



## 2025 North Mecklenburg Viking Classic Legislation Packet

Please read these docket and procedural rules very carefully. They will be in effect for the duration of the tournament.

1. Each session (Session 1, Session 2) has three main pieces of legislation. That is six total topics to research.
2. Chambers will decide among themselves by a majority vote of the chamber what order to debate the three main pieces of legislation assigned to each session.
3. No additional legislation may be considered. If a chamber debates all three pieces for that session, the session is over. All students should be prepared to speak on each topic for the session.
4. The docket agenda can be amended at any time by a 2/3 vote of the chamber, but students may only move around the three pieces of main legislation for that session. **Competitors may not move legislation from other sessions.**
5. Each piece of legislation must have a minimum of both one affirmative and one negative speech before calling for previous question. Students are encouraged to debate each topic thoroughly but not to the point of rehash. Chamber members should call for previous question when debate gets stale.

6. RECENCY: Each chamber will receive a randomized list of students from the Tab Room. This list shall serve as the initial precedence list for speeches. Precedence for questions shall follow the reverse order of the speech precedence list. Each chamber will receive a new precedence list for the second session.
7. PRESIDING OFFICERS:
  - Parliamentarians will conduct the election for Presiding Officer. Students should not see or count the ballots. And students should not preside over the election.
  - Novice chambers will elect Presiding Officers. Coaches should teach their Congress students how to preside ahead of the tournament.
  - There will be only one Presiding Officer per session.
8. Cross examination will use direct questioning with individual questioning periods of 30 seconds until the total cross examination time for the speaker has expired. The Presiding Officer will keep a separate recency chart for this and ensure that all competitors have an equal chance to ask questions. Initial precedence for questioning will follow the reverse order of the initial speech precedence list.

## LEGISLATION DOCKET

**Two preliminary sessions - No Finals**

### **Session One (Chamber decides order):**

- A. A Bill to Fund the Completion of the East Coast Greenway
- B. A Bill to Provide for Automatic Facial Copyrighting
- C. A Bill to Modernize Aerial Light Celebrations

### **Session Two (Chamber decides order):**

- A. A Bill to End Federal Subsidization of Healthcare for Congresspeople
- B. A Bill to Fund and Encourage Public Composting Initiatives
- C. A Bill to Provide a Simple, Common-Sense Resolution to the Hudson Islands Dispute

## **A Bill to Fund the Completion of the East Coast Greenway**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall allocate \$500 million per year for each of the next five years to the  
3 Department of Transportation (DOT) to fund completion of the approximately 2,000  
4 remaining miles of the East Coast Greenway (ECG), thereby linking Calais, Maine, to Key  
5 West, Florida, with trails built for pedestrians and cyclists.

6 **SECTION 2.** The DOT shall oversee the implementation of this legislation and shall be tasked with  
7 designing an efficient, equitable, accessible process by which states and other jurisdictions  
8 may apply for and receive funding to complete their portions of the ECG.

9 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall take effect at the start of the next congressional fiscal year.

10 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

## **A Bill to Provide for Automatic Facial Copyrighting**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** All citizens and residents of the United States and its territories henceforth shall  
3 automatically possess full and unconditional copyright on their own faces and any images  
4 or likenesses thereof, excluding normal exceptions such as Fair Use.

5 **SECTION 2.** Any person, corporation, or other entity wishing to use a citizen or resident's face in a  
6 manner protected by copyright law must obtain explicit written permission and provide  
7 just compensation or face civil and, under extreme circumstances, criminal penalties. This  
8 shall include any future usage of faces by artificial intelligence services.

9 **SECTION 3.** When a citizen or resident passes away, the copyright to their face shall pass to their heirs  
10 of beneficiaries as part of their estate. If none are named, relevant laws of interstate  
11 succession shall come to bear. The copyright shall remain enforceable by its rightful  
12 owner(s) for 70 years following the death of its original owner, after which point the face in  
13 question shall enter the public domain. This provision shall not apply retroactively to those  
14 who are already deceased at the time this legislation takes effect.

15 **SECTION 4.** The Copyright Office of the Library of Congress shall oversee implementation of this  
16 legislation.

17 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

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

## A Bill to Modernize Aerial Light Celebrations

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Municipalities throughout the United States and its territories are hereby banned from  
3 staging elaborate fireworks shows to commemorate holidays, festivals, and other  
4 celebrations.

5 **SECTION 2.** In lieu of fireworks shows, municipalities are encouraged to stage large-scale drone light  
6 shows instead.

7 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be jointly overseen by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and  
8 Explosives (ATF) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 2, 2026.

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

## A Bill to End Federal Subsidization of Healthcare for Congresspeople

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Elected members of federal Congress (Representatives and Senators) shall no longer  
3 receive any employer contributions from the federal government toward their healthcare  
4 costs, including dental and vision insurance. Should a Representative or Senator choose to  
5 purchase health, dental, or vision coverage, they shall be responsible for covering these  
6 costs on their own.

7 **SECTION 2.** Should universal healthcare someday be provided to citizens of the United States and its  
8 territories, Representatives and Senators shall of course reap these benefits along with  
9 their constituents, unless specifically excluded from them.

10 **SECTION 3.** The money saved through this legislation shall be redirected to the Centers for Medicare &  
11 Medicaid Services (CMS) to support insurance for those in need.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

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

## A Bill to Fund and Encourage Public Composting Initiatives

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall establish a fund of \$2 billion to support municipalities throughout the United  
3 States and its territories in establishing public composting programs.

4 **SECTION 2.** To be eligible for these funds, a municipality must propose a program that makes  
5 composting accessible and functional to its citizens free of charge (or as part of whatever  
6 fees they already pay for waste services), and which also creates regular opportunities for  
7 citizens to obtain mature compost for gardening and other personal uses.

8 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which  
9 shall be specifically tasked with establishing an equitable and efficient system for  
10 municipalities to apply for and receive these funds.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect at the start of the next fiscal year.

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

## **A Bill to Provide a Simple, Common-Sense Resolution to the Hudson Islands Dispute**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Hudson River islands of Ellis Island, Liberty Island, and Shooters Island shall henceforth  
3 exist entirely under the dominion of New Jersey and shall be shared in no part with New  
4 York.

5 **SECTION 2.** Those portions of these islands that are under federal ownership and operation shall  
6 continue to be administered in the same manner.

7 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

8 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.