enforcement.

*Respectfully submitted,
Cedar Cliff High School*

A Bill to Cap Greenhouse Gas Emissions for Organizations and Businesses

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States Congress shall enforce a cap and trade system on all
2 greenhouse gasses emitted each year by businesses and organizations.

3 **SECTION 2.** The following definitions apply:

4 A. A “cap and trade system” shall be defined as a system wherein a strict
5 limit is set for the total greenhouse gas emissions in a particular sector,
6 which is then split into allowances that can be bought and sold among
7 businesses and organizations within that sector, at a price of \$100 a ton.
8 In this case, the starting yearly limit for greenhouse gas output is 3
9 billion metric tons which shall be split into one ton allowances. This cap
10 will decrease by 10% annually following the enactment of this bill.

11 B. “Emissions” shall be defined as the release of greenhouse gasses into
12 the atmosphere, including any gas that has the ability to absorb infrared
13 radiation emitted from the Earth’s surface and trap heat in the
14 atmosphere.

15 C. The amount businesses and organizations emit shall be based on
16 emissions which occur due to their operations and production of goods
17 and services, as well as any emissions which occur due to the
18 consumption of said goods and services.

19 **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shall oversee the enforcement
20 of this law and shall be responsible for the measurement of each business’s
21 and organization’s total greenhouse gas emissions at the end of each year.
22 Funds shall be allocated for the EPA to enforce this law and conduct
23 measurements, and the amount shall be decided through the budgetary
24 process.

25 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2029. All laws in conflict with this
26 legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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A Bill to Abolish Squatters Rights

BE ENACTED THAT THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Squatters rights shall be henceforth abolished in the state of Pennsylvania

SECTION 2. Squatters rights shall be defined as the right for an individual to claim ownership or rights to a property, without permission of the owner, only if specific conditions are met.

SECTION 3. The Pennsylvania attorney general's office will oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect on January 1st, 2027.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this bill will be declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Joshua A. C. Knight, Dallastown Area High School

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3 **A BILL**

4 **1. To promote transparency and integrity within Congress by**
5 **prohibiting insider trading.**

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
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8 **SECTION 1.**

9 This Act may be cited as the “Congressional Insider Trading Integrity Act.”

10 **SECTION 2.**

11 **(a)** Congress finds that—

- 12 1. The American people have a right to expect that their elected representatives act
13 in the public interest and not for personal financial gain;
- 14 2. Existing laws prohibiting insider trading do not adequately prevent Members of
15 Congress from using non-public information for personal benefit; and
- 16 3. Strengthening financial transparency and oversight of Members of Congress will
17 promote public trust and reduce conflicts of interest.

18 **(b)** The purpose of this Act is to—

- 19 1. Eliminate insider trading by Members of Congress;
- 20 2. Remove the financial incentives or pressures that may lead to insider trading; and
- 21 3. Ensure that Members of Congress are subject to the same securities regulations
22 and penalties as all other citizens.

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24 **SECTION 3.**

25 **(a)** Within 90 days of the enactment of this Act, all Members of Congress shall be
26 required to place all personal investment assets into a qualified blind trust, to be managed
27 by an independent trustee with no familial or financial relationship to the Member.

28 **(b)** No Member shall have direct or indirect control over the management, purchase, or
sale of assets within such trust during their term of office.

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2 **SECTION 4.**

3 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the annual salary for all Members of
4 Congress shall be set at \$1,000,000.

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6 (b) This adjustment shall take effect at the beginning of the next congressional term
7 following enactment of this Act, in accordance with the Twenty-Seventh Amendment to
8 the Constitution of the United States.

9 (c) The intent of this provision is to reduce the incentive for Members of Congress to
10 engage in financial misconduct or self-enrichment through insider trading.

11 **SECTION 5.**

12 (a) Members of Congress shall be subject to all applicable securities laws and regulations
13 enforced by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

14 (b) Any Member found to have engaged in insider trading or other prohibited financial
15 activities shall—

- 16 1. Be required to disgorge all profits or benefits obtained from such activities; and
- 17 2. Be subject to investigation and prosecution by the Department of Justice (DOJ)
18 under applicable criminal statutes.

19 (c) The SEC and DOJ shall have full jurisdiction and authority to enforce the provisions
20 of this Act.

21 **SECTION 6.**

22 This Act shall take effect immediately upon enactment, except as otherwise provided in
23 Section 4(b).
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A Bill to Ban Sports Betting

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** All sports betting is hereby prohibited anywhere within the United States and its territories.

3 This includes online betting on any devices located domestically.

4 **SECTION 2.** Sports betting shall include any monetary wager with a payout based on any element of a
5 sporting event. This most commonly refers to an event's final score or overall outcome, but
6 other far more minute elements may be bet on as well and would equally be prohibited
7 under this legislation.

8 **SECTION 3.** Any establishment or website that is found to have permitted sports betting on its
9 premises/webspace shall be fined \$10,000 per infraction. Should any individual
10 establishment or website accrue more than ten (10) violations in a period of twelve (12)
11 months or fewer, it shall be stripped of any and all operational licensing for a period of no
12 less than three (3) years. Individuals engaging in sports betting shall not be punished.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) with the support
14 of the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) for enforcement purposes.

15 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

16 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.