

**The 2019  
Sunvitational**

**Logistics &  
Legislation Packet**

## **Schedule:**

Saturday, January 12, 2019

**Session I** 9:00 a.m.

**Session II** 1:00 p.m.

**Session III** 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 13, 2019

**Semifinals** 9:00 a.m.

**Finals** 1:30 p.m.

**Awards** 6:30 p.m.

*For any rule this packet doesn't cover, we will operate under NSDA rules.*

### **Cross Examination:**

In prelims, we will use traditional questioning. For both semifinals and finals, however, we will use direct questioning. For direct questioning, the questioning period will be divided into 30-second blocks.

Competitors may not permanently amend or remove the questioning period in prelims, semifinals, or finals. Competitors may not extend questioning when employing direct questioning. These rules cannot be suspended.

### **Chambers:**

Prelim chambers will be posted the morning of the tournament. Our goal is to keep the chambers to small sizes to maximize the number of times students can speak.

### **Prelims:**

Each prelim session will last three hours. Competitors should not begin a new speech with fewer than five minutes remaining in the session.

Legislation for all rounds has been taken from school submissions. At least 1 piece of legislation was included in the packet from each school that submitted legislation. Three bills per session have been provided for prelims. The competitors will select the order those bills are debated, but only those three bills can be debated during that session.

In accordance with NSDA rules, for all legislation that has a written author on it that author shall receive authorship priority. However, students from the same school as the author will not receive sponsorship priority.

### **Semifinals & Finals:**

The semifinal and final rounds will continue until every competitor has spoken twice.

Three bills are being provided for the semifinals session. Competitors may debate the three pieces of legislation however they want (i.e. everyone speaking on only two bills or splitting the session into three debates). Either way, no competitor may speak more than twice in the semifinal round.

Only two bills are being provided for the finals sessions. The purpose of this is to remove politicking from the final round topic selection and ensure that students are not forced to prepare on a topic they will not end up debating. The tradeoff for this is the following rule for the final round: Competitors may not call for the previous question until every competitor has spoken on the bill. This means that everyone who advances to the final round must speak on each bill once.

### **Legislation Order:**

#### *Session 1:*

1. A Bill to Nationalize the Private Sector of Space Exploration
2. A Bill to Grant Asylum to the Caravan Immigrants
3. A Bill to Increase the Wages of Military Employees in Order to Incentivize Recruitment

#### *Session 2:*

1. The Vote By Mail Act of 2019
2. A Bill to Rebuild Afghanistan
3. A Bill to Restrict E-Cigarette Flavors

#### *Session 3:*

1. A Bill to Increase Infrastructure Funding
2. A Bill to Sanction China to End Re-Education Camps

3. A Bill to Create an Outside Institution to Independently Investigate Accusations of Police Misconduct

*Semifinal Session:*

1. A Bill to Reform Immigration Policy
2. The Agricultural Welfare Act of 2018
3. A Bill to Promote Mandarin Language Education

*Final Session:*

1. A Bill to Abolish Stock Buybacks
2. A Bill to Account for Executive Power

# Session 1

# A Bill to Nationalize the Private Sector of Space Exploration

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All private companies whose sole purpose is space exploration will be  
3 nationalized and considered a branch of the National Aeronautics and  
4 Space Administration (NASA).

5 **SECTION 2.** Space exploration shall be defined as any venture outside of the Earth's  
6 atmosphere.

7 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be implemented by the US Department of Commerce in  
8 conjunction with NASA.

9 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dashiell DeStefano of Ransom Everglades School.*

## **A Bill to Grant Asylum to the Caravan Immigrants**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The United States shall grant asylum to the caravan migrants.

**SECTION 2.** Asylum is defined as the protection granted by a nation to someone who has left their native country as a political refugee.

**SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of State will be responsible for the implementation of this bill.

A) Specifically, they will be in charge of ensuring the safety of these caravan migrants.

**SECTION 4:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby null and void.

*Respectfully submitted, Aryan Ranjan from American Heritage School*

# A Bill to Increase the Wages of Military Employees in Order to Incentivize Recruitment

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** All positions within the five military branches will receive a \$15,000  
2 increase to their starting wages.

3 **SECTION 2.** Military Employees shall be defined as all workers employed by the Army,  
4 Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard.

5 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be put into effect as of January 1st, 2022

6 **SECTION 4.** The U.S. Department of Defence will oversee the allocation of funds and  
7 enforcement of this bill.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Federico Mata.*



# Session 2

# The Vote By Mail Act of 2019

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The full text of the Vote by Mail Act of 2017 (H.R. 2669/S.1231) is hereby  
3 enacted.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Vote By Mail Act includes (but is not limited to) the following  
5 provisions:

6 A. Not less than two weeks prior to a Federal election, State election  
7 officials must mail a ballot to every registered voter.

8 B. Ballots may be returned by postage-free mail or may be dropped off  
9 at designated collection centers.

10 C. All eligible voters who engage in a transaction with the State's motor  
11 vehicle authority will automatically be registered to vote.

12 **SECTION 3.** The United States Postal Service shall jointly oversee implementation of  
13 this legislation with the Department of Justice.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect upon the expiration of the 180-day period  
15 which begins on the date of the enactment of this Act.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lake Highland*

# A Bill to Rebuild Afghanistan

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- Section 1.** A. The United States shall send 1 billion dollars in humanitarian aid to Afghanistan annually.
- B. The United States shall remove all remaining US troops stationed in Afghanistan by January 1, 2024.
- Section 2.** Aid shall be defined as 20% food and medical aid. 15% for infrastructure. 15% for agriculture. 50% shall be used to rebuild the government and military.
- Section 3.** The Department of State shall enforce the provisions of this legislation.
- A. The United States will work with NGOs to distribute the humanitarian aid
- B. The Department of Defense and State will work in conjunction to conduct yearly audits and can withdraw the aid if it is misused.
- Section 4.** The provisions of this legislation shall be enforced on January 1st, 2019.
- Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Moosa Naeem from Western High School*

## **A Bill to Restrict E-Cigarette Flavors**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** E-Cigarette and flavor manufacturers shall only be permitted to produce products with tobacco or menthol flavors.

**SECTION 2.** E-Cigarette shall be defined as “a cigarette-shaped device containing a nicotine-based liquid that is vaporized and inhaled, used to simulate the experience of smoking tobacco”.

**SECTION 3.** A. The Food and Drug Administration shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

B. Any E-Cigarette or related product manufacturer found to be producing products with flavors other than tobacco or menthol shall be fined \$250,000, and shall have production suspended until they cease production of illegal products.

**SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect

**SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with the provisions of this bill shall be declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*David Swartzlander  
Newsome High School*

# Session 3

**A BILL TO INCREASE INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States congress shall add 50 billion dollars to the infrastructure budget  
3 in the fiscal year 2020.

4 **SECTION 2.** Infrastructure spending shall be defined as programs that support transportation,  
5 roads, airports, waterways, ports, wastewater, power, and other key facilities.

6 **SECTION 3.** The U.S Department of Transportation in conjunction with the Office of  
7 Infrastructure shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

8 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on October 1, 2019.

9 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with the provisions of this bill are hereby declared null and  
10 void.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Race Lamboley  
Sarasota High School*

## **A Bill to Sanction China to End Re-Education Camps**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1.** The United States shall cease exporting agricultural goods to China to end re-education camps. The trade restriction shall be lifted when re-education camps cease to be prevalent in China.

**Section 2.** A. Re-education camps shall be defined as internment camps operated by the Xinjiang local government for people accused of religious extremism.

B. Agricultural goods shall include, but are not limited to, soybeans, corn, cotton, and grain.

**Section 3.** The State Department shall oversee the enforcement of this bill.

**Section 4.** This bill shall be implemented on January 1, 2019.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Erin Grilliot, St. Thomas Aquinas High School*

**A Bill to create an Outside Institution to Independently Investigate Accusations of Police Misconduct**

1 *Be it enacted by this Congress here assembled that:*

2 **Article I:** The United States shall employ a new Independent Agency to investigate  
3 police misconduct allegations

4 **Article II:** Police Misconduct will be defined as, “instances in which action by  
5 a Police Officer was believed by a credible accuser to be out of line with  
6 the expectations of the office.”

7 **Article III:** The Institution to Investigate Police Misconduct (IIPM) begins operation  
8 January 20<sup>th</sup> 2021

9 **Article IV:** The Department of Justice will oversee the Organization and  
10 Implementation of the IIPM

11 A) Police Departments are required to route all allegations to the IIPM

12 B) Police Departments are required to fully cooperate with the IIPM under  
13 penalty of termination and probable prosecution

14 C) Police Officers found to be tampering with an investigation will be  
15 receive the same treatment as an officer found guilty of the highest  
16 form of misconduct

17 **Article V:** All laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be declared  
18 null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

John I Leonard High School



# Semifinals

## **A Bill to Reform Immigration Policy**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1.** The United States will send \$84 million dollars to the Mexican Commission for Refugee Assistance and \$95 million dollars in aid to the Northern Triangle in the form of “soft side” developmental assistance.

**Section 2.** “Soft side” developmental assistance will be defined as programs and systems providing economic assistance, education, military training, etc.

**Section 3.** USAID shall oversee the distribution of these funds with oversight from this Congress.

A. Congress will maintain the right of organizing the budget for aid to the Northern Triangle.

B. Congress will also maintain the right to remove this funding if misused or distributed incorrectly by COMAR and USAID, respectively.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into affect in FY 2019.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Rep. Natalie Navarrete*

*Almada Independents*

# The Agricultural Welfare Act of 2018

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. All federal farm subsidies shall be disbanded.

3 B. Farm subsidies funding shall be redirected to increase funding towards  
4 the SNAP program.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. Subsidies shall be defined as any federal allocation or benefit of money  
6 in any form for any program providing marketing loans or agricultural  
7 disaster aid to individual farmers, to farm businesses or corporations, or  
8 for agricultural and food research and development programs.

9 B. SNAP shall be defined as a program providing aid to low income  
10 individuals and families in order to buy food.

11 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) shall be responsible  
12 for the overseeing and enforcing this bill.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Rep. Asher Moss  
Independent*

# A Bill to Promote Mandarin Language Education

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. \$500 million annually shall be given in grants to public K-12 schools in  
3 order to run Mandarin language education programs.

4 B. A guest worker program will be established to allow qualified teachers  
5 of Mandarin Chinese to teach in the United States.

6 **SECTION 2.** “Public K-12 Schools” are taxpayer-funded schools free to the general  
7 public with students from kindergarten to twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) grade. The  
8 “Mandarin” language shall be defined as the standard and official form of  
9 the Chinese language. The “guest worker” program consists of recruiting  
10 qualified foreign nationals to work full time teaching Mandarin at a public  
11 K-12 school, and the provision of cap-exempt H1B visas to do so.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education and the United States Citizenship and  
13 Immigration Services will oversee implementation of this legislation.

14 A. Priority for funding will be given to elementary schools and Title 1  
15 schools.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect July 1, 2020 in preparation for the 2020-  
17 2021 school year.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Albert Zhang, Buchholz High School.*

**Finals**

## A BILL TO ABOLISH STOCK BUYBACKS

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Stock buybacks on the open market shall hereby be abolished. Buybacks done  
3 through tender offers will not be affected under this bill.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. “National securities exchange” shall be defined as securities exchange that is  
5 registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under Section 6 of the  
6 Securities Exchange Act.

7 B. The terms “exchange” and “issuer” shall have the definitions given to them in  
8 Section 3 of the Securities Exchange Act.

9 C. “Stock buyback” shall be defined as the re-acquisition by a company of its own  
10 stock with intention of artificially inflating its own stock.

11 D. “Tender offer” shall be defined as a public offer to buy shares of a corporation  
12 with the intention of gaining controlling interest in the target corporation.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Securities and Exchange Commission shall enact regulations to direct  
14 national securities exchanges and issuers, as defined in Section 2, to comply with  
15 this Act.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be fully implemented by the first quarter of 2020.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Rep. Sara Almosawi*

*Windermere High School*

## A Bill to Account for Executive Power

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 is amended such that the

3 President must receive the approval, by majority vote, of both Houses of Congress  
4 to restrict imports of foreign goods on the grounds of national security.

5 B. The 10% tariff on aluminum and the 25% tariff on steel imposed by the President  
6 via executive orders on March 8, 2018 are hereby repealed.

7 **SECTION 2.** The term “national security” refers to the protection of the United States, including  
8 but not limited to its citizens, institutions, and economy. “Restriction of imports”  
9 refers to the imposition of tariffs, quotas, or other means to reduce the amount of  
10 imports of foreign goods.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Commerce will enforce this legislation. The Department will not  
12 impose any restrictions on imports under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act  
13 without Congressional approval as outlined in Section 1 of this legislation.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

16 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jim Royal*