



# **CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE**

## **LEGISLATION PACKET**

### **2026 STATE DEBATE TOURNAMENT**

Kentucky High School

**SPEECH**

**LEAGUE**

**PRELIMS / SUPERS  
BREAKDOWN FOR  
CONGRESSIONAL**

**DEBATE LEGISLATION, 2026 STATE**

Congressional Debaters –

Here is the breakdown of which bills (by number) will be on the Prelims docket and which will be on the Supers docket. These are in alphabetical order by school (Prelims and then Supers) and were chosen by a dice roll within each submitting school's legislation; each of those schools has two in Prelims and one in Supers save for Hazard, which has one in Prelims and one in Supers. As we only had eleven pieces of legislation submitted, KHSSL borrowed (with permission) five from the Iowa state league's state tournament.

Dockets will be posted for each chamber at the start of the tournament (who's in each chamber and what legislation is on your docket); all assigned legislation must be addressed before other prelim legislation can be brought in for discussion/debate.

Remember that anyone from a school can deliver the authorship speech; the Iowa ones are up for grabs for the authorship speeches.

At the time of this writing (3/19/26), there are 25 Congressional debaters registered. If we have drops by registration's end, we will consolidate from two prelim chambers with two 2-hour sessions and one Supers chamber with a 3-hour session to one chamber with three 2-hour sessions. We have awards for sixteen competitors. FYI.

**PRELIMS:** 1-10

**SUPERS:** 11-16

# #1: The Mustang Recognition Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** the United States shall recognize the American Mustang as a native  
3 species.

4 **SECTION 2.** The American Mustang means any free-roaming horse of the species  
5 Equus Ferus Caballus that lives unrestrained on public lands in the United  
6 States of America.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of the Interior shall ensure the management plans under  
8 the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971 are updated to  
9 reflect the Mustang's status as a native species.

10 A. The Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971 shall be  
11 amended as follows: In section 2, by adding after "an integral part of  
12 the natural system of the public lands" the following;

13 "And shall be managed as a native species, consistent with their  
14 evolutionary origin in North America".

15 B. All federal agencies responsible for land management shall  
16 incorporate this recognition into their environmental assessments,  
17 management policies and conservation plans.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect 90 days after the date of enactment of this  
19 act. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and  
20 void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hazard High School.*

*CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE LEGISLATION*

**#2: A Bill to Ban Corporal Punishment in US Schools**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1           **SECTION 1.** Corporal punishment shall be banned in the United  
2           States in all public schools or for any private school that receives  
3           state or federal funding.

4           **SECTION 2.** Corporal punishment shall be defined as the  
5           infliction of physical pain upon a person's body as punishment  
6           for a crime or infraction.

7           **SECTION 3.** The implementation and enforcement of this law  
8           will be overseen by the U.S. Department of Education.

9           A. Teachers and schools found to violate this law will follow  
10          investigation for further instances and may be charged  
11          within the state for assault.

12          B. Teachers having violated this law 3 times or more will be  
13          charged with federal assault and face up to 1 year of  
14          imprisonment.

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

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## #3: A Bill to Declare War on The Islamic Republic of Iran

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1                   **SECTION 1.** Congress hereby declares a state of war on The
- 2                   Islamic Republic of Iran.
- 3                   **SECTION 2.** Accordingly, Congress authorizes the use of
- 4                   military force by the President, who is invested with his full
- 5                   wartime powers such that victory over Iran may be achieved
- 6                   as rapidly and efficiently as possible. Victory will be defined as
- 7                   two objectives: first, elimination of the Iranian military
- 8                   threat to the Middle East, especially Israel, and the wider
- 9                   world. Second, the destruction of the Iranian nuclear
- 10                  program, which is a clear threat to U.S. national security.
- 11                  Regime change shall not be necessary to end the war, though
- 12                  the U.S. will not prevent it.
- 13                  **SECTION 3.** The Department of State is called upon to leverage
- 14                  support from U.S. allies in this conflict.
- 15                  **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect immediately
- 16                  upon passage. All laws in conflict with this legislation are
- hereby declared null and void.

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## #4: A Resolution to Reduce Federal Student Loan Interest Rates to Make Higher Education More Affordable

1           WHEREAS, Millions of Americans graduate college with  
2           significant student loan debt that carries high interest rates;  
3           and  
4           WHEREAS, High interest rates cause borrowers to pay  
5           thousands of dollars more over time than the original amount  
6           borrowed, making it difficult for young adults to achieve  
7           financial stability; and  
8           WHEREAS, Student loan debt delays major economic  
9           milestones such as buying a home, starting a business, or  
10          saving for retirement; and  
11          WHEREAS, Lowering federal student loan interest rates and  
12          allowing refinancing would help borrowers repay their loans  
13          faster while reducing long-term financial strain; now, therefore,  
14          be it  
15          RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled cap federal  
16          student loan interest rates at a maximum of four percent and  
17          allow borrowers to refinance their federal loans when interest  
18          rates decline; and, be it  
19          FURTHER RESOLVED, That borrowers be automatically  
20          enrolled in income-based repayment plans with remaining  
21          balances eligible for forgiveness after twenty years of  
22          consistent payments.

## #5:A Resolution to Abolish the Minimum Wage Tip Credit

1           **WHEREAS**, Twenty-three states allow employers to pay tipped  
2           workers cash wages that represent less than a third of their  
3           respective minimum wages as employers can count employee  
4           tips as a portion of their hourly wage; and  
5           **WHEREAS**, this leads to a system where the responsibility for  
6           paying employees is shifted onto the consumer; therefore, be it  
7           **RESOLVED**, that all employers of tipped workers must pay full  
8           minimum wage as a base wage regardless of tips received by  
9           the employee; and, be it  
10          **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that nothing in this resolution shall be  
11          misconstrued to prohibit the practice of tipping or the right of  
12          employees to retain 100% of tips earned in addition to their  
13          base wage.  
14          **FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Congress shall have power to enforce  
15          this article by appropriate legislation.

# #6: A Bill To Reinstate All Professional Degrees Overturned by the 2025 Trump Administration

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1           **SECTION 1.**    The Repayment Assistance Plan created by the 2025 Trump  
2           Administration will be dismantled. In this, all formerly professional degrees  
3           discertified by the 2025 Trump Administration will hereby be redefined  
4           back to “professional degrees.” and the GradPLUS and ParentPLUS plans  
5           will also be reinstated.

6           **SECTION 2.**    With the Repayment Assistance Plan void, the Biden  
7           Administration’s Saving on a Valuable Education plan will be reinstated in  
8           its place.

9           **SECTION 3.**    This change will be overseen by the federal Departments of  
10          Education to publish an updated registry of “professional” degrees, and  
11          reallocate funding for the reinstated professional degree loan process, as  
12          well as for the GradPLUS and ParentPLUS programs.

13          **SECTION 4.**    This legislation will take effect upon passage, with funding  
14          systems completely arranged by July 1st, 2026.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Paul Laurence Dunbar High School.*

## #7: A Bill to Strengthen the Regulation of Post-Term Lobbying to Prevent Iron Triangle Abuse

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1           **SECTION 1.**   Covered officials are hereby prohibited from engaging in any  
2           lobbying activities or "Shadow Lobbying" directed at their former office,  
3           committee, or agency for the duration of their Cooling-Off Period(a  
4           duration of 3 years after service for Congressional/Agency staff and 5 years  
5           for Members of Congress and Cabinet-level officials).

6                               While in office, no covered official may accept compensation  
7           exceeding \$100,000 annually from a regulated entity if the primary job  
8           function involves matters over which the official exercised "direct and  
9           substantial" authority within the 24 months prior to their departure.  
10          Within 14 days, officials must disclose any meeting (be it in-person, virtual,  
11          or at social functions) with a representative of a regulated entity that  
12          concerns pending legislation or rulemaking.

13          **SECTION 2.**   "Covered official" shall be defined as any member of  
14          Congress, Congressional Staffers, Cabinet-level officials, or any official able  
15          to authorize federal expenditures exceeding \$500,000. "Shadow Lobbying"  
16          is defined as providing strategic advice, research, or directing the lobbying  
17          activities of others toward a covered official, regardless of whether direct  
18          contact occurs.

19          **SECTION 3.**   The Office of Government Ethics(OGE) will be tasked with  
20          overseeing this bill, and will be given independent subpoena power to  
21          enforce it . For any person found in violation of this law, they will be fined  
22          up to five times the amount they illegally accepted, and repeat offenders  
23          will be permanently barred from holding any federal employment.

24          **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2028. All laws  
25          in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

## #8: A Bill to Mandate Electric Vehicle Sales

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   The United States Federal government will mandate that 95 percent of all  
2                   new cars, trucks, and vans produced for sale in the United States will be  
3                   zero-emission by 2035.
- 4   **SECTION 2.**   Definitions:
- 5                   A. Zero-emission vehicles are defined as vehicles that have no tailpipe  
6                   emissions, such as battery-electric vehicles (BEVs) and fuel-cell electric  
7                   vehicles (FCEVs).
- 8   **SECTION 3.**   The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will oversee the  
9                   implementation of this bill.
- 10                  B. Manufacturers not in compliance with this bill will be blocked from  
11                  selling their cars, trucks, and vans in the United States.
- 12   **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2035. All laws in conflict with  
13                  this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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## #10: A Bill to Send Humanitarian Aid to Darfur

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) will send  
2 in-kind and \$650 million in cash-based humanitarian aid to Darfur in  
3 western Sudan. Humanitarian aid will be sent to non-governmental  
4 organizations (NGOs) working in Darfur.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** In-kind humanitarian aid refers to non-monetary goods and services critical  
6 to human life, such as food, water, shelter, and medical supplies.  
7 Cash-based humanitarian aid is defined as the provision of money  
8 delivered to recipients physically or digitally. NGOs are nonprofit,  
9 third-party groups not officially affiliated with the government with the  
10 intent of addressing social and/or political issues.
- 11 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of State will oversee this bill, and the USAID  
12 will oversee its execution and implementation.
- 13 A. Because Sudan has no definitive form of government, but instead rival  
14 government structures between the belligerents in its current civil war,  
15 NGOs stationed in Darfur will be responsible for receiving and using aid  
16 appropriately.
- 17 B. Aid will not be used for conglomeration by a specific group of people  
18 and will be distributed between all ethnic and social groups in the  
19 Darfur region.
- 20 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2027. All laws in conflict with  
21 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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## #11: A Bill to Address the Sale of Arms to Israel

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States of America halt the sale of offensive  
3 weapons to the state of Israel until the conditions of Section 2  
4 are met.

5 **SECTION 2.** Israel must commit fully to a 2-state solution and completely  
6 stop the occupation of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.

7 **SECTION 3.** All funds used previously to create the weapons to send to the  
8 State of Israel shall hereby be used for humanitarian aid for  
9 the people of the occupied territory.

10 **SECTION 4.** The following government agencies shall oversee  
11 enforcement.

12 a. The Committee on Foreign Affairs will oversee the  
13 statues in Section 1 and Section 2.

14 b. The U.S. Agency for International Development will  
15 oversee the distribution of humanitarian aid.

16 **Section 5.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage of  
17 this bill. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby  
18 declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hazard High School.*

## **#12: A Bill to Mandate Universal Screening for Giftedness in Elementary Schools**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1           **SECTION 1.** Each of the state Departments of Education is hereby  
2           required to implement universal screening for giftedness for elementary  
3           school students.

4           **SECTION 2.** States may choose to screen students at any point between  
5           kindergarten and fifth grade. The grade in which the screening is  
6           administered must be consistent across all public schools in the state.

7           **SECTION 3.** “Giftedness” shall be defined as “performing or showing the  
8           potential for performing at remarkably high levels of accomplishment  
9           when compared with others of similar age, experience, and environment,  
10          and requiring services or activities not ordinarily provided by the schools.”

11          **SECTION 4.** \$28 million in grants shall be made available to states  
12          annually in order to fund the screening.

13          **SECTION 5.** States deemed by the Department of Education to be  
14          noncompliant with the Bill shall lose access to a portion of federal  
15          education funding for the current fiscal year.

16          **SECTION 6.** The Department of Education shall be responsible for the  
17          enforcement of this bill.

18                 a. The Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE) shall be  
19                 responsible for grant management.

20          **SECTION 7.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2026. All laws in  
21          conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Henry Clay High School.*

## **#13: A Resolution to Phase out Gas Appliances to Improve Public Health**

1           **WHEREAS**, Natural gas combustion releases significant  
2           amounts of nitrogen dioxide into American’s homes  
3           **WHEREAS**, Modern research has shown that indoor pollutants  
4           from gas appliances cause a nearly 13% increase in childhood  
5           asthma rates; and  
6           **WHEREAS**, Electric alternatives, such as induction stovetops,  
7           provide better performance and also eliminate the risks of  
8           carbon monoxide poisoning and childhood asthma rates; and,  
9           be it  
10          **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled mandate that all  
11          newly constructed buildings have only zero emission electric  
12          appliances.  
13          **FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Congress shall have power to enforce  
14          this article by appropriate legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lafayette Senior High School

# #14: A Bill to Establish the Kentucky Climate and Infrastructure Resiliency Act (KCIRA)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** A dedicated funding and oversight framework is hereby established to prepare the  
2 Commonwealth for extreme weather events, utilizing the Budget Reserve Trust  
3 Fund to harden critical infrastructure.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** "Extreme Weather Preparedness" shall be defined as any project or policy designed to  
5 mitigate damage from tornadoes, flash flooding, or ice storms. "Grid Hardening" refers to  
6 the physical reinforcement or undergrounding of utility lines.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** The following appropriations from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund are authorized  
8 for the 2026-2027 fiscal year:
- 9 \* A. \$250,000,000 for a Grid Hardening Grant program to assist municipal utilities in  
10 burying power lines in high-risk wind corridors.
- 11 \* B. \$150,000,000 for the Resilient Housing Fund to supplement storm-  
12 resistant residential builds.
- 13 \* C. \$75,000,000 for Emergency Shelter Expansion, requiring backup generators  
14 and safe rooms in public schools across all 120 counties.
- 15 \* D. \$100,000,000 for a Floodplain Buyout Program to facilitate voluntary relocation  
16 from repetitive-loss zones.
- 17 **SECTION 4.** There shall be established the Office of the Chief Resiliency Officer (CRO) within the  
18 Division of Emergency Management. The CRO shall be responsible for:
- 19 \* A. Overseeing a Resiliency Scorecard for all new state-funded  
20 infrastructure.
- 21 \* B. Managing a \$5,000,000 Kentucky Weather Data Dashboard for real-time  
22 local risk modeling.
- 23 **SECTION 5.** Any Kentucky resident who installs a certified storm cellar, safe room, or  
24 residential solar-plus-storage system shall be eligible for a non-refundable  
25 state income tax credit equal to 25% of the installation cost, not to exceed  
26 \$4,000 per household.
- 27 **SECTION 6.** Any state agency or local municipality receiving funds under this Act that fails to meet  
28 the "Resiliency Scorecard" standards for a project shall be ineligible for future KCIRA  
29 grants for a period of three (3) years.  
30 Furthermore, contractors found to have falsified weather-resistance certifications shall  
31 be subject to a fine of 50% of the total contract value.
- 32 **SECTION 7.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage and approval by  
33 the Governor due to the imminent threat of seasonal outbreaks.

*Introduced for  
Congressional Debate by Paul Laurence Dunbar High School.*

# # 15: A Bill to Supply Military Aid To The Philippines

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall provide military aid and training to the Philippines  
2 for the purpose of enhancing defense capabilities.

3 **SECTION 2.** Military aid shall include: 6 Boeing P-8 Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft,  
4 2 MIM-104 Patriot Surface to Air Batteries, and 4 Independence-class  
5 littoral combat ships as well as 20 F-35As

6 Training will be defined as training by the 1st Marine Raider Battalion of  
7 800 Marines or any other government operation sent by the agency in  
8 charge.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense will oversee the enforcement of this  
10 legislation.

11 A. The 6 Boeing P-8 Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft and 4  
12 Independence-class littoral combat ships will all come from the  
13 current US military reserve.

14 B. An amount of 15 billion dollars will be granted to cover the cost of Air  
15 Batteries and Training.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on June 12th, 2026. All laws in conflict with  
17 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Iowa High School Speech Association*

## #16: Liberty Wallet Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** A national wallet will be created in the United States with access to every  
2 U.S. citizen.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** National Wallet: A government-backed digital platform that allows  
4 individuals and businesses to store, send, and receive money  
5 electronically, working like Apple Pay, Venmo, Cash App, etc.  
6 U.S. Citizen: A person who is recognized under law as a legal member of  
7 the United States.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Reserve System will oversee enforcement of this legislation  
9 as well as any funding.
- 10 A. An amount of 800 million will be given to create the national wallet  
11 and for the running of the wallet.
- 12 B. The Liberty Wallet will be accessible on any internet-enabled device.
- 13 C. In order to gain access to the Liberty Wallet, an application will have  
14 to be made online with information like proof of citizenship, proof of  
15 address, and an initial fee of 10 cents.
- 16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on March 5th, 2027. All laws in conflict  
17 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Iowa High School Speech Association*