

Hurricane Speech and Debate Invitational 2017



Student Congress Legislation Packet

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Orders of the Day

1. This body shall act as a federal body.
2. One chair shall be elected sixty minutes and shall appoint a timekeeper based on their own decision. Judges will be instructed to value a student's time as chair as they would one speech.
3. Students will use the docket proposed by the tournament. Students are responsible for printing their own copies of the docket.
4. Speeches shall last three minutes.
5. A mandatory two-minute questioning period will automatically follow each sponsorship speech and each 1st negative speech; all other speakers will have a one-minute questioning period.
6. Speeches shall alternate affirmative, negative, affirmative, etc.
7. Points of order and personal privileges shall not count off the speaker's time.
8. Amendment debates shall be limited to ten minutes, not to count off the original time of the main motion. When the ten minutes have passed, previous question will automatically be in order. Speakers on amendments shall be allowed three minutes of speaking time with a one minute questioning period and amendment speeches will count towards priority. Students proposing amendments are not guaranteed an "author/sponsor" speech. Any student may give the sponsorship speech, though strict priority must be followed.
9. All amendments shall be written and submitted to the Parliamentarian (or chair if there is no Parliamentarian) before they are to be considered. No amendments to amendments will be considered.
10. Objection to consideration will have a one-on-one debate. The objector will speak, followed by the sponsor. Each speech will last one minute, after which Previous Question is automatically in effect on the motion for objection to consideration. The sponsor's speech in defense will not count against his/her priority. Each congressperson will be limited to one objection to consideration motion/speech during the entire time convened which will count towards priority.
11. Motions for previous question cannot be made until after the first negative speech.

12. Strict Priority will be followed at all times and priority will carry over throughout the tournament. This does not include a Bloodbath round.
13. Obstructionists cannot be removed without permission from the tournament director.
14. The debate on the bills presented shall go in alphabetical order disregarding tags like "Resolution" and "Bill".
15. Orders of the day are NOT debatable or amendable.

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Extend the Term of Office to Four Years for Members of the United States House of Representatives

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

RESOLVED, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress;

ARTICLE --

SECTION 1: Term of Office for Members of the House of Representatives shall be extended as follows:

Four-year terms shall be implemented for the members of the United States House of Representatives through amending the Constitution for this purpose.

To do so, constitutional provision allows for proposal of an amendment either by a two-thirds majority vote by the Congress in both the House of Representatives and the Senate or by conducting a constitutional convention initiated by two-thirds of the State legislatures.

SECTION 2: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

A Resolution to Alter the Department of Education to Provide Safe Spaces and Trigger Warnings

WHEREAS, political polarization of America has alienated minorities and predominant groups alike;

Whereas, many citizens here in our nation have felt personally attacked on issues such as sexual violence, abuse, rape, harassment, and discrimination.

Whereas, any department that exists because of the U.S. Federal Government should have its constituents should treat all citizens in a non-discriminatory attitude.

Whereas, the Department of Education should focus on teaching the new generations on agreeable issues, not polarizing topics.

Whereas, there is also bipartisan agreement that we should not discriminate specifically on topics concerning sexual misconduct and abuse.

Be it RESOLVED that the Congress here assembled that the Department of Education should enforce regulation to provide safety and protection within elementary, secondary, and university schools and classrooms concerning topics on sexuality.

A Bill to Ban the Sale of Shark Fins

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. No person shall possess, trade, distribute, ship, transport, offer for sale, sell, purchase, import, export or anything else of the sort, shark fins or products containing shark fins within the United States.

SECTION 2. This will include both commercial and personal uses of such products inside the United States.

SECTION 3. The Department of the Interior should administer this act. Violations of act shall result in a penalty of no more than \$100,000 and up to five years imprisonment.

SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect as soon as it passes.

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

A Resolution to Open Federal Land to Limited Radioactive Material Mining

WHEREAS, Fossil Fuels account for approximately 65% of our energy production in the year of 2017.

WHEREAS, Nuclear power production has steadily grown over the past three decades, prompting a surge in the Uranium Mining sector.

WHEREAS, The United States Federal Government has recently completed reports on the uranium content of various sections of federal lands.

WHEREAS, The opening of these lands, such as the mining operations east of the Mississippi River, to the Uranium Mining sector would promote job growth, economic stability, and an emphasis on the development and usage of new nuclear reactors.

WHEREAS, The increase in use of nuclear reactors would contribute to U.S. efforts to reduce the country's carbon footprint.

Be it RESOLVED that the United States Congress here assembled should open federal lands to limited radioactive material mining efforts with the goal of increasing long term economic and environmental benefits.

A Bill to Enable and Prioritize the American Economy

Preamble: WHEREAS, there are more imports in the United States than there are exports; Whereas, 2.16 trillion U.S. Dollars are imported, and 1.38 trillion U.S. Dollars are exported; Whereas, the United States of America has a negative trade balance of 777 billion U.S. Dollars in net imports; Whereas, most foreign countries pay next to nothing in tariffs, and the average trade tax is 1.64 percent on imported goods; Whereas, many companies have also outsourced jobs overseas, and over 5 million manufacturing jobs have been taken away from the U.S. economy, and has been outsourced to other U.S. trading partners.

Be it enacted by the House of Representatives of the United States of America here assembled,

SECTION 1: These definitions of terms have been identified to avoid the possibility of a misconstrued phrase. Here are the terms as follows:

- (1) The term 'Prioritize' means to "designate something to be more important than others".
- (2) The term 'Enable' means to "make something activated".
- (3) The term 'Tariff' means "a tax on imports".

SECTION 2: The current tariff rate (on average, according to the World Bank) is 1.64%, and has decreased from 3.99% back in 1991. This, in turn, has lowered federal revenue and has affected our trade balance.

- (1) There will be a 5% increase on the global tariff, bringing up the tax up to a 6.64%.
 - (a) This tariff will go into full effect in the Fiscal Year of 2019.

SECTION 3: Currently, there is no benefit for the buyer to purchase American products. Implementing a 25% sales tax deduction on all products that originate from the United States of America would stimulate and incentivize buyers to "go American".

SECTION 4: Non-defense programs will be cut by 5%, and the F-35 along with the Carrier Replacement Program from the military will be cut.

- (1) A total of 73.4 Billion will be cut from the non-discretionary budget.

SECTION 5: By enacting this bill, this will also enact the "Attract International Business Program", which will do as follows:

- (1) Companies that migrate the United States can apply for a 33% corporate tax deduction for 3 years, and must stay in the United States for 15 years to achieve this tax deduction.

- (a) Also, the company must provide substantial proof that their presence has positively impacted the community in which they reside in.

All proposals within the legislation above will go into full effect in the First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2020. All laws that would be considered in conflict with the proposed legislation would be considered null and void.

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Elect the Presidency of the United States by Popular Vote

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

RESOLVED, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress;

ARTICLE --

SECTION 1: The President and Vice President of the United States shall be elected as follows:

Each State and The District constituting the seat of Government of the United States shall hold an election, on a day appointed by law by the Congress of the United States, in which their citizens, registered to do so, shall cast a single vote for President and Vice President jointly. Names of candidates may not be joined unless they shall have consented thereto and no candidate may consent to the candidate's name being joined with that of more than one other person. The election and the counting of votes shall be conducted by an organization of the Executive Branch appointed and empowered to do so by the Congress of the United States. A duty of this organization shall be to put the names of joined candidates who have gathered a certain number, as to be determined by the Congress, of valid signatures of those eligible to vote, on the ballot. The candidates for President and Vice-President receiving the most votes across the entirety of the States and The District constituting the seat of Government of the United States shall be the President and Vice-President respectively.

SECTION 2: This article shall not be construed as limiting the ability of States and The District constituting the seat of Government of the United States to establish by law, early voting, mail-in voting, or other forms of voting where the ballot is lawfully cast before the date established by Congress.

SECTION 3: The number of signatures needed, which shall be set by the Congress, shall not exceed one Fiftieth of the population registered to vote or eligible to do so, which is to be determined by the most recent census. The signatories shall affix their signature in support of only one set of joined candidates, otherwise their signatures shall be invalid.

SECTION 4: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

A Bill to Amend the Constitution to Strengthen Government Transparency

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All laws proposed should be open to both lawmakers and the public alike 4 weeks before debate starts on said law.

- (1) All laws/bills that do not require a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority have to go through a bipartisan committee for further examination

SECTION 2. All orders/operations of the executive branch that require Congressional approval must be passed through a bipartisan committee

- (1) Anything dealing with militaristic operations, war, and treaties will be exempt from this. Militaristic operations will be defined as a military operation that requires approval by congress and a treaty will be defined as something either ending an ongoing war or creating alliances/agreements. ‘

SECTION 3. Section 7, Clause 2, will be changed to fit this.

SECTION 4. All laws in conflict with this legislation are declared null and void.

SECTION 5. This bill will go into effect in the August 2018.

A Bill to Reinstate the Fairness Doctrine

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Fairness Doctrine will be re-implemented by the FCC as a governing policy.

SECTION 2. The Fairness Doctrine shall be defined as the policy abolished by the FCC in 1987 that was primarily concerned with the news media providing a variety of viewpoints on any given topic.

SECTION 3. The FCC will oversee implementation of this legislation.

(1) Any necessary funding will be drawn from the budget of the FCC.

SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect three months after passage.

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

A Bill to Create an All Encompassing Gun Control Law

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A person must be deemed mentally fit/stable by a mental health expert before they may buy a gun/firearm. If deemed mentally unfit they may not buy a firearm, any firearm accessories, or ammunition.

- (1) Mental stability will be defined as a state of well-being in which every individual realizes his or her own potential, can cope with the normal stresses of life, can work productively and fruitfully, and is able to make a contribution to her or his community. A person who is mentally stable cannot have mental illnesses such as Schizophrenia, paranoid personality disorder, delusional disorder or other related illnesses. This does NOT mean that people with mental illnesses such as anxiety, ADHD, and other related illnesses will be prohibited from buying guns.

SECTION 2. A person must not have a previous criminal record. If found with a criminal record they will be prohibited from buying a gun.

- (1) This means that a person cannot have a record of assault or other similar violent crimes. This also means that a person cannot have any charges related to the crime of drug trafficking, drug possession, drug distribution, drug manufacturing, and drug cultivation.

SECTION 3. If a person is under investigation by the United States Government or on any watch lists they may not buy a gun for at least a 6 month period. If said person is still under investigation and is still on a watch list then they may not buy a gun. This includes people who are on the United States Government “no fly” list.

SECTION 4. If a person wants to buy a firearm or any of the accessories that come with that firearm they must have at least a 1 month waiting period.

- (1) This is to give enough time for the establishment in which the person is trying to buy a firearm to run background checks and to see if said person meets all requirements. This does not include a mental health check. That should be done on the person's own time.

SECTION 5. This legislation shall go into effect in the year of 2020.

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

A Bill to Ban the Sale of Shark Fins

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. No person shall possess, trade, distribute, ship, transport, offer for sale, sell, purchase, import, export or anything else of the sort, shark fins or products containing shark fins within the United States.

SECTION 2. This will include both commercial and personal uses of such products inside the United States.

SECTION 3. The Department of the Interior should administer this act. Violations of act shall result in a penalty of no more than \$100,000 and up to five years imprisonment.

SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect as soon as it passes.

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

A Resolution to Embargo Russia

WHEREAS, Russian Officials have attempted extensively to impact American elections to have results where the elected government officials would help Russia's agenda.

Whereas, they have also engaged in multiple international conflicts, with influencing wars such as the Georgian War and the Crimean War.

Whereas, Russia also claims to be a democracy where there is substantial evidence where their own elections were rigged to Vladimir Putin.

Whereas, the United States Federal Government should not allow foreign influence under the Article I, Section 9, Clause 8 of the Constitution.

Therefore, be it RESOLVED by the Congress here assembled that we should embargo Russia for the reasons above.

A Bill to Loosen Adoption Regulations

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. A 5 year background check will be required of all couples applying to adopt a child. This background will cover things like criminal record, health, and mental health.

SECTION 2. An interview and a home visit requirement will be required in order to adopt a child. The couple will be notified of this home visit before hand.

SECTION 3. All expenses involving adoptions other than things required to take care of a child will be sliced in half by the year 2019.

SECTION 4. This bill will take effect in September of 2018.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this piece of legislation will be declared null and void.