

# Bettendorf Bulldog Invitational

Friday, Nov 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016

*Congress Docket*

Thank you for attending the **Bettendorf Bulldog Invitational** tournament. My name is **Joe Rankin** (Bettendorf HS) and I will be acting as the *Congress Director* for our event. At this time, we have the following schools registered in the tournament:

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| ✓ Ankeny     | ✓ DM East    | ✓ Muscatine    |
| ✓ Assumption | ✓ Johnston   | ✓ DM North     |
| ✓ Burlington | ✓ CR Kennedy | ✓ DM Roosevelt |

Each school was asked to submit up to 2 pieces of legislation by *Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016*. I have received 4 pieces of legislation and have randomly set the docket for debate. I have also gone through the docket from the recent DM North tournament and added legislation from schools in attendance there. Finally, in order to ensure we do not run out of legislation, I have added 8 additional pieces of legislation taken from the docket of the Glenbrooks Speech/Debate tournament. These bills are placed at the end of the docket and 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.

As of **Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**, we have 47 students in Student Congress. This is an incredibly large number of students for our tournament, the most we have had in years. So, we'll be dividing you up into multiple chambers. Assuming numbers hold, we'll divide into 3 chambers. (We will have plans in place to go to 2 chambers, if necessary.) Your chamber assignments will be released in the following days, but all chambers will be using the same docket.

The docket is considered to be set and in order. This is meant to maximize our debate time and ensure a large number of quality speeches are given. Therefore, we are asking you to not change the docket order and to debate the legislation in the order presented.

Thanks again for attending the Bettendorf Bulldog Invitational tournament. Good luck to all students involved.

Joe Rankin  
Bettendorf HS

## **A Resolution to Increase the Value of Man's Best Friend**

1. **WHEREAS**, dogs hold significant emotional value for a large number of citizens, and,
2. **WHEREAS**, unjust and unprovoked killings of dogs occur frequently, and
3. **WHEREAS**, in many cases, awarded compensation fails to adequately recompense victims, therefore, be it
4. **RESOLVED** that the Congress here assembled strongly recommends that judges award significantly higher
5. than property value of dogs in cases of unjust killings.

*Respectfully submitted by Ankeny High School*

## **A BILL TO BAN THE DEATH PENALTY IN THE UNITED STATES**

1. Be it resolved by the congress here assembled that:
2. **Section 1:** The Death Penalty will be abolished in the United States.
3. **Section 2:** The death penalty will no longer be a punishment.
4. **Section 3:** If passed, this legislation will take effect on January 1, 2019.
5. **Section 4:** This bill will be funded by the each individual state.
6. **Section 5:** Any and all conflicting laws are hereby null and void.

*Submitted by  
Des Moines East High School*

## **A Bill to Grant Constitutional Carry in all 50 states**

1. **Section 1.** All Legal US Citizens will be entitled to either conceal or open carry a handgun of their choosing.
2. **Section 2.** Citizens will not be allowed to carry openly or concealed around schools and public official
3. buildings as well as any place of business that has a no weapons policy.
4. **Section 3.** No US Citizen will be allowed to open or conceal carry a rifle of any kind (assault, hunting or
5. shotgun).
6. **Section 4.** All laws in conflict with this bill will be hereby null and void.
7. **Section 5.** This bill will be implemented at the date at which it is passed.

*Respectfully submitted by Muscatine High School*

## **A Bill to Improve College Preparation Among High Schools**

1. Be it enacted by the congress here assembled that:
2. **Section 1:** All schools across the United States will enact a plan to make students more prepared for college.
3. **Section 2:** To do this, students will no longer be able to retake tests and Standard Based grading will be non-
4. existent.
5. **Section 3:** The United States Board of Education will enforce this bill by having a meeting with
6. representatives at the state and the state enforcing this act at each local district level.
7. **Section 4:** This bill will be enacted by the end of the year 2020.
8. **Subpoint A:** Schools in the United States will revert back to a normal grading curve where 90% is
9. considered an A instead of a 1, 2, 3, or 4.
10. **Subpoint B:** Studetns will not only be assessed on tests, but homework and mind-provoking projects.
11. **Section 5:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Submitted by North High School*

## **A Bill to Lift Sexuality-Related Restrictions on Blood Donation**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED
2. **SECTION 1:** No individual shall be restricted or prohibited from donating his or her blood or plasma to any
3. medical facility on a basis of sexuality or sexual orientation.
4. **SECTION 2:** Any facility or organization which is in violation of this legislation shall be fined \$5,000 on
5. the first offense, with a 10% increase in fines for each subsequent violation.
6. **SECTION 3:** The US Department of Health and Human Services shall see to implementation and
7. enforcement of this legislation, as well as any necessary funding.
8. **SECTION 4:** This legislation shall be implemented upon passage.
9. **SECTION 5:** All laws in conflict are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted by Ankeny High School*

## **A Bill to Promote Gun Safety in the US**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED
2. **SECTION 1.** Any individual who is listed on the FBI Terrorist Watchlist or TSC No-Fly List, OR has been
3. included on these lists in within 5 years prior, OR who has been investigated for inclusion on said lists
4. within the same 5 year period, is hereby prohibited from purchasing any firearm in the United States.
5. **SECTION 2.** The term "firearm" is here defined as any weapon (including a starter gun) which will or is
6. designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; the frame or
7. receiver of any such weapon; any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; or any destructive device.
8. **SECTION 3:** Implementation and enforcement of this legislation shall be seen to by the Federal Bureau of
9. Investigation, as well as any necessary funding.
10. **SECTION 4:** This legislation shall be implemented upon passage.
11. **SECTION 5:** All laws in conflict are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted by Ankeny High School*

## **A Bill to Incentivize Income Equality in American Corporations**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **Section 1.** Certain large corporations will now be levied higher corporate tax rates. The tax increase shall be
3. applied as follows:
4. Subpoint A: An increase in the corporate tax rate by 2.5 percentage points if the highest paid executive earns
5. more annually than 50 times the yearly income of the median worker.
6. Subpoint B. An increase in the corporate tax rate by 5 percentage points if the highest paid executive earns
7. more annually than 100 times the yearly income of the median worker.
8. Subpoint C. An increase in the corporate tax rate by 10 percentage points if the highest paid executive earns
9. more annually than 150 times the yearly income of the median worker.
10. Subpoint D. No change in the corporate tax rate if the corporation meets none of the previously mentioned
11. conditions.
12. **Section 2.** A “large corporation” shall be defined as any public corporation operating primarily in the
13. United States that employs more than 75,000 workers in total.
14. **Section 3.** The Securities and Exchange Commission shall work with the Internal Revenue Service to
15. collect necessary data and levy the additional taxes.
16. Subpoint A. The SEC shall provide the IRS with the data collected from Item 402(c)(2)(x) of Regulation
17. S-K, as established by recent reforms to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.
18. **Section 4.** This bill shall be implemented by FY2018.
19. **Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Plano West Senior 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 replaced by a single

3. 15% tax rate.

4. **SECTION 2.** The 15% tax rate will be applied equally to all corporations regardless of income

5. bracket.

6. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Treasury, in conjunction with the Internal Revenue Service, shall be

7. charged with the implementation of this legislation.

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

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Evanston Township High School.*

## **A Bill to Privatize the US Postal Service**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1:** The United States Postal Service shall be privatized. Any and all annual funding allocated
3. to the USPS by the Federal Government shall hereby be relocated to the Transportation Security
4. Administration, and all legal monopolies granted to the USPS are hereby repealed. The Rights for
5. Transportation Security Officers Act of 2016 shall be enacted.
6. **SECTION 2:** Privatization shall be defined as a management buyout. The Rights for Transportation
7. Security Officers Act of 2016 shall be defined as H.R. 4488.
8. **SECTION 3:** The United States Postal Service in conjunction with the Department of Homeland
9. Security shall be responsible for the implementation of this legislation.
10. **SECTION 4:** This bill shall go into full effect no later than 60 days after its passage.
11. **SECTION 5:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Monte Vista High School.*

## **A Resolution to Eliminate Government Funding of Professional Sports Stadiums**

1. **WHEREAS,** The Government is misusing taxpayer dollars by financing professional stadiums;
2. **WHEREAS,** The tax-exempt municipal bonds that is used to finance these stadiums don't allow for the
3. government to make money from their investments;
4. **WHEREAS,** In the past 15 years, the government lost 3.7 billion dollars financing professional sports
5. stadiums;
6. **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation to eliminate
7. government funding for professional sports stadiums.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Presentation High School*

## **A Bill to Cut Military Support for NATO Allies Who Don't Contribute**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **Section 1.** The United States of America will withdraw military support from NATO allies who maintain
3. low military defense budgets relative to their GDP.
4. **Section 2.** Relative to their GDP refers to the countries who spend less than 2% of GDP on military
5. defense. Such countries include, but are not limited to France, Germany, and Canada.
6. **Section 3.** The U.S. Department of State shall oversee enactment of this bill.
7. **Section 4.** If passed, this law shall go into effect on January 01, 2018.
8. **Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Eagan High School*

## **TPP Ratification Act of 2016**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The Trans Pacific Partnership between the United States, Japan, Malaysia,
3. Vietnam, Singapore, Brunei, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Mexico, Chile and
4. Peru shall be ratified and put into effect as negotiated.
5. **SECTION 2.** All stipulations discussed in negotiations shall apply. The agreement
6. shall not be amended without consulting all nations involved.
7. **SECTION 3.** The Department of State shall be responsible for the implementation of the
8. trade agreement.
9. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall come into effect in the beginning of the 2017 fiscal year or,
10. if need be, 90 days after all countries have ratified The Trans Pacific
11. Partnership.
12. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Blaine High School, MN.*

## **A Bill to Implement Mandatory Psychiatric Evaluations to Prisoners to Aid Reforms**

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

2. **SECTION 1.** The U.S. Federal Government will implement mandatory psychiatric evaluations to all

3. current prisoners. All incoming prisoners will also go through evaluation. This bill serves as a means of

4. stopping prison violence and overcrowding by providing a Billion dollars to execute evaluations.

5. **SECTION 2.** Prisons will be defined as both state and federal penitentiaries. Prisoners will be defined

6. as any inmate currently not in a prison run psychiatric hospital.

7. **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Corrections will oversee every prison to ensure every evaluation

8. is delivered.

9. **Subpoint A.** The U.S. Department of health will be tasked will be tasked with supplying doctors for the

10. evaluations.

11. **SECTION 4.** Evaluations will begin January 1st 2018.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Northland Christian School.*

## **A Resolution to Eliminate Plant Biotechnology Patents**

1. **WHEREAS,** Monsanto, DuPont, Syngenta, and other corporations currently own more than 50% of
2. the Global Seeds Patents; and
3. **WHEREAS,** Since Monsanto and Co. require that farmers with possession of seeds must rid of the
4. seeds after season ends and can sue farmers if seeds are kept in possession; and
5. **WHEREAS,** Products of Biotechnology have proven potential to help alleviate current global
6. problems such as Hunger; and
7. **WHEREAS,** There have been several instances where Monsanto has sued farmers due to “Patent
8. Infringement”; and
9. **WHEREAS,** To prevent farmers from being sued for “Patent Infringement” and for possession of
10. seeds required to produce a profit; now, therefore, be it
11. **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation that Plant
12. Biotechnology Patents be eliminated.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Klein High School*