

# **Legislation Docket for Tournaments on October 11, 2025**

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# A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Address the Federal Budget Deficit

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:

## 6                                   **ARTICLE --**

7                   **SECTION 1:**   If, for two consecutive fiscal years following the ratification  
8                                   of this amendment, the federal budget deficit exceeds three  
9                                   percent (3%) of the U.S. Gross Domestic Product (GDP), all  
10                                  incumbent Members of Congress shall be rendered  
11                                  ineligible for re-election.

12                   **SECTION 2:**   According to the Congressional Research Service (CRS), the  
13                                  federal budget deficit is defined as the amount by which the  
14                                  federal government's total expenditures exceed its total  
15                                  revenues during a fiscal year.

16                   **SECTION 3:**   The Department of the Treasury shall calculate the federal  
17                                  budget deficit as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product  
18                                  (GDP) and re-evaluate this figure annually.

19                   **SECTION 4:**   The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by  
20                                  appropriate legislation.  
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*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Eagan High School.*

# **A Bill to Ban Cell Phones in Schools to Increase Student Performance**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   Cell phones will now be banned in school to increase student performance.
- 2   **SECTION 2.**   A “cell phone” will be defined as any personal-use cellphone used by a  
3                      student at home and/or brought to school. Students will be allowed to use  
4                      electronics owned and provided by the school. Cell phones will be  
5                      confiscated upon the student's entry into the building and will remain  
6                      confiscated until the end of each school day.
- 7   **SECTION 3.**   A “school” will be defined as public and private K-12 institutions of  
8                      learning.
- 9   **SECTION 4.**   The Department of Education (DOE) will oversee the enforcement of this  
10                     legislation. Teachers will be able to confiscate phones from students the  
11                     moment they see them.
- 12   **SECTION 5.**   This legislation will take effect in FY 2026. All laws in conflict with this  
13                     legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Richard Hou of Edina High School*

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# A Bill to Establish Term Limits for Supreme Court Judges

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   Supreme Court Justices of the United States shall serve terms of nine (9)  
2                   years. No Justice shall serve more than two (2) terms, whether consecutive  
3                   or nonconsecutive.
- 4   **SECTION 2.**   A. Beginning two years after the ratification of this legislation, the  
5                   longest-serving Justice shall step down to allow for a new appointment.  
6                   B. Each subsequent year, the next longest-serving Justice shall step down  
7                   until all sitting Justices have transitioned to the new term-limit system.  
8                   C. Seniority shall be determined strictly by the date of initial appointment  
9                   to the Court. In cases of identical appointment dates, seniority shall be  
10                  determined by age.  
11                  D. If a Justice leaves office before completing their nine-year term, the  
12                  replacement shall serve only the remainder of that term, not a new  
13                  nine-year term.
- 14   **SECTION 3.**   The President shall continue to nominate Supreme Court Justices, subject  
15                   to Senate confirmation, as required under Article II of the Constitution.
- 16   **SECTION 4.**   This legislation shall take effect at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2026,  
17                   contingent upon the ratification of a Constitutional Amendment permitting  
18                   term limits for Supreme Court Justices.
- 19   **SECTION 5.**   All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

# The Firearm Transfer Accountability Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   All firearm sales and transfers within the United States, including private  
2                   sales and those conducted at gun shows or through online purchase, shall  
3                   require a federally administered background check prior to completion.
- 4   **SECTION 2.**   A “firearm transfer” shall be defined as any sale, trade, gift, or exchange of  
5                   a firearm between two or more parties. “Background check” shall mean a  
6                   review conducted through the National Instant Criminal Background Check  
7                   System (NICS), including verification of criminal history, restraining orders,  
8                   and mental health adjudications. For those ages 18 through 21, a  
9                   verification of juvenile criminal history will also be included.
- 10   **SECTION 3.**   The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), in  
11                   coordination with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), shall oversee  
12                   enforcement and compliance. This legislation shall apply uniformly across  
13                   all states and territories of the United States. States may enact stricter  
14                   requirements, but no exemptions to this Act shall be permitted.
- 15   **SECTION 4.**   Licensed firearm dealers shall serve as the point of contact for background  
16                   checks in private sales. Sellers must complete the transfer through a dealer,  
17                   who will process the NICS check for a fee not to exceed \$30.
- 18   **SECTION 5.**   Any firearm transfer conducted without a background check shall be  
19                   punishable by a fine of \$50,000 per firearm and/or imprisonment of up to  
20                   five years.
- 21   **SECTION 6.**   Funding for this Act shall come from a 3% federal excise tax on all firearm  
22                   and ammunition sales. Revenue shall be deposited into a Firearm Oversight  
23                   and Compliance Fund dedicated exclusively to ATF enforcement, system  
24                   maintenance, and state compliance assistance.
- 25   **SECTION 7.**   This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with  
                      this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Adhyaya Gupta from East Ridge High School.*

# A Bill to Lift the Sanctions on Cuba

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   The United States Government shall fully lift its sanctions on the nation of  
2                   Cuba to allow better international trade and alliances between the two  
3                   nations.
- 4   **SECTION 2.**   For the purposes of this bill, the term “sanctions” refers to any economic,  
5                   financial, trade, travel, or other restrictions imposed by the United States  
6                   Government on the Republic of Cuba, including but not limited to  
7                   A. Prohibitions on the export or import of goods, services, or technology;  
8                   B. Restrictions on financial transactions or banking services;  
9                   C. Limitations on travel or remittances;  
10                  D. Any other measures enacted through statute, executive order, or  
11                  regulation that restrict normal diplomatic, commercial, or personal  
12                  relations with Cuba.
- 13 **SECTION 3.**   This policy shall be enforced by the U.S. Department of the Treasury and  
14                   the U.S. Department of State.  
15                  A. This bill requires no funding, but will require Cuba’s complete  
16                  agreement to provide the U.S. compensation for assets that were  
17                  seized by the Cuban government.  
18                  B. The Department of State and the Department of the Treasury will work  
19                  hand in hand to improve foreign relations, gain Cuba’s cooperation for  
20                  the compensation of seized assets, and improve overall relations  
21                  between the United States and the Republic of Cuba.
- 22 **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect in FY 2026. All laws in conflict with this  
23                   legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ansh Bhatia from Lakeville High School.*

## A Resolution to Save the People of Venezuela

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   Venezuela’s economic crisis has worsened to the point where 91% of  
2                                   Venezuelan citizens live in poverty; and  
3   **WHEREAS,**   Emigration from Venezuela has reached an all-time high; and  
4   **WHEREAS,**   Four million Venezuelans are suffering from severe food insecurity; and  
5   **WHEREAS,**   The United States’ sanctions have exacerbated the crisis and contributed to  
6                                   the aforementioned issues; now, therefore, be it  
7   **RESOLVED,**   That the Congress here assembled revoke all U.S. sanctions on Venezuela;  
8                                   and, be it  
9   **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the United States will provide Venezuela with economic relief  
10                                  and humanitarian aid equivalent to \$200 million.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Waithira Mbutia from John Marshall High School.*



# The Green Intelligence Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   Artificial intelligence (AI) data centers across the United States shall be  
2                   subject to regulations on water and electricity usage.
- 3                   A. AI data centers under 100,000 square feet shall be limited to an annual  
4                   average of 150 gallons per square foot of facility space.
- 5                   B. AI data centers over 100,000 square feet shall be limited to an annual  
6                   average of 100 gallons per square foot of facility space.
- 7                   C. Water caps may be exceeded if facilities recycle or reclaim at least 80%  
8                   of their total water consumption.
- 9                   D. Companies shall provide quarterly public reports disclosing the water  
10                  and electricity usage of each AI data center, which will be published in a  
11                  publicly accessible federal database.
- 12   **SECTION 2.**   An “AI data center” shall be defined as a facility primarily designed to  
13                   house the IT infrastructure required to train, deploy, and deliver AI  
14                   applications and services, including advanced compute, network, and  
15                   storage architectures, with specialized energy and cooling systems.  
16                   “Renewable energy” shall be defined to include solar, wind, geothermal,  
17                   and hydroelectric generation certified by the DOE. “Reclaimed water” shall  
18                   be defined to include recycled wastewater, stormwater reuse, or other  
19                   non-freshwater cooling methods approved by the Environmental  
20                   Protection Agency (EPA).
- 21   **SECTION 3.**   The Department of Energy (DOE), in coordination with the Environmental  
22                   Protection Agency (EPA), shall oversee enforcement.
- 23   **SECTION 4.**   If an AI data center exceeds its annual limits, the company shall be fined  
24                   \$500 per 1,000 gallons of excess water.
- 25   **SECTION 5.**   This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with  
                        this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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