

# East Iowa District Congress *Docket*

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

- ✓ Bettendorf HS
- ✓ Burlington HS
- ✓ Davenport Central HS
- ✓ Davenport West HS
- ✓ Muscatine HS

Each school was asked to submit 2 pieces of legislation by *Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018*. I have received 7 pieces of legislation and placed them in this document. In order to ensure we do not run out of legislation, I have added additional pieces of legislation from the NSDA January 2018 Congress Docket. 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 NFL Nationals tournament. If a school is not represented in your chamber, the bill may be represented by any school in attendance.

The docket is **not** set and can be modified as desired when the session starts on *Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018*.

Each House or Senate will have 1 Parliamentarian who will rank students for their performance over the course of the entire day of Student Congress. Each session will have 2 scorers who will score and rank students. The top 2 students in the Senate and top student in the House will qualify to Nationals.

As of **Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**, our registration numbers are:

**8** Students in the **Senate** (4 schools represented, which means 4 more are required to meet the minimum number to hold a Senate)

**16** Students in the **House** (16+ students are required to host a House)

Therefore, at this time, East Iowa will **NOT** be able to run a Senate (until 4 additional schools register). The deadline for registration is *Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>*. **If** we have 4 additional schools by that point, East Iowa will qualify 2 students in the Senate and 1 student in the House to the NSDA Nationals tournament.

*One thing to remember:* students are only marked as “**present**” if the student gives a speech. Therefore, every school must speak in the Senate to ensure 2 students qualify to Nationals. At least 16 students must give a speech to ensure 1 student qualifies to Nationals in the House.

In addition, the qualifiers will select 1 piece of legislation to submit to the NSDA Nationals tournament to represent East Iowa. The legislation must be from one of the East Iowa schools and will be selected immediately after the tournament.

Thanks again for attending the East Iowa District Congress tournament. Good luck to all students involved.

Joe Rankin  
Bettendorf HS

## **A Bill For a New Transcontinental Transport System**

1. *Be it enacted by the Student Congress here assembled that:*
2. **Section 1:** The United States government will use their power of eminent domain for taking Tesla's
3. research, technology, and patent for the 'Hyperloop system' and release it into the public domain.
4. **Section 2:** With this technology in mind the United States will be divided up into zones for auction and
5. building of new Hyperloop transportation systems.
6. **Section 3:** To help these companies develop, the United States Government will subsidize the building
7. of the Hyperloop transportation systems.
8. **Section 4:** The United States will amend current transportation regulations as follows:
9. **Sub A:** All pedestrian travelers will be given the highest priority and will not be slowed by any cargo or
10. shipping products
11. **Sub B:** In no situation will a company prioritize their cargo over another company's cargo slowing
12. down their traffic.
13. **Sub C:** All shipments and cargo must be scheduled no later than a month in advance unless otherwise
14. approved by the Department of Transportation.
15. **Sub D:** All passengers will have priority if scheduled 2 days or more in advance.
16. **Section 5:** Any company and or person utilizing the Hyperloop transportation systems are subject to fair
17. travel and shipping laws.
18. **Sub A:** Companies and/or people found in violation of these Hyperloop transportation systems will
19. forfeit all subsidies and will be fined to the extent deemed right by the United States Court of law.
20. **Section 6:** This bill will go into effect on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

*Respectfully submitted by Bettendorf High School*

## **A Bill to Improve U.S. Infrastructure**

1. *Be it enacted by the student congress assembled here that:*
2. **Section 1:** The United States government will dramatically increase funding for improving American
3. infrastructure, including but not limited to: roads, airports, ports, and railways.
4. **Section 2:** The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) will have funding cut by
5. 10% across the board for all international aid efforts. This funding cut will cover the next 4 fiscal years
6. before being put under review for continuation for another 4 years.
7. **Section 3:** All resources obtained through the above spending cut will be redirected to the Department
8. of Transportation for use in improving American roads, airports, ports, railways, and other infrastructure
9. needs.
10. **Section 4:** The Department of Transportation will allocate funding to projects through a needs
11. assessment, focusing on:
12. **Subpoint A:** Directing funds to projects affecting the most of amount of travel on the given
13. infrastructure.
14. **Subpoint B:** Directing funds for the most necessity, based on the most recent survey data for safety and
15. reliability.
16. **Subpoint C:** Directing funds based on performance measures dictated by the Department of
17. Transportation.
18. **Section 5:** This bill will go into effect on November 1st, 2018.

*Respectfully submitted by Bettendorf High School*

## **A Bill Concerning Uniform Concealed Carry Permits**

1. *Be it enacted by the student congress assembled here that:*
2. **Section 1.** All laws for firearms concealed carry permits shall be uniform in all 50 states.
3. **Section 2.** No one can receive a concealed carry permit if they have been convicted of domestic abuse.
4. **Section 3.** Any citizen seeking a permit will be required to perform 10 hours of a firearm safety and
5. training class every 2 years.
6. **Section 4.** Citizens will be required to pass a mental health test before receiving a permit. If the test is
7. failed they will not receive the permit.
8. **Section 5.** Any citizen who fails these provisions will again be eligible to seek a permit in one calendar
9. year.
10. **Section 6.** Citizens convicted of a felony are prohibited from securing a valid permit to carry.
11. **Section 7.** Permit holders shall be at least 21 years old to be eligible.
12. **Section 8.** Citizens seeking a permit are not eligible if currently placed in rehabilitation for substance
13. abuse.
14. **Section 9.** Citizens seeking a permit are not eligible if they have received a dishonorable discharge from
15. the U.S. military.
16. **Section 10.** Terms of this legislation shall take force on January 1, 2019.

*Respectfully submitted by Davenport Central High School*

## **A Bill to Reinstate DACA**

1. *Be it enacted by the student congress assembled here that:*
2. **Section 1**- DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) shall be reinstated in the U.S.
3. **Section 2**- Immigrants who entered the U.S. illegally before their 16th birthday shall be allowed to stay
4. in the U.S. under the status of “permanent resident alien.”
5. **Section 3**- Permanent resident aliens who were brought to the U.S. illegally by their parent or parents
6. shall have the rights to education, employment and all other rights of immigrants who came to the U.S.
7. through legal channels.
8. **Section 4**- Those who migrated to the U.S. and meet the terms of this legislation shall shall be free to
9. work, live and thrive without governmental intervention.
10. **Section 5**- Any permanent resident who is still under the age of 21 shall be allowed up to two parent or
11. guardians who shall be allowed to stay legally in the U.S. until the immigrant reaches the age of 21.
12. **Section 6**- No other relative or guardian shall be protected under DACA.
13. **Section 7**- Terms of this legislation shall take the force of law on January 1, 2019

*Respectfully submitted by Davenport Central High School*

## **A Resolution to Legalize Brothels**

1. **WHEREAS**, prostitution continues to occur in many places in the United States; and
2. **WHEREAS**, women and men who choose to do it are scared of seeking help when needed; and
3. **WHEREAS**, diseases are spread when people have unprotected sex; and
4. **WHEREAS**, because it is illegal, there is no way to track or regulate the system; and
5. **WHEREAS**, resources and money tracking illegal prostitution could be better used; now,
6. **THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Congress here assembled that: brothels be legalized in the United
7. States.

*Respectfully submitted by Davenport West High School*

## **A Bill to Extend Eminent Domain Rights to Native American Tribes**

1. *BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:*
2. **SECTION 1.** Any section of land that exists within the tribal boundaries of a United States reservations
3. or native land shall be given the same legal considerations as non-tribal land in regards to eminent
4. domain.
5. **SECTION 2.** “Eminent domain” shall be defined as one party providing fair market value for use and
6. access to privately held land or property.
7. “Reservation or native land” shall be defined by the guidelines of 25 U.S. Code Chapter 24.
8. **SECTION 3.** Upon a declaration of eminent domain, representatives from the appropriate
9. governmental bodies shall meet with an appointed and designated negotiations team from the native
10. tribe that currently maintains ownership of said land. This team shall negotiate the terms of transfer and
11. fair market price for said land.
12. Fair compensation shall be appropriated as per normal means from the appropriate governmental budget.
13. **SECTION 4.** This law shall take effect on October 1st, 2019.
14. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted by John F. Kennedy High School*

**A Joint Resolution to Amend the Rules of the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate to Allow Each House to Compel the Attendance of the President of the United States to Answer Questions Before a Joint Session of Congress**

1. **Whereas**, accountability to the people is the cornerstone of American democracy, and,
2. **Whereas**, the executive, through the President of the United States, is only mandated to report to
3. Congress annually, and
4. **Whereas**, current access to the executive branch is conducted exclusively on the terms of said branch,
5. and
6. **Whereas**, democratic republics and constitutional monarchies the world over allow for direct
7. questioning of the leader of their governments by the legislative branches of those nations, and
8. **Whereas**, the executive branch has engaged in acts which overlap with the powers of the legislative
9. branch,
10. **Therefore**, be it RESOLVED, BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
11. That pending passage by the United States Senate and House of Representatives, as embodied by this
12. student congress here assembled, each House shall have the power to compel the attendance of the
13. President of the United States, or an agent representing said officer, to answer questions before each
14. body of Congress on a monthly basis, during a Joint Sitting of Congress, for a duration no shorter than
15. one hour per month.

*Respectfully submitted by John F. Kennedy High School*



## The Student Athlete Medical Act

1. **SECTION 1.** Intercollegiate Athletic Programs at 4 year universities will be required to adhere
2. to the following:
3. **A.** If a student athlete suffers an incapacitating injury or illness resulting from his/
4. her participation in the athletic program and therefore cannot compete, the athletic
5. program shall be responsible for renewing the scholarship funds [up to five years
6. or completion of degree, whatever comes first] in order to ensure the student can
7. continue with his/her education at the respective university.
8. **B.** The athletic program shall be responsible for paying the insurance deductible
9. amount applicable to the claim of any student athlete who suffers an injury
10. resulting from his or her participation in the athletic program and makes a claim
11. relating to that injury.
12. **C.** If a student athlete suffers an injury resulting from his or her participation in the
13. athletic program that requires ongoing medical treatment, the athletic program
14. shall provide, for a minimum of two years following the student athlete's
15. graduation or separation from the institution of higher education, the necessary
16. medical treatment.
17. **SECTION 2.** Any university that does not adhere to the above standards will lose 40% of their
18. federal funding
19. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.
20. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented July 1 2018.
21. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

## **A Bill to Tax the NCAA**

1. **SECTION 1.** The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) is hereby stripped of its
2. Non-Profit Status.
3. **SECTION 2.** “Non-Profit” is defined as a 501 C3; an entity that receives federal funding
4. subsidies and is excluded from federal taxing.
5. **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service will be in charge of implementation of this
6. legislation.
7. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented April 16 2018.
8. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

## A Resolution to Recognize Catalonia

1. **Whereas**, Catalonia has long considered itself a nation within a hostile state; and
2. **Whereas**, The history of its self-government has been repeatedly disrupted through acts of war
3. and dictatorships imposed by Central Spain; and
4. **Whereas**, The United States has its roots based in independence; and
5. **Whereas**, The United States has enormous leverage in the situation between Spain and an
6. emerging Catalonia; and
7. **Whereas**, The United States could use its influence to prevent a violent crackdown on the region
8. and encourage a peaceful separation; now therefore be it
9. **Resolved**, That the Congress here assembled recognize Catalonia as independent from Spain.

## **A Bill to House America**

1. **SECTION 1**. Section 8 of the Housing Act of 1937 is amended to redefine “extremely low
2. income” as “incomes not exceeding 45% of the local median or poverty line”
3. **SECTION 2**. This legislation shall have no financial impact on the Veterans Affairs Supportive
4. Housing (VASH).
5. **SECTION 3**. The Department of Housing and Urban Development shall oversee the
6. implementation of this legislation.
7. **SECTION 4** . This legislation shall be implemented upon passage.
8. **SECTION 5**. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

## **A Bill to Halt Communications with North Korea**

1. **SECTION 1.** The United States shall place economic sanctions on:
2. **A.** Any bank or company involved in purchases of North Korean minerals, coal, textiles,
3. or other goods that earn Pyongyang hard currency.
4. **B.** Any financial institution that provides services to North Korean banks, shipping lines
5. that call at North Korean ports and insurers that underwrite cargoes to and from
6. North Korea.
7. **SECTION 2.** These sanctions shall be lifted when the respective entities eliminate interaction
8. with the businesses and government of North Korea.
9. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Treasury and the Department of State shall oversee the passage
10. and implementation of this legislation.
11. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented upon passage.
12. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

## **A Bill to Identify CTE Before It's Too Late**

1. **SECTION 1. A.** \$50 million shall be given to the research, improvement, and creation of a
2. Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE) test.
3. **B.** This money shall be taken from the United States Military Budget (FY 2019).
4. **SECTION 2.** At the time of testing and development, professional athletes of the 4 major sports
5. leagues shall pay no fee to complete the test.
6. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Defense
7. shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.
8. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be passed on July 1 2018.
9. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

## **A Bill to Take Net Neutrality Back Three Years**

1. **SECTION 1.** This legislation will function as a Joint Resolution of Disapproval to overrule the
2. recent FCC's decision concerning net neutrality.
3. **SECTION 2.** The 2015 regulations that prohibited broadband providers from blocking
4. websites or charging for higher quality service of certain content will remain in
5. place.
6. **SECTION 3.** The Federal Communications Commission shall oversee the passage of this
7. legislation.
8. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented immediately upon passage [within the appropriate
9. 60 day time frame]
10. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void,

## **A Bill to Fund CHIP**

1. **SECTION 1.** The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) shall be renewed and funded
2. through 2022.
3. **SECTION 2.** The renewal of CHIP shall be funded by:
4. **A.** Cutting 6.3 billion dollars from the Prevention and Public Health Trust Fund
5. [over 5 years].
6. **B.** Increasing the amount Medicare beneficiaries pay on premiums by 35% [over 5
7. years].
8. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee the passage of this
9. legislation.
10. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect upon passage.
11. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.



## The REACH Act

1. **SECTION 1.** The complete text of the “Report and Educate About Campus Hazing” Act
2. (REACH) is hereby enacted.
3. **SECTION 2.** “Hazing” is defined as any intentional, knowing, or reckless act committed by a
4. student, or a former student, of an institution of higher education, whether
5. individually or in concert with other persons, against another student, that—
6. **A.** Was committed in connection with an initiation into, an affiliation with, or
7. the maintenance of membership in, any organization that is affiliated with
8. such institution of higher education; and
9. **B.** Contributes to a substantial risk of physical injury, mental harm, or
10. degradation or causes physical injury, mental harm or personal
11. degradation.
12. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall oversee the passage of this legislation.
13. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented on July 1 2018
14. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

## **A Bill to Abolish the Definition of Amateurism**

1. **SECTION 1.** **A.** The National Collegiate Athletic Association shall eliminate its definition of
2. 'amateurism' in order to comport to Section 1 of the Sherman Act.
3. **B.** Failure to do so will the result in the NCAA being stripped of its non-profit
4. status.
5. **SECTION 2.** "Amateurism" is someone who has not profited above his/her actual and
6. necessary expenses or gained a competitive advantage in his/her sport.
7. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education and The Federal Trade Commission shall oversee
8. the implementation of this legislation.
9. **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented July 1 2018
10. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.