

# Great Midwest Novice/JV Debate Championship 2017

## Student Congress

### *Docket*

Thank you for attending the **Great Midwest Novice/JV Debate Championship** 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:

- ✓ Glenbrook South
- ✓ Kennedy
- ✓ Des Moines North
- ✓ Roosevelt

I have received **12** pieces of legislation and added them to the docket. In order to ensure we do not run out of legislation, I have added additional pieces of legislation taken from the March 2017 legislation docket from the National Speech and Debate Association. 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 NSDA Nationals tournament. If a school is not represented in your chamber, the bill may be represented by any school in attendance.

The docket order has **NOT** been set. It will be up to each session to determine the order in which they debate the legislation. However, each session **WILL** only debate certain legislation. Legislation is divided into:

- ✓ **Session 1** – Friday session (4:45pm – 8:30pm) only
- ✓ **Session 2** – Saturday session (9:00am – 12:30pm) only

Thanks again for attending the **Great Midwest Novice/JV Debate Championship** tournament. Good luck to all students involved.

Joe Rankin  
Bettendorf HS

# Session 1 Legislation

*Friday (4:45pm – 8:30pm)*

SESSION 1

**A Bill to Ban Conversion Therapy in all 50 States**

1. *BE IT ENACTED BY THIS LEGISLATURE:*
2. **SECTION 1:** Conversion therapy of any sort will hereby be illegal in all fifty states for all persons.
3. **SECTION 2:** Conversion therapy is defined as a psychological or spiritual treatment to change a person's
4. sexuality to heterosexual. It includes any efforts to change behaviors or gender expressions or to discourage
5. sexual or romantic attractions or feelings toward individuals of the same gender.
6. **SECTION 3:** The department of Health and Human Services will oversee implementation of this bill.
7. **SECTION 4:** This law will be effective upon passage.
8. **SECTION 5:** All laws in conflict will be declared null and void.

*Submitted by Ames High School*

SESSION 1

**A Bill to Regulate For Profit Education**

*BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:*

1. **Section 1:** Any post-secondary center for learning that functions as a “for profit” business
2. shall not be entitled to receive any federally issued student loan or grant.
3. **Section 2:** For the purposes of this legislation, the “for profit” post-secondary center
4. designation shall be defined either:
  5. **A:** Any post high school learning center taking in a revenue greater than 5% more than is
  6. needed to provide for taxes and operating expenses. Pay of employees shall be considered
  7. operating expenses but any bonuses paid out will not.
8. OR
9. **B:** Any post high school learning center that reports to or has a parent company that reports
10. to a group of shareholders.
11. **Section 3:** Upon implementation, the Department of Education shall cease processing and
12. distribution of all federal student loans and grants to said “for profit” centers for learning.
13. **Section 4:** This legislation does not cover private scholarships, state loans, or private
14. student loans.
15. **Section 5:** This legislation shall take effect June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Respectfully submitted  
John F. Kennedy High School

SESSION 1

**A Bill to Improve College Preparation among High Schools**

*BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:*

- 1 I. All schools across the United States will enact a plan to make students more  
2 prepared for college.
- 3 II. To do this, students will no longer be able to retake tests and Standard Based  
4 grading will be non-existent.
- 5 III. The United States board of Education will enforce this Bill by having a meeting  
6 with representative at the state and the state enforcing this act at each local district  
7 level.
- 8 IV. This Bill should be enacted by the year 2020.
  - 9 A. Schools in the United States of America with revert back to a normal  
10 grading curve where 90% is considered an A instead of a 1, 2, 3 or 4.
  - 11 B. Students will not only be assessed on tests but homework and mind  
12 evoking projects.
- 13 V. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.  
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*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Des Moines North HS*

## SESSION 1

### **A Resolution to Decrease Civil Disobedience in the US**

1. **Whereas**, Everyone need to provide factual information if they are trying to influence others in a peaceful
2. manner to prevent the distribution of misinformation, leading to Civil Disobedience.
3. **Whereas**, Political Propaganda providing misinformation to voters to gain votes and using voter emotions as
4. a tool to get votes, leading to Civil Disobedience.
5. **Resolved**: Media, Political movements, and other events or movements made to influence others in a
6. peaceful manner must provide credible sources to be deemed "credible".
7. **Further Resolved**: Individuals, movements, or other means to distribute political information should be put
8. on a list deeming them "uncredible" if they were to provide information without the proper evidence.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate By North High School*

## SESSION 1

### **A Bill to Motivate Inclusion of LGBT Sex Education in All 50 States**

*BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:*

1 **SECTION 1.** All public schools in all 50 states will include information about the  
2 LGBTQ+ community and LGBTQ+ sex education in their sex education  
3 courses.

4 **SECTION 2.** LGBTQ+ is defined as any gender that is not cisgender or any sexuality  
5 that is not heterosexual. Sex education is defined as instruction on issues  
6 relating to human sexuality, emotional relationships and responsibilities,  
7 human sexual anatomy, sexual activity and reproduction, age of consent,  
8 reproductive health and rights, safe sex, birth control and will be included  
9 to include different sexualities and genders and safe sex for those  
10 orientations.

11 **SECTION 3.** States and territories are not required to abide by the terms outlined in  
12 this bill. However, should a state or territory elect not to abide by the  
13 terms in this bill, the United States House of Representatives will rescind  
14 that state's educational funding until such a time as that state or territory  
15 chooses to comply with all of the terms in this bill.

16 **SECTION 4.** The United States Department of Education shall oversee and carry out  
17 this legislation beginning in the 2018-2019 school year.

18 **SECTION 5.** Funding for this bill should amount to 10 billion dollars to be evenly  
19 divided between each state and will be taken from federal programs that  
20 spend more than 15% of their budget on non-vital projects. Non-vital  
21 projects include projects that fail or cannot be used.

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

*Respectfully Submitted by Theodore Roosevelt High School*

SESSION 1

**A Resolution to Provide Additional Funding to the National Park Service**

1. **WHEREAS**, National Park attendance is at an all time high and funding to the
2. National Park Service is not enough to continue to operate; and
3. **WHEREAS**, National Parks offer unique environmental, educational, social,
4. and recreational opportunities for both American residents and foreign
5. tourists; and
6. **WHEREAS**, Many of the nation's national parks are in need of funding for
7. upkeep and repair to the parks' infrastructure; and
8. **WHEREAS**, Giving the National Park Service additional funding will improve
9. the quality of the water, air, wildlife, and other items are important to the
10. health of the parks as well as aid in the formation of new national monuments;
11. now, therefore, be it,
12. **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that the National Park Service
13. should be allotted an extra 12 billion dollars at the end of fiscal year 2017.

*Respectfully submitted by Theodore Roosevelt High School*



SESSION 1

**A National Firearm Owners Privacy Act**

1. *BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:*
2. **SECTION 1.** Medical personnel who accept insurance provided through the Patient Protection and
3. Affordable Care Act are prohibited from asking patients about whether or not they own or possess firearms.
4. **A.** Said medical personnel are also prohibited from providing advice on firearms safety or usage.
5. **B.** No medical personnel may make decisions regarding healthcare on the presumption of firearms
6. ownership.
7. **SECTION 2.** This prohibition applies whether or not the patient being questioned receives medical
8. insurance through the PPACA.
9. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall be responsible for ensuring
10. compliance with Section 1. Any health professional found in violation of Section 1 shall be ineligible for
11. payment from any federal medical program.
12. **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect upon passage.
13. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

## SESSION 1

### **A Resolution to Expand NATO**

1. **WHEREAS**, The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) was formed to protect United States allies
2. from the threat of the Soviet Union after World War II; and
3. **WHEREAS**, In the seventy years since its formation, NATO has formed a strong barrier against Communist
4. aggression; and
5. **WHEREAS**, The fall of the Soviet Union did not bring about the end of Russian ambition and aggression in
6. Eastern Europe; and
7. **WHEREAS**, The annexation of the Crimea demonstrated that Vladimir Putin is more of a threat to Europe
8. than any Soviet Premier ever was; and
9. **WHEREAS**, NATO will need more military power to defend members against possible Russian action; and
10. **WHEREAS**, Our current administration has shown deference to Russia; and
11. **WHEREAS**, Our current administration has made public statements indicating that it would not support or
12. defend certain NATO allies; now, therefore, be it
13. **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that NATO should seek to expand beyond its traditional
14. borders and add new members who will assist the current members with defending themselves against any
15. Russian intimidation or incursion.

## SESSION 1

### **A Resolution to Define Ethics in Journalism**

1. **WHEREAS,** Many reporters in the mainstream media rely on anonymous sources for information; and
2. **WHEREAS,** Stories often could not be published without these anonymous sources; and
3. **WHEREAS,** These sources are often leaked from inside of sensitive areas of the government; and
4. **WHEREAS,** This leaked information is difficult to corroborate and verify; and
5. **WHEREAS,** The public often takes these reporters at their word, even though their information comes
6. from these anonymous sources; and
7. **WHEREAS,** For its own protection, the government should have the ability to know who is providing
8. information about the inner workings of the various branches and departments; and
9. **WHEREAS,** It is unfair for journalists to use sources which the government cannot defend itself
10. against; now, therefore, be it
11. **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that journalists should adopt and adhere to a set of ethics
12. which compel them to refrain from the use of anonymous sources and to reveal sources when requested by
13. governmental officials; and be it
14. **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That all branches of government should have the right to refuse to answer
15. questions from, or hold press conferences in front of, any media which does not follow the above
16. recommendation.

# **Session 2 Legislation**

*Saturday (9:00am – 2:30pm)*

SESSION 2

**A Bill to Require Mandatory Vaccines for all Students in Public School**

*BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:*

1. SECTION 1. All public schools shall eliminate the exemptions from any existing specified immunization
2. requirements based on personal beliefs. All students currently enrolled who have not had their required
3. immunizations must obtain all immunizations within two months of the passing of this bill.
4. SECTION 2. Personal beliefs are defined as beliefs that a person personally believes as true. Religious
5. beliefs are included in the definition of personal belief.
6. SECTION 3. The Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee the implementation of this law.
7. SECTION 4. This law shall take effect upon passage.
8. SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Submitted by Ames High School.*

## SESSION 2

### **A Bill to Transition to a Flat Tax System**

*Be it enacted by the student congress assembled here that:*

1. **Section 1.** The current system of a tiered gradual income tax system shall be replaced with a federal flat
2. income tax will be set a flat rate of 15% regardless of the level of income.
3. **Subsection A.** The first \$25,000 of each person/families income will be tax free.
4. **Subsection B.** All state and local tax codes will be exempted from this piece of legislation.
5. **Section 2.** All forms of deductions will become null and void, with the exception of donations for charity or
6. child care.
7. **Subsection A.** Charity is defined as a charitable tax-free foundation or institution or generous in donations or
8. gifts to relieve the needs of indigent, ill, or helpless persons, or animals.
9. **Subsection B.** Child care is defined as any expenses related to the education, care, or support for any legally
10. recognized child age eighteen years of age or less.
11. **Section 3.** Deductions will be allowed only when the donations made to charity equal 15% of a person's
12. income or 100% of what would have been given to the government in income taxes.
13. **Subsection A.** The deductions meeting 100% of what would be paid in tax to the federal government will
14. then be considered as having a tax balance of \$0.
15. **Subsection B.** If a person's donation amount does not meet 15% of their income, the person will be
16. expected to still pay the difference between their charitable amount and the 15%.
17. **Section 4.** All enforcement and monitoring will be headed by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). This bill
18. shall be implemented for all taxpayers with the 2018 tax year.
19. **Section 5.** All laws concerning the federal income tax law in conflict with this piece of legislation will be
20. considered null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. Kennedy High School

## SESSION 2

### **A bill to incentivize the recycling of automotive vehicles of the age 15 years or above**

*Be it enacted by the student congress assembled here that:*

1. **Section 1:** The weight required to be considered an automotive vehicle is 2,500 pounds
2. **Section 2:** If one does recycle a car through a private scraping company that person will get a 15 percent
3. tax deduction on new automobile related purchases and 10 percent if said person through a government
4. facility
5. **Section 3:** The government agency overseeing this piece of legislation is Department of Transportation
6. **Section 4:** This bill be enacted on July 1st of 2017
7. **Section 5:** any and all laws in conflict with this piece of legislation are hereby declared null and void

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Des Moines North High School.*

SESSION 2

**A Bill to stop Vape Nation**

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

2. **SECTION 1.** Hookah, Vaping and Jeweling (all brands of Electronic Cigarettes)

3. will now be classified under the Controlled Substance Act thereby giving it the same

4. classification of marijuana.

5. **SECTION 2.** The Controlled Substance Act is a US federal drug policy that

6. regulates the manufacturing, importation, possession, use and distribution of certain

7. narcotics, stimulants, depressants, hallucinogens, anabolic steroids and other

8. chemicals. Hookah, Vaping and Jeweling will follow all laws and regulations of the

9. Controlled Substance Act which will include but not limited to: possibility of being

10. jailed for possession or use and regulation

11. **SECTION 3.** This legislation will be overseen by the Internal Revenue Service

12. with the Food and Drug Administration.

13. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be set in motion promptly after bill is passed.

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

*Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Public Welfare,*

Maja Markovic

Glenbrook South



## SESSION 2

### **A Bill to Motivate Preschool Attendance**

*BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:*

1 **SECTION 1.** States will implement mandatory preschool for all children age four until that  
2 child enters kindergarten. Children whose birthdays that coincide with the first  
3 day of preschool must attend. Children that are ready to participate in  
4 preschool programs earlier than four years old can be evaluated and invited to  
5 participate in a preschool program. Public preschools will be provided for those  
6 who do not choose to enroll in private preschool programs.

7 **SECTION 2.** Preschool is defined as an educational establishment or learning space  
8 offering early childhood education and establishing basic knowledge in  
9 reading, math, and science.

10 **SECTION 3.** States and territories are not required to abide by the terms outlined in  
11 this bill. However, should a state or territory elect not to abide by the  
12 terms in this bill, the United States House of Representatives will rescind  
13 that state's educational funding until such a time as that state or territory  
14 chooses to comply with all of the terms in this bill.

15 **SECTION 4.** The United States Department of Education shall oversee and carry out  
16 this legislation beginning in the 2018-2019 school year.

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

*Respectfully Submitted by Theodore Roosevelt High School*

## SESSION 2

### **A Resolution to Empower Private Space Contractors to Address the Threat of Orbital Debris**

1. **WHEREAS** , Decades of space exploration and research have left massive
2. amounts of debris orbiting the earth; and
3. **WHEREAS** , This debris poses a direct threat to current space infrastructure
4. that acts as a backbone of the global economy; and
5. **WHEREAS** , The only way to fix this problem is to remove these items from
6. orbit ; and
7. **WHEREAS** , NASA is currently focused only exploration and routine orbital
8. operations; now, therefore, be it
9. **RESOLVED** , That the Congress here assembled make the following
10. recommendation that NASA should create a private contract for open to any
11. private company including but not limited to Space X, Boeing, and Blue Origin
12. to address the threat posed by space junk; and, be it
13. **FURTHER RESOLVED** , That this contract will require a prototype to designed
14. and built by 2019 and a system that could be operational by 2021.

*Respectfully submitted by Theodore Roosevelt High School*

## SESSION 2

### **A Bill to Protect Teachers and Students**

*BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:*

1. **SECTION 1.** The Department of Education shall conduct a pilot program to equip teachers with body
2. cameras in order to record interactions with students in the classroom environment. These interactions may
3. be used as part of the disciplinary process of both student and staff.
4. **SECTION 2.** This pilot shall be conducted in all schools which have a student population where more
5. than two-thirds of all students qualify for federal free-or-reduced-lunch status.
6. A. All faculty and staff shall be required to participate in said pilot program.
7. B. Failure to participate shall be considered grounds for revocation of all federal funding until such time as
8. all staff are in compliance.
9. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall redirect half of all federal Title I funding to pilot this
10. effort. In June of 2019, the Secretary of Education shall make a report to Congress in which he or she shall
11. recommend whether or not to make this program permanent.
12. **SECTION 4.** This program shall begin in August of 2018.
13. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

SESSION 2

**A Bill to Protect the Waters of the United States**

*BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:*

1. **SECTION 1.** Public Law 92-500 is amended by striking Section 104 (n).
2. **SECTION 2.** In its place, the phrase “No water contained within the boundaries of the United States
3. which may be used for any purpose which might provide an economic benefit to the United States or its
4. citizens shall be considered subject to this act” shall be added.
5. **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency shall oversee the implementation and enforcement
6. of this amendment.
7. **A.** All current regulations related to the previous definitions of waterways as contained in Section 104 (n)
8. shall be rescinded immediately following the effective date of this legislation.
9. **B.** The Environmental Protection Agency is required to consider economic impacts of new regulations
10. prior to implementation, and must demonstrate that all regulations have no negative economic impact in a
11. report to Congress within one year of any regulation effective date.
12. **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on July 1, 2017.
13. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

SESSION 2

**A Bill to Provide Funding for Green Spaces**

*BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:*

1. **SECTION 1.** A sum of \$2 billion shall be provided for a non-renewable grant program for the purpose
2. of the creation of green spaces in urban areas dedicated to carbon dioxide reduction.
3. **SECTION 2.** The grant program shall be provided to individual cities based upon proposals which
4. shall be adjudicated on the following categories:
  5. **A.** Current environmental conditions in the surrounding urban area
  6. **B.** Proposed choice of vegetation in the green space and its carbon dioxide scrubbing properties
  7. **C.** Predicted reduction of carbon dioxide in the surrounding area
  8. **D.** Community involvement the plan.
9. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Agriculture will develop the application for the grant program and
10. oversee the awarding of grants. Funding for the grant program shall be taken from current subsidies for
11. farming and agriculture programs.
12. **SECTION 4.** The grants shall be awarded in September of 2018. The green spaces shall open no later
13. than September of 2019.
14. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.