

Massachusetts Speech and Debate League

2026 Brookline Ball

Legislation Docket

Welcome to Brookline High School, and welcome to the 2026 Brookline Ball! Enclosed, please find the following legislation and special information.

Legislative Items for Debate:

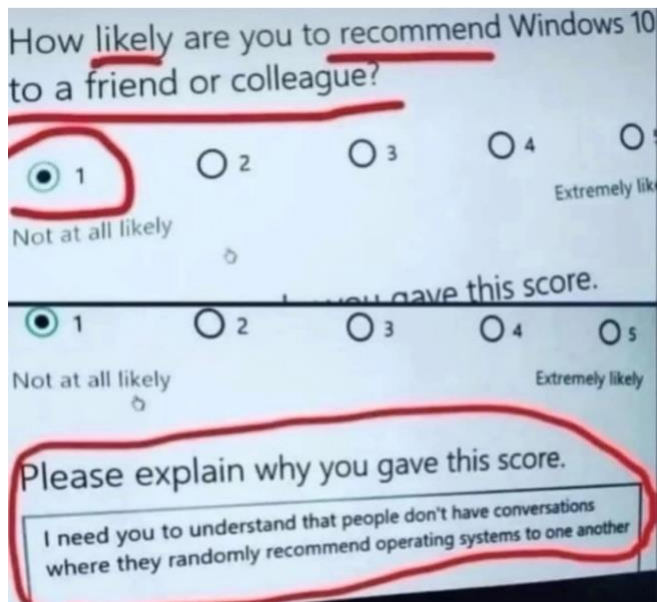
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Best of luck to everyone preparing for this tournament!

Best regards,

Joe Bowden
MSDL Chair of Congress

Beware the Memes of March



Others with AI: Groundbreaking research, studying, writing articles

Me with AI: Tiramishoe



ARGENTINA IS COLDER THAN MOST PEOPLE REALISE



IN FACT, IT'S BORDERING ON CHILE

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A Bill to Implement Cognitive Testing for Presidential Candidates

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The U.S. Government shall establish a mandatory cognitive assessment for
2 all candidates running for President and Vice President of the United States
3 to demonstrate ability to carry out duties of the executive office

4 **SECTION 2.** A. “Cognitive Assessment” refers to a standardized and validated evaluation
5 administered by licensed medical professionals.

6 B. An “evaluation” shall be defined as a series of standardized assessments
7 designed to measure mental functions such as memory, attention, language,
8 and problem-solving skills.

9 C. “Presidential Candidate” refers to any individual who has met the
10 constitutional eligibility requirements and has formally declared candidacy
11 for President or Vice President.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) shall oversee the
13 implementation and administration of the cognitive assessment. Funding for
14 assessments shall be provided through existing HHS and GAO funds.

15 A. Assessments shall be created and conducted by an independent, nonpartisan, panel of
16 medical professionals approved by the Government Accountability Office
17 (GAO).

18 B. A pass/fail determination will be released to the public to show constituents information
19 about their candidate.

20 C. Candidates who fail the Cognitive Assessment may retake the assessment
21 again within a designated timeframe.

22 D. Nothing in this Bill shall disqualify a presidential candidate from running for election.

23 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect beginning with the next presidential election
24 occurring after the bill becomes law.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ethan Lam, Newton South High School.

A Bill to Restore Congressional Authority Over United States Tariff Policy

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The authority to impose any tariffs on imported goods is hereby returned to
2 Congress. The President may not impose any tariff without an affirmative
3 vote of both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

4 **SECTION 2.** "Tariff" is defined as a tax imposed by the government on imported goods.

5 **SECTION 3.** Congress shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation. Any tariff
6 imposed by the President without an affirmative vote of both the Senate and
7 the House of Representatives shall be deemed unlawful.

8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage. All tariffs
9 currently imposed by Executive Order without Congressional authorization
10 are hereby suspended and shall be permanently void unless reauthorized by
11 an affirmative vote of both the Senate and the House of Representatives
12 within ninety days of this bill's passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Christopher Telemaque, Newton South High School.

A Bill to Implement Presumed Consent for Organ Donation

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** This Act establishes a national presumed consent (opt-out) system for deceased organ donation by amending relevant provisions of the National Organ Transplant Act and state laws based on the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act.
- A. Adults 18 years or older are presumed to consent to donation of organs, eyes, and tissues upon death for transplantation unless they have registered an opt-out refusal.
- B. Individuals may opt out at any time by registering in a national or state donor registry, on a driver's license, or through another federally approved method; such refusal is binding.
- C. In the absence of a registered opt-out, organ procurement organizations may recover organs without requiring family consent, though families shall be notified and may share any known objections.
- SECTION 2.** A. "Presumed consent" means the default assumption of consent to donation absent an express refusal.
- B. "Opt-out" means an affirmative registration of refusal to donate.
- C. "Anatomical gift" has the meaning given in the Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act (2006).
- SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services, through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN), shall enforce this Act, maintain a national opt-out registry, and conduct public education on the policy and opt-out process.
- SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect one year after passage. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Tax AI Prompts to Fund Environmental Mitigation Efforts

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. This Act imposes a federal excise tax on commercial AI prompt processing to fund environmental mitigation for data center energy and emissions impacts.

A. Providers of commercial AI prompt processing services shall pay an excise tax of \$0.01 per prompt processed.

B. Revenues shall be deposited into an "AI Environmental Mitigation Fund" administered by the Environmental Protection Agency for grants to support renewable energy, data center efficiency, carbon capture, and water conservation addressing AI infrastructure impacts.

C. Nonpayment incurs a civil penalty of twice the tax due, collected by the Internal Revenue Service.

SECTION 2. A. "Artificial intelligence" has the meaning given in 15 U.S.C. § 9401(3).

B. "AI prompt processing services" means commercial provision of AI-generated outputs from user inputs ("prompts"), including large language models and generative systems.

C. "Prompt" means a single user input processed to produce an AI output.

SECTION 3. The Internal Revenue Service shall administer and collect the tax; the Environmental Protection Agency shall administer the Fund and allocate grants.

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

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A Bill to Increase Economic and Diplomatic Engagement with North Korea

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** This Act authorizes the President to pursue limited economic and diplomatic engagement with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) to reduce tensions on the Korean Peninsula.
- A. The President may offer phased, conditional sanctions relief in exchange for verifiable DPRK actions, such as halting nuclear and ballistic missile testing and resuming security dialogue.
- B. Authorized measures include expanded humanitarian exemptions, limited diplomatic contacts, and confidence-building steps, excluding any dual-use items or technology supporting weapons of mass destruction.
- C. Sanctions relief shall be reversible; the President may immediately reimpose suspended measures upon DPRK noncompliance, as certified by the President.
- SECTION 2.** "Democratic People's Republic of Korea" or "DPRK" refers to the government and territory commonly known as North Korea. "Sanctions" refers to measures under the North Korea Sanctions and Policy Enhancement Act of 2016 (22 U.S.C. Chapter 99) and the North Korea Sanctions Regulations (31 C.F.R. Part 510).
- SECTION 3.** The Department of State, in coordination with the Department of the Treasury (Office of Foreign Assets Control), shall implement and enforce this Act, including compliance certification and administration of relief.
- SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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