

Florida Gulf Coast Catholic Forensics League



Student Congress Docket JAS Grand Finals 2026

Preliminary Rounds 1-3 may consider:

- **A BILL TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF ANIMALS IN COSMETIC TESTING**
- **A BILL TO ADJUST RENEWABLE ENERGY INCENTIVES**
- **A BILL TO REQUIRE MEDIA LITERACY EDUCATION IN ALL HIGH SCHOOLS**
- **PICKLE ACT**
- **A BILL TO IMPOSE A CARBON BORDER ADJUSTMENT TAX**
- **A BILL TO PROHIBIT FEDERAL OFFICEHOLDERS FROM HOLDING OR TRADING STOCKS**
- **A BILL ESTABLISHING TITLE IX STAFFING REQUIREMENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**
- **A BILL BANNING CARBON DIOXIDE INJECTION IN ENHANCED OIL RECOVERY**
- **Making Maple Syrup Great Again**

Super Congress, Final Round may consider:

- **CAIR ACT**
- **A BILL TO REQUIRE FINANCIAL LITERACY AS A GRADUATION REQUIREMENT**
- **A BILL TO REESTABLISH THE UNITED STATES RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION**

A BILL TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF ANIMALS IN COSMETIC TESTING

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

2 Article I: The use of animals for testing cosmetic products or cosmetic ingredients shall be
3 prohibited within the United States.

4 Article II: A. Cosmetic products shall be defined as substances intended to be applied to the human
5 body for cleansing, beautifying, or altering appearance.

6 B. Animal testing shall be defined as any procedure in which non-human animals are
7 used to evaluate the safety, toxicity, or effectiveness of cosmetic products or ingredients.

8 Article III: The provisions of this bill shall take effect on January 1, 2027.

9 Article IV: A. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health
10 Inspection Service (APHIS) shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

11 B. Enforcement shall include routine inspections of cosmetic testing facilities, review of
12 corporate testing documentation, and the investigation of reported violations. Any
13 company found in violation of this bill shall be subject to civil fines and the suspension of
14 authorization to sell cosmetic products within the United States.

15 Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Noah Insko
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A BILL TO ADJUST RENEWABLE ENERGY INCENTIVES

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

2 Article I: The federal government shall implement a cost-adjusted tax incentive structure that
3 provides equivalent economic benefits to solar and wind energy producers.

4 Article II: A. “Solar Energy Systems” shall refer to photovoltaic (PV) installations used for
5 commercial or utility-scale electricity generation.

6 B. “Wind Energy Systems” shall refer to onshore wind turbine installations used for
7 commercial or utility-scale electricity generation.

8 C. “Cost-Adjusted Incentive” shall mean a tax credit calibrated to reflect relative capital
9 costs, annual operation and maintenance expenses, and average energy output based on
10 regional climate conditions.

11 Article III: This bill will be implemented in the fiscal year following its passing.

12 Article IV: The Department of Energy (DOE), in coordination with the Department of the Treasury,
13 shall oversee enforcement of this policy.

14 A. Solar energy systems shall receive a 10 percent federal tax incentive based on total
15 eligible project costs. Wind energy systems shall receive a 12.5 percent federal tax
16 incentive, reflecting approximately 25 percent higher annualized costs, significantly
17 greater maintenance expenses due to mechanical components, and higher infrastructure
18 demands.

19 B. Incentives may be modulated by Climate Productivity Zones, such that: Solar
20 incentives are emphasized in regions with high solar irradiance; wind incentives are
21 emphasized in regions with consistent high wind speeds.

22 Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Hemish Mora
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A BILL TO REQUIRE MEDIA LITERACY EDUCATION IN ALL HIGH SCHOOLS

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

2 Article I: A. All high schools shall be required to provide a semester of Media Literacy education
3 to all students.

4 B. Media Literacy education may be administered as an online course or in person.

5 C. Media Literacy courses must be at least 30 hours in length.

6 D. Media Literacy courses shall develop skills associated with misinformation,
7 recognizing bias in digital media.

8 Article II: A. Media Literacy shall be defined as the ability to critically analyze stories presented in
9 the mass media and to determine their accuracy or credibility.

10 Article III: This legislation will take effect in fiscal year 2027.

11 Article IV: A. The Department of Education shall oversee compliance and enforcement of this act.

12 B. Funding for this program shall be allocated through the Department of Education and
13 distributed state-by-state through educational grants.

14 C. Funds shall be used for teacher training, course material, and curriculum development.

15 D. Schools shall submit annual reports to the department of education proving
16 implementation of the curriculum.

17 Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

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THE PACIFIC ISLANDER CLIMATE KNOCKBACK LEGISLATIVE ENACTMENT (P.I.C.K.L.E.)

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

2 Article I: All Pacific Island countries shall receive \$100 million in infrastructural and humanitarian
3 aid in response to rising sea levels and for the prosperity of their citizens.

4 Article II: A. As used herein, "Pacific Island countries" shall be defined but not limited to Fiji, the
5 Republic of Kiribati, the Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, Samoa, the Solomon
6 Islands, and the Kingdom of Tonga.

7 B. Humanitarian aid shall consist of but not limited to temporary housing, bottled water,
8 and medical supplies, vaccines, and first aid equipment. Infrastructural aid shall consist
9 of but not limited to floodwalls, shelters, and bridges.

10 Article III: This legislation will take effect immediately after passage.

11 Article IV: The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) in tandem with the Department
12 of State shall be responsible for the enforcement of this bill.

13 A. If deemed necessary, the Department of State can renew this aid annually to ensure
14 long term restoration of these countries.

15 Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Saket Rao
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A BILL TO IMPOSE A CARBON BORDER ADJUSTMENT TAX

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

2 Article I: A Carbon Border Adjustment (CBA) fee shall be levied on the importation of carbon-
3 intensive goods into the United States. The fee shall be calculated based on the difference
4 between the carbon intensity of the imported product and the equivalent domestic
5 production baseline.

6 Article II: Carbon Intensive Goods shall be defined as primary industrial products including, but not
7 limited to, iron, steel, aluminum, cement, fertilizers, and primary petrochemicals such as
8 ethylene. Embodied Carbon shall be defined as the total amount of greenhouse gas
9 emissions created during the production and processing of a covered commodity/good.

10 Article III: Reporting requirements for importers shall begin on January 1, 2027. Full assessment of
11 the Carbon Border Adjustment fee shall start on January 1, 2028.

12 Article IV: The Department of the Treasury, alongside the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
13 and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), shall oversee the enforcement of this
14 bill.

15 A. The initial fee shall be set at \$55 per metric ton of CO₂-equivalent (CO₂e) emitted
16 above the U.S. industry baseline.

17 B. This rate shall increase annually by 5% plus the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as an
18 incentive for global decarbonization.

19 C. Revenues collected shall be deposited into a trust to support domestic infrastructure
20 modernization, carbon capture research and research into other energy sources.

21 Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Swara Patel
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A BILL TO PROHIBIT FEDERAL OFFICEHOLDERS FROM HOLDING OR TRADING STOCKS

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

2 Article I: The President, all members of the United States House and Senate, and all Supreme
3 Court justices, as well as their spouses and children, shall be prohibited from purchasing,
4 selling, or holding stocks and from speculating for any material gain on financial markets
5 for the duration of their life of public service.

6 Article II: Life of Public Service shall be understood to begin either upon the implementation of this
7 bill or otherwise when the appointed or elected official is sworn into their office and end
8 when the elected or appointed official is legally declared dead.

9 Article III: The provisions of this bill shall take effect on October 1, 2026.

10 Article IV: The Office of Government Ethics shall be granted authority to enforce the provisions of
11 this bill jointly with the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

12 A. Civil fines of twice the value of the prohibited transaction or illegally held assets shall
13 be levied for unintentional violations of this policy.

14 B. Civil fines of five-times the value of the prohibited transaction or illegally held assets
15 shall be levied for intentionally concealed or obfuscated transactions or assets, to be
16 prosecuted according to investigator discretion.

17 Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Leah Trotter
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A BILL ESTABLISHING TITLE IX STAFFING REQUIREMENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

2 Article I: As a condition of receiving federal education funding, public school districts shall meet
3 the following Title IX staffing requirements:

4 A. Districts enrolling 2,000 or more students shall employ at least one full-time Title IX
5 Coordinator whose primary responsibility is to oversee Title IX compliance.

6 B. Districts enrolling fewer than 2,000 students shall employ a part-time coordinator or
7 enter a regional agreement to share a certified full-time coordinator on a part-time basis.

8 Article II: A. "Title IX" refers to the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibit sex-based
9 discrimination in federally funded education programs or activities.

10 B. "Title IX Coordinator" refers to a designated and certified staff member responsible
11 for investigating complaints of sex discrimination, ensuring regulatory compliance, and
12 coordinating required training and documentation.

13 Article III: This legislation will take effect on September 1st, 2027.

14 Article IV: The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) shall oversee
15 enforcement.

16 A. Up to \$800 million over five fiscal years shall be allocated to support salaries,
17 certification, training, and compliance infrastructure.

18 B. Districts found noncompliant shall submit a Corrective Action Plan. Continued failure
19 to comply may result in targeted withholding of designated federal administrative
20 education funds until compliance is achieved.

21 Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Charlize Buie
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A BILL BANNING CARBON DIOXIDE INJECTION IN ENHANCED OIL RECOVERY

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

2 Article I: The injection of Carbon Dioxide into underground wells as a means of facilitating the
3 extraction of crude oil is hereby prohibited.

4 Article II: A. “Enhanced Oil Recovery” shall be defined as methods of altering the physical or
5 chemical properties of oil to enable extraction.

6 B. “Carbon Dioxide Injection” shall be defined as the insertion of Carbon Dioxide into
7 underground mines with the intent of extracting oil.

8 Article III: The provisions of this bill shall take effect January 1, 2027.

9 Article IV: The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
10 (EPA), and the U.S. Department of Energy shall be responsible for enforcing the
11 provisions of this bill.

12 A. The DOI shall conduct random inspections of drilling sites at least twice a year to
13 ensure compliance.

14 B. Any site found in violation may be subject to a fine not exceeding 5 million USD and
15 the loss of mineral rights for the wells found to be in violation.

16 C. Companies injecting Carbon Dioxide for carbon capture without the goal of oil
17 extraction shall be eligible to file for exemptions under this bill with the EPA.

18 Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Garrett Senzon

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MAKING MAPLE SYRUP GREAT AGAIN

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

2 Article I: No maple syrup manufactured or otherwise originating from the nation of Canada may be
3 sold, imported to, or consumed within the United States.

4 Article II: A. "Maple syrup" shall be defined herein as the liquid food derived by the concentration
5 and heat treatment of the sap of the maple tree (*Acer*) or by solution in water of maple
6 sugar (maple concrete) made from such sap. It contains not less than 66 percent by
7 weight of soluble solids derived solely from such sap; as defined in 21 U.S.C. §168.140.

8 Article III: The provisions of this bill shall take effect January 1, 2027.

9 Article IV: This bill shall be enforced by U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

10 Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

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The legislation that follows shall be reserved for the Super Congress Final Round

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A THE COMPREHENSIVE AI REGULATION (CAIR) ACT

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

2 Article I: A. All Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) generated content shall be marked with a Universal
3 Digital Watermark as well as a visual watermark that is apparent to normative consumers
4 of the content.

5 B. No content substantially generated by A.I. shall be eligible for copyright, trademark, or
6 patent protections and/or rights.

7 C. A.I. models shall not utilize unowned intellectual property for purposes of training or
8 content generation without legal permissions.

9 D. The EPA shall set limits for A.I. data center potable water and electricity consumption.

10 E. Entities owning and providing A.I. models shall be jointly liable with users for
11 intellectual property law violations and/or any tortious behavior.

12 Article II: As used herein “Universal Digital Watermark” denotes a digital marker embedded in
13 content metadata that classifies the content as A.I. generated.

14 Article III: This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2027.

15 Article IV: The Department of Justice (DOJ), U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), Federal
16 Communications Commission (FCC), and Federal Trade Commission (FTC) shall
17 enforce this legislation.

18 A. The FCC shall establish the standards for Universal Digital Watermarks as well as a
19 publicly available website upon which content can be uploaded to check for its digital
20 watermark.

21 Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

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A BILL TO REQUIRE FINANCIAL LITERACY AS A GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

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

2 Article I: All public high schools shall require the successful completion of a financial literacy
3 course as a condition for graduation.

4 Article II: A. Public High School shall be defined as any secondary school receiving federal funding
5 and serving students grades 9-12.

6 B. Financial Literacy Course shall be defined as a semester-long course that provides
7 instruction in personal budgeting, saving, credit and debt management, taxes, insurance,
8 and basic investing.

9 Article III: This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2027.

10 Article IV: The United States Department of Education shall be responsible for overseeing the
11 implementation of this legislation.

12 B. Department of Education shall develop national guidelines outlining minimum
13 curriculum standards while allowing states flexibility in course design.

14 C. Federal education funds may be used to support curriculum development and teacher
15 training related to financial literacy instruction.

16 Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

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A BILL TO REESTABLISH THE UNITED STATES RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION

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

2 Article I: One hundred billion dollars annually for the next decade shall be allocated to the
3 consolidation and development of a nationwide overland rail transport system through the
4 purchase and nationalization of all passenger railway infrastructure.

5 Article II: Passenger railway infrastructure shall be understood to include all electrified track and
6 infrastructure used and suited for the transport of passengers since January 1, 1980.

7 Article III: This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2027.

8 Article IV: The Department of Transportation shall enforce this bill, reestablishing the United States
9 Railroad Administration under a shared purview with the Department of Defense.

10 A. After profits from the operation of these nationalized and improved railways have
11 paid down the initial investment, all net profits shall be invested in the improvement
12 of high-speed rail infrastructure and technology through the Department of Defense.

13 B. Funding for this bill shall be allocated through budget adjustment by the Department
14 of Defense, prioritizing railway nationalization as a matter of national security.

15 Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

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