

District V Debate Legislation

2026

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A Bill to End Child Marriage

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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SECTION 1. Child marriage is now considered a legal offense. No exceptions will be given based on parental or ecclesiastical permission.

SECTION 2. Child marriage shall be defined as the official union and legal recognition of a committed relationship between two individuals, where one or both of them are under the age of 18.

SECTION 3. The Department of Justice shall oversee this legislation. Punishments for noncompliance will be as follows: any person over the age of 18 who enters into a marriage with someone under the age of 18 post passage of this legislation will be prosecuted for violation of relevant sex crime laws. Any officiant who officiates a child marriage will lose their liscence and be fined 10,000 dollars per infraction.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2027. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Highland High School.

A Bill to Establish Ranked Choice Voting on a National Level

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Federal elections will be conducted by a Ranked Choice
2 Voting system in which voters will rank their top three choices of
3 candidates in order of preference.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) is a preferential voting system
5 that utilizes the following method:
- 6 A. In the first round of tabulation, if a candidate receives more than 50%
7 of the first-choice votes, they are declared the winner of the election.
- 8 B. If no candidate wins a majority, the candidate who received the fewest
9 first-place votes is eliminated. The ballots that indicated the eliminated
10 candidate as their first choice are then reallocated to their second-
11 choice candidate.
- 12 C. A new tally is conducted with the remaining candidates. If a candidate
13 receives more than 50% of the first-choice and newly allocated ballots,
14 they are declared the winner of the election.
- 15 D. In the event a candidate is not declared the winner, this process is
16 repeated until one candidate secures a majority of the votes.
- 17 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Committee shall oversee
18 implementation. Funding shall come from the Federal Election Committee.
- 19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2028. All laws
20 in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Century High School.

A Bill to Cap Prescription Drug Prices Based on International Standards

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall implement federal limits on prescription drug
3 prices based on international benchmarks to ensure affordability for all citizens

4 **SECTION 2.**

5 A. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) shall be
6 responsible for establishing and enforcing a federal price cap system for all
7 brand-name prescription drugs sold in the United States.

8 B. The maximum allowable price for any prescription drug shall be no higher than
9 the median price of that same drug in the following nations: The United
10 Kingdom, Canada, Germany, France, Japan

11 **SECTION 3.**

12 A. HHS shall maintain a public federal database listing approved price caps, to be
13 reviewed and updated annually.

14 B. Any drug that was developed with 25 percent or more federal research funding
15 shall be subject to an additional 10 percent reduction in its allowable maximum
16 price.

17 C. All manufacturers, distributors, and pharmacies must comply with the price caps
18 set by HHS to sell prescription drugs in the United States.

19 **SECTION 4.**

20 A. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) shall assist HHS in monitoring
21 compliance with this Act.

22 B. Any company found in violation shall be fined three times the revenue obtained
23 from sales above the capped price.

24 C. Repeated or willful violations may result in the revocation of authorization to
25 market or sell drugs in the United States.

26 **SECTION 5**

27 A. Funding for implementation and enforcement of this Act shall come from
28 the existing federal pharmaceutical rebate collections administered by HHS.

29 B. All fines and penalties collected under Section 4 shall be deposited into a
30 Prescription Price Oversight Fund, which shall be used exclusively to cover the
31 administrative and operational costs of this Act.

32 C. No funds shall be drawn from Medicare, Medicaid, or any other public healthcare
33 benefits program.

34 D. No new federal taxes shall be created to fund this Act.

35 **SECTION 6.** This legislation shall take effect one year after passage and shall sunset
36 after ten years, unless renewed by Congress following review by the U.S.
37 Department of Health and Human Services. All laws in conflict with this
38 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Snake River High School.

Session 2

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A Bill to Increase Literacy on Artificial Intelligence

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** An Artificial Intelligence (AI) education course regarding responsible use
3 and fake content identification shall be taken by all high school students as a
4 requirement for accredited high school graduation.

5 **SECTION 2.** This course will provide students with a basic idea of how to responsibly
6 use AI tools and bots along with how to spot AI generated written, visual, or
7 auditory content. The specific curriculum requirements are left at the discretion of
8 the state. A minimum of one Digital Literacy or Technology curriculum focused
9 teacher at every school will be required to receive 3 continuing education credits
10 regarding the same subject matter and will receive bonuses by discretion of the
11 school in response to this requirement.

- 12 a. Responsible use must be defined by individual states and apply to all public
13 schools.
- 14 b. AI tools are defined as any generative or interactive software that is powered by
15 Artificial Intelligence.

16 **SECTION 3.** The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP),
17 Department of Education, and Department of Labor will oversee and enforce this
18 in the following ways:

- 19 a. The Department of Education and the Department of Labor will work together to
20 implement the mandate by providing guidance, establishing funding priorities and
21 subsequently provide funding, supporting teacher and workforce development, all
22 focused on responsible AI use in education and job training.
- 23 b. OSTP will lead policy development, coordinate all federal efforts, and establish
24 national goals for AI literacy, ensuring a unified strategy for integrating AI
25 education nationwide.
- 26 c. After a formal review by the Department of Education and the Task Force on
27 Artificial Intelligence Education has been conducted, any public school district
28 that fails to meet the AI education requirements in this bill, will have 90 days to
29 correct deficiencies before being fined up to \$20,000 per violation.
- 30 - Any collected fines will go back into the Department of Education and
31 Department of Labor to be used for additional funding of this bill.

32 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect at the start of the 2028-2029 school year,
33 subject to differences in each school.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Snake River High School.

A Bill to expand WIC to include diapers

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Recipients of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program
2 for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) may now use benefits from their
3 EBT cards to purchase WIC-approved diapers from authorized WIC grocery
4 stores.

5 **SECTION 2.** The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women,
6 Infants, and Children (WIC) is defined as a federally funded program that
7 provides benefits for low-income women, infants, and children.

8 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the
9 Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) shall oversee the enforcement and
10 implementation of the described bill.

11 A. The FNS shall cooperate with the Consumer Product Safety Commission
12 (CPSC) to determine and regulate which diaper products are eligible for
13 purchase using WIC benefits.

14 B. Funding for the benefits described in the bill shall be derived from
15 already apportioned funds designated for the WIC.

16 C. Funding for the bill's regulation shall be derived from already
17 apportioned funds designated for the FNS and CPSC.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect FY 2027. All laws in conflict
 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Century High School.

A Bill to Mandate Crop Rotation

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The FSA shall mandate crop rotation for all large for-profit farming.

3 **SECTION 2.** Definitions

4 A. For-Profit Farming – Farming for cash crops

5 B. Crop Rotation - The practice of growing different crops in succession
6 on the same land chiefly to preserve the productive capacity of the
7 soil

8 C. Mandate - means any provision in statute or regulation or any Federal
9 court ruling that imposes an enforceable duty upon State, local, or
10 tribal governments including a condition of Federal assistance or a
11 duty arising from participation in a voluntary Federal program.

12 **SECTION 3.** The FSA (a sub-branch of the USDA) shall oversee enforcement of this
13 mandate.

14 A. The penalty for violating this mandate shall be a fine of \$200-\$500
15 per acre of farming land, scaled to repeat offenses.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2027. All laws in conflict
17 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pocatello High School.

A Bill to Enact a Land Value Tax

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A federal land value tax of 5% annually on the unimproved value of all
3 land parcels exceeding one acre in size, excluding primary residences on
4 parcels of five acres or less shall be enacted. Revenues collected shall be
5 distributed as follows: 30% to the Center for Disease Control and
6 Prevention, 30% to the Department of Housing and Urban Development,
7 30% to repaying the national debt, and 10% to the Internal Revenue
8 Service.

9 **SECTION 2.** A. "Land value tax" shall be defined as a levy on the unimproved value of
10 land, excluding the value of buildings, structures, crops, or other
11 improvements.

12 B. "Unimproved value" shall be defined as the market value of land in its
13 natural state, determined by comparable sales of vacant land in similar
14 locations.

15 C. "Primary residence" shall be defined as a dwelling where the property
16 owner resides for at least six months per calendar year.

17 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service shall oversee the implementation and
18 collection of this tax.

19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2027. All laws in conflict with
20 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Highland Highschool.

Appendix

Note: Only debate these bills after you have completed the assigned docket for each session. DO NOT redebate bills you have already debated.

A Bill to End Gerrymandering in the United States

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Every State must form a politically independent redistricting committee
3 with the goal of ending gerrymandering and political polarization
4 regarding Congressional boundaries. A nonpartisan federal committee
5 will be formed to oversee and provide guidelines for independent state
6 committees.

7 **SECTION 2.** Terms will be defined as:

8 A. Independent Redistricting Committee: Independent Redistricting
9 Commissions (IRCs) are a voter-centric reform that ensures voters,
10 not politicians, decide how electoral districts are drawn.

11 B. Gerrymandering: The manipulation of an electoral constituency's
12 boundaries so as to favor one party or class.

13 **SECTION 3.** Legislators themselves would not sit on these committees but may
14 oversee the process. Ordinary citizens, nonpartisan experts (ie. retired
15 judges), and/or nonelected leaders of both major political parties can
16 serve on these committees. States will have the right to decide how these
17 people will be appointed to this job.

18 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be overseen by an independent federal state election
19 committee formed along consistent federal nonpartisan guidelines.

20 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2027. All laws in conflict with
21 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bonneville High School.

A Bill to Require Chemical Castration of Paraphilic Sex Offenders

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All trial courts shall be required to sentence paraphilic sex offenders to
2 chemical castration by injection in order to rehabilitate them.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** A paraphilic sex offender is a convicted sex offender that has been officially
4 diagnosed to have the condition of paraphilia: a condition of intense and
5 persistent sexual arousal. Chemical Castration therapy shall be undergone
6 by treatment with Medroxyprogesterone acetate (MPA), an antiandrogenic
7 drug. MPA rehabilitation significantly lowers libido to prevent future
8 offenses, and shall be administered by injection, lasting approximately 3
9 months.
- 10 **SECTION 3.** Enforcement shall be overseen by the Department of Justice through State
11 Departments of Corrections.
- 12 A. The condition of paraphilia shall be diagnosed by a licensed forensic
13 psychologist during the trial and prior to sentencing.
- 14 B. Medroxyprogesterone acetate shall be administered by injection within
15 one week of sentencing and continued on a tri-monthly basis thereafter,
16 and the cost of procedure shall be paid in full by the offender.
- 17 C. A person knowingly and intentionally failing to adhere to this mandated
18 treatment will be found in contempt of court.
- 19 **SECTION 4.** The enforcement shall be effective 5 years after this Bill's enactment.
- 20 A. No section of this bill shall apply to a trial that began before the bill's
21 effective date in compliance with the Ex Post Facto Clause (Article I,
22 Sections 9 & 10), which protects from retroactive punishment.
- 23 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Idaho Falls High School.

A Bill to Grant More Federal Funding To The Department of Education

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Education shall receive more federal funding to give
3 to schools across the country that are disadvantaged financially. The
4 Department of Education shall be granted \$1 trillion over 8 years to
5 execute this. For each year, \$125 billion would be given to the ED.

- 6 A. To make up the \$1 trillion, the federal government, working alongside
7 the IRS, would establish a new tax bracket designed for those who
8 make/earn over \$2 million a year. Those who abide in this tax bracket
9 would pay a 12% increase in their taxes.
- 10 B. The ED will allocate \$80 billion of the \$125 billion and put it towards
11 programs and services for K-12. The rest of the money (\$45B) will go back
12 into the department and go towards its various sub-components.

13 **SECTION 2.** The ED will work with the U.S. Census Bureau to gather information
14 about schools around the country that require funding to function and
15 operate. The ED will also be working alongside the IES (Institute of
16 Education Sciences) to gather research and address future challenges for
17 education.

18 **SECTION 3.** Congress shall oversee the implementation of this bill and ensure that
19 the Department of Education allocates the given funds appropriately to
20 itself and the schools that need these funds through communicating with
21 state and local governments. Congress will hold the ED accountable, and
22 if needed, Congress will investigate the ED if funds are not appropriated
23 as given through both the House Committee on Education and
24 Workforce, and the Senate HELP Committee.

- 25 A. The Department of Education at the start of the next fiscal year shall
26 distribute funding across its top priority sub-components (Mainly the
27 OESE, FSA, OSERS, OELA, OCR, OPEPD, and the IES) to better provide for
28 students across the country in education.
- 29 B. The SEC. ED will be responsible for checking in with the Financial Literacy
30 and Education Commission and the Office of the Chief Financial Officer
31 monthly to see that funds are being used properly by state & local
32 governments.
- 33 C. If funds given to the ED are mishandled or not distributed properly, the
34 department will be forced to comply with investigations and committee
35 hearings, led by those in the House Education and Workforce Committee,
36 and the Senate HELP Committee. If funds are found to have been
37 mishandled, the Office of the Inspector General would conduct audits on
38 funding and its whereabouts, and investigations would be conducted.
39 The OIG would also be working with the Comptroller General of the U.S.
40 Both the Inspector General and Comptroller General are a part of GAO,
41 which serves as a nonpartisan agency.

42 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be enacted at the beginning of the next fiscal year;
43 any laws in conflict with this bill will be declared null and void.

A Bill to Sanction the Use of the Tonka Bean

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The Food and Drug Administration’s ban on the tonka bean
2 shall be repealed.

3 **SECTION 2.** The tonka bean shall be identified as the seed of American
4 leguminous trees (genus *Dipteryx*, especially *D. odorata*).

5 **SECTION 3.** The FDA will oversee the enforcement of this bill.

6 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2027. All laws in
7 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Skyline High School.

A Bill to Ban Phones in Schools for Safety and Education

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All K-12, public and charter, school systems shall be required to develop
3 and implement a policy banning personal communication devices on
4 school property during school hours to improve education and safety.

5 **SECTION 2.** Terms will be defined as:

6 A. Personal communication devices shall be defined as cellphones,
7 tablets, smartwatches, and other telecommunication and digital
8 communications devices. This definition does not include an
9 electronic device provided by the school or the district.

10 B. Banning shall be defined in this context as devices will remain
11 powered off and stored away during all school hours.

12 C. School hours shall be defined as anytime class is in session, lunch
13 periods and class transition periods.

14 **SECTION 3.** The State department of Education will oversee the implementation of
15 this bill.

16 A. Policies must make exceptions for individualized education programs
17 (IEP), a Section 504 plan, English Language Plans (ELP) or similar plans
18 that are authorized by a medical professional due to documented
19 medical need.

20 B. \$5,000,000 will be provided to fund the creation and implementation
21 of this bill.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Kimberly High School.

A Bill to Establish the Federal Cybersecurity Operations Corps

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Federal Cybersecurity Operations Corps (FCOC), shall be established
3 to recruit, train, and deploy ethical hackers to proactively identify,
4 infiltrate, and dismantle illegal digital infrastructures and strengthen
5 federal cybersecurity defenses.

6 **SECTION 2.** Definitions will be as follows:

7 A. Ethical Hacker: An individual authorized by the government to access
8 computer systems, networks, or digital platforms to identify vulnerabilities
9 or illegal activities.

10 B. Cyber Threat: Any unauthorized digital activity, intrusion, or platform that
11 poses a risk to national security or the public interest.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security will oversee the FCOC.

13 A. The Corps shall operate independently from existing agencies but can
14 collaborate with the Federal Bureau of Investigation Cyber Division and
15 United States Cyber Command.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2027. All laws in conflict with
17 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rigby High School.

A Bill to Expose Artificial Intelligence

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Any image or video created completely or substantially by
2 an Artificial Intelligence company must have a visible watermark or
3 company logo that shows the content is made using artificial intelligence.
4 **SECTION 2.** The seal or logo must show that the content was created
5 using artificial intelligence. It must also be clearly visible.
6 **SECTION 3.** The FTC (Federal Trade Commission) will enforce this law.
7 They will also be over determining whether the watermark is visible or not.
8 A. Penalties for violating this law will include fines up to one thousand
9 dollars per violation or up to two years in prison.
10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on (06/01/2026).
11 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared
12 null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Madison High School

A Bill to Provide Free Menstrual Products To Government Buildings.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** This bill would make it mandatory for government buildings
2 to provide free menstrual products in female or gender neutral bathrooms.

3 **SECTION 2.** Government Buildings will be defined as property owned or
4 controlled by government entities. Menstrual Products will be defined as
5 tampons and pads. Gender neutral bathrooms will be defined as
6 bathrooms that were intended for both biological genders to occupy.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee
8 enforcement of this bill.

9 A. Menstrual products will be provided by the Department of Health and
10 Human Services.

11 B. The Department of Health and Human Services will send funds to the
12 facility for the products.

13 C. Misuse of funds will result in a \$1,000 fine each month along with
14 reimbursement of funds to the Department of Health and Human
15 Services.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2027. All laws in
17 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Blackfoot Highschool.

A Bill to Abolish Long-Term Solitary Confinement

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** In order to improve mental health and the possibility of rehabilitation,
3 Long-Term Solitary Confinement should be abolished.

4 **SECTION 2.** Terms will be defined as:

5 A. Solitary Confinement: The confinement of an incarcerated person in a
6 cell or similarly confined space, alone or with others, for 20 hours or
7 more per day with severely restricted social interaction and
8 movement.

9 B. Prolonged Solitary Confinement: Any instance of solitary confinement
10 exceeding 15 consecutive days, which shall be prohibited.

11 C. Emergency De-escalation: A temporary separation from the general
12 population used only to address an immediate, specific, and
13 significant risk of imminent serious physical injury.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Bureau of Prisons shall be responsible for implementation,
15 with oversight provided by the U.S. Department of Justice

16 A. An Independent Ombudsperson shall be established to investigate
17 complaints, conduct unannounced facility visits, and ensure
18 compliance with this Act.

19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on June 1, 2028. All laws in conflict with
20 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Canyon Ridge High School.

A Bill to Legalize Dueling

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Dueling shall be legalized in the United States as a voluntary,
2 mutually agreed-upon method of conflict resolution between consenting
3 adults, even when such duels may result in death.

4 **SECTION 2.** Dueling is defined as a mutually agreed-upon, formalized
5 combat engagement between two consenting adults. Consent must be
6 written, notarized, and witnessed by a third-party neutral observer.
7 Dueling Terms shall include: the conditions of the duel, the manner of
8 combat, agreed-upon weapons, whether medical personnel will be
9 present, and the exact date, time, and location.

10 **SECTION 3.** Local law enforcement agencies shall oversee duel
11 authorization

12 A. All duels must be filed through an official Dueling Request Form at a
13 minimum of 72 hours before the duel and a maximum of 2 years.

14 B. Law enforcement must verify that both parties have willingly agreed to
15 all terms with no coercion.

16 C. Once approved, law enforcement shall assign an Official Dueling
17 Witness to supervise the duel and ensure it adheres to the agreed-
18 upon terms.

19 D. Participants may choose any mutually agreed-upon manner of dueling,
20 including but not limited to pistols, swords, bow-and-arrow, hand-to-
21 hand combat, or unconventional agreed-upon methods

22 E. No arrests, charges, or civil liability shall apply for injury or death
23 resulting from a properly filed and approved duel.

24 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 4th 2027 All laws in
25 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hillcrest High School.