

MDTA Varsity/JV/Novice
Congressional Debate Championship
December 2nd and 3rd, 2016 at Eagan High School



Legislation Packet

*Legislation for the super session will be randomly selected and announced before the gavel falls for the first session. Come prepared to speak well!

A Bill to Require CPR Certification & for All Staff and Students in Order to Graduate

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Any staff member at a school that receives any federal funds or grants
3 must require all staff to be CPR certified, and comply with AED
4 regulations.

5 **SECTION 2.** Every student will be certified in the 9th grade.

6 A. Every staff member will be certified before the 2017/2018 school
7 year begins.

8 B. An AED or Automated External Defibrillator will be no more than 3
9 classrooms away and in such places as a gym they will be located on
10 at least 2 walls.

11 **SECTION 3.** This will come into effect for the 2017/2018 school year with All Staff in
12 school, Class, and offices being fully trained before before they start up
13 the new year. An AED will be in each of the required areas and all staff
14 will know where they are and marked on every map of the school.

15 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Education will oversee the implementation.

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

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19 Respectively submitted by Blaine High School

A Resolution to grant amnesty to all undocumented workers in the U.S. to avoid harms to the U.S. economy.

- 1 **WHEREAS,** There are an estimated 8 million undocumented workers in the U.S.; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** The economic contribution to U.S. GDP of the current unauthorized workers is
3 substantial; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Unauthorized workers may be responsible for 8 to 9 percent of the value-added in
5 agriculture, construction, and leisure and hospitality; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** It would cost at least \$400 billion in new federal spending to handle the deportation of
7 undocumented workers in the U.S.; and
- 8 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation to grant
9 amnesty to all undocumented workers in the U.S. to avoid harms to the U.S. economy.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by: Rep. Tuders (DGF)

A Resolution to increase tariffs on trade with the EU

1 Whereas, Currently the average tariffs on goods traded between the EU and the U.S.
2 are around 3%; and

3 Whereas, The U.S. is currently in a state of economic turmoil partially brought on by
4 the fact that we import more than we export; and

5 Whereas, This harm could be lessened or even eradicated entirely by decreasing trade
6 with other countries and focusing on in country manufacturing; and

7 Whereas, In 2014 the U.S. imported \$587 billion dollars' worth of goods and only
8 exported \$495 billion leaving us with a trade deficit of \$91 billion; and

9 Whereas, Unless we can lower this and other trade deficits we will only continue to
10 worsen our economic state; therefore be it

11 Resolved, The congress here assembled begin to increase tariffs on trade between the
12 EU and U.S.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Conor Speer, DGF High School.

A Bill to Require Seat Belts on School Buses

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS ASSEMBLED HERE THAT:
2. **Section 1.** All public school buses will have seat belts.
3. **Section 2.** Public school buses will be defined as any bus that is funded for the transport of students from home to school and school to home.
4. **Section 3.** The department of education will oversee the enforcement of this bill.
 - A. The seatbelts that will be implemented will be three point stance seatbelts
 - B. It will first be implemented into elementary schools, four years later it will be implemented into middle schools then four years later it will be implemented into high schools.
5. **Section 4**
6. **Section 5.** If rules were not followed, money provided for school buses
7. would be ceased until this bill was followed.
8. **Section 6.** This bill will be implemented in December 2017 into elementary schools.
9. **Section 7.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
10. and void.

Introduced for congressional debate by Duluth

A Bill to Convert to Digital Currency

SECTION 1. The United States of America will eliminate its “physical currency” and will now hereby use “digital currency” as the main proponent of trade after “the set date of termination”.

SECTION 2. Terms and Definitions

- a. “Physical currency” is defined as any official physical object used to denote certain monetary values within the United States of America. (e.g. dollar bills)
- b. “Digital currency” is defined as the electronic version of the American dollar system that will be distributed and used electronically.
- c. “The set date of termination” is defined as eight years after the implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 3. The US Department of the Treasury will enforce and fund this legislation.

- a. Citizens will be required to deposit all their physical currency that they intend use in future transactions after the set date of termination to the governmental account or to personal accounts.
- b. Wherein the citizens who deposit their money to the governmental account will acquire a card that is connected to said account that has the money they deposited.
- c. That governmental account will then become the citizen’s own personal account.
- d. The card holds the information of the account; the citizen whose information is tied to said account will have a code to access the money to perform transactions.
- e. This account acts in nature like a wallet, but is electronic rather than physical. In which the account’s only defined purpose is to hold the money deposited.
- f. This account however will in no way whatsoever be connected to any existing account of the named citizen or of any other account for that matter. It is an entirely different and separate account. Only if the said citizen connects their account to any other account, will the account, with the deposited money, ever be connected to another account.
- g. The balance of said account can be as high as required, but can not go below zero.
- h. Any existing digital currency will not be affected. (e.g. money in bank accounts)
- i. After the set date of termination physical currency will cease to represent their original monetary values.
- j. The US Department of the Treasury will cease to mint physical currency upon passing of this legislation. The physical currency materials will be recycled.

SECTION 4. This legislation’s implementation will take effect two years after its passing.

- a. Wherein citizens will be required to deposit their physical currency before the set date of termination if they would want to continue to use the currency values after said date.
- b. Within those eight years before the set date of termination citizens can still use physical currency as monetary representors in transactions, however, after those eight years, physical currency will hereby not be accepted as monetary representors in transactions.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Kong James Xiong from Denfeld High School

A Bill to Allow Felons Voting Rights

Be it enacted by the Congress here assembled that:

1. **Section 1.** Felons who have served their sentence will be granted the right to vote.
2. **Section 2.** A felon shall be defined as anyone who has been arrested and convicted of a felony.
3. **Section 3.** The department of justice will oversee the enforcement of this legislation
Any felon who is currently not a prison inmate shall be able to vote via ballot or absentee and any other form of present or future form of voting.
4. **A.** No states or cities will be permitted to deny any felon who is in every way eligible to vote.
5. **B.** this will be in place for all forms of elections such as senate, presidential and local.
6. **Section 4.** This bill will take place on April, 5th, 2017.
7. **Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
8. *Introduced for congressional debate by Caden Wakefield, Duluth East.*

A Bill to Remove Gun Free Zones on Military Bases for Department of Defense Personnel

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All areas on the property and surrounding property of military bases that are currently declared gun-free will be changed to allow Department of Defense Personnel to carry firearms within.

SECTION 2. A. A military base is a facility, reservation, settlement, or an installation that houses military equipment, personnel, and in some cases they house large concentrations of military supplies for supporting military logistics.

B. A gun-free zone is any area where the possession or use of a firearm is considered a crime

C. DOD personnel can carry registered private firearms on military bases.

SECTION 3. The designated law enforcement for each military branch shall monitor these zones, watching for non DOD personnel carrying firearms as well as DOD personnel carrying unregistered registered private firearms.

SECTION 4. This will take effect on November 22, 2017

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Timothy Hoeksema, Duluth East.

A Bill to Provide Muni-Wifi Across The Country To Help Increase Access to Rural Constituents

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The State Governments shall partner with the Local Governments to fund an infrastructure project to establish municipal wifi across the nation.

SECTION 2. Municipal Wifi is city wide wireless internet access.

SECTION 3. The Federal Communications Commissions will oversee the enforcement of the bill along with the Advanced Wireless Research Initiative.

A. Local and State Governments shall enter public-private partnerships with local internet providers to provide access to wifi throughout cities.

B. Funding for such shall be provided through a public-private partnership as well as a 3% municipal tax increase.

SECTION 4. This law shall go in effect on January 2018.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Eagan High School.

A Bill to Require Paid Maternity Leave to Decrease the Gender Gap in the Workforce

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** All employers will be required to give their employees eight weeks of fully paid maternity leave.
- SECTION 2.** Both mothers and/or fathers are entitled to maternity leave. Leave may be taken beginning two weeks before, or up to six months after a birth or adoption in the immediate family. Payment must be the employee's normal wage. The eight weeks of leave must be taken consecutively.
- SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor will oversee this bill. Employers who do not comply will be fined one million dollars per incident.
- SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect July 1st, 2017.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Eagan High School.

A Bill to Curb Obesity Rates in the United States

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. In order to reduce the population of obese Americans and promote healthy lifestyles, (1) a 10 percent tax shall be placed on junk foods and a 2 cent-per-ounce tax will be placed on all bottled, canned, or self-serve sweetened beverages in the United States, and (2) proceeds from this tax will be used to subsidize the farming of organic produce and lower the overall prices of healthy fruits and vegetables.

SECTION 2. A. "Junk foods" shall be defined as any food that:

- I. Has more than 2.5% saturated fat by weight.
- II. Contains more than 15g of sugar per serving.
- III. Contains more than 15% of an individual's daily sodium intake based on the Food & Drug Administration's most recent dietary guidelines.

B. "Sweetened beverages" shall be defined as any beverage that contains more than 5g of added sugar (artificial or otherwise) per serving.

C. "Organic produce" shall be defined as produce grown without the use of pesticides, artificial fertilizers, and/or genetic modification.

SECTION 3. The U.S. Department of the Treasury shall enforce these new taxes on a national scale and oversee allocation of subsidies to organic farms.

SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect on January 1st of 2018.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Dylan Clausen

Elk River High School

A Resolution to End Tax Exemptions for Religious Institutions

WHEREAS, Current Internal Revenue Service (IRS) tax exemptions for religious institutions are too vague and exploitable; and

WHEREAS, Roughly 350,000 religious congregations currently exist in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Revoking tax-exempt status from religious institutions will raise over \$70 billion annually, as detailed by a 2012 study conducted by the University of Tampa; and

WHEREAS, This money could be put towards publically-subsidized education programs, veterans affairs, infrastructure repair, and more; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for the IRS to remove tax-exempt status from all religiously-affiliated institutions in the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Dylan Clausen

Elk River High School

A Bill to Update the Screening Process for Refugees

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States government shall update the current screening process
2 for refugee entry with goals to streamline entry. The refugee admission
3 process shall take no longer than three months, citing the recent surge in
4 refugees around the world.

5 **SECTION 2.** The United Nations High Rights Council defines a refugee as “someone
6 who has been forced to flee his or her country because of persecution,
7 war, or violence”. “Streamlining” shall be defined as “developing methods
8 that are quicker and more efficient”.

9 **SECTION 3.** The State Department will oversee the enforcement of the bill in
10 collaboration with the FBI and the Department of Homeland Security.
11 A. There shall be an allocation of \$1 Billion to assist with the acceleration
12 of the screening process.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented by February 2017 and shall be up for
14 reconsideration in February 2027.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Maple Grove Senior High School.

A Bill to Increase Transparency Within Grocery Stores

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Grocery stores will now provide mandatory labeling of foods indicating
3 which herbicides and/or pesticides were used to grow a given product.
4 Additionally, any foods labeled “organic” must meet certain health and
5 safety criteria determined by the USDA. Grocery stores will block any
6 farming company found violating these criteria.

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8 **SECTION 2.** “Grocery store” will be defined as any chain retail supermarket that
9 sells products grown in the United States.
10 “Organic” foods will be defined by the standards the USDA sets and
11 a product may be labeled once it has been approved.

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13 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Agriculture will oversee the
14 enforcement of this legislation and will participate in yearly quality tests
15 of grocery store displays.

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17 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect in January of 2020.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Kevin Jacobson

Maple Grove Senior High School

A Resolution to Recommend Spending Caps on Advertising to Consumers

- WHEREAS,** Current levels of spending on advertisements to consumers by pharmaceutical companies is too high, as \$5.2 billion was spent on advertising to consumers in 2015, and
- WHEREAS,** Consumers are undermining the ability of doctors to prescribe the correct medication needed by asking for drugs advertised to them, and
- WHEREAS,** Advertisements made may not have correct or complete information regarding the product, and
- WHEREAS,** Prices for drugs often increase due to large amounts of direct-to-consumer advertising; so therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** That this Congress recommend that the FDA put into place spending caps on direct-to-consumer advertising by pharmaceutical companies, and that such a cap state that no company can spend more than \$5 million a year in direct-to-consumer advertising.

Introduced by Thomas Jefferson High School

A Bill to Raise the Federal Minimum Wage

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1: Section 206(a)(1) of the Fair Labor Standards Act will be revised to “\$9.00 an hour beginning on May 1, 2017; \$10.50 an hour beginning on November 1, 2018; and \$12.00 beginning on May 1, 2020.”

SECTION 2: All definitions of the federal minimum wage and other provisions regarding

wage and labor standards are contained in the Fair Labor Standards Act.

SECTION 3: The Department of Labor will enforce the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act and the amendment stated for Section 206(a)(1).

SECTION 4: This legislation will go into effect with the dates stipulated in the amended Section 206(a)(1) as outlined in Section 1 of this legislation.

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

Introduced by Thomas Jefferson High School