



BROAD RUN SPARTAN INVITATIONAL 2017

Congressional Debate Legislation Packet

Agenda Criteria

This tournament-created agenda ensures a diversity of authors and topics, and is designed to fairly provide a challenging range of debate based on the legislation submitted and the time available. Legislation is included in the packet on the basis of school affiliation, not author, and selections were made to create a reasonable research expectation for all attendees.

No legislation was excluded due to quality.

A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE U.S. SUPPORT TO THE PHILIPPINES

1 **WHEREAS**, Under the Duterte Administration, United States influence with the Philippines
2 has been on the decline; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Due to its position as a former United States ally and a U.S. Territory, it is our
4 duty to remain a staunch ally with the pacific nation; and

5 **WHEREAS**, The Philippines offers numerous trade opportunities for the U.S. and has strong
6 holding in the contentious South China Sea; and

7 **WHEREAS**, China is attempting to exert undue influence on the South China Sea, which could
8 prove disastrous for the United States; now, therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled make the following recommendation
10 that the United States implement an increase in diplomatic relations and establish
11 positive trade relations with the Philippines.

Respectfully submitted,

Sen. Kyle Nathanson
Potomac Falls High School

A BILL TO ELIMINATE MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCING

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All mandatory minimum sentences for nonviolent low-level drug crimes,
3 mandatory minimum sentences greater than 10 years, and three strike laws will
4 be hereby abolished.

5 **A.** All prisoners currently sentenced under these mandatory laws shall be
6 resentenced under present federal and state codes without any minimum
7 sentencing.

8 **SECTION 2. A.** Mandatory minimum sentences are the bare minimum sentences that
9 judges are legally obligated to give for certain crimes, even in instances of
10 extenuating circumstances.

11 **B.** Three strike laws are defined as any law that requires judges to give
12 out a longer sentence than commonly used for a crime that was committed by a
13 person who has been pronounced guilty of two or more felony convictions.

14 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Justice will oversee the implementation of this
15 legislation.

16 **A.** All states not in compliance with this legislation will be penalized with
17 a 25% reduction in federal funding until such time that the states have reformed
18 their sentencing to match the new codes.

19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

*Respectfully submitted,
Sen. Akash Bhat
Potomac Falls High School*

A BILL TO LOWER THE CORPORATE TAX RATE

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The corporate tax currently levied by the federal government shall be
3 replaced by a single 15% tax rate on the annual profit of each corporation.

4 **SECTION 2.** The 15% tax rate will be applied equally to all corporations regardless of
5 that company's profit. If the company had a net loss, then that company
6 shall pay no income taxes.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Treasury, in conjunction with the Internal Revenue
8 Service, shall be charged with the implementation of this legislation.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect at the start of FY 2017.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Sen. Sophia Kianni
Thomas Jefferson High School*

A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PUT TERM LIMITS ON THE SUPREME COURT

1. **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is
2. proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which
3. shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
4. ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within
5. seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

6. ARTICLE--

7. **SECTION 1.** Justices on the Supreme Court shall serve under good behavior, until their
8. death, incapacitation, or resignation, or until 15 years from the day of their
9. confirmation. This article shall only apply to Supreme Court Justices
10. nominated after this article's ratification by the states.

11. **SECTION 2.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
12. legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

Sen. Neel Mandapati
Thomas Jefferson High School

**A BILL TO ABOLISH THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE
AND INVOKE THE POPULAR VOTE**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The electoral college will be replaced with the national popular vote. The
3 presidential candidate with the highest popular vote count shall be elected
4 president.

5 **SECTION 2.** The nation popular vote is defined as the total number of votes for each
6 candidate in each state added together.

7 **SECTION 3.** The United States Election Assistance Commission will oversee the
8 execution of this legislation upon passage.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Sen. Jack Daou
Potomac Falls High School*

**A BILL TO INVEST IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF
CARBON BASED SOLAR PANELS**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Federal Income Tax Code shall be amended to include a fifty percent
3 tax bracket for single individuals, married joint filers, and heads of houses
4 who earn over five-hundred-thousand dollars.

5 **A.** The new tax bracket shall be created for the purpose of increasing tax
6 revenue to fund government expenditures and reduce the debt-to-GDP
7 ratio.

8 **SECTION 2.** Single individuals shall be defined as any unmarried person or married
9 couple who files separately.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) shall oversee the enforcement of this
11 bill.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented at the beginning of the 2018 fiscal year.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Sen. Shane Crowe
Dominion High School*

A BILL TO INSTATE GUN CONTROL IN THE UNITED STATES

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Restrictions shall be placed on the buying and selling of firearms and
3 ammunition in the United States.

4 **SECTION 2.** Restrictions may be defined as but is not limited to more thorough
5 background checks on former convictions and mental health records, only
6 a certain amount of firearms and ammunition being sold to one person per
7 year, and stricter regulations on the purchasing of automatic weapons.

8 **A.** The passage of this legislation shall only affect the sale and purchase
9 of firearms, and shall not affect previously purchased or sold firearms or
10 ammunition.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives shall work
12 with state and local governments to enforce the passage of this legislation.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be enacted immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Sen. Alison Thimmesch
Dominion High School*

A BILL TO SHUT DOWN NORTH KOREA'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Government shall work with its allies in order to shut down
3 the North Korean Nuclear Program.

4 **SECTION 2.** The United States shall use diplomatic strategies first, but if there is
5 resistance, military or other forms of negotiations will be used to remove their
6 nuclear programs since they are a threat to world peace and stability.

7 **SECTION 3.** The State Department, the Department of Defense, and the Department of
8 Energy, in conjunction with the United Nations, shall oversee the
9 implementation of this legislation.

10 A. The United States shall be both willing and prepared to use military force
11 if necessary to rid this mysterious, dangerous dictatorship of its nuclear
12 program.

13 B. The UN Security Council will be prepared to support endeavor that, if
14 and when successful, will bring the world one step closer to enduring
15 peace, safety, and prosperity.

16 **SECTION 4.** This plan shall be implemented immediately upon its passage and remain
17 active until necessary changes occur.

18 **SECTION 5.** All laws and policies in conflict with new law Line26: are hereby deemed
19 null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Senator Xavier Gonzalez
Riverbend High School*