

2019 John F. Kennedy Tournament

HS Congress Information (Tentative Plans)

Saturday, October 26

Preliminary Session #1:	9:00 – 10:15 AM
Preliminary Session #2:	10:25 – 11:25 AM
Preliminary Session #3:	11:35 – 12:35 PM
Final Chamber:	1:15 – 2:45 PM

There will likely be either 2 or 3 chambers of Preliminary Competition.

The number of debaters advancing to the Final Chamber will be announced at the tournament.

** Judge Rankings of Competitors (1-8) will determine the Final Chamber and Final Placings. **

Legislation for Preliminary Sessions ~~~~~

From the OSDA 2019 State Tournament Docket:

- M-6 A Bill to Prohibit the False Advertising of Electronic Cigarettes
- M-8 A Resolution to Ban One Time Plastics in the United States
- M-16 A Bill to Require all Active Duty Police Officers to Wear Body Cameras
- M-19 A Bill to Introduce Water Conservation
- M-25 A Bill to Increase Aid to Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala

Legislation for Final Chamber ~~~~~

From the OSDA November 2019 Docket:

- N-1 The Workers Always Get Enough (W.A.G.E.) Act
- N-2 A Bill to Repeal the Capital Gains Tax to Increase Investment
- N-5 A Bill to Forgive All Student Loan Debt after Five Years

M-6 A Bill to Prohibit the False Advertising of Electronic Cigarettes

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Use of electronic cigarettes or electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDSs) shall not be advertised by any retailer, manufacturer, distributor, or advertising agency as a safe, effective, permanent, or otherwise healthy method of cessation of conventional combustible tobacco products.

SECTION 2. “Electronic cigarettes” or “electronic nicotine delivery systems” shall be defined as any device or apparatus which delivers a flavored aerosol to the body by means of a heating element. “Combustible tobacco products”, for the purposes of this legislation, shall be defined to include but not be limited to cigarettes, cigars, or any tobacco-based product which is burned to deliver nicotine.

SECTION 3. The Food and Drug Administration shall be responsible for the enforcement of this legislation

A. This legislation shall be enforced only to apply to commercial advertising and so as to not infringe upon the free speech provisions of the First Amendment.

B. The FDA may cease enforcement of this legislation when it has concluded that there is sufficient scientific and empirical evidence to warrant such an action.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Wauseon High School, Toledo District

M-8 A Resolution to Ban One Time Plastics in the United States

1 **WHEREAS,** 6.9 billion tons of plastic have turned to waste out of which 50% being one time
2 plastics; and

3 **WHEREAS,** one time plastics are defined as plastic products that are used only one time before
4 being thrown away. Items including plastic bags, straws, coffee stirrers, soda and
5 water bottles and most food packaging are all examples.

6 **WHEREAS,** one-time plastic contributes to majority of ocean pollution, air pollution, and
7 killing millions of aquatic species; and

8 **WHEREAS,** plastic has an undetermined biodegradable lifespan of 450 years to never and only
9 10% of one time plastics can be recycled;

10 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States pose a ban on one time
11 plastics in order to further reduce the environmental harms that plastic poses to
12 our planet.

13 Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sylvania Southview, Toledo District

M-16 A Bill to Require all Active Duty Police Officers to Wear Body Cameras

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1: All active duty local law enforcement officers will be required to wear cameras on each of their individual torsos, as attached to vests and part of the uniform.

SECTION 2: An officer's personal body camera recording is not a public record unless the law enforcement officer provides the recording to the department. An officer who discloses the recording to a person or agency other than the department is civilly liable to certain individuals depicted in the body camera recording, if the officer uses the recording for a purpose other than: (1) the performance of the officer's official duties; or (2) to prepare the officer's defense or response in a disciplinary action or criminal action. If the officer gives the recording to the department without first altering, displaying, or transmitting the recording to another person, the officer is immune from civil liability for disclosure of the recording to individuals depicted in the body camera recording.

SECTION 3: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Oakwood High School, *GMV District*

M-19 A Bill to Introduce Water Conservation

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall hereby begin working to conserve water to prevent a
3 similar crisis to the “day zero” experienced in Cape Town.

4 **SECTION 2.** Water conservation is defined as cutting back on using water for cooking,
5 cleaning, bathing, etc. “Day zero” is defined as the water shortage emergency in
6 Cape Town.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) shall oversee the
8 implementation of this legislation.

9 A. An incentive of a 5% increase in federal grants will be given to states who
10 decrease their water usage by 10%.

11 B. The grants shall come from FEMA’s funding.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect in the year 2020.

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

14 Introduced for Congressional Debate by Austintown Fitch High School, Youngstown District

M-25 A Bill to Increase Aid to Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Congress will increase assistance to Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala by an additional \$400 million each, annually for each of the next five years.

SECTION 2. The assistance will be defined as half for “security assistance” targeted to reduce gang activities, specifically violence and drug and sex-trafficking. The other half of the assistance will be given as “foreign development aid” to increase economic development and expand skills training programs for residents.

SECTION 3. Jointly, the Department of Defense and US Department of State will provide oversight.

A. Half of the additional yearly funds, “security aid,” will be delivered and overseen by the Department of Defense’s existing budget for counter-drug programs.

B. Half of the additional funds, “economic development aid,” will be overseen by USAID and the Department of State.

SECTION 4. This bill will take effect immediately upon passage of this bill.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Solon High School, Cleveland District

N1. The Workers Always Get Enough (W.A.G.E.) Act

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The federal minimum wage will be set to \$10 per hour. The federal minimum wage will
3. be adjusted twice each year to account for inflation based on the Federal Reserve's
4. Semiannual Monetary Policy Report to Congress.
5. **SECTION 2.** A. The minimum wage will be set at \$10 per hour with the release of the Federal
6. Reserve's February 2020 Monetary Policy Report.
7. B. Each adjustment will occur with the subsequent release of each semiannual report by
8. the Federal Reserve. The federal minimum wage will remain as defined under the Fair
9. Labor Standards Act.
10. **SECTION 3.** The Federal Reserve will oversee the inflation calculation for each minimum wage
11. adjustment under its Semiannual Monetary Policy Report. The Department of Labor will
12. oversee the implementation of each minimum wage adjustment.
13. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect immediately after the release of the February 2020
14. Monetary Policy Report.
15. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hawken School, Cleveland District

N2. A Bill to Repeal the Capital Gains Tax to Increase Investment

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The capital gains tax will be repealed. The revenue lost will be accounted for by an
3. increase in the top two tax brackets, from 35% to 38% and 37% to 40%.
4. **SECTION 2.** Capital gains tax is defined as a tax on the profit realized on the sale of a non-inventory
5. asset. It includes but is not limited to the sales of: bonds, stocks, real estate, and
6. property.
7. **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service will oversee the enforcement and implementation of this
8. bill.
9. **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect by January 1, 2021.
10. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Gahanna Lincoln High School, Columbus District

N5. A Bill to Forgive All Student Loan Debt after Five Years

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** All current and future student loan debt held by individuals after five years of qualifying payments
3. shall be forgiven.
4. **SECTION 2.** Student loan debt refers to debt from loans for higher education, qualifying payments refer to timely
5. payments made toward paying off student loans, forgiven means that the remaining money owed
6. will be the burden of the lender to cover.
7. **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Education and the United States Treasury will oversee the
8. enforcement of the bill to ensure no violations occur by lenders and that all qualifying payments are
9. processed.
10. A. Any lenders found to still be collecting payments after the five years of qualifying payments will
11. be fined \$1 million per incidence.
12. B. All money collected from fines will be used to fund materials for public schools in the United
13. States.
14. **SECTION 4.** This policy will go into effect at the start of the 2021 fiscal year.
15. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by The National Speech and Debate Association