

The Battle of the Knights

2025

Legislative Docket

Prelim Rounds 1-3

Prelim Round 1

A Bill to Reevaluate US Territories

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The federal government shall conduct a referendum in the U.S. territories
2 of Puerto Rico, Guam, U.S. Virgin Islands, and American Samoa by
3 Fiscal Year 2027.

4 **SECTION 2.** A referendum shall be defined as a popular vote by the population of
5 each country on whether they want to become a U.S. State or become
6 independent.

7 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Interior Department's Office of Insular Affairs and the U.S.
8 Department of State shall oversee the enforcement of this bill.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect in FY 2027.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Arizona College Prep High School.

Prelim Round 2

A Bill to Expand Veterans' Access to Community Care

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** All veterans eligible for VA health care shall have the option to receive
2 medical services at any Community care provider, with the Department of
3 Veterans Affairs covering the full cost of care. No prior authorization or
4 referral shall be required.

5 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this legislation,

6 A. Veteran shall be defined as any individual enrolled in the VA health
7 care system under Title 38, U.S. Code.

8 B. Community care provider shall be defined as any physician, hospital,
9 or medical facility licensed and authorized to provide care under state
10 or federal law.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Veterans Affairs shall oversee enforcement of this
12 legislation. The VA shall reimburse community care providers at rates not
13 less than Medicare reimbursement rates, unless otherwise negotiated. All
14 community care providers must transmit medical records to VA within 15
15 days to ensure continuity of care.

22 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect starting in [FY 2026]. All laws in conflict
23 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Brophy College Prep.

Prelim Round 3

A Bill to Invest in Recycling Technologies to Decrease Nuclear Waste

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** 50 billion USD shall annually be allocated towards research and
2 development for the recycling of nuclear waste. 75 billion USD shall
3 annually be allocated for 30 years towards building facilities to recycle
4 nuclear waste.

5 **SECTION 2.** Nuclear waste shall be defined as radioactive material that is left over
6 after nuclear reactions in power plants.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy will oversee this legislation.

8 A. Funding for this legislation shall be allocated from the budget of the
9 Department of Defense.

10 B. The Department of Energy will begin planning for this legislation 2
11 years prior to implementation.

12 C. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission shall audit the implementation of
13 this legislation every 6 months and will prepare a report on safety and
14 progress for the House Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid
15 Security and the Senate Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear
16 Safety every two years.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2030. All laws in conflict
18 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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