



Arizona State University

## Southwest Championship 2016

### Congressional Debate Docket – Elimination Sessions

#### Semifinal Session

\_\_\_\_\_ A – A Bill to Reject the Paris Agreement

\_\_\_\_\_ B – A Bill to Amend the Taiwan Relations Act

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**Final Session Scenario:** The Department of Homeland Security, in conjunction with the FBI, has unraveled a terror plot which could have led to a tragedy on the scale of Paris. Director of National Intelligence James Clapper met with President Obama last week and has suggested several changes to current law. He claims that this will make it easier to uncover the plans of future terrorists. A select committee of Senators will convene to debate these proposals. While I cannot say more at the moment, come prepared to discuss the use of social media in uncovering terrorism, the ability of all people, citizens or not, to travel freely to and from the United States, and what we might do domestically to stop the spread of terrorism. More information and possible legislation will be provided during the tournament.

**Rules and Guidelines:** Each legislator will be allowed two speeches maximum on the legislation. Two speeches are not guaranteed if the session reaches the allotted time. The Final super-session will feature direct examination with each questioner receiving 30 seconds.

## **A - A Bill to Reject the Paris Agreement**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All branches of the United States federal government, and departments  
3 operating therein are hereby barred from using any federal monies to  
4 comply with, implement, or otherwise achieve the aims of the Paris  
5 Agreement as outlined during the 2015 United Nations Climate Change  
6 Conference.

7 **SECTION 2.** Some of the aims of the Paris Agreement include, but are not limited to,  
8 limiting global warming to two degrees Celsius and reducing carbon  
9 emissions as quickly as possible.

10 **SECTION 3.** Each department and agency within the Executive Branch will be required  
11 to submit a report to the House Committee on Science, Space, and  
12 Technology demonstrating that they have not spend any federal monies  
13 on implementing the Paris Agreement. Failure to comply will be  
14 considered contempt of Congress.

15 **SECTION 4.** This will take effect on passage. The first reports shall be due on July 1,  
16 2016.

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

## **B - A Bill to Amend the Taiwan Relations Act**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Taiwan Relations Act (Pub. L. 96-8) is amended to include the  
3 following language: All weapons sales to the Republic of China (ROC,  
4 Taiwan) shall be immediately halted. No weaponry of an offensive or  
5 defensive nature may be provided to the ROC from this point forward.

6 **SECTION 2.** The most recent sales to Taiwan, as identified by the December 16, 2015  
7 notification to Congress, shall be rescinded. All payments received from  
8 the ROC shall be returned.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense and the Department of State shall be  
10 responsible for enforcement of this legislation.

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

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

## **C - A Bill to Require School Districts to Maintain Emergency Plans**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All state departments of education are hereby required to collect and  
3 maintain emergency plans for all districts and schools within that state,  
4 including public, private, charter, and independent schools. These plans  
5 must be submitted to the United States Department of Education for  
6 approval.

7 **SECTION 2.** These emergency plans must include directions and guidelines for when  
8 to close an individual school, or an entire district, due to threats,  
9 including specific instructions for coordination with local law  
10 enforcement and local government officials.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee compliance with this  
12 requirement. States found not in compliance by June 1, 2017 shall have  
13 their federal education monies withheld until they are found in  
14 compliance.

15 **SECTION 4.** This will take effect upon passage. States will have until June 1, 2017 to  
16 report to the Department of Education.

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