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Congressional Debate Docket**



**Friday, March 6th, Saturday, March 7th and
Sunday, March 8th, 2026**

at the University of Central Florida



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Round 1

A Bill to Suspend X and Grok AI from Apple and Google to Protect Consumers from Deepfakes

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The apps for X and Grok AI will be suspended from Apple and Google
3 Stores until Elon Musk eliminates the ability of these apps to generate
4 deepfakes images and videos, as verified by the Federal Communications
5 Commission.

6 **SECTION 2.** A deepfake is hyper-realistic synthetic media (video, audio, or images)
7 created with AI and deep learning to make it seem like someone said
8 something, did something, or appeared in a way they never did.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Communications Commission, Federal Trade Commission,
10 and the Department of Justice will oversee implementation and
11 enforcement of this bill.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Maddy McNabb of Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy.



Round 1

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 Lucy Livengood of Western High School



Round 1

A Bill to Ban Trading of Stocks by Members of Congress

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **Section 1.** The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) will require all elected
3 members of Congress to secure any privately owned tradable assets in a
4 blind trust. Elected members of Congress will be ineligible to actively
5 participate in any form of stock trading for the duration of their term

6 **Section 2.** Stock trading will be defined as any exchange of shares of any company
6 through the stock market. A blind trust is defined as a financial
7 arrangement in which a person in public office gives the administration of
8 private business interests to an independent trust to prevent a conflict of
9 interest.

10 **Section 3.** The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, with oversight from
12 The Securities and Exchange Commission, will oversee enforcement of
11 this bill.

12 **Section 4.** This bill will be implemented 90 days after passing.

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

Introduced by Akram Younis of Suncoast Community Highschool



Round 2

A Bill to Reduce the Digital Divide

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** United States constituents with an annual household
2 income of \$30,000 or less will have a standardized 25% discount on any
3 Internet Service Provider’s (ISP) internet plan that offers speeds of 100
4 megabits per second or lower, in an attempt to reduce the digital divide.
5 ISPs will absorb the cost of the discount.

6 **SECTION 2.** “Internet Service Provider” will be defined as a company
7 that provides internet service to consumers.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) shall
9 oversee the enforcement of this legislation. ISPs that fail to meet the
10 legislation’s requirements, one month after enactment, will be subject to a
11 5% decrease in their domestic revenue annually, assuming noncompliance
12 continues.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 31, 2026. All laws in
14 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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16 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Keegan McLendon of A.W. Dreyfoos*
17 *School of the Arts*



Round 2

A Bill to Legalize Marijuana

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The possession, use, cultivation and distribution of
3 marijuana by individuals the age of twenty-one years and above will be
4 decriminalized at the federal level for recreational, nonmedical, and
5 medical use. In the Controlled Substances Act (CSA), marijuana will be
6 reclassified from a Schedule I substance to Schedule V.

7 **SECTION 2.** Recreational use of marijuana is defined as inhalation,
8 ingestion, and topical application for the psychoactive effects which
9 include but are not limited to: relaxation, euphoria, and altered sensory
10 perception for nonmedical reasons.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will oversee
12 the production, distribution and sales to ensure they comply with the
13 federal standards of Schedule V substances. The Food and Drug
14 Administration (FDA) will oversee the safety of medical marijuana
15 products and ensure they meet labelling requirements. The Internal
16 Revenue Service (IRS) will be responsible for tax codes in marijuana sales.
17 A. The DEA would deal with any infractions of marijuana sales such as
18 illegal sales or distribution to minors.

19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on December 5th, 2026. All
20 laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Anthony Cordero from Olympia High School



Round 2

A Resolution to Halt the Use of United States Armed Forces Against Foreign Nations Unless Authorized by Congress

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Congress has the sole power to declare war under Article I, Section 8,
2 Clause 11 of the United States Constitution; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Congress has not declared war upon any foreign nation; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** In the past year, the White House has used military power for strikes and
5 military action in Venezuela, Nigeria, Iran, Iraq, Syria, and Yemen; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** The War Powers Resolution of 1973 explicitly limits the President from
7 engaging in armed conflict without notifying Congress within 48 hours of
8 military action; now, therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** Congress hereby directs the President to terminate the use of United
10 States Armed Forces for hostilities within or against foreign nations,
11 unless explicitly authorized by a declaration of war or specific
12 congressional authorization for use of military force.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Maddy McNabb, Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy.



Round 3

A Bill to Establish Universal Maternity Leave

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All corporations either operating within or otherwise based in/founded in
2 the United States are hereby required to provide paid maternal leave to all
3 employees, indiscriminate to gender.
- 4 **SECTION 2. A.** “Paid Maternal leave” shall be defined as a minimum of 12 weeks of
5 paid leave for all employees who have worked for their current place
6 of employment for at least 1 year.
- 7 **B.** Corporations that reported less than \$5 million in annual revenue for
8 the previous year shall receive the funding to carry out today’s
9 legislation through the return of 0.5% of the federal taxes from these
10 companies. Corporations that reported more than \$5 million in annual
11 revenue for the previous year shall be responsible for paying for the
12 policy themselves.
- 13 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Labor in conjunction with the Internal Revenue Service
14 shall be responsible for the implementation and oversight of this bill.
- 15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented immediately upon passage.
- 16 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
17 void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Stella Merlin of Western High School



Round 3

The Comprehensive AI Regulation (CAIR) Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 2 **SECTION 1.** A. All Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) generated content shall be marked with a Universal
3 Digital Watermark as well as a visual watermark that is apparent to normative
4 consumers of the content.
- 5 B. No content substantially generated by A.I. may be eligible for copyright, trademark, or
6 patent protections and/or rights.
- 7 C. A.I. models shall not utilize unowned intellectual property for purposes of training or
8 content generation without the permission of the property's owner(s). Successful
9 plaintiffs under this subsection may receive treble damages.
- 10 D. The EPA shall set limits for A.I. data center potable water and electricity consumption.
- 11 E. Entities owning and providing A.I. models shall be jointly liable with users for
12 intellectual property law violations and/or any tortious behavior that involves the
13 utilization of generative A.I. technologies.

14 **SECTION 2.** As used herein "Universal Digital Watermark" denotes a digital marker embedded in
15 content metadata that classifies the content as A.I. generated.

16 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice (DOJ), U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), Federal
17 Communications Commission (FCC), and Federal Trade Commission (FTC) shall enforce
18 this legislation.

19 A. The FCC shall establish the standards for Universal Digital Watermarks as well as a
20 publicly available website upon which content can be uploaded to check for its
21 digital watermark.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by John Joura of Robinson High School.



Round 3

A Bill to Energize Electric Vehicles

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Charging stations for electric-powered vehicles shall be
3 implemented at all gas stations across the United States. An additional tax of 5
4 cents per gallon shall be implemented on gasoline.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Gasoline” includes diesel, regular unleaded gas, and premium
6 unleaded gas.

7 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Energy will be responsible for
8 this bill’s implementation. All profits from the additional 5 cent tax on gasoline
9 shall be directed towards clean energy research and development in
1 transportation.

0 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the beginning of FY 2026

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

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jack Nave, Trinity Preparatory School.



Semifinals

A Bill To Strengthen Federal Firearm Regulations

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The federal government shall implement stricter regulations on the purchase and possession of firearms in order to reduce gun violation and improve public safety.

SECTION 2. These regulations shall include:

- a. Expanding background checks to cover all firearm sales including those conducted at gun shows, online, or between private parties.
- b. Establishing a mandatory 7-day waiting period for all firearm purchases.
- c. Raising the minimum federal age requirement for purchasing semi-automatic firearms to 21.
- d. Prohibiting the sale of high-capacity magazines that hold more than 10 rounds.

Violations of this act shall result in:

- a. Fines up to \$25,000 for individuals who knowingly sell firearms without completing required background checks.
- b. Revocation of federal firearms licenses for licensed sellers who fail to comply with the regulations.
- c. Criminal penalties for individuals attempting to bypass waiting periods or age requirements.

Funding for enforcement shall be allocated from the Department of Justice's annual budget, with \$250 million set aside for the first year of implementation.

SECTION 3. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), in coordination with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), shall be responsible for the enforcement of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Akkaash Naidu, Trinity Preparatory School.



Semifinals

A BILL TO ESTABLISH HANDWRITING CRITERIA AND PRACTICES

FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF STUDENT LEARNING (E.H.C.P.)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Given that a measurable decline in handwriting quality has been recorded among students in Generation Alpha, mandatory handwriting quality criteria and curriculum should replace all typing and keyboard classes in publicly funded primary schools.

SECTION 2. “Handwriting quality criteria” includes measurements in letter formation, letter spacing, word spacing, letter sizing, and line adherence. “Improvement of handwriting” is defined as an increase in students’ motor and physical skills, legibility of their handwriting, or neuromotor and executive function. “Publicly funded primary schools” refers to any non-private school that serves grades K-5.

SECTION 3. Students with documented disabilities are exempt. Exempted disabilities include, but are not limited to, dysgraphia, dyslexia, ADHD, autism, or any debilitating physical condition.

SECTION 4. [The U.S. Department of Education shall oversee implementation of this legislation, which may impose cuts in funding to schools that fail to implement this legislation.

SECTION 5. This legislation will take effect at the start of the 2026-27 school year.

SECTION 6. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Zefei Lin, Buchholz High School



Semifinals

A Resolution to Halt the Withdrawal of the United States from Multiple Climate-Related International Bodies

- 1 **WHEREAS,** On January 7, 2026, President Donald Trump announced that the United
2 States will withdraw from the Paris climate accord and several
3 environmental bodies, including the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate
4 Change, the International Renewable Energy Association, the
5 International Solar Alliance, and the International Union for Conservation
6 of Nature; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Billions of people around the world are suffering from the effects of
8 climate change, such as wildfires, storms, and droughts; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** China has taken the lead on the global stage in advancing clean energy
10 technologies; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** America’s allies are also making efforts to fight climate change; now,
12 therefore, be it
- 13 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled calls for the immediate halt to the
14 withdrawal of the United States from the Paris climate accord and
15 climate-related international organizations.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Maddy McNabb of Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy.



Finals

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 schools to
2 create an effective school library program to be used by any student attending
3 their institution.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this legislation Grant Funding is defined as
5 money given to schools for the purpose of establishing said program; Effective
6 school library program is defined as a student-centered learning environment led
7 by a certified school librarian that provides equitable access to resources and
8 personalized learning to ensure a well-rounded education.
- 9 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Education will oversee
10 enforcement
- 11 A. The Department of Education will be given \$850 million dollars for the
12 purpose of funding grants.
- 13 B. The Department of Education will determine how much funding is available to
14 each school based on the needs, conditions and quality already established.
- 15 C. The Department of Education will set standards for how schools can apply for
16 funding and utilize funds.
- 17 D. The Department of education will provide reports every school year that show
18 how each school is being maintained, what each school still needs, how much
19 resources are being used by the student body, how much sponsors and
20 donors each school has and what each school are doing with the funding
21 received to help determine how much each school needs and who has
22 priority.
- 23 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect in the 2027-28 academic school
24 year. This act shall expire after 2 years unless upon annual review by the
25 department of education, it is determined that the legislation should be renewed,
26 with or without modifications by a vote of congress.
- 27 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
28 void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Nellah Prophyll of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.



Finals

The M.O.O. (Manure Odors Oversight) Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Dairy farms in the United States are hereby required to:

3 A. Adopt OSHA’s “confined spaces” standards to prevent employees from
4 entering areas not designed for extended human spaces without proper
5 safety gear.

6 B. Implement mandatory training on air monitoring, emergency response,
7 and safe rescue in the event of gas poisoning.

8 C. Engage in a comprehensive review of their air ventilation and ensure that
9 air can circulate freely through all confined spaces.

10 **SECTION 2.** Dairy farms in the United States are additionally encouraged to move away
11 from the practice of using “manure pits” in favor of safer and more
12 sustainable alternatives.

13 **SECTION 3.** For the purposes of this act:

14 A. “Confined space” means any area on a dairy farm not designed for
15 continuous occupancy, including but not limited to manure pits, storage
16 tanks, silos, or underground slurry passages.

17 B. “Dairy farm” refers to any facility engaged in the production of milk
18 from livestock, most commonly bovines.

19 **SECTION 4.** Enforcement of this legislation is entrusted to the Occupational Safety and
20 Health Administration and the Department of Labor. Violations of this act will
21 result in a minimum \$15,000 fine per violation, per affected worker.

22 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2027. All laws in conflict with this
23 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sebastian Blasdel of American Heritage at Broward.



Finals

A Bill to End Deferred Prosecution in our Legal System (BEDPLS)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The practice of deferred prosecution shall be ended
2 altogether.

3 **SECTION 2.** For the purpose of this legislation:

4 **A:** “Deferred Prosecution” shall be defined as an agreement between a
5 prosecutor and a defendant whereby prosecution is postponed for a
6 specified period, contingent upon the defendant meeting certain
7 conditions such as restitution, community service, rehabilitation
8 programs, or maintaining a clean record.

9 **B:** The bill-specific entities that are entitled to end deferred prosecution are
10 business companies/agencies.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall oversee the implementation of this bill.
12 Standardize eligibility criteria for deferred prosecution programs nationwide,
13 including but not limited to:

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Luke Kang, Trinity Preparatory School.