

East Iowa District Congress *Docket*

Thank you for attending the **East Iowa District Congress** tournament. My name is **Maggie Rietz (Davenport West)** and I will be acting as the *Congress Director* for our District Congress event. At this time, we have the following schools registered in the tournament:

- ✓ Bettendorf HS
- ✓ Grinnell HS
- ✓ Hampton-Dumont-CAL HS
- ✓ Hempstead HS
- ✓ Burlington HS
- ✓ Iowa City West

Each school was asked to submit **2** pieces of legislation by January 27, 2026. I have received **10** pieces of legislation and have randomly set the docket for debate. If a school is not represented in your chamber, the bill may be represented by any school in attendance.

As of **Wednesday, February 4**, our registration numbers are:

9 Students in the Senate (5 schools represented; 6 schools and 10 students must be represented to hold a Senate)

21 Students in the House (16+ students are required to hold a House)

If we have 6 schools and 10 students in the Senate, East Iowa can qualify **2** students in the Senate, and if we have 16+ in the House, East Iowa can qualify **2** students in the House to the NSDA Nationals tournament (30+ qualifies 4).

If you have not entered your students, please enter them soon. **The deadline for entries is February 14.**

One thing to remember: students are only marked as “**present**” if the student gives a speech. Therefore, every school must speak in the **Senate** to ensure 2 students qualify to Nationals. At least 16 students must give a speech in the **House** to ensure 2 students qualify to Nationals. If we have 30+ students, we will have two House Chambers for the morning session, then a final super session round in the afternoon from top ranked students in each Chamber.

To try to ensure that each school represented in the legislation could have the opportunity to speak on at least one of their pieces of legislation during each session, there are five bills in the docket designated for session one and five that will be for the second/final session. The order below has been randomly drawn. Students may change the order or table legislation within that group, but **MAY NOT** use legislation designated for the afternoon final session in the morning session *unless* we only have one section.

Session 1

A Bill to Reopen Economic Participation in Central America (REPCA)

A Bill for a Nicotine Ban on Businesses

A Bill to Expand SNAP Benefit Opportunities

The Nuclear-Free Future Act

A BILL TO ESTABLISH THE INDO-PACIFIC ECONOMIC, TECHNOLOGICAL, AND STABILITY ALLIANCE (IPETSA)

Session 2

A Bill to Mandate Body Cams for ICE Agents

A Bill to Authorize Sentence Reclassification

A Bill to Mandate Electric Vehicle Sales

A Bill to Increase Medical Stability

A Bill to Grant Puerto Rico Statehood

A Bill to Reopen Economic Participation in Central America (REPCA)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The trade embargo on the state of Cuba will be lifted.
- 2 a. To further increase economic participation, 10% of the U.S Department of Commerce's
- 3 discretionary spending fund will be taken to invest in economic development in Central
- 4 American countries, focusing particularly on Cuba.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** An embargo is defined as a trade restriction adopted as an economic sanction.
- 6 Economic development will be defined as development aimed at developing an individual
- 7 state's economy.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** The Office of Foreign Assets Control will oversee this bill in coordination with the Committee
- 9 on Foreign Investment in the United States.
- 10 A. The CFIUS will regulate investment in economic development in foreign countries while
- 11 OFAC will focus on enforcing the lift of Cuban embargo
- 12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2027. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby
- 13 declared null and void.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Iowa City West High School.

A Bill for a Nicotine Ban on Businesses

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Nicotine products and by-products shall no longer be sold in any format.
2 a. This includes cigarettes, cigars, ZYN, nicotine patches, vapes of all forms,
3 e-cigarettes of all forms, hookahs, chewing tobacco, dip, nicotine gum and
4 heat-not-burn tobacco products.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** All businesses, small, large, privately owned, and corporations will be prohibited
6 from selling nicotine products and by-products.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** Any business breaching this bill will be fined 5,000 dollars per offense. All persons
8 caught buying nicotine products will be fined \$500 for the first offense, \$1000 for
9 the second offense, and \$1000 for the third offense, as well as be charged as a
10 misdemeanor punishable with up to a year in prison. Similar to Cannabis, holders
11 of small amounts of nicotine (under 30 grams) will be subject to a 30-day penalty,
12 and a large amount (over 30 grams) will be counted as a misdemeanor and
13 punishable by up to a year in prison. People found distributing any amount of
14 nicotine, automatic misdemeanor and up to a year in prison.
- 15 **SECTION 4.** All funds received from fines levied will be put into the SAFE project
- 16 **SECTION 5.** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will oversee this program.
- 17 **SECTION 6.** This bill will go into effect July 1st, 2026.
- 18 **SECTION 7:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hampton-Dumont-CAL High School.

A Bill to Expand SNAP Benefit Opportunities

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits will be
2 increased by ten percent per recipient and expanded to include prepared
3 food and non-alcoholic beverages sold at restaurants and toiletries.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Definitions
- 5 A. Restaurants are defined as establishments that prepare and serve food
6 and drinks meant for immediate consumption, which can be on or off
7 the premises of the restaurant.
- 8 B. Toiletries are defined as personal care items used for grooming and
9 hygiene necessary for the cleanliness and health of the person.
- 10 **SECTION 3.** The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) within the U.S. Department of
11 Agriculture (USDA) will oversee the implementation of this bill.
- 12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with this
13 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Grinnell High School.

The Nuclear-Free Future Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall cease and desist all nuclear
3 energy production and usage in all 50 states and territories under US control.

4 **SECTION 2.** Nuclear energy shall be defined as the energy released during controlled
5 nuclear reactions.

6 **SECTION 3.** The United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (USNRC) shall be
7 tasked with enforcing this legislation.

8 A. The USNRC shall aid and assist existing nuclear energy companies throughout
9 10 years in switching to renewable energy sources. This includes, but is not
10 limited to: wind, solar, and hydro power. This aid will be provided through the
11 funding of this legislation.

12 B. The USNRC shall not aid if a company chooses to switch to a nonrenewable
13 energy source, and will discourage against such. Examples of this include but
14 are not limited to: natural gas and burning fossil fuels.

15 C. Any company/agency/corporation found in violation of this legislation after the
16 below posted date shall suffer the following punishments: On the first offense,
17 the company/agency/corporation itself shall be fined \$100,000. On the second
18 offense, the CEO or company equivalent shall face a penalty of 3 years in
19 federal prison and their company/agency/corporation shut down by the
20 USNRC. If further violations, subsequent penalties will be determined by the
21 USNRC.

22 **SECTION 4.** \$10,000,000,000 from the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS)
23 budget shall be allocated towards enforcing this legislation.

24 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall go into effect on July 1st, 2036. All laws in conflict
25 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A BILL TO ESTABLISH THE INDO-PACIFIC ECONOMIC, TECHNOLOGICAL, AND STABILITY ALLIANCE (IPETSA)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall establish the Indo-Pacific Economic, Technological, and
2 Stability Alliance (IPETSA) with Australia, India, Japan, the Republic of
3 Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, and the Philippines to promote economic
4 resilience, trusted technological cooperation, democratic infrastructure,
5 and regional security in support of a free and open Indo-Pacific.

6 **SECTION 2.** A. “Economic resilience” means diversifying supply chains for critical
7 minerals, semiconductors, pharmaceuticals, and energy technologies.

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9 B. “Technological cooperation” includes joint work in AI safety, quantum computing,
10 cybersecurity, and secure digital connectivity, governed by shared data and intellectual
11 property standards.

12 C. “Democratic infrastructure” means transparent, sustainable development of ports,
13 digital networks, clean energy, and maritime awareness systems.

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16 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the DFC and
17 Export-Import Bank, shall administer a \$25 billion annual grant-and-loan
18 program to support qualifying private-sector projects in IPETSA partner
19 nations.

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21 **SECTION 4.** The Department of State shall lead IPETSA coordination with the
22 Department of Defense and USAID. The Department of Defense may
23 expand defensive, transparent, and non-provocative cyber, maritime, and
24 security cooperation with IPETSA members.

25 **Section 5.** This initiative is authorized at \$100 billion annually, subject to congressional
26 appropriation, and shall take effect on January 1, 2026, with review every
27 three years.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by _Hempstead High School_____.

A Bill to Mandate Body Cams for ICE Agents

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** All Immigration and Customs Officials shall wear and operate a body cam
2 system during any Immigration enforcement operation or function

3 **SECTION 2.** Operation is defined as any Immigration and Customs officials actions
4 involving the public

5 **SECTION 3.** This bill is to be carried out and enforced by the Department of Homeland
6 Security

7 A. The Footage is to be deleted permanently after three months unless the footage
8 contains the use of Force or in the case there is a formal complaint made about a
9 specific incident in which case the footage will be saved permanently or until its
10 release by a Judge

11 B. \$500,000 is to be allocated to the Department of Homeland Security for the
12 purchasing of body cams, training needed to successfully implement the body
13 cams and the creation of safe storage places for the footage

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

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A Bill to Authorize Sentence Reclassification

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** They provide individuals sentenced to life imprisonment to have a choice
2 and preserve their personal autonomy and end constant suffering or
3 hopelessness, they can instead opt into the death penalty. This is to allow
4 the inmates to have a choice and preserve their personal autonomy and
5 end constant suffering or hopelessness.

6 **SECTION 2.** Any individual sentenced to life imprisonment under federal or state law
7 may submit an Inmate Choice Petition within three years of the final
8 sentencing decision.

9 **SECTION 3.** An Inmate Choice Petition is a formal, written request filed by an inmate
10 that is in for life and is choosing to convert their sentence from life
11 imprisonment without parole to the death sentence. Upon verification of
12 the petition, the life imprisonment shall be commuted to the death
13 sentence.

14 **SECTION 4.** Administrative costs shall be covered through existing Department of
15 Justice appropriations. Any additional funds will come from adding 5%
16 celebrity or influencer tax on endorsements. Any excess fund will go to
17 cancer research. This choice is permanent and irreversible once approved
18 by the sentencing court.

19 **SECTION 5.** Administration and Oversight

- 20 a. Each state's Department of Corrections shall establish procedures
21 to process and record Inmate Choice Petitions.
22 b. The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) shall oversee compliance and
23 maintain national records of converted sentences.
24 c. States must report the number of petitions filed and approved
25 annually to the DOJ for transparency.

26 **SECTION 6.** This bill shall take effect 6 months after ratification.

27 **SECTION 7:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hampton-Dumont-CAL High Schools

A Bill to Mandate Electric Vehicle Sales

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal government will mandate that 95 percent of all
2 new cars, trucks, and vans produced for sale in the United States will be
3 zero-emission by 2035.

4 **SECTION 2.** Definitions:

5 A. Zero-emission vehicles are defined as vehicles that have no tailpipe
6 emissions, such as battery-electric vehicles (BEVs) and fuel-cell electric
7 vehicles (FCEVs).

8 **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will oversee the
9 implementation of this bill.

10 B. Manufacturers not in compliance with this bill will be blocked from
11 selling their cars, trucks, and vans in the United States.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2035. All laws in conflict with
13 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Grinnell High School.

A Bill to Increase Medical Stability

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall create a standard-base price
2 on all universally utilized medical products that will apply to all states and
3 territories.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** A standard-based price shall be a fixed cost that all medical institutions will
5 utilize to purchase. Medical products will be defined as common medical
6 and surgery supplies.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** Prices shall be evaluated once a fiscal year and will be created based off of
8 the lowest existing cost in the continental United States upon passage. A
9 patient shall be charged when they personally use the physical medical
10 supply.
- 11 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the
12 implementation of this bill
- 13 A. \$50,000,000 from the Department of Health and Human Services shall
14 be allocated towards the implementation of this bill. The leftover
15 funding after 5 years after passage will return to the Department of
16 Health and Human Services.
- 17 B. Companies, Hospitals, or any infrastructure that offers professional
18 healthcare that does not follow this legislation shall receive a \$100,000
19 fine per offense. After 3 offenses in a single fiscal year, the company will
20 lose their business license and be forced to shut down.
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- 22 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st 2027.
- 23 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bettendorf High School.

A Bill to Grant Puerto Rico Statehood

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Puerto Rico shall be admitted into the United States as a state and be
2 granted all rights, privileges, and responsibilities equal to the other states.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** The State of Puerto Rico shall consist of all islands and territorial waters
4 currently under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.
- 5 **SECTION 3.** Upon statehood, Puerto Rico shall receive federal representation as
6 follows:
7 A. Two seats in the United States Senate.
8 B. Representatives in the United States House, determined by the latest
9 census data.
10 C. Electors based on its congressional representation.
- 11 **SECTION 4.** The Department of the Interior (DOI) shall oversee implementation of this
12 legislation:
13 A. All Puerto Rican residents shall be subject to federal income tax laws,
14 and federal funding will be allocated for economic adjustments.
15 B. United States federal laws will take full effect in Puerto Rico, overriding
16 any conflicting local laws.
17 C. Congress shall approve the state constitution proposed by the Legislative
18 Assembly of Puerto Rico.
- 19 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall immediately go into effect.
- 20 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hempstead High School.