

CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE RULES AND PROCEDURES

Thank you for attending the 3rd Annual EIF Round Robin!

The following rules intend to promote procedural unity and to foster a consistently high standard of Congressional Debate. Note that the EIF follows NSDA rules unless otherwise outlined and seeks the relevant advice of the latest available edition of Robert's Rules of Order for matters on which this document and the NSDA are silent.

This round will be hosted on July 29, 2026, from 1-4 PM EST. Please be there 15 minutes before the round starts in order to check that everyone's technology is working, figure out splits, etc.

SCHEDULE

There will be one session with two bills. There will be a 10 minute break in between bills. After the debate on both bills is finished, judges will be given enough time to finish ballots and ranks before hosting general feedback for everyone. This will be filmed and posted as well, therefore, we highly encourage every competitor to stay behind the allocated debate time to listen and learn.

LEGISLATION

The EIF Round Robin committee has provided three bills to promote educational and relevant debate to be published online. The chamber will only debate two of the three bills.

RECENCY

The original recency posted on Tabroom at the beginning of the session will be utilized for the first bill. For the second bill, the original recency will be flipped and used. Recency does not carry over for speeches. For questioning, recency will carry over.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A PO will be provided. They will not be ranked as a competitor. There will be no spectators allowed to keep the video recording as fluid as possible for when we upload it online.

A Bill to Combat Evergreening

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** The United States shall limit pharmaceutical manufacturers to a maximum of 3 secondary patents related to a single FDA-approved drug beyond the original active ingredient patent.
- SECTION 2.** Secondary patents shall include but not be limited to: Reformulations, delivery mechanisms, dosing schedules, and manufacturing modifications.
- SECTION 3.** The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and the Food and Drug Association (FDA) shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation.
- A. Upon the expiration of the original patent and the three approved secondary patents, generic manufacturers may enter the market.
- B. Any company found not to be in compliance with this legislation will have their patent period of exclusivity removed for the affected drug.
- SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect immediately after passage.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Equality in Forensics

A Bill to Ban the Usage of Artificial Intelligence in the U.S. Banking System

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All federally regulated financial institutions shall be banned from utilizing artificial intelligence systems in any banking operation or service.

SECTION 2. “Artificial Intelligence” shall mean any computational system capable of performing tasks, generating outputs, or influencing decisions through autonomous technologies.

“Financial Institution” shall include all federally regulated banks, credit unions, savings associations, and other entities under federal banking oversight.

SECTION 3. The Federal Reserve, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) shall jointly enforce this act.

A. \$5 billion over the next five fiscal years shall be provided in order to fund a grant system for applicable financial institutions to assist in recruiting and retaining personnel necessary to perform functions previously conducted by artificial intelligence systems.

SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect on January 1st, 2028.

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

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A Bill to Establish the Environmental, Infrastructure, and Freedom (EIF) Alliance in the Arctic Region

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall establish and lead the Environmental, Infrastructure, and Freedom Alliance (EIF), a multilateral organization dedicated towards advancing security, economic development, environmental stewardship, and freedom of navigation, throughout the Arctic Region.

SECTION 2. The EIF shall be authorized to:

- A. Coordinate intelligence sharing, joint military exercises, and maritime patrols among member states;
- B. Facilitate the development of Arctic infrastructure, including ports, icebreakers, and emergency response facilities;
- C. Promote scientific research, environmental monitoring, and conservation efforts related to Arctic ecosystems;
- D. Protect and maintain freedom of navigation and commercial access through emerging Arctic shipping routes.

SECTION 3. The United States shall contribute an initial \$100 billion over five fiscal years. Member nations shall contribute similar economic investment after joining the EIF on a proportional basis.

- A. In order to join the EIF, member countries must leave any other Arctic-related alliances and organizations, and thereby end all economic, military, and scientific support for such bodies.

SECTION 4. No action authorized by this Act shall permit offensive military operations, declarations of war, or the development of combat forces without a two-thirds vote of EIF member nations.

SECTION 5. The Department of State, in coordination with the Department of War, Department of Commerce, Department of Homeland Security, and National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, will oversee the EIF.

SECTION 6. This legislation will go into effect on January 1st, 2028.

SECTION 7. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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