



2026 Laird Lewis Invitational
at Myers Park High School
Congressional Legislation Packet

Please read these docket and procedural rules very carefully. They will be in effect for the duration of the tournament.

1. Each session (Session 1, Session 2 and Finals) has three main pieces of legislation. That is nine total topics to research.
2. Chambers will decide among themselves by a majority vote of the chamber what order to debate the three main pieces of legislation assigned to each session.
3. No additional legislation may be considered. If a chamber debates all three pieces for that session, the session is over. All students should be prepared to speak on each topic for the session.
4. The docket agenda can be amended at any time by a 2/3 vote of the chamber, but students may only move around the three pieces of main legislation for that session. Competitors may not move legislation from other sessions.
5. Each piece of legislation must have a minimum of both one affirmative and one negative speech before calling for previous question. Students are encouraged to debate each topic thoroughly but not to the point of rehash. Chamber members should call for previous question when debate gets stale.

6. RECENCY: Each chamber will receive a randomized list of students from the Tab Room. This list shall serve as the initial precedence list for speeches. Precedence for questions shall follow the reverse order of the speech precedence list. Each chamber will receive a new precedence list for the second session.
7. PRESIDING OFFICERS:
 - Parliamentarians will conduct the election for the Presiding Officer. Students should not see or count the ballots. And students should not preside over the election.
 - There will be only one Presiding Officer per session.
8. Cross examination will use direct questioning with individual questioning periods of 30 seconds until the total cross examination time for the speaker has expired. The Presiding Officer will keep a separate recency chart for this and ensure that all competitors have an equal chance to ask questions. Initial precedence for questioning will follow the reverse order of the initial speech precedence list.

LEGISLATION DOCKET

Finals will not be held if there is only one preliminary chamber.

Session One (Chamber decides order):

1. A Bill to Reinstate and Fund Psychiatric Facilities Nationwide to Reduce Crime Rates and Enhance Public Safety
2. A Resolution to Develop a Centralized Government Foundation AI Model To Keep Up With Foreign States
3. A Bill to Expand EV Charging Nationwide

Session Two (Chamber decides order):

1. A Bill to Restrict Patent Thickets in the Pharmaceutical Industry
2. The Housing Opportunity through Modern Expansion and Supply (HOMES) Act
3. A Bill to Conditionalize Military Aid on Ceasefire Adherence

Finals [If necessary] (Chamber decides order):

1. A Bill to Establish a Comprehensive Right to Repair
2. A Bill to Protect College Sports
3. A Bill to Regulate Stock Buybacks

A Bill to Reinstate and Fund Psychiatric Facilities Nationwide to Reduce Crime Rates and Enhance Public Safety

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal government will provide funding to private entities to create secure, well-
3 resourced psychiatric facilities to institutionalize the chronically homeless and recidivists
4 who are found to have severe, underlying mental illnesses.

5 **SECTION 2.** Chronic homelessness, defined by the United States federal government, is when an
6 individual with a mental disability has been homeless for 12 months or longer and either
7 lives on the streets or in a homeless emergency shelter. The severe mental illnesses include
8 schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, severe depression, personality disorders, and substance
9 use disorder. Recidivism, as defined by the United States Sentencing Commission, is
10 categorized as a previous offender reoffending within one year of an individual's release.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice and the Department of Health and Human Services will
12 coordinate efforts to allocate federal funds to support the reintegration, operation, and
13 development of psychiatric institutions across the United States.

14 A. To accelerate the implementation timeline and effectively impose this program, the
15 federal government will enter contractual agreements with private psychiatric
16 facilities, authorizing them to handle and provide care to individuals who qualify to be
17 institutionalized by the requirements specified in this Bill.

18 B. Such private psychiatric facilities will be subject to federal oversight and intervention
19 and must operate in ordinance with the regulations recognized by the Substance Abuse
20 and Mental Health Services Administration regarding safety and quality standards for
21 mental health institutions.

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



A Resolution to Develop a Centralized Government Foundation AI Model To Keep Up With Foreign States

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Foreign states including but not limited to; China, Russia, and North Korea
2 have been increasing nationalized development into state sponsored, or
3 state created AI models
- 4 **WHEREAS,** In contrast, the United States relies on a fragmented network of private
5 models and contractors inconsistent across agencies with no unification
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Private sector resources including data centers, and compute resources
7 remain susceptible to supply chain disruptions, foreign espionage, and
8 price inefficiencies
- 9 **WHEREAS,** A unified government foundation model would allow for the secure, and
10 effective integration of proprietary government data between
11 organizations in order to optimize cybersecurity, public health, trade
12 logistics and more, therefore let it be
- 13 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled shall allocate the necessary funds to
14 establish a task force of artificial intelligence and public policy experts, and
15 be it
- 16 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this task force will be mandated to research and develop an
17 effective and secure proprietary state owned foundation AI model within
18 the next decade to ensure public tech infrastructure keeps up with foreign
19 and private actors.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Elkins High School.



A Bill to Expand EV Charging Nationwide

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All gas stations operating within the United States shall install and maintain
- 2 at least one publicly accessible electric vehicle (EV) fast-charging station
- 3 capable of charging at a rate of no less than 150 kW.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this legislation:
- 5 A. "Gas station" is defined as any commercial establishment primarily
- 6 engaged in the retail sale of gasoline or diesel fuel.
- 7 B. "Fast-charging station" refers to a Level 3 DC fast charger capable of
- 8 charging an electric vehicle to 80% capacity within 30 minutes.
- 9 C. "Publicly accessible" means available for use by any consumer during
- 10 normal business operating hours.
- 11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy (DOE) shall oversee implementation and provide
- 12 technical standards. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) shall enforce
- 13 compliance through periodic audits and consumer accessibility
- 14 requirements.
- 15 A. Noncompliant gas stations shall face fines of up to \$10,000 per month
- 16 after a 24-month implementation period.
- 17 B. Federal grants and tax credits shall be made available to small and
- 18 independently owned gas stations to offset installation costs.
- 19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2027. All laws in conflict with this
- 20 legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by James Bowie High School .



A Bill to Restrict Patent Thickets in the Pharmaceutical Industry

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall hereby restrict holders of biologics license
2 applications (BLA) or new drug application (NDA) to asserting no more than
3 one patent from any "Patent Family" in a single infringement action against
4 any biosimilar or generic manufacturer.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** A "Patent Family" shall be defined as a group of patents linked by one or
6 more terminal disclaimer to overcome non statutory double patenting
7 rejection.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and the Federal Trade
9 Commission (FTC) shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation.
- 10 A. Any patent assertion that is in violation of section will hereby be
11 deemed an "unfair method of competition" under section 5 of the FTC
12 act.
- 13 B. The USPTO shall maintain a public registry identifying all patents linked
14 by terminal discriminators for all FDA approved drugs.
- 15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2027. All laws in conflict with
16 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.



The Housing Opportunity through Modern Expansion and Supply (HOMES) Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The federal government shall expand affordable housing availability by
2 increasing funding for low-income housing development, offering tax
3 incentives for private affordable housing construction, and reducing
4 restrictive zoning barriers tied to federal infrastructure grants.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** “Affordable housing” shall be defined as residential housing costing no
6 more than 30% of a household’s gross income. “Eligible households” shall
7 refer to individuals or families earning below 80% of area median income.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) shall oversee
9 implementation.
- 10 A. HUD shall allocate expanded grants to state and local governments for
11 affordable housing projects.
- 12 B. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) shall administer tax credits for
13 qualifying private developers.
- 14 C. States receiving federal transportation or infrastructure funds must
15 reform exclusionary single-family zoning policies to qualify.
- 16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2028. All laws in conflict with
17 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Spring Woods High School.



A Bill to Conditionalize Military Aid on Ceasefire Adherence

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States Congress shall condition the export of
2 military aid to allies on their adherence to international treaties and
3 ceasefires, ensuring peacekeeping, incentivizing conflict resolution, and
4 maintaining US foreign policy objectives.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** A ceasefire and international treaty shall be defined as any
6 formally recognized agreement between two or more parties that is
7 binding and bilateral that establishes terms to end or reduce conflict
8 between states. Military aid shall be defined as monetary assistance,
9 military supplies, and weapons exports provided by the United States to
10 allied nations.
- 11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense (DOD) shall work in
12 coordination with the US Department of State in order to administer this
13 legislation.
- 14 A. The Department of State shall monitor situations in which allied nations
15 violate ceasefires or agreements and shall escalate verified
16 non-compliance reports to the DOD.
- 17 B. Upon notification, the DOD shall cease all military aid exports to the
18 nation in question within a period of 30 days.
- 19 C. All aid shall pause until the Department of State deems the nation as in
20 compliance with the agreement or ceasefire after an additional 30 day
21 waiting period.
- 22 D. The DOD, and Department of State shall issue monthly reports to the
23 Government Accountability Office (GAO) for oversight.
- SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2027. All laws in
 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.



A Bill to Establish a Comprehensive Right to Repair

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Manufacturers of equipment sold in the United States shall
2 be required to provide owners and independent repair providers access to
3 the documentation, tools, software, and replacement parts necessary to
4 diagnose, maintain, and repair such equipment on fair and reasonable
5 terms. Original equipment manufacturers (OEM) shall not use parts pairing,
6 software locks, or other technological measures to prevent the installation
7 or operation of otherwise functional replacement parts.
- 8 **SECTION 2.** A. "Equipment" refers to any non-consumable product,
9 including but not limited to consumer electronics, agricultural equipment,
10 home appliances, and powered machinery used in interstate commerce.
11 B. "Independent repair provider" refers to any individual or business not
12 affiliated with the OEM that engages in the diagnosis, maintenance, or
13 repair of equipment.
- 14 C. "Documentation" includes manuals, diagnostic codes, service guides,
15 wiring diagrams, schematics, security codes, software updates, and any
16 other information required to restore equipment to full functionality.
- 17 D. "Parts pairing" refers to the use of technology to restrict the installation
18 or functionality of replacement parts not approved by the OEM.
- 19 E. "Fair and reasonable terms" means that OEMs cannot impose a
20 substantial restriction on the owner or independent repair provider to
21 engage in the diagnosis, maintenance, or repair of covered equipment.
- 22 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) shall oversee
23 enforcement of this legislation. The FTC shall be authorized to investigate
24 violations, issue civil penalties, and pursue injunctive relief against
25 manufacturers that fail to comply with the requirements of this Act.
- 26 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2027. All laws in
27 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Protect College Sports

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) shall establish a
2 uniform federal framework governing Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL)
3 compensation and revenue sharing for student-athletes participating in
4 Division I athletics.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** All student-athletes are eligible to receive NIL compensation and shall not
6 be prevented from entering into legitimate NIL deals by any university,
7 conference, or the NCAA.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** Schools are prohibited from spending more than 25 million dollars on NIL
9 deals and revenue sharing with student-athletes.
- 10 A. Universities must maintain the same number of Division 1 sports as
11 offered at the time of passage. Each shall also create a 20 million dollar
12 fund for medical and education expenses for student-athletes.
- 13 B. NIL deals over ten thousand dollars must be publicly disclosed by
14 student-athletes.
- 15 C. Student-athletes are allowed one transfer without consequence. Any
16 subsequent transfers would result in a mandatory 1-year waiting period
17 to play, except in extenuating circumstances or the departure of the
18 player's head coach.
- 19 **SECTION 4.** The Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Justice will jointly
20 enforce this legislation.
- 21 A. Universities, Conferences, or the NCAA will be subject to the removal of
22 the antitrust exemption if determined to violate this legislation and/or
23 fines of up to ten million dollars.
- 24 B. Student-Athletes who improperly receive NIL deals will forfeit their
25 remaining eligibility.
- 26 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect starting with the 2027-2028 season. All laws
27 in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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A Bill to Regulate Stock Buybacks

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Publicly traded corporations engaging in stock buybacks must be in good
2 financial health and meet ethical regulations.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** For a company to engage in a stock buyback, the following conditions must
4 be met:
- 5 A. The company must not have reported a loss with in the past eight
6 financial quarters.
- 7 B. The company must not have received a federal bailout or aid within the
8 past 5 years.
- 9 C. C-Suite Executives must not buy or sell the stock within 30 days on
10 either side of the buyback window.
- 11 D. Companies will pay a 7.5% excise tax on the fair market value of their
12 stock buybacks.
- 13 **SECTION 3.** Compliance will be overseen by the Securities and Exchange Commission
14 (SEC).
- 15 A. Companies found to violate this legislation will be prohibited from
16 conducting stock buybacks for 10 years.
- 17 B. Executives who engage in illegal stock trades during the buyback
18 window will be fined the value of the transaction.
- 19 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect on July 1st, 2027. All laws in conflict with this
20 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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