



AST/MAST Championship Legislation Student Submissions 2025 – 2026

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*All student submissions were copied exactly how they were received.

*Docket (order of legislation in that session) can be voted in each session.

*Students can P.O. more than one session, but nominations and votes must occur each session.

*Recency also starts over each session.

*Legislation is divided by session and can only be debated during the session it is assigned.

*Authorship and sponsorship rules apply to the legislation.

*All author/sponsorship speeches are followed by a two-minute questioning period. The first negative speech also may have two minutes of questioning.

*Questioning will be indirect. No base two requirement.

SESSION 1: A Bill to Sanction Qatar

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall sanction
3 Qatar by limiting all forms of trade conducted with Qatar until
4 improvements are made regarding human rights in Qatar.

5 **SECTION 2.** Improvements include but are not limited to providing
6 safe working conditions, eliminating gender segregation, and
7 terminating persecution of the LGBTQ+ community. Sanctions are
8 defined as economic and trade restrictions placed on a country.
9 Human rights are rights inherent to all human beings, regardless of
10 race, sex, nationality, ethnicity, language, religion, or any other
11 protected status ensuring the protection of these rights.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State (DoS) and the Department of
13 Commerce (DoC) will oversee enforcement of this legislation.

14 A. The Department of State will provide reports every six months to
15 check if requirements are met in order to lift sanctions.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2027. All
laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mia Munoz, West Broward High
School.*

SESSION 1: A Bill to Limit the Usage of AI to Combat Environmental Degradation

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall establish regulations on the
2 development and use of artificial intelligence (AI) to limit the usage of this
3 tool, which ultimately enhances our current environmental circumstances.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. *Environmental degradation* shall be defined as harm or
5 damage to the Earth or living beings caused by human activity,
6 including but not limited to, water scarcity, air and water pollution, toxic
7 hardware waste, and excessive energy consumption.

8 B. *Limiting the usage of AI* shall be defined as implementing
9 restrictions, to prevent excessive or harmful utilization of artificial
10 intelligence systems that negatively impact environmental sustainability.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the
12 National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), shall work together
13 to oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

14 A. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), shall ensure that there are
15 regulations in place to ensure the development of AI systems while
16 considering environmental conservation.

17 B. The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), shall
18 oversee the efficiency and effectiveness of this bill. The NIST shall also
19 enforce standards for integrating environmental metrics into AI
20 frameworks. These efforts would aim to ensure data transparency from
21 AI businesses.

22 C. Any business that breach these regulations will face a fine of \$50,000
23 for each violation.

24 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2027. All laws in
25 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sahithya G. Muddurajaveera, Westglades Middle School.

SESSION 1: A Resolution to Require a Cognitive Competency Standard for the Office of President

WHEREAS, the office of President of the United States requires sound judgment, mental acuity, and the ability to make decisions under intense national and international pressure; and

WHEREAS, the American people deserve confidence that the individual serving as President is capable of meeting the cognitive demands of the office; and

WHEREAS, diminished cognitive functioning in the Presidency could threaten national security, weaken public trust, and reduce the effectiveness of executive leadership; and

WHEREAS, establishing a clear cognitive qualification would help protect the integrity of the office and ensure that future Presidents are able to perform their duties effectively; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Congress here assembled recommend that the Constitution be amended to require any presidential candidate to achieve a passing score on a standardized cognitive functioning examination established by law; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Congress shall have the authority to define, administer, and enforce the cognitive testing standard through appropriate legislation.
Introduced for Congressional Debate by ____.

Submitted by Pioneer Middle School

SESSION 2: A Bill to Provide Defensive Military Support to the State of Israel

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This legislation influences the United States, allied nations, and international
3 partners to provide strictly defensive military assistance to the State of Israel.
4 This is essential to protect civilians, increase the spread of democracy globally,
5 and support peace and stability in the Middle East. This act identifies defensive
6 methods for the State of Israel, to reduce conflict and improve relations in the
7 area. In correspondence to these defensive methods, if the State of Israel uses
8 these defensive capabilities for offensive usage, the defensive methods provided
9 will be revoked.

10 **SECTION 2.** Defensive military support is defined as military assistance, including personnel,
11 training, technology, intelligence, funding, and protective equipment, provided
12 only for defensive use and not for offensive military action.
13 International partnerships and allied cooperation are identified as allied
14 countries and related organizations working together to express this bill, such as
15 the Northern Atlantic Treaty Organization, the United Nations, and other
16 defensive councils to ensure the full outcome of this bill. Defensive councils are
17 defined as organizations capable of providing defensive and military support to
18 the state of Israel.

19 **SECTION 3.** Allied nations and international organizations named in Sections 1 and 2 will
20 jointly oversee the administration of this legislation.

21 A. If specific organizations decide to implement this resolution, they will
22 be nominated for administration, due to their extreme defense

1 capabilities. These organizations may include the United States
2 government, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), the
3 United Nations Security Council, and any other international defense
4 councils capable of overseeing this bill.

5 B. Each participating organization must ensure that any assistance
6 provided under this legislation is used only for defensive purposes
7 and complies with international law.

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

10 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Indian Ridge Middle School.*

SESSION 2: A Bill to Mandate Paid Maternity Leave for All Employees

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** All employers in the United States shall provide a minimum of 12 weeks of
2 paid maternity leave to employees following the birth of a child.

3 **SECTION 2.** "Paid maternity leave" shall be defined as a leave of absence granted to a
4 mother after childbirth with full salary compensation.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor shall oversee enforcement of this policy through
6 the following:

7 A. Employers who fail to provide paid maternity leave shall be fined
8 \$50,000 per violation

9 B. A federal fund shall be established to assist small businesses (defined as
10 those with fewer than 50 employees) in covering the costs of paid
11 maternity leave

12 C. This legislation does not apply to sole proprietorship businesses with
13 less than 6 employees.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2027.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Taylor Berry from Everglades High School.

SESSION 2: A Bill to Prohibit and Suspend United States Foreign Aid to Nations in Violation of International Law

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States government shall prohibit, suspend, and
2 terminate all forms of foreign aid to any country determined to be in
3 violation of international law, with the exception of strictly monitored
4 humanitarian assistance as outlined in this legislation.

5 **SECTION 2.** The following definitions shall apply to this legislation:

6 A. Foreign aid shall be defined as any financial assistance, military aid,
7 economic support, or development funding provided by the United States
8 government to a foreign nation

9 B. Humanitarian Aid shall be defined as aid intended solely to provide
10 basic necessities to civilian populations, including food, water, medical
11 care, and disaster relief, and shall be treated as a limited exception to
12 foreign aid under this legislation.

13 C. International Law shall be defined as the system of rules governing
14 relations between nations, including: treaties and obligations under the
15 United Nations Charter, customary international law, and international
16 humanitarian and human rights laws.

17 D. Violations of international law shall include:
18 genocide, war crimes, including attacks on civilians or use of prohibited
19 weapons, crimes against humanity, illegal territorial occupation or
20 oppression, and widespread or systematic human rights abuses.

21 A country shall be considered "in violation" upon credible findings from
22 internationally recognized bodies, including: The United Nations, The
23 International Criminal Court, and The International Court of Justice.

24 **SECTION 3.** Upon designation, all foreign aid to the violating nation shall
25 be immediately suspended and humanitarian aid may continue only under
26 the following conditions:
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- 28 A. It is distributed through independent, non governmental organizations
29 and is subject to ;
30 B. It does not directly or indirectly benefit the violating government or its
31 military
32 C. The United States shall be prohibited from:
33 D. Providing weapons, military training, or defense assistance
34 E. Entering new aid agreements
35 F. Supporting financial assistance through international institutions
36 **SECTION 4.** The U.S. Department of State shall:
37 G. Identify and designate countries in violation of international law
38 H. Publish quarterly reports
39 I. Enforce all aid suspensions and humanitarian exceptions
40 **SECTION 5.** Aid shall not be reinstated unless:
41 J. The country demonstrates compliance with international law
42 K. Compliance is verified by the organizations listed in section 2
43 L. Sustained improvement is confirmed through formal review
44 **SECTION 6.** This legislation shall take effect immediately after passage
45 **SECTION 7.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared
46 null and void.
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SESSION 3: A Bill To Support Funding Public School Libraries

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States will provide grant funding for public
2 schools to create an effective school library program to be used by any
3 student attending their institution.

4 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this legislation Grant Funding is defined
5 as money given to schools for the purpose of establishing said program;
6 Effective school library program is defined as a student-centered learning
7 environment led by a certified school librarian that provides equitable
8 access to resources and personalized learning to ensure a well-rounded
9 education.

10 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Education will oversee
11 enforcement

12 A. The Department of Education will be given \$850 million dollars for the
13 purpose of funding grants.

14 B. The Department of Education will determine how much funding is
15 available to each school based on the needs, conditions and quality
16 already established.

17 C. The Department of Education will set standards for how schools can
18 apply for funding and utilize funds.

19 D. The Department of education will provide reports every school year
20 that show how each school is being maintained, what each school still
21 needs, how much resources are being used by the student body, how
22 much sponsors and donors each school has and what each school are
23 doing with the funding received to help determine how much each
24 school needs and who has priority.

25 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect in the 2027-28 academic
26 school year. This act shall expire after 2 years unless upon annual review by
27 the department of education, it is determined that the legislation should
28 be renewed, with or without modifications by a vote of congress.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Marjory Stoneman Douglas high school.

SESSION 3: The Haitian Recovery Act (HR Act)

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States government shall allocate \$1 Billion to
3 support Haiti in restoring stability, strengthening its national police
4 force, and addressing urgent humanitarian needs.

5 **SECTION 2.** For the purpose of this bill, the following term shall be defined:

6 a) Haitian National Police (HNP): The primary law enforcement agency of
7 Haiti.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State, in coordination with the
9 Department of Defense and the Department of Treasury, shall oversee
10 the enforcement of this legislation. The specific enforcement mechanisms
11 shall include:

12 a) Allocation of Funds: i. \$500 million shall be earmarked for enhancing
13 and strengthening the capacity of the Haitian National Police, including
14 training, equipment, and infrastructure. ii. \$300 million shall be allocated
15 for urgent humanitarian aid, including food, medical supplies, and clean
16 water. iii. \$200 million shall be reserved for future governance support
17 and economic development initiatives.

18 b) Deployment of U.S. Troops: A limited contingent of U.S. troops, not
19 exceeding 1,000 personnel, shall be deployed to Haiti to assist in training
20 the HNP and providing logistical support for aid distribution.

21 c) Monitoring and evaluation: The Department of State shall establish a
22 monitoring and evaluation framework to assess the effectiveness of the
23 funds allocated and the progress achieved in stabilizing Haiti.

24 d) Reporting requirements: The Department of State shall provide
25 quarterly reports to Congress on the implementation of this bill and the
26 situation in Haiti, which they will get from the HNP.

27 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage.

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

SESSION 3: A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Establish Federal No-Confidence Votes

1 **RESOLVED**, by two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following amendment be
2 added to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid when ratified
3 by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from
4 the date of its submission by the Congress:

5 **ARTICLE --**

6 **SECTION 1:** All federal elected officials and Supreme Court justices are subject
7 to annual no-confidence votes each November, excluding election
8 days in which the position is up for re-election.

9 **SECTION 2:** Any individual receiving a 65% or greater share of “no-
10 confidence” votes is immediately removed from office.

11 **A.** If the President is removed, the 25th Amendment shall
12 be followed to determine succession priority, skipping any
13 other removed officials.

14 **B.** If a Supreme Court justice is removed, the vacancy shall
15 be filled by Presidential appointment and Senate
16 confirmation.

17 **C.** If a Congressperson is removed, their state governor
18 shall schedule a special election to replace the
19 Congressperson.

20 **SECTION 3:** The Supreme Court, President, and Vice President will be
21 evaluated using the overall national vote. Senators and
22 Representatives will be evaluated using the vote of their
23 constituency.

24 **SECTION 4:** Elections shall be administered by the states.

25 *Introduced for Congressional Debate.*