



## Scottsdale Prep Congress 2025 Docket

*In the interest of getting a docket to teams to start researching early, we closed legislation submissions and instead borrowed past legislation from the NSDA. Each bill is open for sponsorship (first affirmative), as there are no authorships. In an attempt to be more welcoming to teams trying Congressional Debate for the first time, we have made this year's docket smaller and assigned specific legislation to specific sessions of debate (note: most tournaments do not do this). We hope that this will make it easier for all to do deeper research and minimize wasted research. We also hope that this makes it easier for small teams to know what to expect, rather than get left out of conversations in the weeks leading up to the tournament. Each chamber can decide the order of the three bills set for a session, and will likely end up debating 2-3 of the items in each session. Assigning legislation to sessions also limits the ability for judges to see any debate of a topic in one chamber before judging it again in another.*

**Morning Prelim Session Bills:** Congressional Debaters will caucus and vote for a docket order to debate during the Morning Session. No legislation will be carried over from the morning to the afternoon session.

\_\_\_ **A** - A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Delink Felony Convictions from Enfranchisement

\_\_\_ **B** - A Bill to Support Climate-Vulnerable Island Nations

\_\_\_ **C** - A Resolution to Encourage the Criminalization of Vehicular Pet Abandonment

**Afternoon Prelim Session Bills:** Congressional Debaters will caucus and vote for a docket order to debate during the Afternoon Session. No legislation will be carried over from the morning session.

\_\_\_ **D** - A Bill to Close Guantanamo Bay

\_\_\_ **E** - A Bill to Provide Automatic Facial Copyrighting

\_\_\_ **F** - A Bill to Construct a High Speed Rail Line in the Northeastern United States

**Finals Round Legislation:** Congressional Debaters who advance to the Finals Round will caucus and vote for a docket order to debate during the Finals Session.

\_\_\_ **Finals 1** - A Bill to Recognize the Republic of China

\_\_\_ **Finals 2** - A Bill to Repeal the Merchant Marine Act of 1920

\_\_\_ **Finals 3** - A Bill to Establish Mandatory Public Service

## A - A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Delink Felony Convictions from Enfranchisement

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

7   **SECTION 1:** No citizen shall have their right to vote infringed at any point for any amount  
8                   of time on account of having been accused or convicted of a felony.  
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10   **SECTION 2:** All citizens who are, at the time of ratification, disenfranchised for such  
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12   **SECTION 3:** The Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate  
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## B - A Bill to Support Climate-Vulnerable Island Nations

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall create an Island Nation Fund of  
2 \$100 billion for climate-vulnerable, independent coastal nations to take  
3 measures to repair damage and protect states from climate change  
4 disasters.  
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7 **SECTION 2.** The Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) and its 39 member states will  
8 submit funding and action proposals to the U.S. State Department.  
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10 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. State Department will oversee the implementation of this  
11 legislation and distribution of funds.  
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13 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect upon passage. All laws in conflict with this  
14 legislation are hereby declared null and void.  
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## C - A Resolution to Encourage the Criminalization of Vehicular Pet Abandonment

1     **WHEREAS**, it is estimated that hundreds of pets die from being abandoned in cars every  
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4   **WHEREAS**, these deaths can occur not just due to heat but also due to cold, thirst, and  
5                   other factors; and

7     **WHEREAS**, in many parts of the United States and its territories, there are no laws  
8                     protecting pets from such mistreatment, and those laws that exist elsewhere  
9                     are often too vague to be meaningfully enforceable; and  
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11 **WHEREAS**, pet ownership is a privilege, not a right, and one that requires significant  
12 maturity and responsibility; now, therefore, be it  
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14 **RESOLVED**, by the Congress here assembled that all jurisdictions throughout these United  
15 States are encouraged to enact tough laws that protect pets by criminalizing  
16 their abandonment in motor vehicles; and be it  
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18 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Congress also urges the passage of Good Samaritan laws that  
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20 protect others from entering a vehicle without the owner's permission to rescue  
21 an abandoned pet, even if doing so would result in damage to the vehicle.

## D - A Bill to Close Guantanamo Bay

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The detention center at Guantanamo which holds individuals that the  
3 Federal government has deemed to be enemies of the State will be immediately  
4 closed.

5 **SECTION 2.** The following considerations will apply:

6 A. Guantanamo Bay, located in southeast Cuba, serves as the site of an American  
7 naval base used as a detainment camp for suspected al-Qaeda and Taliban  
8 affiliates.

9 B. A board within the Department of Defense will be established to oversee the  
10 transportation of prisoners back to the United States, where they will be granted  
11 due process and a full legal trial.  
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13 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense will oversee the enforcement of this  
14 legislation.

15 A. The Department of Defense will be in charge of the transfer of prisoners and the  
16 closure of the detention center.

17 B. The Department of Defense will allocate \$3 million of its budget toward the  
18 organization of expedient trials.

19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect immediately after passage.

20 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation will be declared null and void.  
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## E - A Bill to Provide Automatic Facial Copyrighting

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All citizens and residents of the United States and its territories hence forth  
3 shall automatically possess full and unconditional copyright on their own  
4 faces and any images or likenesses thereof, excluding normal exceptions  
5 such as Fair Use.  
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8 **SECTION 2.** Any person, corporation, or other entity wishing to use a citizen's or  
9 resident's face in a manner protected by copyright law must obtain written  
10 permission and provide just compensation or face civil, and under extreme  
11 circumstances, criminal penalties.  
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13 **SECTION 3.** When a citizen or resident passes away, the copyright to their face shall pass  
14 to their heirs or beneficiaries as part of their estate. If none are named,  
15 relevant laws of interstate succession shall come to bear. The copyright shall  
16 remain enforceable by its rightful owner(s) for 70 years following the death  
17 of its original owner, after which point it shall enter the public domain.  
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20 **SECTION 4.** The Copyright Office of the Library of Congress shall oversee  
21 implementation of this legislation.  
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23 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2026.  
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25 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.  
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## F - A Bill to Create High Speed Rail in the Northeast U.S.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall construct and maintain a high-speed rail line in the  
3 northeast United States in order to promote economic growth and reduce  
4 the travel time between northeastern United States cities.  
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6 **SECTION 2.** The northeast United States region shall be defined as from Boston to  
7 Northern Virginia. The high speed rail line will at first include one train stop  
8 in each of the following places: northern Virginia, Washington D.C.,  
9 Baltimore, Wilmington, Philadelphia, New York, Providence, and Boston.  
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12 A. Tracks will be built in such a way that future stops can be added in the  
13 future if demand warrants.  
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15 B. High-speed rail shall be defined as rail that averages above 200 miles per  
16 hour and that has a wide curve radius to accomplish that speed.  
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18 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Transportation shall oversee construction and use existing  
19 rights of way and use eminent domain to acquire the land needed for the  
20 project. \$20 Billion shall be appropriated by Congress for this project.  
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22 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect in FY2026 for a completion date ending in  
23 FY2036. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and  
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# Finals 1 - A Resolution to Recognize the Republic of China

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **WHEREAS,** the Island of Taiwan and its associated territories, henceforth referred to as  
2 the Republic of China (ROC), has been and continues to be a separate and  
3 independent country from the People's Republic of China; and  
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5 **WHEREAS,** the failure to recognize the Republic of China as an independent country  
6 weakens its sovereignty, and hampers its defensive capabilities; and  
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8 **WHEREAS,** the Republic of China remains a key U.S. ally, maintains a vibrant democracy,  
9 and forms arguably the most critical component of the United States' Chinese  
10 containment strategy; and  
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12 **WHEREAS,** the U.S. policy of "strategic ambiguity" towards the defense of the Republic  
13 of China has been increasingly undermined; and  
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15 **WHEREAS,** recognition of the ROC as an independent country would resolve these  
16 concerns and encourage our allies to rally behind the Republic of China; now,  
17 therefore, be it  
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19 **RESOLVED,** that the Congress here assembled recognize the Republic of China  
20 as a separate and independent country according to a two-China policy; and, be it  
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22 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the United States formally commit to the defense of the  
23 Republic of China in the event of a military conflict between the Republic of China  
24 and the People's Republic of China; and, be it  
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26 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 is declared null and void, and  
27 the United States will normalize relations between the ROC and the United States.  
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## Finals 2 - A Bill to Repeal the Merchant Marine Act of 1920

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Merchant Marine Act of 1920, also known as the Jones Act, is hereby  
3 repealed. There shall no longer be any restrictions on vessels that transport  
4 goods between U.S. ports.  
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6 **SECTION 2.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Commerce.  
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8 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

9 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.  
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## Finals 3 - A Bill to Establish Mandatory Public Service

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Each U.S. Citizen born after January 1, 2010, must complete at least two  
3 years of public service by the time of their 30th birthday.  
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5 **SECTION 2.** This requirement may be satisfied through two full years of service in one  
6 of the following: the Armed Forces (including the National Guard), the  
7 Peace Corps, AmeriCorps, or the National Health Service Corps.  
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9 **SECTION 3.** The penalties for failing to meet this requirement shall be identical to those  
10 that accompany failure to register for the Selective Service when required  
11 to do so.  
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13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Selective Service System.  
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15 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with  
16 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.  
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