

Massachusetts Speech and Debate League

2025 December Lincoln-Sudbury Warrior Invitational

Legislation Docket

Welcome to Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School, and welcome to the 2025 December Warrior Invitational! Enclosed, please find the following legislation and special information.

Legislative Items for Debate:

- [A Bill to Modernize Public Transportation Systems in Urban Areas](#) (Sen. Mollor, Catholic Memorial)
- [A Bill to Establish a National Battery Recycling Mandate for EV Manufacturers to Reduce Our Environmental Footprint](#) (Sen. Nair, Newton South HS)
- [The Community Food Security Act](#) (MSDL)
- [A Resolution to Ratify the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty](#) (MSDL)
- **Super Session:** [A Bill to Limit Corporate Ownership of Single-Family Homes](#) (MSDL)

Thank you for an incredible start to the season! We've already shattered participation records, including an unprecedented **four preliminary chambers** at the Gracia Burkill Tournament—this early in the year. Your enthusiasm is driving tremendous growth in this event, and I'm truly grateful for your support.

Call for Legislation – We Need Your Topics!

Despite our record turnout, legislation submissions have been unusually low so far. Congressional Debate is unique: **you** get to set the agenda. This is your chance to research and write about the issues that matter most to you and your peers. Please draft legislation and submit it through your coach as soon as possible. The more topics we receive, the stronger and more diverse our docket becomes!

State Qualification Update

After just two tournaments, **10 students have already earned full qualification** to the State Championship in April—outstanding work! Remember: even if you don't reach finals, placing in the **top six or top half** of a chamber still earns a bid. (In other words, we always give six bids per chamber. But if we have more than 12 competitors, then we give everyone in the top half a bid.)

Every speech counts!

Best of luck to everyone preparing for this tournament!

Best regards,

Joe Bowden
MSDL Chair of Congress

Black Friday Memes



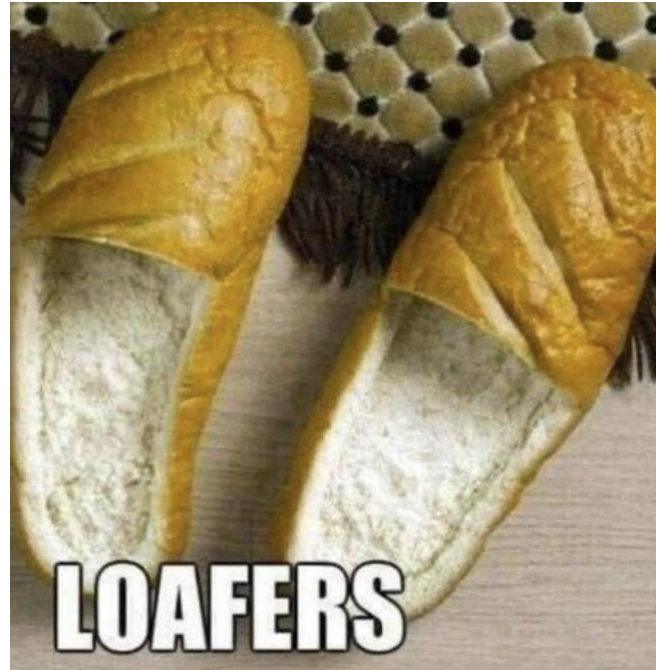
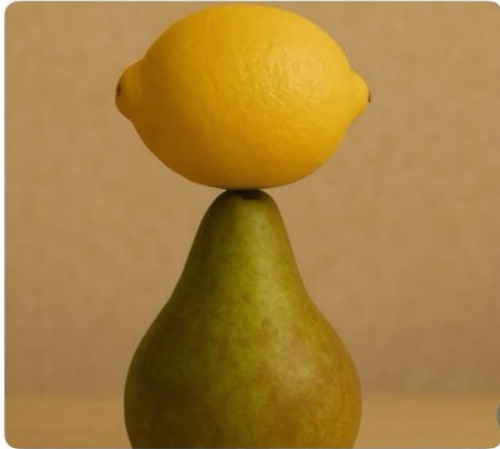
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The Surfnauts · Tiki Bars All Over Mars

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Wo-oah, we're halfway there

Wo-oah,



I thought the personalised message was for the driver not the pods oops



A Bill to Modernize Public Transportation Systems in Urban Areas

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Congress shall allocate \$10 billion to every Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) with a population greater than 4.5 million, as measured in the 2020 census, for the purpose of modernizing public transportation.

SECTION 2. Modernization shall be defined as the process of adapting something into modern standards/needs.

SECTION 3. The Department of Transportation (DOT) will be responsible for implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on October 1st, 2026. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Senator Spencer Mollor.

A Bill to Establish a National Battery Recycling Mandate for EV Manufacturers to Reduce Our Environmental Footprint

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Electric vehicle manufacturers must collect and recycle at least 50% of
2 retired EV batteries by 2030.

3 **SECTION 2.** “Retired EV battery” shall refer to any lithium-ion battery removed from
4 an electric vehicle after reaching end-of-life or below 80% capacity.

5 “Recycling” shall refer to the processing of batteries to recover critical
6 minerals (including but not limited to lithium, nickel, cobalt, and
7 manganese) for reuse in manufacturing.

8 “Manufacturer” shall refer to any company producing electric vehicles
9 for sale within the United States.

10 “Collection” shall refer to the retrieval, transport, and processing of
11 retired EV batteries from consumers, dealerships, or certified disposal
12 sites.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shall oversee implementation
14 and compliance.

15 A. Manufacturers must annually report the number of EV batteries
16 retired and the number collected and recycled.

17 B. EPA shall conduct audits, review manufacturer data and confirm
18 compliance in coordination with the Department of Energy (DOE).

19 C. Manufacturers failing to meet the 50% mandate shall be subject to a
20 fine of \$8,000 per uncollected battery.

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

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ryana Nair of Newton South High School

The Community Food Security Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) shall establish a pilot program to create federally subsidized Community Food Markets in designated food deserts and underserved communities across the United States.

SECTION 2. Definitions:

- A. "Community Food Market" shall be defined as a government-operated or government-contracted grocery store that provides fresh produce, staple foods, and household essentials at subsidized prices.
- B. "Food desert" shall be defined as a census tract where at least 33% of the population lives more than one mile from a supermarket in urban areas or more than 10 miles in rural areas.
- C. "Underserved community" shall be defined as an area where the poverty rate exceeds 20% or median household income is below 80% of the state median.

SECTION 3. The USDA shall establish at least 100 Community Food Markets within five years in food deserts and communities with significant food insecurity.

SECTION 4: Community Food Markets shall offer fresh, nutritious foods at prices 20-30% below market averages, accept federal nutrition assistance, prioritize local sourcing, employ local residents, and provide nutrition education and health partnerships.

SECTION 5. Private Sector Protections:

- A. Community Food Markets shall not be established within two miles of an existing full-service grocery store in urban areas or within 15 miles in rural areas, unless that store has announced closure.
- B. Private grocery stores may apply for federal grants to expand into underserved areas as an alternative to government-operated markets.
- C. The program shall be evaluated after five years to determine whether to expand, modify, or phase out based on effectiveness and impact on private sector competition.

SECTION 6: Congress shall appropriate \$5 billion over five years and establish a Progressive Food Corporation Tax of 2-3% on food retailers earning over \$10 billion annually, with revenues deposited into a Community Food Security Trust Fund to support market operations, local food producers, and nutrition programs.

SECTION 8. This legislation shall take effect on September 1st of the year following its passage.

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A Resolution to Ratify the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty

- 1 **RESOLVED**, By two-thirds of the Senate here assembled, that pursuant to Article II,
2 Section 2, Clause 2 of the Constitution of the United States of America, the
3 Senate hereby provides its advice and consent to the Comprehensive Nuclear
4 Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) opened for signature at New York on September 24,
5 1996. The Senate hereby declares that nothing in the Treaty prohibits
6 subcritical experiments, hydrodynamic experiments, or other activities
7 necessary to maintain the safety, security, and reliability of the United States
8 nuclear stockpile that do not produce a self-sustaining nuclear fission chain
9 reaction.
- 10 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President is urged to deposit the instrument of ratification
11 at the earliest possible date following Senate consent.

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A Bill to Limit Corporate Ownership of Single-Family Homes

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Ninety days following the passage of this legislation, the purchase of single-family homes in the United States shall be limited to individuals and married couples. Thereupon no other entity shall acquire title to a single-family home except through trust conveyance (where the grantor(s) and primary beneficiary(ies) are the same persons), inheritance, gift, divorce decree, or existing ownership (grandfathering). Any bank or lender acquiring title through foreclosure or deed-in-lieu-of-foreclosure shall divest the property within twenty-four months to an individual or married couple. Violations of this Act shall be punished by a civil penalty of not less than \$100,000 and not more than \$500,000 per violation, in addition to mandatory divestiture of the property.

SECTION 2. “Single-family home” is defined as a real property designed principally for residential use by one to four families, containing a single dwelling unit or up to four separate dwelling units under one roof or in attached structures sharing common walls. “Individual” shall mean a natural person who is a citizen or lawful resident of the United States. “Married couple” shall mean two natural persons who are legally married under the laws of any State or territory of the United States or under federal law. “Purchase” shall mean the acquisition of fee simple title or any equitable interest that conveys the right to occupy the property as a primary residence.

SECTION 3. The Attorney General of the United States shall enforce this legislation. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall issue regulations requiring an affidavit of eligibility to be recorded with every deed for a single-family home.

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

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