

**The 2018
Sunvitational**

**Logistics &
Legislation Packet**

Logistics

Schedule:

Saturday, January 13, 2017

Session I 9:00 a.m.

Lunch 12:00 p.m.

Session II 1:00 p.m.

Session III 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 14, 2017

Semifinals 9:00 a.m.

Finals 1:30 p.m.

Awards 6:30 p.m.

For any rule this packet doesn't cover, we will operate under NSDA rules.

Cross Examination:

In prelims, we will use traditional questioning. For both semifinals and finals, however, we will use direct questioning. For direct questioning, the questioning period will be divided into 30-second blocks. Competitors may not permanently amend or remove the questioning period in prelims, semifinals, or finals. Competitors may not extend questioning when employing direct questioning. These rules may not be suspended.

Chambers:

Prelim chambers will be posted the morning of the tournament. Our goal is to keep the chambers to small sizes to maximize the number of times students can speak.

Prelims:

Each prelim session will last three hours. Competitors should not begin a new speech with fewer than five minutes remaining in the session.

Legislation for all rounds has been taken from past NSDA dockets. Three bills per session have been provided. The competitors will select the order those bills are debated, but only those three bills can be debated during that session. There are nine bills, therefore, a competitor should prepare for prelims. The goal is to allow students to be more prepared to debate a smaller number of bills rather than be superficially prepared on a great number of them. Students should be aware that there are no student authorships for these bills and should consider the possibility of being prepared to give the first affirmative speech.

Semifinals & Finals:

The semifinal and final rounds will continue until every competitor has spoken twice.

Only two bills are being provided for semifinals and finals sessions respectively. The purpose of this is to remove politicking from topic selection and ensure that students are not forced to prepare on a topic they will not end up debating. The tradeoff for this is the following rule change: Competitors may not call for the previous question until every competitor has spoken on the bill. This means that everyone who advances to the an out-round **must** speak on each bill at least once.

Legislation Order:

Session 1:

1. A Bill to Means Test Social Security to Ensure Fiscal Solvency
2. A Bill to Abolish the Subminimum Wage
3. A Bill to WASH Away the Water Worries of West Africa (NOTE: Change the effective date to January 1, 2019)

Session 2:

1. A Bill to Fund School Vouchers
2. A Bill to Limit Firearm Modifiers
3. A Resolution to Recognize Iraqi Kurdish Independence

Session 3:

1. A Bill to Repeal the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act
2. The Medicare for More Act

3. A Bill to Modify Travel Restrictions

Semifinal Session:

1. The Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act of 2017
2. A Bill to Fund the Deployment of Anti-Ballistic Missile Defense Systems to Japan

Final Session:

1. A Bill to Protect Consumers from Banks
2. The Unaccompanied Minor Immigration Act of 2017

A Bill to Means Test Social Security to Ensure Fiscal Solvency

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Future retirees who earn more than \$110,000 per year during ten or
3 more years of their career will be ineligible for Social Security benefits
4 upon retiring.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Future retirees” refers to those who begin eligibility for Social Security
6 after the implementation date of this legislation.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Social Security Administration will oversee the implementation of
8 this legislation.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on October 1, 2020.

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

A Bill to Abolish the Subminimum Wage

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The subminimum wage shall be raised to the current federal minimum
3 wage.

4 A. Whenever the federal minimum wage is increased, the subminimum
5 wage shall be increased to ensure it indefinitely equals the same
6 amount as the minimum wage.

7 **SECTION 2.** The subminimum wage shall be defined as the employment of student-
8 learners, tipped workers, or disabled workers at below the minimum
9 wage.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor shall be charged with the implementation of
11 this legislation.

12 A. Both the subminimum wage and the minimum wage shall be adjusted
13 to inflation on an annual basis.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect FY 2019.

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

A Bill to WASH Away the Water Worries of West Africa

Section 1. A. The United States will renew their involvement in the West Africa Water Supply, Sanitation, and Hygiene Program (WA-WASH) for seven more years (2018-2025).

B. The United States will increase their funding to the program from \$24 million to \$35 million.

Section 2. “Western Africa” will include Northern Ghana, Burkina Faso, and Niger

Section 3. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

Section 4. This legislation will be implemented on January 1, 2018

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

A Bill to Fund School Vouchers

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. An additional \$20 billion in funding shall be allocated for distribution to
3 the states. This fund shall be distributed to each state proportionally
4 based on the number of residents living below the poverty line.

5 B. In order to receive a portion of this fund, states must use it to finance a
6 school voucher program for students living in poverty.

7 **SECTION 2.** “School voucher program” shall be defined as a program that makes state
8 funding available to families to send their children to private primary and
9 secondary educational institutions. “Students living in poverty” shall be
10 defined as any student qualifying for a free or reduced lunch program.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall oversee the implementation of this
12 legislation.

13 **SECTION 4.** Funding shall be allocated on October 1, 2019. States must elect whether
14 they wish to receive funds by September 1, 2019.

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

A Bill to Limit Firearm Modifiers

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** It shall be unlawful for any person in or affecting interstate commerce to
3 manufacture, possess, or transfer any part that functions to (1) increase
4 the rate of fire of a semiautomatic rifle or (2) reduce the noise or light
5 emitted when a firearm is fired.

6 **SECTION 2.** In accordance with the timeline set forth in Section 4, the United States
7 government shall establish one collection facility in each Congressional
8 district and shall provide a cash rebate for the fair market value of any
9 confiscated item turned in by an American citizen.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (“ATF”) shall be
11 responsible for implementing the provisions of this legislation.

12 **SECTION 4.** The manufacture and sale of any item restricted by Section 1 shall be
13 unlawful immediately upon the passage of this legislation. The ATF shall
14 set up collection centers within thirty (30) days of the passage of this
15 legislation. Collection centers shall close one (1) year from their opening
16 date, after which point, it shall be unlawful to possess any item restricted
17 by Section 1.

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

A Bill to Repeal the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

Section 1. Sports gambling is now legal across the United States.

Section 2. A. “Gambling” entails lottery, sweepstakes, or other betting/wagering scheme based structures (directly or indirectly) on one or more competitive games in which amateur or professional sports athletes participate, or intended to participate, in one or more performances of a game.

B. Gambling applies to individuals and/or governmental entities willing to sponsor, operate, advertise, or promote pursuant to the law.

Section 3. The American Gaming Association shall oversee the passage of this legislation.

Section 4. This legislation shall be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

The Medicare for More Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A public option for health insurance shall be offered nationwide in
3 individual market exchanges.

4 **SECTION 2.** A public option shall be defined as a publicly funded health insurance
5 option for those under 65 that will compete against private insurers.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall be charged with
7 implementation of this legislation.

8 A. The public option shall be funded by a 0.03% financial transaction tax
9 on high frequency trading.

10 B. The Internal Revenue Service, in conjunction with the Securities
11 Exchange committee, shall be charged with implementing the
12 financial transaction tax.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect at the start of FY 2019.

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

A Bill to Modify Travel Restrictions

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The travel restrictions placed on entry from Syria, Chad, Yemen, Libya,
3 Somalia, Sudan, Iraq, and Iran through the Visa Waiver Program (VWP)
4 will be lifted.

5 **SECTION 2.** People visiting the United States through the VWP program from these 8
6 countries will only be allowed to stay in the United States for 30 days
7 before being required to leave the country.

8 **SECTION 3.** \$50 million will be allocated towards the Department of Homeland
9 Security to strengthen the Electronic System for Travel Authorization
10 (ESTA) system.

11 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

The Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act of 2017

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. The complete text of the Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act of 2017 (S. 1917) is hereby enacted.

Section 2. Sections 101-109 of ‘Sentence Reform’ and Sections 201-212 of ‘Corrections Act’ shall apply to:

A. Any offense that was committed before the date of enactment of this legislation , if a sentence for the offense has not been imposed as of such date of enactment.

B. In the case of a defendant who, before the date of enactment of this legislation, was convicted of an offense for which the penalty is amended by this section and was sentenced to a term of imprisonment for the offense, a term of imprisonment may be reduced if:

- 1.** The instant violation was for a drug trafficking offense that did not involve a violation of clause (ii) or (iii) of section 924(c)(1)(A) of title 18, United States Code.
- 2.** The defendant has not otherwise been convicted of any serious violent felony.
- 3.** The sentencing court, after considering the factors set forth in section 3553(a) of title 18, United States Code, the nature and seriousness of the danger to any person, the community, or any crime victims, and the post-sentencing conduct of the defendant, finds a reduction is consistent with this section.

Section 3. The Department of Justice shall be responsible for the oversight and implementation of this legislation.

Section 4. This legislation shall take effect on March 1, 2018.

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

A Bill to Fund the Deployment of Anti-Ballistic Missile Defense Systems to Japan

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** \$2.5 Billion shall be allocated for the purpose of funding the deployment
3 of either THAAD or Aegis Ashore units to Japan, pending Japanese state
4 approval.

5 **SECTION 2.** The money allocated should be enough for about 2 THAAD units or 3
6 Aegis Ashore units, whichever the Japanese government desires.

7 A. THAAD shall be defined as Terminal High Altitude Area Defense.

8 B. Aegis Ashore shall be defined as the land-based component of the
9 Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense System.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Political-Military Affairs shall be charged with
11 implementation of this legislation.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

A Bill to Protect Consumers from Banks

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Banks and investment firms shall be prohibited from using consumer
3 agreements requiring arbitration for future disputes or limiting the
4 consumer from participating in a class action concerning a covered
5 consumer financial product.

6 **SECTION 2.** “Consumer financial product” shall be defined as any product or service
7 offered by a bank or investment firm for the benefit of one or multiple
8 customers.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection shall be responsible for the
10 implementation of this legislation.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon its passage. Any
12 agreements containing a clause restricted by this legislation shall remain
13 in effect, however, the specific clause shall be nullified. Banks and
14 investment firms must notify all customers of this change to their
15 agreement within thirty (30) days of the passage of this legislation.

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

The Unaccompanied Minor Immigration Act of 2017

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Undocumented immigrants who arrived to the United States from
3 Guatemala, Honduras, or El Salvador shall be eligible for temporary
4 residence in the US if they meet the following qualifications:

5 A. Must have arrived between January 1, 2014 and January 1, 2017.

6 B. Must have arrived as an unaccompanied minor.

7 C. No history of violent crime.

8 **SECTION 2.** Those who are given temporary residence under this legislation must
9 commit to attending school, joining the military, or obtaining a job under
10 risk of losing their residence. After 5 years, they will be eligible for full
11 permanent residence status.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State shall be charged with the implementation of
13 this legislation,

14 A. The Department of Homeland Security shall be charged with vetting
15 the applicants.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

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