**Hi all- Please see various notes at bottom regarding procedures for this festival. –**

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**Please note that additional information and/or evidence may be released in regards to this legislation on the day of the Congress, or on the days prior to States**

**A Bill to Sell Excess Land Holdings of the Federal Government**

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| 1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10  11  12  13  14  15  16 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:  **SECTION 1**. The Secretary of the Interior shall offer a minimum of 50 percent of Federal lands west of the Mississippi River, exclusive of current National Park Service land, for disposal by competitive sale for not less than fair market value as determined by an independent appraiser. Such sale shall be without prejudice to valid existing rights. Net proceeds from the sale of Federal lands shall be deposited directly into the Treasury Department.  **SECTION 2**a “Federal lands” shall be defined as parcels of real estate under the administrative jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior, except for National Parks and wildlife preserves so defined as of January 1, 2017.  **SECTION 2B** “Valid existing rights”, in respect to specifically water rights, shall be interpreted by Federal Courts and regulatory bodies as deferential to governmental claims, if any legal conflict arises  **SECTION 3.** The Department of the Interior shall be responsible for implementing this legislation  **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2018.  **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.  Respectfully Submitted  MSDL League |
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**A Bill to Fund the Use of Genetically Modified Mosquitoes to Combat Zika and Other Mosquito-Borne Viruses**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1**. The United States will allocate 500 million dollars to the biotechnology company, Oxitec, to support the development and deployment of Genetically Modified Mosquitoes to combat the Zika virus and other mosquito-borne viruses.

**SECTION 2A**. Genetically modified mosquitoes shall be defined as male mosquitoes that are genetically programmed to use mating to eliminate current and future generations of viruses.

**SECTION 2B.** The development of these mosquitoes consists of the usage of advanced genetics where scientists insert a self-limiting gene into the mosquitoes to prevent the production of virus-ridden offspring.

**SECTION 2C.** “Deployment” consists of the current release of the mosquitoes in Brazil and if deemed necessary, to other countries in the future as well.

**SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

**SECTION 4.** This law will take effect on December 1st, 2017.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sofia Kurd of the Needham High School.*

**A Bill to Incentivize a Shift to Green Energy by Increasing Investments in Nuclear Energy**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1**. The United States will invest $12 billion to stimulate the research, development, and implementation of new forms of nuclear energy.

**SECTION 2**. **A.** $7 billion will be designated towards research pertaining to nuclear energy development and management.

**B.** $5 billion dollars will be designated towards programs that will stimulate the refurbishment of current nuclear energy plants and the creation of new nuclear energy plants.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy, The Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and the Environmental Protection Agency shall oversee implementation of this legislation.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on June 1st, 2017.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Arnav Mehra , Acton Boxborough Regional High School.*

**An Amendment to Guarantee Representative Representation**

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*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Michael Ryter, Newton South HS*

**A Bill to Classify FISC Proceedings to**

**Ensure Secure Intelligence**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1**. All documents regarding the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISC) will be classified.

**SECTION 2**. “Documents” shall include all court transcripts, court orders, court opinions, summaries of cases, and any information regard proceedings of the court.

**SECTION 3.** The Supreme Court of the United States shall oversee implementation of this legislation.

**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.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Max Plottel, Newton South High School.*

**A Bill to Reform Obamacare**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1**. Funding for Cost Sharing Reduction Subsidies shall be increased by 10 million dollars per year, specifically for the middle class families.

**Section 2.** Cost Sharing Reduction Subsidies shall be defined as all subsidies, given to people who enroll a silver plan, that reduce out-of-pocket costs for deductibles, coinsurance, and copayments.

**Section 3**. Middle Class families shall be defined as families with incomes between 94,000 dollars and 125,000 dollars per year.

**ection 4.** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

**SECTION 5.** This bill shall go into effect on January 1, 2018.

**SECTION 6.** Congress shall vote on this bill for permanent continuation, 5 years after its implementation.

**Section 7.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted, Aryan Chaudhary Bancroft School*

**A Bill to Safeguard the American Coastline by Raisin the Gas Tax**  
BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:  
Section 1. The United States Federal Excise Tax on gasoline shall be raised to 23.4 cents per gallon and 29.4 cents per gallon for diesel fuel.  
 A. A total of 15% of the funds from the Federal Excise Tax on gasoline will now be divided and distributed proportionately among coastal states for the purpose of rebuilding infrastructure destroyed by coastal natural disasters.

B. If it is determined by the Department of Transportation (DOT) that a state has improperly used these funds, the funding will be suspended pending review.

Section 2. “Suspended pending review” means that all pending transactions involving the state in question shall be canceled. The DOT is responsible for reviewing the state’s case and making a determination as to whether funding may continue in the future.

Section 3. The United States Department of the Interior, the United States Department of the Treasury, the United States Department of Transportation, and the United States Department of Homeland Security shall be responsible for the implementation and enforcement of this bill..  
 A. The Department of the Treasury shall oversee the collection of the federal gas tax and distribution of funds.  
 B. The Department of the Interior and the Department of Homeland Security shall evaluate the use of these funds.

SECTION 4. This bill shall be implemented one year after its passage.   
Section 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Senator Kevin Spear, Catholic Memorial.*

**A Bill to Lower the Corporate Tax Rate**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1**. The predominant marginal corporate income tax rate is hereby revised to 25 percent of taxable corporate income.

**Section 2**. All other components of the United States corporation income tax schedule are unaltered by this legislation.

**Section 3.** The Internal Revenue Service of the United States Department of the Treasury shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented on October 1, 2017.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Charles Gagnon.*

**A Bill to Increase Funding to the NIH**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1**. Funding for the National Institutes of Health is hereby increased by $10 billion annually.

**Section 2**. The National Institutes of Health conducts biomedical research itself and provides grant funding to universities conducting such research.

**Section 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall be responsible for the implementation of this legislation.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect immediately.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Luke Vrotsos, Natick High School.*

**A Bill to Downsize the Federal Government and Restore Power to the People**

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|  | **Peace Extremities Now Created In Libya, to Rectify Yesterday's Terrible External Rivalry**  **WHEREAS**, Libya is in a state of disarray since the civil war and has a lack of legitimate governance  **WHEREAS**, Terrorist groups such as the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria have been attempting to gain influence in Libya and have only temporarily been pushed out and  **WHEREAS**, The Islamic State of Iraq and Syria kills innocent civilians and perpetuates regional violence  **WHEREAS**, And a return of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria could destroy Libya’s hopes of a strong government; now, therefore, be it  **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for increased action against ISIS against ISIS; and, be it  **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the United States work with NATO to send a peace and security force to aid with building a strong government and prevent local conflict.  *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Anirudh Iyer, Shrewsbury High School.* |

*1)Super Scenario- To be posted on Tuesday evening*

*2)Chamber Assignments- authors from the same school will be dived between each other to maximize authorships*

*3)Schools should email Mr. Wexler with a list of their attending seniors. We have our annual senior ceremony during the lunch recess*

*Best, PW*