



**Montville Invitational
Congressional Debate Legislation
2026**

SESSION I: Taxation

A Bill to Govern Sugar Use And Reduction (SUGAR) Tax

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** A federal excise tax shall be placed on sugar-sweetened beverages sold in
2 the United States, as defined in Section 2, in order to reduce excessive
3 sugar consumption.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. A Sugar Sweetened Beverage(SSB) is defined as any non-alcoholic
5 beverage containing added sugar, including but not limited to soda, energy
6 drinks, sports drinks, and fruit drinks.

7 B. Added Sugar refers to any sugar added during processing, preparation,
8 or production, including sucrose and high-fructose corn syrup.

9 A. The following products are exempt from this definition:

10 a. 100 percent fruit or vegetable juices.

11 b. Milk, milk alternatives, and infant formula.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services(HHS), in coordination with
13 the IRS shall oversee the administration and enforcement of the tax.

14 A. An excise tax of one cent per ounce shall be imposed on all SSBs
15 manufactured or imported for sale in the U.S.

16 B. All revenue generated by this tax will be allocated to the U.S.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2027. All laws in conflict with this
18 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Shivank Jha of Ridge High School

A Bill to Establish a Wealth Tax

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Households shall hereby pay an annual 2% tax on every dollar of net
2 worth above \$50 million and a 6% tax on every dollar of net worth
3 above \$1 billion.

4 **SECTION 2.** ‘Household’ is to be defined as the cumulative net worth of all
5 individuals legally defined as an immediate family through marriage or
6 birth, regarded as one unit. ‘Net worth’ is to be defined as the
7 difference between an individual’s liabilities (money owed) from assets
8 (all value owned from things like cash, investments, and property).

9 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) shall oversee the implementation of
10 this legislation.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2026.

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

A Bill to Remove the Tax Exemption of Religious Organizations

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Religious organizations receiving tax exemption under Internal Revenue
2 Service (IRS) code 501(c)(3) that receive revenue at or equal to \$300,000 in
3 a single fiscal year are declared subject to federal income tax under section
4 11. Following bill integration, it will be mandated that all affected religious
5 organizations request a charitable deduction from the IRS, with no
6 exception toward integrated auxiliary associations or associations of
7 churches. Religious organizations will be automatically considered taxable
8 and are required to pay federal income tax under section 11.

9 **SECTION 2.** “Religious organizations” shall be defined as: churches, mosques,
10 synagogues, temples, nondenominational ministries, interdenominational
11 and ecumenical organizations, mission organizations, faith-based social
12 agencies, and other entities whose principal purpose is the study, practice,
13 or advancement of religion.

14 **SECTION 3.** The IRS will be responsible for implementation of this legislation.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect on January 1, 2027.

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

SESSION II: FOREIGN POLICY

A Bill to Grant Puerto Rico Statehood

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Puerto Rico shall be admitted into the United States as a state and be granted all rights, privileges, and responsibilities equal to the other states.

SECTION 2. The State of Puerto Rico shall consist of all islands and territorial waters currently under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

SECTION 3. Upon statehood, Puerto Rico shall receive federal representation as follows:

A. Two seats in the United States Senate.

B. Representatives in the United States House determined by the latest census data.

C. Electors based on its congressional representation.

SECTION 4. The Department of the Interior (DOI) shall oversee implementation of this legislation:

A. All Puerto Rican residents shall be subject to federal income tax laws, and federal funding will be allocated for economic adjustments.

B. United States federal laws will take full effect in Puerto Rico, overriding any conflicting local laws.

C. Congress shall approve the state constitution proposed by the Legislative Assembly of Puerto Rico.

SECTION 5. This legislation shall immediately go into effect.

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

A Bill to Remove Troops from South Korea

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States will withdraw all of its remaining military personnel
2 from South Korea effective immediately. Military support will still be
3 available for South Korean use, if needed.

4 **SECTION 2.** Military support shall be defined as military aid and U.S. military
5 operations in conjunction with South Korean forces.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense (DoD) and the U.S. Department of State will
7 oversee implementation of this legislation.

8 A. The U.S. Department of State will authorize distribution of military aid
9 if needed.

10 B. The U.S. Department of State will conduct yearly audits to ensure
11 proper use of military aid, if distributed.

12 C. U.S. military operations shall not be offensive, except in the case of
13 aggression from South Korean adversaries such as North Korea, China,
14 and Russia.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect in FY 2027.

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

SESSION III: ENVIRONMENT

A Bill to Establish a Carbon Tax to Solve the Climate Change Crisis

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** This bill will enact a \$75 per-ton carbon tax on all corporations that exceed
2 10 metric tons of carbon emissions per year.

3 **SECTION 2.** A carbon tax will be defined as a tax levied on carbon emissions. A
4 corporation will be defined as any company or group of people authorized
5 to act as a single entity and recognized as such by law.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Internal Revenue
7 Service (IRS) will oversee the enforcement of this legislation. The collected
8 tax money will be awarded to the Department of Energy to subsidize the
9 cost of the creation of renewable energy sources as well as investing into
10 the national power grid to expand its compatibility with the renewable
11 sector.

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

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

A Bill to Subsidize Biodegradable Alternatives to Microplastics

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The federal government shall hereby allocate \$500 million to incentivize
2 the research, development, manufacture, and adoption of
3 biodegradable alternatives to microplastics in consumer products.

4 **SECTION 2.** (a) The term “microplastics” means synthetic polymer particles less
5 than five millimeters in size that are intentionally added to products or
6 generated through the breakdown of plastic materials.

7 (b) The term “biodegradable alternatives” means materials derived
8 from natural, bio-based, or fully biodegradable synthetic sources that
9 demonstrably decompose into non-toxic components.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Commerce shall administer and oversee the subsidy
11 program established under this Act.

12 A. The DOC shall establish certification standards and testing
13 requirements to verify that subsidized materials qualify as
14 biodegradable alternatives.

15 B. The DOC shall publish and annually update a public list of certified
16 materials and eligible entities receiving subsidies under this Act.

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

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Aanvi Khade from Ridge High School.

A Bill to Place Limits on the Strategic Petroleum Reserve

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Withdrawals from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve shall now be limited.

2 A. Oil may not be removed from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve for the
3 purpose of lowering consumer gas prices.

4 B. Oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve may not be sold to any other
5 country, including but not limited to Russia, China, Iran, or North Korea.

6 C. Withdrawals from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve will only be allowed
7 in the event of supply disruption of oil imports.

8 **SECTION 2.** Supply disruption of oil imports will be defined as an event in which U.S.
9 domestic production of oil cannot offset the usage of domestic oil.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy will oversee this legislation and ensure that the
11 proper requirements are met before oil is taken from the Strategic
12 Petroleum Reserve.

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

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