

Great Midwest Novice Championship

Congress Docket 2018

Thank you for attending the **Great Midwest Novice Championship**. My name is **Joe Rankin** (Bettendorf HS) and I will be acting as the *Congress Director* for our GMNC Congress event.

I have received pieces of legislation from schools and placed them in this document. In order to ensure we do not run out of legislation, I have added additional pieces of legislation from the NSDA January 2018 Congress Docket. These bills may be represented by any school in attendance. The bills were chosen to ensure everyone had a fair chance to speak on additional legislation and to expose students to the type of legislation students can expect to see at the NFL Nationals tournament. If a school is not represented in your chamber, the bill may be represented by any school in attendance.

The docket is **not** set and can be modified as desired when the session starts on *Friday, March 23rd*. The only limitation is that the docket IS divided into Sessions. You cannot move a bill/resolution from one session to another. Legislation must remain in their designated sessions and debated during that time slot. The sessions will be:

Session 1 (Friday PM)

Session 2 (Saturday AM)

Thanks again for attending the GMNC Congress tournament. Good luck to all students involved.

Joe Rankin
Bettendorf HS

A Bill For a New Transcontinental Transport System

SESSION 1

1. *Be it enacted by the Student Congress here assembled that:*
2. **Section 1:** The United States government will use their power of eminent domain for taking Tesla's
3. research, technology, and patent for the 'Hyperloop system' and release it into the public domain.
4. **Section 2:** With this technology in mind the United States will be divided up into zones for auction and
5. building of new Hyperloop transportation systems.
6. **Section 3:** To help these companies develop, the United States Government will subsidize the building
7. of the Hyperloop transportation systems.
8. **Section 4:** The United States will amend current transportation regulations as follows:
9. **Sub A:** All pedestrian travelers will be given the highest priority and will not be slowed by any cargo or
10. shipping products
11. **Sub B:** In no situation will a company prioritize their cargo over another company's cargo slowing
12. down their traffic.
13. **Sub C:** All shipments and cargo must be scheduled no later than a month in advance unless otherwise
14. approved by the Department of Transportation.
15. **Sub D:** All passengers will have priority if scheduled 2 days or more in advance.
16. **Section 5:** Any company and or person utilizing the Hyperloop transportation systems are subject to fair
17. travel and shipping laws.
18. **Sub A:** Companies and/or people found in violation of these Hyperloop transportation systems will
19. forfeit all subsidies and will be fined to the extent deemed right by the United States Court of law.
20. **Section 6:** This bill will go into effect on December 1st, 2018.

Respectfully submitted by Bettendorf High School

**A Joint Resolution to Amend the Rules of the United States House of Representatives and
the United States Senate to Allow Each House to Compel the Attendance of the President
of the United States to Answer Questions Before a Joint Session of Congress**
SESSION 1

1. **Whereas**, accountability to the people is the cornerstone of American democracy, and,
2. **Whereas**, the executive, through the President of the United States, is only mandated to report to
3. Congress annually, and
4. **Whereas**, current access to the executive branch is conducted exclusively on the terms of said branch,
5. and
6. **Whereas**, democratic republics and constitutional monarchies the world over allow for direct
7. questioning of the leader of their governments by the legislative branches of those nations, and
8. **Whereas**, the executive branch has engaged in acts which overlap with the powers of the legislative
9. branch,
10. **Therefore**, be it RESOLVED, BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
11. That pending passage by the United States Senate and House of Representatives, as embodied by this
12. student congress here assembled, each House shall have the power to compel the attendance of the
13. President of the United States, or an agent representing said officer, to answer questions before each
14. body of Congress on a monthly basis, during a Joint Sitting of Congress, for a duration no shorter than
15. one hour per month.

Respectfully submitted by John F. Kennedy High School

A Bill to Add None of the Above to Voting Ballots

SESSION 1

1. **Section 1**. A “none of the above” box will be added to voting ballots
2. **Section 2**. In the event of “none of the above” winning another election will be held until a winner is
3. decided
4. **Section 3**. The federal election 4ommission will oversee the implementation of this legislation
5. **Section 4**. This legislation will be implemented on October 1st, 2019
6. **Section 5**. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void

Submitted by Dowling Catholic High School

Russian Sanctions Act of 2018

SESSION 1

1. **Section 1**. Bill H.R.3364 passed by the 115th United States of America Senate and House of
2. Representatives on 7/25/17 and 7/27/17 respectively, will be amended to no longer include sections 201-
3. 259.
4. **Section 2**. After sections 201-259 are amended out of Bill H.R.3364 these sections will be declared null
5. and void.
6. **Section 3**. The US Government Office of Foreign Assets Control, US Treasury Department and the US
7. Department of State will implement this piece of legislation.
8. **Section 4**. This bill will go into effect May 1st, 2018.
9. **Section 5**. All laws in conflict with this bill will be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted by Dowling Catholic High School

A Bill to Improve the Driver's Education System
SESSION 1

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **Section 1.** All Drivers Education will be offered once for free to any high school
3 student.

4 **Section 2.** Congress should allocate funds to the schools for Drivers Education.

5 **Section 3.** The requirements will be increased to 10 hours of practical instruction.
6 Including:

7 **A.** at least 5 hours of experience of behind the wheel driving.

8 **B.** up to 5 hours on simulators.

9 **Section 4.** The Iowa Department of Transportation shall be charged with providing the
10 curriculum.

11 **A.** The school district will be required to hire staff to fulfill the curriculum.

12 **Section 5.** This law shall go into effect January 1, 2019.

13 A. Any Iowa Drivers Education courses in progress as of January 1, 2019 may
14 continue by the old requirements until that course is finished.

15 **Section 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By Okoboji High School

A Bill to Make the Metric System America's Preferred System of Measurements

SESSION 1

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1** . The Metric System shall be mandated as the official system of
2. weights and measurements in the United States.
3. **SECTION 2** . Systems of weights and measurements other than the Metric system may
4. remain in use for the purpose of maintaining machinery etc. made before this legislation.
5. **SECTION 3**. The National Institute of Standards and Technology will be charged with
6. the enforcement of this law.
7. **SECTION 4**. This shall apply to all things manufactured from this point forward. Those
8. who fail to observe this law will be subject to fines and other monetary charges.
9. **A**. For the first offense, a fine of \$500 USD will be enforced.
10. **B**. For every recurring offense, a \$1000 USD fine will be added.
11. **SECTION 5**. This law will go into effect on January 1, 2022.
12. **SECTION 6**. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By Okoboji High School

A Bill to Raise the Tax on Sugary Drinks

SESSION 1

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2. **SECTION 1.** All states will now be required to implement a sales tax on soda and other sugary drinks
3. at a rate of 11%.
4. **SECTION 2.** Soda and sugary drinks are defined as those with added sugars or with artificial flavoring.
5. Drinks being sold in stores, schools, and restaurants that meet this definition are all subjected to the tax.
6. **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration will be responsible for the oversight and
7. implementation of this bill.
8. **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect immediately after passage.
9. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted to the Committee on Economics,

Alison Sedenkov, Glenbrook South HS (IL)

A Bill to Fund CHIP

SESSION 1

1. **SECTION 1.** The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) shall be renewed and funded
2. through 2022.
3. **SECTION 2.** The renewal of CHIP shall be funded by:
4. **A.** Cutting 6.3 billion dollars from the Prevention and Public Health Trust Fund
5. [over 5 years].
6. **B.** Increasing the amount Medicare beneficiaries pay on premiums by 35% [over 5
7. years].
8. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee the passage of this
9. legislation.
10. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect upon passage.
11. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

The Student Athlete Medical Act

SESSION 1

1. **SECTION 1.** Intercollegiate Athletic Programs at 4 year universities will be required to adhere
2. to the following:
3. **A.** If a student athlete suffers an incapacitating injury or illness resulting from his/
4. her participation in the athletic program and therefore cannot compete, the athletic
5. program shall be responsible for renewing the scholarship funds [up to five years
6. or completion of degree, whatever comes first] in order to ensure the student can
7. continue with his/her education at the respective university.
8. **B.** The athletic program shall be responsible for paying the insurance deductible
9. amount applicable to the claim of any student athlete who suffers an injury
10. resulting from his or her participation in the athletic program and makes a claim
11. relating to that injury.
12. **C.** If a student athlete suffers an injury resulting from his or her participation in the
13. athletic program that requires ongoing medical treatment, the athletic program
14. shall provide, for a minimum of two years following the student athlete's
15. graduation or separation from the institution of higher education, the necessary
16. medical treatment.
17. **SECTION 2.** Any university that does not adhere to the above standards will lose 40% of their
18. federal funding
19. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.
20. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented July 1 2018.
21. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to House America

SESSION 1

1. **SECTION 1**. Section 8 of the Housing Act of 1937 is amended to redefine “extremely low
2. income” as “incomes not exceeding 45% of the local median or poverty line”
3. **SECTION 2**. This legislation shall have no financial impact on the Veterans Affairs Supportive
4. Housing (VASH).
5. **SECTION 3**. The Department of Housing and Urban Development shall oversee the
6. implementation of this legislation.
7. **SECTION 4**. This legislation shall be implemented upon passage.
8. **SECTION 5**. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Identify CTE Before It's Too Late

SESSION 1

1. **SECTION 1.** **A.** \$50 million shall be given to the research, improvement, and creation of a
2. Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE) test.
3. **B.** This money shall be taken from the United States Military Budget (FY 2019).
4. **SECTION 2.** At the time of testing and development, professional athletes of the 4 major sports
5. leagues shall pay no fee to complete the test.
6. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Defense
7. shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.
8. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be passed on July 1 2018.
9. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Abolish the Definition of Amateurism

SESSION 1

1. **SECTION 1.** **A.** The National Collegiate Athletic Association shall eliminate its definition of
2. 'amateurism' in order to comport to Section 1 of the Sherman Act.
3. **B.** Failure to do so will the result in the NCAA being stripped of its non-profit
4. status.
5. **SECTION 2.** "Amateurism" is someone who has not profited above his/her actual and
6. necessary expenses or gained a competitive advantage in his/her sport.
7. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education and The Federal Trade Commission shall oversee
8. the implementation of this legislation.
9. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented July 1 2018
10. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Improve U.S. Infrastructure

SESSION 2

1. *Be it enacted by the student congress assembled here that:*
2. **Section 1:** The United States government will dramatically increase funding for improving American
3. infrastructure, including but not limited to: roads, airports, ports, and railways.
4. **Section 2:** The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) will have funding cut by
5. 10% across the board for all international aid efforts. This funding cut will cover the next 4 fiscal years
6. before being put under review for continuation for another 4 years.
7. **Section 3:** All resources obtained through the above spending cut will be redirected to the Department
8. of Transportation for use in improving American roads, airports, ports, railways, and other infrastructure
9. needs.
10. **Section 4:** The Department of Transportation will allocate funding to projects through a needs
11. assessment, focusing on:
12. **Subpoint A:** Directing funds to projects affecting the most of amount of travel on the given
13. infrastructure.
14. **Subpoint B:** Directing funds for the most necessity, based on the most recent survey data for safety and
15. reliability.
16. **Subpoint C:** Directing funds based on performance measures dictated by the Department of
17. Transportation.
18. **Section 5:** This bill will go into effect on November 1st, 2018.

Respectfully submitted by Bettendorf High School

A Bill to Extend Eminent Domain Rights to Native American Tribes

SESSION 2

1. *BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:*
2. **SECTION 1.** Any section of land that exists within the tribal boundaries of a United States reservations
3. or native land shall be given the same legal considerations as non-tribal land in regards to eminent
4. domain.
5. **SECTION 2.** “Eminent domain” shall be defined as one party providing fair market value for use and
6. access to privately held land or property.
7. “Reservation or native land” shall be defined by the guidelines of 25 U.S. Code Chapter 24.
8. **SECTION 3.** Upon a declaration of eminent domain, representatives from the appropriate
9. governmental bodies shall meet with an appointed and designated negotiations team from the native
10. tribe that currently maintains ownership of said land. This team shall negotiate the terms of transfer and
11. fair market price for said land.
12. Fair compensation shall be appropriated as per normal means from the appropriate governmental budget.
13. **SECTION 4.** This law shall take effect on October 1st, 2019.
14. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted by John F. Kennedy High School

A Bill to Ban Gas and Diesel Vehicles

SESSION 2

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The sale of motor vehicles with gas and/or diesel engines for nongovernmental purposes
3. shall be prohibited.
4. **SECTION 2.** Motor vehicle refers to a vehicle driven or drawn by mechanical power and manufactured
5. primarily for use on public streets, roads, and highways, but does not include a vehicle operated only on
6. a rail line. Gas and/or diesel engine refers to an internal combustion engine powered using gasoline
7. and/or diesel.
8. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Transportation shall oversee this legislation. Violating sellers shall be
9. fined \$5000 per vehicle along with the seizure of the vehicle(s).
10. **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on January 1, 2040.
11. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dowling Catholic High School.

A Bill to Increase the Size of the US Navy

SESSION 2

1. **Section 1**. The size of the US navy shall be increased from 340 warships to 380 warships
2. **Section 2**. A warship is hereby defined as a seafaring vessel that is armed and designed to engage in
3. naval warfare
4. **Section 3**. A committee of the following admirals James G. Foggo III, William F. Moran, James F.
5. Caldwell, Jr., Scott H., William F. Moran, to decide what ships should be built and commissioned for
6. the US Navy.
7. **Section 4**. Funding shall come from diverting 3% of the non- military discretionary budget and
8. redirecting necessary funding from international aid programs
9. **Section 5**. The committee shall convene on the 1st of May, 2018
10. **Section 6**. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void

Respectfully submitted by Dowling Catholic High School

A Bill to Enforce Police Accountability SESSION 2

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1**: With the many pressures that police are under, and due to the many
3. actions which have resulted in the death of unarmed civilians we should
4. advocate for accountability and the psychological wellbeing of Police
5. Officers.
6. **SECTION 2**: Police officers must undergo a twice a year psychological
7. screening.
8. **A**. To determine their suitability for law enforcement.
9. **B**. Any police officer that fires a gun while on or off duty that injures or kills
10. an unarmed civilian will be suspended from duty for 9 months, during
11. which they will undergo therapy.
12. **C**. another psychological evaluation shall be administered before they are
13. allowed to return to duty..
14. **SECTION 3**: The Department of Justice will oversee the implementation of this
15. piece of legislation in conjunction with the local police force, to insure that
16. all procedures are followed
17. **SECTION 4**: This will take effect immediately upon passage.
18. **SECTION 5**: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
19. void.

Respectfully submitted by Okoboji High School

A Resolution to Show We Stand For Religious Freedom
SESSION 2

1. **WHEREAS**, Coptic Christians face severe discrimination in both public and private employment,
2. including senior levels in the intelligence, defense, foreign affairs, and security departments; and
3. **WHEREAS**, Systemic bigotry has reinforced the Coptic Christians' status as second class citizens; and
4. **WHEREAS**, the United States' diplomatic leadership contributes to the international protection of
5. religious minorities and faith-based practices and places of worship; and
6. **WHEREAS**, Religious freedom and human rights are an essential cornerstone of democracy that
7. promotes respect for individual liberty and contributes to greater stability and is a priority value for the
8. United States to promote in its engagement with other countries; now, therefore, be it
9. **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation to the government
10. of Egypt to enact legitimate reforms to grant equal rights and opportunity to Coptic Christians.

Respectfully submitted to the Committee on Foreign Affairs,

Mauricio Parra, Glenbrook South HS (IL)

A Bill to Increase School Productivity

SESSION 2

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2. **SECTION 1.** All mandated school textbooks required by public schools will now be in the form of
3. electronic textbooks.

4. **SECTION 2.** An electronic textbook is a paperless device capable of storing large amounts of digital
5. information.

6. **SECTION 3.** The transition to electronic textbooks will be carried out by the Department of Education.

7. **A.** The Department of Education will give funds to individual state Departments of Education.

8. **B.** Schools will then purchases these devices at discounted prices from their state Department of Education.

9. **SECTION 4.** All schools will have to comply to these regulations by the start of 2020-2021 school
10. year.

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

Respectfully submitted to the Committee on Public Welfare,

Colin Morse, Glenbrook South High School (IL)

The REACH Act

SESSION 2

1. **SECTION 1.** The complete text of the “Report and Educate About Campus Hazing” Act
2. (REACH) is hereby enacted.
3. **SECTION 2.** “Hazing” is defined as any intentional, knowing, or reckless act committed by a
4. student, or a former student, of an institution of higher education, whether
5. individually or in concert with other persons, against another student, that—
6. **A.** Was committed in connection with an initiation into, an affiliation with, or
7. the maintenance of membership in, any organization that is affiliated with
8. such institution of higher education; and
9. **B.** Contributes to a substantial risk of physical injury, mental harm, or
10. degradation or causes physical injury, mental harm or personal
11. degradation.
12. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall oversee the passage of this legislation.
13. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented on July 1 2018
14. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Tax the NCAA

SESSION 2

1. **SECTION 1.** The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) is hereby stripped of its
2. Non-Profit Status.
3. **SECTION 2.** “Non-Profit” is defined as a 501 C3; an entity that receives federal funding
4. subsidies and is excluded from federal taxing.
5. **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service will be in charge of implementation of this
6. legislation.
7. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented April 16 2018.
8. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Resolution to Recognize Catalonia

SESSION 2

1. **Whereas**, Catalonia has long considered itself a nation within a hostile state; and
2. **Whereas**, The history of its self-government has been repeatedly disrupted through acts of war
3. and dictatorships imposed by Central Spain; and
4. **Whereas**, The United States has its roots based in independence; and
5. **Whereas**, The United States has enormous leverage in the situation between Spain and an
6. emerging Catalonia; and
7. **Whereas**, The United States could use its influence to prevent a violent crackdown on the region
8. and encourage a peaceful separation; now therefore be it
9. **Resolved**, That the Congress here assembled recognize Catalonia as independent from Spain.

A Bill to Halt Communications with North Korea

SESSION 2

1. **SECTION 1**. The United States shall place economic sanctions on:
2. **A**. Any bank or company involved in purchases of North Korean minerals, coal, textiles,
3. or other goods that earn Pyongyang hard currency.
4. **B**. Any financial institution that provides services to North Korean banks, shipping lines
5. that call at North Korean ports and insurers that underwrite cargoes to and from
6. North Korea.
7. **SECTION 2**. These sanctions shall be lifted when the respective entities eliminate interaction
8. with the businesses and government of North Korea.
9. **SECTION 3**. The Department of Treasury and the Department of State shall oversee the passage
10. and implementation of this legislation.
11. **SECTION 4**. This legislation shall be implemented upon passage.
12. **SECTION 5**. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Take Net Neutrality Back Three Years

SESSION 2

1. **SECTION 1.** This legislation will function as a Joint Resolution of Disapproval to overrule the
2. recent FCC's decision concerning net neutrality.
3. **SECTION 2.** The 2015 regulations that prohibited broadband providers from blocking
4. websites or charging for higher quality service of certain content will remain in
5. place.
6. **SECTION 3.** The Federal Communications Commission shall oversee the passage of this
7. legislation.
8. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented immediately upon passage [within the appropriate
9. 60 day time frame]
10. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void,