

# **2025 Florida Forensics League Varsity State Tournament Legislation**

**We the People of the United States, in Order to form a  
more perfect Union . . .**

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**do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United  
States of America.**

# Round 1: Establish Justice

## A Resolution to End Qualified Immunity

1           **WHEREAS,**   Qualified immunity has been relentlessly abused by  
2           government officials for decades; and  
3           **WHEREAS,**   Government officials suffer little to no consequences for  
4           misconduct, even if they're found to act in bad faith; and  
5           **WHEREAS,**   Victims are often left with little to no legal recourse for their  
6           violated rights, getting zero justice; and  
7           **WHEREAS,**   The ability to possess no accountability makes it easier for  
8           government officials to violate one's rights and get away with it; now,  
9           therefore, be it  
10          **RESOLVED,**   That the Congress here assembled end qualified immunity in  
11          order for government officials to be held accountable and for victims to  
12          finally get their justice.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Anaya Renaud of Everglades High School.*

## **A Bill to Prohibit the Transfer of U.S. Prisoners to Foreign Prisons**

1. Be it enacted by this FFL Congressional Debate here assembled that:
2. **SECTION I.** The transfer of United States Citizens convicted under United States law to
3. foreign prisons is hereby prohibited. All sentences imposed by U.S. courts shall be served
4. within domestic correctional facilities.
5. **SECTION II.** For the purposes of this legislation, “Transfer” refers to the relocation of a
6. prisoner from a U.S. correctional facility to a facility outside the territorial boundaries of
7. the United States. “Foreign prison” denotes any correctional or detention facility located
8. outside the United States and not under U.S. jurisdiction.
9. **SECTION III.** The Department of Justice shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation.
10.       A. The DOJ shall review and terminate any existing agreements or treaties that
11.       permit the transfer of U.S. prisoners to foreign facilities.
12.       B. They shall collaborate with federal and state correctional institutions to ensure
13.       compliance with this prohibition.
- 14.
15. **SECTION IV.**       This legislation will take effect on FY 2026.
16. **SECTION V.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lorena Lincoln, Horizon High School.*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

6 ARTICLE --

9               **SECTION 2:**     The President of the United States shall no longer have the  
10                                      power to grant Reprieves and Pardons for Offences against the  
11                                      United States within one year from ratification of this article.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Liliana Kirby of A.W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts*

# Round 2: Insure Domestic Tranquility

## The Taxpayer Assistance and eXemption (T.A.X.) Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1           **SECTION 1.**   To exempt tips and overtime earnings from federal income  
2           tax, increasing take-home pay for American workers and retirees.
- 3           **SECTION 2.**   For the purposes of this legislation, the following terms are  
4           defined:
- 5           A. "Tips" shall be defined as any income received as gratuities.
- 6           B. "Overtime Earnings" shall be defined as any income received from  
7           overtime hours.
- 8           C. "Tip Credit" shall be defined as the practice of counting tips as a  
9           portion of wages to meet federal or state minimum wage  
10          requirements.
- 11          **SECTION 3.**   The Department of Treasury and Internal Revenue Service  
12          will be responsible for the implementation of this legislation.defined:
- 13          D. Businesses that utilize tip credits shall be subject to an additional 12%  
14          tax.
- 15          **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws in  
            conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dmitri Francios, Marjory Stoneman Douglas Highschool.*

# **A Bill to Restore the Sanctity and Security of America's Schools and Churches**

1           **SECTION 1.**   Agents of the Department of Homeland Security shall no  
2           longer conduct immigration enforcement actions in sensitive areas, unless  
3           “the enforcement action involves exigent circumstances related to  
4           national security, terrorism, or public safety, or where there is imminent  
5           risk of destruction of evidence material to an ongoing criminal case.”

6           **SECTION 2.**   Sensitive areas shall include schools, school bus stops,  
7           places of worship, hospitals, public demonstrations (such as a march, rally,  
8           or parade) and civil or religious ceremonies held outside a place of  
9           worship.

10          **SECTION 3.**   The U.S. Department of Justice shall oversee  
11          implementation of this legislation.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bianca Trujillo, Lake Highland*

# **A Bill to Abolish the IRS and Establish a Flat Tax System**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The Internal Revenue Service will hereby be abolished.

The income tax code of the United States will be repealed and replaced by a flat tax on all incomes of 15%.

**SECTION 2.** Income tax- A type of tax that governments impose on the wages that you make.

Flat Tax- A single tax rate applied to all income levels.

Abolish- To end the effect of something.

SSA- Social Security Administration.

**SECTION 3.** The United States Department of the Treasury shall oversee the abolishment of the IRS, and the responsibilities of the IRS would be transferred to the individual states and SSA.

**SECTION 4.** This Legislation shall take effect FY, 2026. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Representative Norman Land. Pace High School.*

## Round 3: Provide for the Common Defense

### 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  
3 significant challenges in the absence of American tourism and trade. To  
4 help strengthen the Cuban economy, all sanctions and embargoes on  
5 Cuba will be removed. This will include legislation implementing them,  
6 such as the Helms-Burton Act. Such legislation will be removed in its  
7 entirety permitting American citizens to travel and spend in Cuba freely.

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

10                                   B) The Helms-Burton Act is officially known as the Cuban  
11 Liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act of 1995.

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

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Chloe Zaldivar, Ransom Everglades*



# **A Bill to Implement A Carbon Takeback Obligation to Reach Net Zero Carbon Emissions**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2           **SECTION 1.**     Extractors and importers of fossil fuels would be obligated  
3           to permanently store, or "take back," a percentage of the CO2 generated  
4           by the products they sell by utilizing carbon capture and storage (CCS)  
5           technology. The Carbon Takeback Obligation (CTBO) would increase  
6           incrementally over time. The obligation would start at 1% in 2026 before  
7           increasing to 10% in 2030 and reaching 100% by 2050.

8           **SECTION 2.**     Carbon capture and storage (CCS): a process that removes  
9           carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and stores it underground.

10          **SECTION 3.**     The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shall  
11          administer and oversee the implementation of the CTBO.

12          **SECTION 4.**     This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws  
13          in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lil Bieda, Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy*

# **A Bill to Improve Saudi Humane Intervention Endeavors and Logistics Domestically (S.H.I.E.L.D. ACT)**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The United States shall hereby formally initiate negotiations for the
2. formation of a defense pact with Saudi Arabia, whereas the specificities
3. of the pact itself shall be set through the aforementioned future
4. negotiation.
5. **SECTION 2.** A. A defense pact shall be defined as a mutually agreed-upon set of
6. conditions pertaining to the reciprocal military defense of both
7. involved nations.
8. B. It shall be clearly established in any and all negotiations that the
9. premise of nuclear mutually assured destruction will not be a
10. factor in any possible defense pact.
11. C. In order to initiate the negotiation procedure, the Saudi Arabian
12. Ministry of Defense must first acknowledge and accept that the
13. The United States reserves the right to withdraw from the
14. negotiation of the defense pact at any time without retaliation, or
15. else risk political and economic isolation.
16. **SECTION 3.** The US Department of State in conjunction with the US Ambassador to
17. Saudi Arabia shall be responsible for the implementation and oversight of
18. this bill.
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 Jacqueline Correa Western High School*

# Semifinals: Promote the general welfare

## A Bill to Implement a National Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Program

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS FFL CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1           **SECTION 1.**   The United States shall establish a National Prescription Drug Price  
2           Negotiation Program (NPDN Program) to negotiate and set maximum prices for the top  
3           50 most prescribed medications in the country.
- 4           **SECTION 2.**   “Top 50 most prescribed medications” refers to a list of drugs most  
5           commonly prescribed as determined by the Department of Health and Human Services.  
6           “Negotiated price” refers to the maximum price set for a prescription medication under  
7           the NPDN program after negotiations between the government and pharmaceutical  
8           companies.
- 9           **SECTION 3.**   This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2026.
- 10          **SECTION 4.**   The Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee the NPDN  
11          Program.
- 12          A. HHS shall annually negotiate prices with pharmaceutical companies to establish a  
13          maximum price scale for each drug in the top 50 list.
- 14          B. HHS shall penalize non-compliant pharmaceutical companies with a fine equal to  
15          15% of the previous year’s total sales of the non-compliant drug in the United  
16          States and use it to fund research and development for rare diseases.
- 17          **SECTION 5.**   All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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19   *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Audrey Hwang, Pine View School.*

## **A Bill to Restrict the Operation of Shelf Companies to Combat Financial Crime**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2           **SECTION 1.** Shelf companies shall be investigated after failing to report  
3 operations for more than 12 months. An AI system shall be developed to  
4 review every annual report to ensure lawful activity of companies by  
5 reviewing annual reports. Annual reports flagged for illicit activity shall be  
6 sent for review. The identities of owners, board members, partners, and  
7 shareholders of all companies in the United States shall be made publicly  
8 available on a federal database.

9           **SECTION 2.** “Shelf company” shall be defined as any company which  
10 has been incorporated legally within the United States but has no active  
11 business operations to be held for future sale. “Investigations” shall be  
12 defined as formal examinations of a company’s financial history to check  
13 for criminal activity. “AI system” shall be defined as an automated system  
14 developed by humans to analyze annual reports for veracity.

15           **SECTION 3.** A. Enforcement of this bill shall be delegated to the Federal  
16 Trade Commission (FTC) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

17                           B. One billion dollars shall be allocated to the FTC for hiring  
18 new employees to track and investigate inactive shell companies. One  
19 hundred million dollars shall be allocated to the FBI fund investigations of  
20 financial crime.

21                           C. Companies found in violation of this legislation shall be  
22 fined one hundred million dollars or 10% of their past year’s revenue,  
23 whichever amount is smaller. Companies found inactive shall be shut  
24 down.

25           **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on March 10, 2025. All  
26 laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jack Riegler, American Heritage School Palm Beach.*

# A Bill to Prevent PFA Drinking Water Contamination

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2           **SECTION 1.**    The Environmental Protection Agency shall construct and enforce a  
3 regulation on all industries that produce perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl chemicals  
4 (PFAs) preventing them from contaminating drinking water sources with PFAs.

5           **SECTION 2.**    A. As used herein “Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl chemicals (PFAs)”  
6 shall be defined as human-made, fluorine-containing chemicals with strong carbon-  
7 fluoride bonds.

8           B. As used herein "drinking water sources" shall be defined as any water source from  
9 which drinking water is currently derived from or that people are planning on using in  
10 the future as a drinking water source.

11          **SECTION 3.**    The Environmental Protection Agency and Internal Revenue Service  
12 shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

13          A. Each violation of the provisions of this legislation shall be a fine of \$100,00 dollars  
14 with a 10% increase per offense. All revenues from this fine shall be provided to the  
15 Environmental protection agency to enforce the provisions of this bill.

16          B. The Environmental Protection Agency shall request funds necessary to fulfill its  
17 duties under this legislation.

18          C. The excise tax on cigarettes shall be increased to provide funding for this legislation  
19 in accordance with Section 3 Subsection B.

20          **SECTION 4.**    This legislation will take effect on 12/1/25. All laws in conflict with this  
21 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sharan Penta, Robinson HS*

# Finals: Secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity

## A Bill to Abolish the Debt Ceiling and End Shutdowns

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2           **SECTION 1.**     In order to prevent economic disruption:

3           A.   The debt ceiling is hereby permanently removed. Passage of a federal  
4               budget will be deemed sufficient authority for the Treasury to borrow as  
5               much as is required to fund the budget without separate legislation  
6               authorizing said borrowing.

7           B.   The Treasury Department is always authorized to continue spending at  
8               current budgetary levels until a new law is passed to change those levels.

9           **SECTION 2.**     “Debt ceiling” refers to the maximum amount borrowable  
10           by the federal government as first mandated by the Second Liberty Bond  
11           Act of 1917.

12          **SECTION 3.**     The US Department of the Treasury shall oversee  
13           implementation of this legislation.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Florida Forensics League.*

# A Bill to Keep America's Promises to the World

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2           **SECTION 1.**   The President shall not suspend, terminate, denounce, or withdraw the  
3           United States from any international organization or agreement in which the U.S. was  
4           a participant or signatory on January 19, 2025, except by and with the advice and  
5           consent of the Senate, provided that two-thirds of the Senators present concur, or  
6           pursuant to an Act of Congress. Furthermore, USAID is restored to the structure,  
7           missions, and personnel other than political appointees it had on January 19, 2025.  
8           Neither USAID's structure, missions, nor its personnel (other than political appointees)  
9           may be changed by the administration without an Act of Congress.

10          **SECTION 2.**   Personnel levels must be maintained through additional hiring, when  
11          necessary. "Political appointees" is defined as personnel directly appointed by the  
12          president in jobs which were so designated as of January 19, 2025.

13          **SECTION 3.**   Any current member of the U.S. Congress shall is pre-authorized and  
14          shall have standing to sue to maintain U.S. membership in international organizations  
15          and agreements denoted in Section 1. The House and Senate Oversight Committees  
16          and the Department of Justice shall oversee implementation of this legislation.

17          **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect immediately and is retroactive to  
18          January 19, 2025. USAID shall be fully restored within 30 days of passage. All laws in  
19          conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Florida Forensics League.*

*based in part on "What Congress Has Done—and What It Still Needs to Do—to Protect NATO"*

*by Scott R. Anderson, March 22, 2024*

# A Bill to Close Detention Facilities at Guantanamo

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2           **SECTION 1.** No person may be detained or otherwise held prisoner at Naval Station  
3 Guantanamo Bay (NSGB) other than US military personnel charged with or convicted  
4 of crimes or persons who willing enter the facility unlawfully. Persons either accused  
5 or convicted of terrorism will be relocated to appropriate prisons within the United  
6 States. The Migrant Operations Center at NSGB is closed.

7           **SECTION 2.** “Detained” persons shall include migrants, regardless of their legal  
8 status.

9           **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense will oversee the transfer of prisoners and  
10 detainees to the jurisdiction of the Department of Justice..

11           **SECTION 4.** A ban on new arrivals of detained people to NSGM is effective  
12 immediately. All existing prisoners and detainees must be transferred within 30 days  
13 of passage. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Florida Forensics League.*

Based on “The Wages of Leaving Guantanamo Open Have Arrived” by Spencer Ackerman, 30  
Jan 2025