



2018 Debate State Tournament

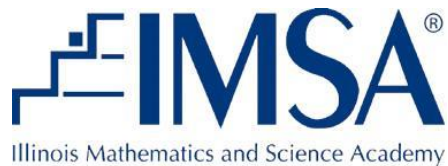
Congressional Debate Legislation

A Bill to Solve the Pension Problem

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2 **SECTION 1.** Payments received by individuals from state government retirement
3 plans shall be taxed as regular income under income tax laws. Illinois Income Tax Act
4 Section 203 (a)(2)(f) is hereby repealed.
5 **SECTION 2.** State government retirement plans shall be defined benefit plans as
6 defined by the Illinois Pension Code, 40 Illinois Compiled Statutes (ILCS) 5. The Illinois
7 Income Tax Act is defined as 35 ILCS 5.
8 **SECTION 3.** The Illinois Department of Revenue will implement and oversee this
9 legislation.
10 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2019.
11 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
12 void.

Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Economics.

Abinaya Ramakrishnan



A Bill to Separate the Church and State

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All religious organizations in the United States shall now be required to
3 pay property tax based on the county and state regulations and formulas
4 the property is located in.

5 **SECTION 2.** Any religious organization that is defined as such under the Internal
6 Revenue Code section 501(c)(3) will be subject to this tax.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service will be in charge of implementation and
8 oversight of this bill. Churches that donate 80% of more of their income
9 to registered charities will be exempt from the property tax requirement.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect on January 01, 2019.

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

Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Economics,

Frankie Peschke

Glenbrook South HS

A Bill to Incentivize Electric Vehicles

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 SECTION 1. ARTICLE I Owners of all electric vehicles shall be granted subsidies including but
2 not limited to: access to less-congested traffic lanes, reduced income
3 taxes by 15%, and removal of sales taxes for the vehicle purchase.
- 4 ARTICLE II In effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, the United States will
5 implement a 50% tax on all gasoline. Money collected will go towards
6 providing these subsidies.
- 7 SECTION 2. “Electric vehicles” shall be defined as cars which run solely on
8 electricity without gasoline. This does not include hybrid vehicles.
- 9 SECTION 3. The United States Department of Transportation shall oversee the
10 implementation of this legislation.
- 11 SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect January 1st, 2019.
- 12 SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
13 void.

Respectfully submitted to the Committee on Economics

Kris Shah

Harry D. Jacobs High School

A Resolution to Let the Rising Sun Bring its Guns Out

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **WHEREAS,** North Korea and China have increased their military capabilities
2 within Southeast and East Asia; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Japan is now at a greater threat of attack than at any time in the
4 past; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Article 9 of the Japanese Constitution prevents the development of
6 a Japanese Army, Navy, or Air Force; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security between the United
8 States and Japan mandates that the United States acts as the
9 defender of Japan in place of a Japanese military; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** The United States holds several major military bases within
11 Japanese territory including bases in Okinawa and Shiuoka
12 Prefecture; now, therefore, be it
- 13 **RESOLVED,** The United States Congress recommends that Japan shall amend
14 their constitution to remove Article 9.
- 15 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** The United States shall slowly phase out presence in Japan to
16 remove 50% of bases across Japan and reduce military personnel
17 by 50% across Japan by 2023.

Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Foreign Affairs,

Arash Abbas

William Fremd High School

A Bill to Reform Our Immigration System

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The executive program known as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals,
2. or DACA, is hereby authorized and funded. The Department of Homeland Security
3. will report to Congress on what is needed to continue to extend DACA protection
4. to people living in the United States.
5. **SECTION 2.** The Department of Homeland Security is directed to accelerate existing paths to
6. permanent residency and/or citizenship. The DHS shall reduce current wait times
7. by 50% by 2020; additional budget requests from DHS to meet this goal will be
8. honored.
9. **SECTION 3.** The travel moratorium most recently requested by the President will be authorized
10. by this act and implemented by the Department of State.
11. **A.** Any funding necessary to implement this travel moratorium will be granted the
12. Department of State.
13. **B.** The Department of State will submit a report to Congress on the effectiveness
14. and necessity of the travel moratorium three months after the passage of this bill,
15. and Congress will decide at that time if the moratorium will remain in place.
16. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.
17. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

Evanston Township High School

A Resolution to Secure Solar Energy for the Future

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Solar energy makes up less than 1% of total energy production
2 worldwide; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Solar energy is expanding, becoming more efficient, yet not efficient
4 enough to replace traditional energy sources; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Climate change threatens to cause massive economic damage worldwide
6 in the short and long term; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** A globalized free trade policy amongst all world nations for the solar
8 industry would promote the most efficiency in solar markets; now,
9 therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation
11 to all nations that there shall be no tariffs or additional costs levied on
12 companies or nations involved in the solar industry/trade; and, be it
- 13 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the World Trade Organization shall penalize the nations that
14 do engage in trade protectionism in the solar industry with additional
15 retaliatory measures equal to the measures levied by the protectionist
16 nation.

Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Foreign Affairs,

Vince Maikranz

Grant Community High School

A Bill to Tailor Education for the Future Generation

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All Illinois public school districts will have to provide families the choice of
3 which school they want to attend by providing school vouchers. Every
4 Illinois public school will also transition to magnet schools within 5 years
5 of the implementation of this bill.

6 **SECTION 2.** Illinois public schools will be defined as schools funded and maintained
7 by the government. School vouchers will be defined as sums of money
8 given to public schools when students enroll. Magnet schools will be
9 defined as schools that specialize in certain career clusters, teaching
10 styles, or academic needs.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Illinois State Board of Education is responsible for the regulation of
12 this bill.

13 A. Monetary value of school vouchers will be determined by taking
14 Illinois's education spending budget and dividing it by the amount of
15 public school students.

16 B. Schools will still have to follow Illinois State Board of Education
17 Graduation Requirements as well as Illinois Learning Standards

18 C. Schools will not be able to discriminate or deny enrollment based on
19 race, sex, gender, sexual orientation, religion, income status, disability
20 or academic history

21 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect August 1, 2018..

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

Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Public Welfare

Daniel Salgado-Alvarez

ELK GROVE HIGH SCHOOL



A Bill to Allow Everyone to be Heard

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Due to the high number of people who did not vote in the previous election;

3 Voting day shall be declared a national holiday, allowing people to be able to vote.

4 **SECTION 2.** All establishments shall be required to recognize employees' right to vote.

5 **SECTION 3. A.** Employees will be allotted 3 hours out of work to vote

6 **B.** Companies failing to comply will be fined \$2,000 per employee

7 **C.** Every year the company is in non-compliance, fine shall be doubled

8 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be overseen by U.S Department of Labor

9 **SECTION 5.** This bill will take effect on March 20, 2018.

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

Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Public Welfare

*Dan Askounis
Carl Sandburg High School*



A Bill to Use Guns SMARTly

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall hereby adopt smart gun technology
2 in all public markets.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Smart gun technology is defined as technology that provides
4 a safety feature allowing the firearm to fire only when activated by an
5 authorized user. This technology includes RFID chips, mechanical locks,
6 fingerprint recognition, and/or magnetic rings that will be incorporated
7 into each firearm.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** The United States Consumer Product and Safety
9 Commission will be provided with \$25 million to expand oversight to
10 include smart gun technology, which must be in every firearm within the
11 United States.
- 12 A. The United States Consumer Product and Safety Commission will
13 implement a recall program to ensure that faulty smart gun systems
14 and guns without smart technology will have properly functioning
15 systems as outlined in Section 2.
- 16 B. This program will end in 2024.
- 17 C. Non-compliant gun manufacturers will be fined at 200% of the original
18 retail of the firearm, per firearm sold. This money will be placed toward
19 extra funding for the legislation.
- 20 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented in fiscal year 2018.
- 21 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared
22 null and void.

Respectfully submitted to the committee on Public Welfare,

*Aditi Katwala
Conant High School*

A Bill to Advance Our Students

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All Illinois high school students must complete 1 full credit of an
3 accredited AP course with a passing grade in order to graduate.

4 Exemptions are available for individual students with disabilities or
5 cognitive delays.

6 **SECTION 2.** 1 full credit shall be defined as either 1 full year or 2 nonconsecutive
7 semesters of an AP class. An accredited AP course shall be defined as any
8 course that has successfully completed the College Board's AP Audit
9 process. A passing grade shall be defined as a grade of a C or higher. An
10 exemption must be filed with the Illinois State Board of Education and
11 will be granted at their discretion.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Illinois State Board of Education will oversee the implementation of
13 this bill.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect beginning with the Class of 2022.

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

Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Public Welfare,

Derek Prusener

Rolling Meadows High School

A Bill to Allow Dreamers to Dream

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A new immigration policy shall be established in order to replace the Deferred
3 Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) policy named "Amnesty for Childhood
4 Arrivals." (AFCA)

5 **SECTION 2.** All eligibility requirements and application processes will remain as they were in
6 DACA with three exceptions.

7 **SECTION 3. A.** A child must have reached the United States before age 17.

8 **B.** All application fees will be waived regardless of the applicant's economic
9 status.

10 **C.** All applicants must prove to Citizen and Immigration Services that they have
11 plans to attend college or join the military after graduation from high school.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be overseen by U.S Citizen and Immigration Services and the
13 Department of Homeland Security.

14 **SECTION 5.** This bill will take effect on March 20, 2018.

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

Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Economics

**A Bill to Limit the Tariffs to
Create Better Foreign Relations**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** Tariffs on imports from other countries shall not exceed 20% on the
2. overall trade.
3. **SECTION 2.** A tariff shall be defined as any tax on imports from another country. Trade
4. shall be defined as any exchange of products for other products or a
5. money value.
6. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Commerce shall oversee the enforcement of this bill.
7. **SECTION 4.** The implementation of this bill shall take place on June 1, 2019.
8. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this bill shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted to the committee of Economics.

A Resolution to Pop the Poppy Plant

Be it resolved by the United States Congress here assembled that:

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The opioid epidemic has plagued the United States and countries around the
2 world, and drug trafficking is at an all-time high; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** These opioids cause the United States to lead the world in drug deaths, with
4 poppy plant-derived drugs leading to many of them; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** More than 67 thousand people died from opioid abuse and overdose in
6 2016; therefore, be it
- 7 **RESOLVED,** That the United States Congress here assembled direct the USDA Foreign
8 Agricultural Service to develop and assist other nations' agricultural departments
9 in regulating the sale of the poppy plant and all of its biological parts as well
10 regulating the cultivation of the poppy plant itself.
- 11 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** This resolution shall also seek assistance with various
12 organizations including the United Nations and NATO to help similar drug
13 epidemics worldwide and help pass a similar legislation throughout
14 partnering countries.

Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Foreign Affairs

A Bill to Support the Right to Work

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The National Labor Relations Act and the Railway Labor Act shall be
3 amended so that provisions that permit employers or labor organizations to require
4 employees to join a union as a condition of employment shall be removed.

5 **A.** Such requirements are now considered unfair labor practices under the National
6 Labor Relations Act.

7 **B.** Existing contracts with these provisions shall be allowed to stand without penalty
8 for two years after the passage of this bill, and then must be modified or be
9 subject to prosecution under the Act.

10 **SECTION 2.** Amendments to the National Labor Relations Act include relevant
11 portions of 29 U.S.C.157, 29 U.S.C. 158(a), 29 U.S.C. 158(b), and 29 U.S.C. 158(f).
12 Amendments to the Railway Labor Act shall include section 2, paragraph 11.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor and the National Labor Relations Board will
14 implement and oversee this legislation.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2019.

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

Respectfully submitted to the Committee on Public Welfare.

A Bill to Reform Net Neutrality Regulations

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. Internet service providers (ISPs) shall be prohibited from engaging in
3 throttling, blocking, zero rating, or paid prioritization.

4 B. The Federal Communications Commission shall permanently reclassify ISPs as
5 information services.

6 C. Federal Trade Commission antitrust and privacy regulations shall apply to ISPs.

7 **SECTION 2.** “Internet service providers” shall be defined as companies that provide
8 customers Internet access and related services. “Throttling” refers to an ISP
9 slowing down access to an online service. “Blocking” refers to an ISP barring
10 access to lawful Internet content. “Zero rating” refers to an ISP exempting online
11 services from data limits on phone or Internet plans. “Paid prioritization” refers
12 to an ISP receiving payment from a content provider to allow customers faster
13 access to the provider’s websites and services. “Information service” refers to
14 the definition of the term under the Communications Act of 1934.

15 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Communications Commission shall enforce Sections 1.A and 1.B. The
16 Federal Trade Commission shall enforce Section 1.C.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2018.

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

Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Economics

A Bill to Join the International Community

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will officially and formally ratify the Rome Statute of
3 the International Criminal Court treaty.

4 **SECTION 2.** The United States federal government will follow all Constitutional
5 provisions of treaty ratification to become an official member of the ICC.
6 The United States will follow all legal provisions outlined by the United
7 Nations as a party to the treaty.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State will oversee the implementation of this bill.

9 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect on January 01, 2019.

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

Respectfully submitted to the Foreign Affairs.

A Bill to Dismantle Pyramid Income

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** No employee of any business shall earn annual compensation of more than 100
3. times the salary of the median employee salary of the business.
4. **SECTION 2.** A business shall be defined as a commercial or not-for-profit operation that
5. employs individuals. Annual compensation shall encompass both monetary and
6. non-monetary pay. This includes salary, stock options, and other forms of
7. payment. The median employee shall be defined as the person who makes the
8. median annual income of a business.
9. **SECTION 3.** The Wage and Hour Division of the United States Department of Labor shall be
10. responsible for the implementation and enforcement of this bill.
11. **SECTION 5.** This bill shall take effect starting fiscal year 2019
12. **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted to the Committee on Public Welfare

A Bill to Promote One Person, One Vote

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** In order to protect the right to vote, each state shall establish an
3 independent, nonpartisan Voter Protection Commission (VPC) to draw,
4 or, if necessary, redraw, and evaluate the Congressional districts in that
5 state.

6 **SECTION 2.** A. The VPC shall draw the districts so that each district is optimally
7 compact, contains roughly equal population, and respects Census blocks.

8 **B.** A Census block is the smallest geographical unit used by the Census
9 Bureau.

10 **C.** To evaluate redistricting, the Department of Justice shall use the
11 criterion that the number of representatives elected should roughly
12 equal the percentages of the popular vote.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall implement this legislation.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect upon passage so that redistricting is in
15 place for the 2018 midterm elections.

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

Respectfully submitted to The Committee on Public Welfare.