

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



Legislation Packet Addendum

*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 Adjusting the Minimum Wage to Local Conditions

1 Whereas: the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act current sets a minimum wage for all employees and
2 employers engaged in interstate commerce;

3 Whereas: The federal minimum wage is identical in all states and cities across the entire United States;

4 Whereas: Living conditions, the cost of living, and the costs of labor varies dramatically from state to
5 state and city to city; and

6 Whereas: The current uniform minimum wage undercompensates employees in jurisdictions such as
7 Los Angeles, Washington and San Francisco.

8 Whereas: The current uniform minimum wage harms employers in states and cities with lower costs of
9 labor

10 Therefore, Now Be It Resolved That: The federal minimum wage shall be indexed to the local cost of
11 living and adjusted upwards or downwards consistent with that standard of living.

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A Bill Regarding Sanctuary Cities

1 Whereas: Some cities in the United States have announced that they are "sanctuary" cities in which
2 individuals without immigration documentation can reside without fear of prosecution for immigration
3 violations;

4 Whereas: This means that within these cities, federal laws regarding immigration are not enforced by
5 local law enforcement, even though local law enforcement enforces other federal laws and regulations;

6 Whereas: Announcements that particular laws will not be enforced tends to threaten the credibility of
7 all statutes and regulations;

8 Whereas: Sanctuary cities allow unfair immigration laws to remain on the books, by removing some of
9 the impetus to reform and revise those laws;

10 Whereas: Setting the precedent that particular laws will not be enforced creates a precedent for other
11 laws not to be enforced, as federal anti-discrimination laws were not enforced in the South in the 1960s;

12 Therefore, Now Be It Resolved That: Sanctuary cities shall be required to enforce all federal laws,
13 including those related to immigration.

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