

Massachusetts Speech and Debate League

2026 MSDL All Novice Tournament

Congressional Debate Legislation Docket

Updated 2026-10-17 16:40: Moving Sen. Mollor's legislation to the Revere Tournament.

Welcome to the 2026 MSDL All Novice Tournament at Catholic Memorial High School in West Roxbury!

It's exciting to start a new season and to help all of you get started in your Congressional Debate careers. We'll begin the day with a brief demonstration debate featuring seasoned veterans. Once they've finished, you'll take over and start debating the Saudi Arabia legislation where they've left off.

Legislative Items for Debate:

- **Demo Round:** [A Bill to Stop Arms Sales to Saudi Arabia to Protect Yemeni Lives](#) (Natick High School)
- [A Bill to Subsidize Nuclear Power Plants](#) (MSDL)
- [The Wind Investment and Development \(W.I.N.D.\) Act](#) (Newton South High School)

Once we've finished debating legislation, and if time permits, we'll have a workshop where you'll get to brainstorm your own ideas for bills and resolutions.

Our goal is to learn and grow together today. Every speech counts, and this tournament is a fantastic chance to build skills and confidence. Have fun, support your fellow competitors, and make the most of your first day!

Best of luck to everyone preparing for and competing in this tournament!

Best regards,

Joe Bowden
MSDL Chair of Congress

Novice Memes: Because Debate Is Serious Business (Sometimes)



Dad Jokes ✓
@Dadsaysjokes

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Terrifying ghost caught on tape...



Geographical question:

Where are these plateaus located?



nugget
@nugget

...

My mind tells me that this is a tiramisu



Dad Jokes ✓
@Dadsaysjokes

"I don't care how big you are, this is MY yard"



"Sorry, I would help but..."



A Bill to Stop Arms Sales to Saudi Arabia to Protect Yemeni Lives

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall cease all ongoing or planned arms sales to all states actively partaking in the Saudi-led intervention (hereafter referred to as the “Intervention”) on behalf of the Yemeni Cabinet within the Yemeni Civil War.

A. Should any nation(s) at time of passage not actively partaking in the Intervention begin to do so, all ongoing or planned sales to that nation shall cease.

B. Should any nation(s) stop their active participation in the Intervention, sales to that country may resume 3 months after the cessation of their participation.

SECTION 2.

A. “All states actively partaking in the Saudi-led intervention” shall include, but is not limited to, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Egypt, and Jordan.

B. “Arms sales” shall be defined as authorization of the sale or export of any defense article or defense service to a foreign entity, as defined in Title 22 Section 2794 of U.S. Code.

SECTION 3. The Department of Defense shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall go into effect starting January 1, 2027. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted for Congressional Debate,
Natick High School

A Bill to Subsidize Nuclear Power Plants

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1.

A. The Department of Energy shall provide low-interest loans and grants to help pay for building new nuclear power plants or restarting closed ones so the United States can add reliable electricity as demand grows.

B. Priority shall go to projects that will supply power in regions facing higher electricity use from data centers, manufacturing, or other growth.

SECTION 2.

A. “Nuclear power plant” means a facility that generates electricity using nuclear fission, as regulated under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. § 2011 et seq.).

B. “Low-interest loans and grants” means financial support from the Department of Energy’s existing loan and grant programs for energy projects.

SECTION 3.

The Department of Energy shall carry out this Act.

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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The Wind Investment and Development (W.I.N.D.) Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The U.S. Government shall restart the leasing and permitting of all future and ongoing wind farm projects, both onshore and offshore, particularly those affected since the January 20th, 2025 executive order pertaining to U.S. wind projects. Additionally, the federal government shall allocate a total of \$2 billion to fund investments in the research and development of both onshore and offshore wind projects with a goal of revitalizing affordable green energy.

SECTION 2. A. "Investment" refers to opening a grant program for wind energy companies to help combat high startup costs and fund necessary research and development like feasibility assessments and construction efforts that the Department of Energy deems fit.

SECTION 3. The Department of Energy (DOE) shall be the lead agency in overseeing the advancement of research and shall manage the disbursement of grants.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2027.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Newton South High School.