

SFCFL 4: February 10, 2024

Student Congress Legislation Preliminary Sessions Varsity & Novice

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:

- Chambers will be released on the day of the tournament.
- All agendas of published legislation (this packet) should be set in chamber.
- **All Congress sessions should run 2 hours of debate and not end prior to the 2 hours.**
- *Base systems do not exist during this tournament.*
- Students **may not suspend** questioning periods for more speeches.
- **Only published legislation (in this packet) may be debated during any session.**
- Students *may* introduce new legislation only after every single piece of legislation is debate at least twice (two speeches) within this packet.
- Students violating any protocols, rule or regulations may be removed from chamber and/tournament.
- Please direct any questions to the tabulation room (or coach lounge as published on Speechwire)

A Bill to Remove Race and Ethnicity from College Admission Applications

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** No post-secondary school will ask the race or ethnicity of
2 any applicant as part of their admission application. Applicants may still
3 write about their backgrounds in their essays, and applicants may still
4 apply scholarships based on race and ethnicity.

5 **SECTION 2.** Post-secondary school education refers to education that
6 occurs after the completion of secondary school education (often referred
7 to as high school). Post-secondary schools include universities, colleges,
8 and adult technical and vocational schools.

9 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Education will be
10 responsible for the implementation of this bill.

11 A. Any post-secondary school that violates the provisions of this bill will
12 subject to the loss of all or part of the federal funds provided to the
13 school.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect in the next admissions cycle
15 following the passage of this bill. All laws in conflict with this legislation are
16 hereby declared null and void.

17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28

A Bill to Restrict the Use of Artificial Intelligence technologies in Healthcare

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Artificial Intelligence and Large Language Models are hereby banned from
3 use in healthcare settings unless a human operator retains decision-making
4 control at every step of the process. Under no circumstances should the
5 aforementioned technologies be implemented without proper controls.

6 **SECTION 2.** “Artificial Intelligence” is defined as any technology which makes
7 autonomous decisions without human input. “Large Language Models” are
8 defined as any chatbot technology that can process natural language and
9 autonomously generate a response.

10 **SECTION 3.** Enforcement of this bill will be delegated to the Department of Health and
11 Human Services. Healthcare entities found to be in violation of this bill will be
12 fined no less than \$10,000 per violation.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately after passing. All laws in conflict
14 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

26

27

28

29

30

A Bill to Lower Prescription Drug Costs

Section 1: The United States will enact a markup cap for all prescription drugs.

A. The United States will cap markup prices by companies at 7% for prescription drugs.

B. Companies that refuse to follow the legislation will have a federal tax on profits double than the percentage of markup costs.

Section 2: The following definitions apply:

A. Prescription drugs will be defined as any drug that is obtained with a prescription.

B. Markup caps will be defined as a method to prevent companies from marking up manufactured products to gain more profit.

Section 3: The Food and Drug Administration along with the Internal Revenue Service will be responsible for the implementation of this bill.

Section 4: This legislation will take effect at the start of FY 2026.

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

A Bill to Enhance Jurisdiction Towards Federal Knowledge (The J.F.K. Act)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1. A.** The United States shall hereby establish a joint committee to oversee
2 the classification and ethicality of CIA operations, act as
3 an ethics committee, and call for the prosecution of CIA officials if
4 deemed necessary.
- 5 **B.** Executive Order 13526 shall hereby be modified so that the CIA can
6 only keep documents classified for 5 years. After that time, documents
7 will be subject to judgment via the committee who will then determine
8 how many years the information may remain classified. The maximum
9 amount of time a document shall be allowed to remain classified will
10 be set at 15 years.
- 11 **SECTION 2. A.** The committee shall consist of 5 military generals (one from each
12 branch) and shall be selected by the President and approved by the
13 Senate, the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Attorney General, and
14 4 federal prosecutors to be chosen by the Attorney General and
15 approved by the Senate.
- 16 **B.** The Secretary of Homeland Security shall be responsible for calling
17 for meetings of the committee and maintaining order during meetings.
- 18 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security in conjunction with the
19 Department of Defense and the Department of Justice shall be tasked with
20 implementing this legislation.
- 21 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented immediately upon passage.
- 22 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Western High School

A Bill to Aid Myanmar

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall hereby donate and deliver \$200 million in
2 humanitarian aid to the citizens of Myanmar through Myanmar's
3 maritime border with Indonesia. US troops will be allotted as necessary to
4 deliver the aid to USAID representatives at the border.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** Humanitarian aid shall consist of a combination of agricultural
6 supplication, temporary housing, bottled water, and medical supplies,
7 including but not limited to; vaccines and first aid equipment.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of State in conjunction with USAID will be
9 responsible for the implementation and oversight of this bill.
- 10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented immediately upon passage.
- 11 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
12 void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Western High School

The Climate Change Compromise Act of 2023

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall implement a carbon tax of \$50 per metric ton of
2 carbon emitted by companies.

3 **SECTION 2.** A carbon tax shall be defined as a tax levied on the emission of carbon
4 through the burning of fossil fuels. Companies shall be defined as legal
5 entities that emit greater than 10,000 metric tons of carbon annually.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy and Internal Revenue Service shall be in
7 charge of overseeing and implementing this legislation.

8 **A.** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) shall collect the tax accordingly
9 and increase the tax by \$10 per metric ton annually for companies
10 who fail to comply.

11 **B.** The tax revenue shall be allocated to the Department of Energy's
12 budget for the research and subsidization of renewable energy sources,
13 as well as the power grid upgrades for the use of renewable energy.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Western High School

A Bill to Protect East-African-American Coprosperity and Engagement (P.E.A.C.E. Act)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The United States will hereby attempt to negotiate bilaterally beneficial
2. free trade agreements, public investments, and humanitarian and civil
3. compromises to further democracy and quality of life in East Africa.
4. **SECTION 2.** A. 'East Africa' shall be defined as the current seven member
5. states of the East African Community
6. B. 'Free trade agreements' shall be defined as formal contracts
7. ensuring the free movement of goods.
8. C. 'Compromises' shall be defined as dealings between the United
9. States and the East African Community made to bolster
10. democracy and freedom.
11. D. 'Public investment' shall be defined as the facilitation of private
12. investment in members of the EAC paired with, unless
13. otherwise advised by the DOC, federal investment to a
14. maximum of \$15 billion dollars.
15. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor, the Department of State, and the Department
16. of Commerce shall be responsible for the implementation and oversight
17. of this bill after benchmarks of liberty set by the Department of State
18. are met.
19. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented immediately upon passage.
20. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
21. void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Western High School

A Resolution to Condemn Azeri Aggression in Nagorno-Karabakh

1 **WHEREAS,** The government of Azerbaijan has launched a military offensive against the
2 autonomous region of Nagorno-Karabakh (also known as the Republic of
3 Artsakh) and the sovereign state of Armenia in violation of the 2020
4 Nagorno-Karabakh Ceasefire Agreement

5 **WHEREAS,** That Russian peacekeepers have been ineffective in stopping the Azerbaijani
6 offensive and neither the UN or other international organizations have
7 addressed this issue and

8 **WHEREAS,** The Azerbaijani military has launched drone strikes and indiscriminate bombings
9 against civilian targets in Nagorno-Karabakh, resulting in hundreds of deaths,
10 and forcing over 70,000 ethnic Armenians to flee the region and

11 **WHEREAS,** There is legitimate concerns about genocide and ethnic cleansing by the Azeri
12 military towards the majority ethnic Armeanian population of
13 Nagorno-Karabakh, as Azerbaijani dictator Illham Alyiv has made comments
14 about “elimating Armenians” therefore be it

15 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled hereby condemns the Azeri aggression
16 against the Armenian and Artsakh governments and their mistreatments of
17 civilians in those regions, and hereby recommends that the this Congress levy
18 economic sanctions against Azerbaijan and place personal sanctions against
19 Azeri President Alyiv and other high-ranking Azeri officials involved in the
20 invasion of Artsakh and therefore be it

21 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Congress assembled hereby recommend that UN peacekeepers
22 be sent to Nagorno-Karabakh and neighboring regions to preserve peace and to
23 protect civilians

24
25
26
27
28
29
30

A Bill to Ban the Box

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Job applicants no longer need to state whether or not they've committed a felony
2 or a misdemeanor on their applications. Additionally, employers aren't allowed to
3 ask for this information or use it to decide between job applicants.

4 **SECTION 2.** In section 1, "Job applicants" are defined as anyone applying for a position of
5 work, seeking employment. Employers are defined as anyone hiring job
6 applicants.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately after passing.

9 **SECTION 5.** A. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ransom Everglades School.

The C.U.R.E. Act (Cuban Unity and Revitalization Efforts)

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Cuban businesses and the nation's economy face significant challenges in the
3 absence of American tourism and trade. To help strengthen the Cuban economy
4 all sanctions and embargoes on Cuba will be removed, including legislation
5 implementing them, such as the Helms-Burton Act. Such legislation will be
6 removed in its entirety permitting American citizens to travel and spend in Cuba
7 freely.

8 **SECTION 2.** A) Sanctions and embargoes shall be defined as restrictions on international
9 commerce and international business.

10 B) The Helms-Burton Act, officially known as the Cuban Liberty and Democratic
11 Solidarity Act of 1995, was enacted to impose sanctions on the former Castro
12 government in Cuba.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Office of Foreign Assets Control and the Department of Treasury will
14 oversee the implementation legislation.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect one year after passing. All laws in conflict with
16 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

26

27

28

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ransom Everglades School.

SFCFL 4: February 10, 2024

Student Congress Legislation Finals

Varsity & Novice

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:

- This legislation is for the FINAL SESSION ONLY.
- No other legislation may be introduced.

A Bill to Combat the Drug Crisis to Lower Drug Smuggling in America

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Every year, over 20,000 pounds of Fentanyl are illegally transported into the
3 United States via the southern border. To combat this crisis, \$40 billion of
4 funding will be allocated to reduce drug smuggling into the United States.

5 **SECTION 2.** The \$40 billion in funding will be jointly allocated to Customs and Border
6 Patrol (CBP) and the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), with each agency
7 receiving \$20 billion. Funding may be used for, but is not limited to, the
8 following purposes:

9 A. Agent recruitment and retention

10 B. Surveillance along the southern border

11 C. Drug-detection technologies

12 **SECTION 3.** Administration of this bill will be overseen by the CBP and the DEA.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on November 6, 2023. All laws in conflict with
14 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

26

27

28

29

30

A Bill to Mandate the Cognitive Testing of Public Officials

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall require all elected members of the Executive,
3 Judicial, and Legislative branches to take a cognitive ability test before
4 they start their campaign and bi-annually during their prescribed term.
5 The general results of the tests will be shared with the public, however,
6 the details of these tests will be kept private. If a government
7 representative fails and/or is positive for a mental illness they will not be
8 able to run in the next election cycle.

9 **SECTION 2.** The following definitions apply:

10 **A.** Cognitive ability test will be defined as: a test given by a physician
11 to examine the mental ability and health of the elected official taking
12 it.

13 **B.** Results shall be defined in two categories, general and private:

14 **1)** General results shall be defined as: If they are unwell
15 and/or have a condition (When the information is disclosed
16 only the fact that they are not mentally well will be
17 disclosed)

18 **2)** Private results shall be defined as: personal results that are
19 withheld from the public, that would not be able to be
20 disclosed under the Health Insurance Portability and
21 Accountability Act of 1996, to respect privacy of
22 government officials.

23
24 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health will be responsible for administering and
25 analyzing cognitive tests provided to all government officials.

26 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2024. All laws in conflict with this
27 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

28

29