



2025 Asheville High Cougar Classic Legislation Packet

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

1. Both preliminary sessions have three main pieces of legislation. There is no final session. That is six total topics to research. Separate awards will be given in each chamber at the end of two sessions.
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.
 - Every chamber 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

No Finals session

Session One (Chamber decides order):

- A. A Bill to Rescind H.R. 4
- B. A Resolution to Protect Consumer Privacy
- C. A Bill to Revitalize Urban Retail

Session Two (Chamber decides order):

- A. A Resolution to Innovate the Banking Industry
- B. A Bill to Allow Officials to Focus on Their Jobs
- C. A Bill to Extend AGOA

A Bill to Rescind H.R. 4

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** H.R. 4 as passed by the 119th Congress (Recissions Act of 2025) is hereby
3 repealed.

4 **SECTION 2.** All funding defined in H.R. 4 shall be provided in full for fiscal years 2026
5 and 2027, with the exception of funding in **Section 2 (b)** (20) which shall
6 receive fifty percent greater funding than originally allocated.

7 **SECTION 3.** Funding will be provided to the various departments as per the original
8 allocations. Additional funding will be given through normal means.

9 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

A Resolution to Protect Consumer Privacy

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Data privacy has become a top concern among American consumers; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** according to the Identity Theft Resource Center’s 2024 Annual Data Breach
- 3 Report, data breach notices increased 211% from 2023 and resulted in over
- 4 1.3 billion victim notices; and.
- 5 **WHEREAS,** the Federal Bureau of Investigation Internet Crime Report details consumer
- 6 financial loss of \$16.6 billion USD to cybercrime in 2024; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** IBM reported in July 2025 that the average cost of a U.S. data breach
- 8 reached an all-time high of \$10.22 million USD per breach in 2025
- 9 compared to the global average cost of \$4.44 million USD per breach; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** California deviated from the U.S. market-based model to a more rights-
- 11 based model with the enforcement of the California Consumer Privacy Act
- 12 (CCPA) in 2020; and
- 13 **WHEREAS,** the CCPA closely aligns in policy with the European Union’s General Data
- 14 Protection Regulation (GDPR); and
- 15 **WHEREAS,** GDPR has provided European Consumers with transparency, increased
- 16 security, and an infrastructure of data choice; now, therefore, be it
- 17 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled develop a policy similar to the CCPA to
- 18 safeguard consumer privacy across the U.S.

A Bill to Revitalize Urban Retail

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** State governments shall be provided with block grants to purchase and
3 repurpose current retail centers which they determine are no longer
4 viable.

5 **A.** The state government will determine viability of retail properties.

6 **B.** The Department of Homeland Security will oversee the awarding of
7 the grants.

8 **SECTION 2.** Acceptable repurposing includes:

9 **A.** Continuing education facilities

10 **B.** Affordable housing

11 **C.** Law enforcement facilities

12 **D.** Non-profit organizations

13 **E.** Community meeting areas.

14 **SECTION 3.** A total of \$40 billion will be taken from the 2026 Immigration and
15 Customs Enforcement (ICE) budget. To be eligible for the grant, any
16 repurposed property must include a satellite office for ICE

17 **SECTION 4.** This will take effect on October 1, 2026.

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

A Resolution to Innovate the Banking Industry

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The Financial Technology sector (Fintech) generated approximately \$340.1
2 billion USD globally in 2024; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** according to *Fintech Weekly*, the United States has over 10,000 Fintech
4 companies operating within its borders; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Traditional Banking Institutions fall short of improving underserved
6 communities; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** a June 2025 World Economic Forum and University of Cambridge report states,
8 “Financial inclusion remains central to the Fintech value proposition, with
9 traditionally underserved segments comprising significant portions of
10 customer bases;” and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** there is a need to innovate legacy industries in the US such as Banking through
12 regulation and oversight; and
- 13 **WHEREAS,** the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) provided guidelines for a
14 Special Purpose National Bank (SPNB) Charter in 2016; now, therefore, be it
- 15 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled adopt the OCC’s Special Purpose National
16 Bank Charter.

A Bill to Allow Officials to Focus on Their Jobs

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** No person who has been confirmed by the Senate for a position in the
3 Executive Branch may concurrently serve in any other position, whether
4 acting, interim, or permanent.

5 **SECTION 2.** No person shall be named as an acting or interim official for a period of
6 more than three months.

7 **A.** If the acting or interim official is in an office which requires Senate
8 approval, they must receive approval before the three-month period
9 expires.

10 **B.** If the office does not require Senate approval, they must be named to
11 the position permanently or vacate the office.

12 **C.** In no case may someone who has been named as an acting or interim
13 officer and has vacated said position serve in that same position again
14 in any capacity, whether acting, interim, or permanent.

15 **SECTION 3.** Acceptance of, or appointment to, any other position shall constitute
16 resignation from their prior Senate-confirmed office.

17 **SECTION 4.** This will take effect on January 1, 2026.

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

A Bill to Extend AGOA

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) is extended to
3 September 30, 2050.

4 **SECTION 2.** The following sections shall be removed from the current agreement:

5 **A.** SEC. 104 (B) pertaining to government stability.

6 **B.** SEC. 104 (D) pertaining to member nations economic policies.

7 **C.** SEC. 406 pertaining to the amendment to the Trade Act of 1974 that
8 created the role of Chief Agricultural Negotiator under AGOA.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) will oversee
10 the compliance of this legislation.

11 **A.** No country in the region will receive benefits provided by AGOA until
12 the USTR verifies their eligibility based on the revised legislation.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage.

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