2018

Student Congress Legislation Packet*

*As assembled by the Utah Debate Coaches Association.
Orders of the Day

1. This body shall act as a federal body.

2. One chair shall be elected every hour 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 director. The docket should consist of selections from the UDCA-approved list. 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. Orders of the day are NOT debatable or amendable.
A Bill to Ban the Importation or Selling of Slave-made Products within the United States of America

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Whereas slavery is still a major problem in the world and annually grosses over $150 billion, the importation or selling of all slave-made products shall be banned in the United States (US).

SECTION 2. The following terms are defined as

Slavery: the economic system where people labor for another without compensation and are in the state of a slave.

Slave: a person who is the legal property (as determined by the Justice Department) of another and is forced to labor for them.

SECTION 3. The Federal Trade Commission and the Justice Department will oversee the enforcement of this bill.

A. Upon implementation, all current products within the United States that are a result of slave production shall be declared contraband and seized by the Justice Department, following the due process of law.

The US companies of all products seized shall be compensated.

B. 120 days after implementation, all US companies who buy slave-made products will have those products seized and destroyed without compensation upon importation.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect as of January 1, 2020.

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

Submitted by Tanner Lee, Intermountain Christian School.
A Resolution to Ban the Confederate Flag from Government Property

WHEREAS, the Confederate Flag, also known as the Tennessee Battle flag, has been a symbol of hate since 1948; and

WHEREAS, the majority of states from the south have removed the flag from their own state flags; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the population doesn’t support the flag on government grounds; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that we take any sign of the Tennessee Battle flag, more commonly known as the Confederate flag, off of federal grounds, with the exception of educational purposes.

Submitted by Preston Knutson of Grantsville High School.
A Bill to Shut Down Guantanamo Bay

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Guantanamo Bay Detention Camp is now shut down.

SECTION 2. All prisoners located at the camp will be moved to federal prisons. Those who have yet to be convicted will undergo due process.

SECTION 3. Bureau of Federal Prisons shall work in joint with U.S. Navy to oversee enforcement of this bill.

SECTION 4. This shall take effect immediately.

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

Submitted by Preston Knutson of Grantsville High School.
A Bill to Decrease Trade with China

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Trade with India will take over trade with China, specifically with goods and services. 16% of America’s personal spending is currently being spent on trade with China, this bill will transition that spending from trading with China to trading with India.

SECTION 2. Goods shall be defined as tangible products that consumers buy to meet their needs. Services shall be defined as to pay for a skill which can help meet a person’s needs.

SECTION 3. The United States Department of Treasury will be in charge of transitioning trade from China to India.

A. All tariffs for China shall stay in effect.

SECTION 4. This bill will start to take effect on January 1, 2021

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

Submitted for consideration by Park City High School
A Bill to Enact Extensive Immigration Reform

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Federal government shall hire more judges for the USCIS in order to review immigrant cases at a faster pace, fund 95% of the USCIS budget which previously came from the immigrants themselves to lessen immigration costs on the migrants, and raise green card caps as well as worker visas by a total of 50,000 to assuage the current practical lottery system in which the hopeful immigrant participates in to migrate to the United states. As it stands now this organization is overworked, understaffed, and woefully unprepared to combat the hundreds of thousands of cases in the immigration backlog.

SECTION 2. Immigration costs will be defined as the processing fees levied by the united states on its immigrants

SECTION 3. The USCIS, DOT, DOJ, and ICE shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation via
   A. Commencing the vetting and hiring of judges
   B. Reducing the fees paid by current immigrants coming into the US
   C. Beginning to review which nations shall receive an increase to their immigration caps

SECTION 4. This legislation shall be enacted at the start of the next fiscal year

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

Submitted by Ashley Palmer of Northridge High School.
A Bill to Establish The Trans Indian Partnership for Cohesive Economic Benefit

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States and India, consistent with Article XXIV of GATT 1994 and Article V of GATS, hereby establish free trade area Agreement.

SECTION 2. This agreement entails that goods and services can be conducted across their common borders without tariffs or hindrances

A. This will benefit the Large economy of the United states as well as the Rising Economy of the Republic of India

SECTION 3. This will be implemented by the department of Commerce

A. Within the Department of Commerce The International Trade Administration will carry out this issue specifically

SECTION 4. This Bill will take into effect at the end of the fiscal year of 2018

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

Submitted By Woods Cross High School
A Bill to Regulate Pharmaceutical Drug Prices

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Pharmaceutical drug companies will now have to be regulated on their pricing. Their prices will not exceed a 15% profit margin.

SECTION 2. Pharmaceutical drug companies are defined as any company that sales a drug that requires a doctor’s note to use. Profit margins is defined as the amount by which revenue from sales exceeds costs in a business which includes research and development, employees costs, marketing, etc.

SECTION 3. The Food and Drug Administration will oversee the implementation of this bill.

SECTION 4. This will be in effect on January 1st, 2019

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

Submitted by Preston Knutson of Grantsville High School.
A Resolution to Allow a Pathway to Citizenship for Migrant Families

WHEREAS, Children from immigrants are being separated from their parents at the border; and

WHEREAS, Over 2,000 Children since July 2018 have been sent to the Custody of the Department of Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, Mental health groups, and human rights organizations all say this could cause serious, lasting harm to children and their parents; and

WHEREAS, There is limited pathway for citizenship for immigrant families; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled, we stop the separation of immigrant families; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That these families should have priority for H-1b visas under the Immigration and Nationality Act, section 101(a)(15)(H) to stop children and families from being separated.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Green Canyon High School
A Resolution to Convert the United States to a Single-Payer Healthcare System

WHEREAS, the healthcare crisis in the United States seemingly sees no end on its current course of action; and

WHEREAS, Social Security and other forms of alternative medicine payment such as Medicare and Medicaid are predicted to run out of sufficient funding; and

WHEREAS, without alternative payment many citizens in the lower and middle class will have no methods of receiving quality healthcare; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that the United States Federal Government will progressively make the switch to a Single-Payer healthcare system by 2021, strictly emulating the Danish health care system.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Copper Hills High School
A Resolution to Ensure the Right to Be Forgotten

WHEREAS, Internet users’ information is collected and often disseminated to third parties, allowing the user’s information to stay existent on the internet

WHEREAS, search engines, indexers, publishers, social media platforms, and others gather information for advertisers. Recently the information can be gathered on users has become refined to the point of knowing far past the identity of the user.

WHEREAS, Due to recent informational breaches and, 88% of Americans would like to have the right to be forgotten, or be able to request that their records and information are deleted.;

WHEREAS, other developed democracies have acknowledged the need for a right for privacy and have passed laws to ensure it. An example of this is the European Union’s European Data Protection Directive (Directive 95/46/EC) to regulate the processing of personal data. This is now considered a component of human rights law. now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that search engines, indexers, publishers and any other persons or entities which make available, on or through the internet or other widely used computer-based network, program or service, information about an individual to remove such information, upon the request of the individual, within thirty days of such request.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Highland High School
A BILL TO REIMPLEMENT THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT’S SPENDING FOR TITLE I STUDENTS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Subsection (l) of 42 U.S. Code 280h-5 shall be changed to read “For purposes of carrying out this section, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2019 through 2024”

SECTION 2. 42 U.S. Code 280h-5 was a piece of legislation which provided fundings for a school to create school-based health centers for children and adolescents who are medically underserved

SECTION 3. The Department of Health and Human Services in conjunction with the Department of Education will be in charge of overseeing the implementation of this bill

A. An initial $200 Million of funding for this legislation will come out of the budget of the Department of Health of Human Services

SECTION 4. These changes will go into effect in the beginning of the fiscal year of 2019

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

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Submitted by Cottonwood High School
A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Minimize GMO Monopolies

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 1 Section 8 Paragraph 8

SECTION 1: The Intellectual property clause shall now state “To promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts, by securing for limited times to Authors and Inventors the exclusive Right to their Respective Writings and Discoveries, Excluding Genetically Engineered Organisms”.

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

Submitted by Woods Cross High School
A Resolution to Help the Rohingya by Funding Bangladesh

WHEREAS, the Rohingya people were persecuted in an ethnic cleanse by the Myanmar government and have fled their country.

WHEREAS, the United Nations estimates that about 1 million Rohingya have taken refuge across the border into Bangladesh.

WHEREAS, Bangladesh does not have enough money to support their people and the Rohingya people on their own.

WHEREAS, the Rohingya people are not ready to go back to Myanmar, and Myanmar is not ready to take back the Rohingya refugees that fled to Bangladesh.

WHEREAS, The United States has given aid to victims of similar atrocities such as the Five Billion Dollar allotment to Syrian refugees.

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that the United States will give Bangladesh One Billion Dollars from the US AID budget specifically for helping the Rohingya people, at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

Introduced for congressional debate by Flathead High School
A Resolution to Limit Civil Asset Forfeiture

**WHEREAS,** The practice of civil forfeiture allows law enforcement to seize people's property without due process.

**WHEREAS,** Police nationwide have seized $2.5 billion in cash from almost 62,000 people since 2001 without warrants or indictments.

**WHEREAS,** Many states have recognized this issue by implementing civil forfeiture reform and restrictions.

**WHEREAS,** Iowa has been a pioneer of limiting civil asset forfeiture

**RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled for local law enforcement agencies to receive federal funding they can only seize civil assets if the owner is first convicted in criminal court.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Clearfield High School*
A Resolution to Leave the United Nations

1 WHEREAS, the United Nations is dangerously close to becoming a one-world government; and
2 WHEREAS, NATO is more effective than UN troops; and
3 WHEREAS, the Iraqi people have suffered greatly by UN economic sanctions; and
4 WHEREAS, the UN lacks any real substance of enforcement; and
5 WHEREAS, the United Nations has five nations that can veto any resolution that the majority of the U.N. members agreed upon; now, therefore, be it
6 RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that we disband our ties with the United Nations; and be it
7 FURTHER RESOLVED, that we also recommend that the United Nations moves its headquarters outside the United States.