

**Broad Run
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**2016
Legislation
Packet**

Legislation is numbered by school, then author's name. See the rules packet for information regarding authorship speeches (<http://spartan2016.tabroom.com>). Generally, an agenda is a list of orders of business with the order in which they shall be taken up, whereas a docket is an unordered list of legislation.

Unfortunately, due to the substantial amount of excellent submissions, not all submitted legislation could be accepted. The legislation included in this docket were chosen in order to vary the region and school of sponsorship, vary the topics, while still providing debatable bills and resolutions. Part of the development that Congressional Debate provides to competitors is expanding the horizons of their knowledge, thus enabling students to debate important topics in depth that they might not have otherwise even known about. This legislation included reflects that.

Competitors should recognize that there are fewer than six hours of debate, and 10 topics included; therefore, multiple topics should be researched. There is no minimum number of speeches in order to qualify for awards, but it is unlikely that students will be ranked if they give fewer than two speeches.

Thank you to everyone who submitted legislation; please bear in mind that the primary criteria for inclusion were regional/school sponsorship and topic variety, not quality of legislation (which was not at all an issue in the selection from the tournament submissions). We trust this docket will provide a challenging platform for productive debate.

B/R # 101**A BILL TO SANCTION CHINA FOR BUILDING ISLANDS IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Department of State is hereby directed to establish and transmit quarterly to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and Senate committee on Foreign Relations a list containing officials in the Chinese ruling party, major businesses connected to the Chinese government, and Chinese executives of such companies. All individuals or entities on this list shall have all funds within the United States seized by the Department of the Treasury, and shall be banned from travel through or conducting business in the United States.

SECTION 2. There shall be no trade with China in rare earth metals, food, military systems, shipping equipment, dredging equipment, construction materials or equipment, or energy generation equipment. Any person or organization, regardless of the place of origin, shall be added to the list created by section 1 if they violate this section.

SECTION 3. Sanctions shall be lifted 90 days after the President submits a report to both Houses of Congress certifying that China has ceased construction of artificial islands in the South China Sea, destroyed such islands, given up territorial claims outside of area to which they are guaranteed under international law and, ratified a treaty which settles all disputes over EEZs involving China. The President may at anytime thereafter reinstate this legislation, if he or she determines that China no longer meets the requirements of this section.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall be implemented immediately.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sen. Alexander Christian

Broad Run High School

B/R #201

A BILL TO REQUIRE THE LABELING OF GENETICALLY-MODIFIED FOOD PRODUCTS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All products that contain genetically-modified elements must have a label informing the consumer.

SECTION 2. The existence of an element within a food product that has been genetically modified must be specifically indicated on the exterior of a food product in order for the product to be sold. A food product is defined as any stock sold by any commercial seller intended for consumption. Genetically modified organisms (GMOs) are defined as those in which the genetic material (DNA) has been altered in such a way that does not occur naturally.

SECTION 3. The United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will enforce this bill.

A. All food items containing genetically-modified organisms must contain a label indicating what organic matter has been modified and for what purpose.

B. This list and additional description must be clearly visible to the consumer.

SECTION 4. This legislation will be implemented immediately after passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Sen. Alexandra Bowman
Chantilly High School*

B/R #202

A BILL TO IMPOSE A CARBON TAX

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A carbon tax of \$15.00 (adjusted to inflation every year) will be placed on each ton of carbon emitted by all business.

SECTION 2. A carbon tax is a tax on the carbon content of fuels and is assessed on a per metric ton scale. Businesses can include power plants and corporations, so long as they directly generate carbon emissions.

SECTION 3. The Internal Revenue Service will collect taxes. The Environmental Protection Agency will oversee that these regulations are met.

SECTION 4. This bill will be implemented six months after passage.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherry Feng

Chantilly High School

B/R #301

A BILL TO GIVE AID TO REFUGEES

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All refugees seeing asylum in the United States shall hereby be allowed to enter the U.S. and be provided with necessary aid.

SECTION 2. Refugees shall be defined as a person who has been forced to leave their country in order to escape war, persecution, or natural disaster. Asylum shall be defined as the protection granted by a nation to someone who has left their native country as a political refugee. Necessary aid shall be defined as medical attention, healthcare and job opportunities, and other basic needs.

SECTION 3. The Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration shall work in conjunction with the Office of Refugee Resettlement to oversee the passage of this bill.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sen. Rosha Chowdhury

Dominion High School

B/R #401

A BILL TO ALLOW ASSISTED SUICIDE IN ALL U.S. STATES AND TERRITORIES

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. In all U.S. States and territories Physician Assisted Suicide shall be legal, following the Oregon restrictions for Assisted Suicide.

SECTION 2. Assisted Suicide is defined as: The suicide of a Line patient suffering from an incurable disease, affected by the taking of lethal drugs provided by a doctor for this purpose.

SECTION 3. This bill will go into effect 3 months after Congressional approval.

SECTION 4. United States Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) will oversee and enforce the execution of this law

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sen. Cory Jack

Hayfield Secondary School

B/R # 402

**A BILL TO ADD 1 BILLION ANNUALLY FOR 5 YEARS TO THE BUDGET OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO RESEARCH AND DEVELOP ARTIFICIAL
EXOSKELETONS**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. 1 billion will be added to the budget of the department of defense to research and develop artificial exoskeletons. This will include both uses in the military and nonmilitary activities.

SECTION 2. Artificial exoskeleton is defined as a mobile machine consisting primarily of an outer framework (akin to an insect's exoskeleton) worn by a person, and powered by a system of motors.

SECTION 3. This bill will be implemented on May 2, 2016.

SECTION 4. The government agency that will oversee the research and development of artificial exoskeletons will be the department of defense.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sen. Reda Majid

Hayfield Secondary School

B/R #501

A RESOLUTION TO ASSIST FRENCH OPERATIONS IN THE SAHEL

WHEREAS, French Forces have been combating terrorist cells in the Sahel region of Africa without assistance from foreign nations since 2014; and

WHEREAS, Support of terrorist organizations across Africa is only growing, and it is unlikely that France can unilaterally suppress the situation without assistance; and

WHEREAS, The United States has experience fighting counter-terrorism operations and maintains international anti-terrorist intelligence operations; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, This Congress shall move toward legislation pursuing a cooperative Military relationship with France in its military operations in the Sahel Region of Africa.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Jacob Alcott

Lake Braddock Secondary School

B/R # 601

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Electoral College will be replaced with the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact.

SECTION 2. The Popular Vote is a direct vote from the people for a candidate

SECTION 3. The United States Election Assistance Commission will oversee the execution of this legislation once it passes.

SECTION 4. No funding will be necessary for the implementation of this legislation

SECTION 5. This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage.

SECTION 6. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Sen. Diana Gonzales

Potomac Falls High School

B/R #701

**A BILL TO PREVENT DOMESTIC TERRORISM BY INCREASING FUNDING TO AND
THE DEVELOPMENT OF MENTAL INSTITUTIONS TO DECREASE MURDER RATES**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All U.S. states will be given \$500,000,000 to build four new mental institutions in each respective state, as well as \$100,000,000 more for furniture and starting wages for employees.

SECTION 2. The institutions will be inspected by state building inspectors of each state. The sizes of each mental institution will vary depending on the population of mentally ill per state.

SECTION 3. The Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Homeland Security will oversee this bill.

SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect July 1, 2017.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sen. Robert Eriksson

Sherando High School

B/R #801

A BILL TO EXPAND THE MINIMUM LEVEL OVERTIME DEFINITION

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The maximum income of non-exemption for the federally mandated overtime requirement, as per the Fair Labor Standards Act, shall be increased to \$69,000 per year; all employees with a guaranteed income less than or equal to the maximum are entitled to overtime pay.

SECTION 2. Salaried employees that receive a guaranteed income in excess of \$69,000 per year shall be exempt from the overtime requirement.

SECTION 3. The Department of Labor will oversee the implementation of this bill.

A. Any company found to be in noncompliance with this act will be fined \$10,000 per employee, per year.

B. Mandatory overtime pay will be defined as at least 1 1/2 times hourly pay, for every hour worked beyond 40 hours per week.

SECTION 4. The Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 is herein amended; this bill shall go into effect January 1st, 2017.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sen. Kaleb Marioghae

Thomas Jefferson High School for

Science and Technology