



2020 Debate State Tournament

Congressional Debate Legislation

Preliminary Rounds 101

A Bill to Muzzle the Guzzle

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All fossil fuel subsidies are to be phased out by 2025.

3 **SECTION 2.** A. Fossil fuel subsidies exist in the United States tax code as both direct
4 and indirect forms of aid to fossil fuel extractors, refiners, and
5 distributors.

6 B. In order to phase out a particular subsidy, it must no longer privilege
7 fossil fuels in the energy market.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service will oversee implementation of this bill.

9 A. The Commissioner of Internal Revenue will appoint a Special
10 Commission on Fossil Fuel Subsidies within three months of passage.

11 B. The Special Commission on Fossil Fuel Subsidies will identify and
12 recommend to the Commissioner a phase out calendar within one
13 year of passage.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill comes into effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by

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Preliminary Rounds 102

A Bill To Make Income Ubiquitous

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All American adults will now be able to choose between the current
3 government benefits they receive or a \$1000 monthly universal basic income.
4 A 10% value-added tax will be levied on all goods and services excluding
5 food, clothing, medication, diapers, and feminine hygiene products to fund the
6 universal basic income.

7 **SECTION 2.** Current government benefits include the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
8 Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Need Families (TANF), and
9 Supplemental Security Income (SSI). A value-added tax is defined as a tax
10 placed on a product whenever value is added at each stage of the supply chain,
11 from production to the point of sale.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Social Security
13 Administration (SSA), the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the Federal
14 Trade Commission (FTC), and the Department of Commerce will be charged
15 with the implementation and execution of this legislation.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect on January 1, 2021.

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

Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Economics.

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Preliminary Rounds 103

A Bill to Fund the Switch to Phage Therapy

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

2 **SECTION 1** A 10% tax will be placed on all antibiotics imported by businesses and
3 corporations to go to toward subsidies for Phage Therapy procedures.

4 **SECTION 2** Antibiotics will be defined as “a medicine (such as penicillin or its
5 derivatives) that inhibit the growth of or destroy microorganisms.”
6 Phage Therapy will be defined as “the therapeutic use of bacteriophages
7 to treat pathogenic bacterial infections.”
8 Subsidies will be defined as “money granted by the government to assist
9 companies that offer Phage Therapy to lower the price of the treatment.”

10 **SECTION 3** The FDA and IRS will oversee the enforcement of the bill.

11 A. The FDA will oversee the use of Phage Therapy, the companies offering
12 Phage Therapy, and the subsidies being enacted.

13 B. The IRS will oversee the tax on imported antibiotics.

14 **Section 4** This bill will be put in place January 1st of 2021.

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

Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Economics,

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Preliminary Rounds 104

A Bill For The Kids

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The US Government shall grant 150 paid days of leave to split among
3 parent(s) over the first eight years of their child's life in order to allow
4 parents to have an active role in their child's life, in addition to maternity
5 and paternity leaves. If parents have another child, they will only be
6 eligible for benefits after 730 days.

7 **SECTION 2.** A parent shall be defined as a person who is legally recognized as the one
8 who raises a certain child.

9 **SECTION 3.** This Bill shall be overseen by the Department of Labor.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect January 1, 2021.

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

Respectfully submitted to the Committee on Economics,

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Preliminary Rounds 201

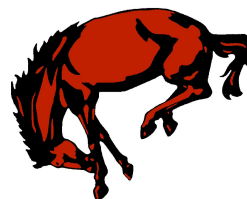
A Resolution to Blast the Belt and Road

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The People's Republic of China's has instituted a form of economic
2 blackmail, commonly known as the Belt and Road Initiative, and
3 **WHEREAS,** the Belt and Road Initiative claims to be a beacon of economic
4 prosperity, but is instead a tool of the PRC to reinforce authoritarian
5 regimes and force other nations to subjugate themselves to the PRC, and
6 **WHEREAS,** Chinese support of authoritarian nations degrades democratic institutions
7 and denies the rule of law, and
8 **WHEREAS,** participation in the Belt and Road initiative is contingent on allowing
9 Chinese government-controlled firms to implement neocolonialism and
10 natural resource stripping in less developed nations, now, therefore, be it
11 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation,
12 that nations hereby abstain from joining the Belt and Road Initiative, and
13 that nations currently within its clutches exit it.
14 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That if nations do not comply with this resolution, they shall be
15 ineligible for US Foreign Aid, in any capacity.

Respectfully Submitted to the Committee of Foreign Affairs,

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Preliminary Rounds 202

A Resolution to Promote Free Trade with Africa

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), implemented by The African
2 Continental Free Trade Agreement, currently includes 28 countries making it the
3 largest free trade area based on participation; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Tariffs on 90% of the goods traded among AfCFTA member states will be removed
5 resulting in an expected increase in intra-African trade by 52% in the next several
6 years; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Developing a U.S.-AfCFTA free trade agreement would create a more reciprocal and
8 sustainable plan than existing agreements currently offer, providing greater
9 economic stability to the poorest countries in the region; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** Developing independent trade agreements with individual African nations would be
11 costly and time-consuming; and
- 12 **WHEREAS,** Developing a comprehensive U.S.-AfCFTA trade agreement would increase trade and
13 commercial ties to the region, decreasing the need for the United States to provide
14 financial assistance; now, therefore, be it
- 15 **RESOLVED,** That The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) shall assist The
16 African Union to develop and organize an African customs union; and, be it
- 17 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That once an African customs union has been organized, the USTR shall
18 negotiate U.S.-AfCFTA free trade agreement.

Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Foreign Affairs,

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Preliminary Rounds 203

A Bill to Say Nay to Guantanamo Bay

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** All prison operations within Guantanamo Bay Naval Base in Cuba will be shut
2. down. Foreign prisoners cleared for release will be relocated to their home or a third party
3. country while prisoners deemed in need for detention will be placed in high security military
4. prisons on US soil. Enhanced interrogations will be strictly prohibited in these facilities.
5. **SECTION 2.** High security military prisons will be defined as correctional facilities deemed to be
6. highly effective. These facilities include but aren't limited to Fort Leavenworth in Kansas and
7. Naval Consolidated Brig in South Carolina. Enhanced interrogations will be defined as
8. interrogation techniques involving physical torture, psychological torture, or deprivation of
9. human needs.
10. **SECTION 3.** The Departments of Justice and Defense will work together to oversee the
11. implementation of this bill. A national committee will be formed to evaluate prisoner status,
12. ensure security within facilities, and report any violations.
13. **SECTION 4.** This law shall go into effect by January 01, 2021
14. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Foreign Affairs

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Preliminary Rounds 301

A Bill to Tackle Mental Health in Schools

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

2 **SECTION 1.** State legislatures will be advised to adopt the following guidelines
3 regarding school and mental health: Students shall hereby be allowed to
4 have mental health days count as excused absences within public school
5 systems. Upon adoption of this guideline, states will receive additional
6 Federal dollars under current grants-in-aid programs related to mental
7 health.

8 **SECTION 2.** Mental health, unexcused absences, public school systems,

9 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Education will be tasked with the
10 implementation and enforcement of this legislation.

11 A. The U.S. Department of Education will be allotted an additional \$100
12 million to be dispersed to all states on a per capita basis.

13 B. All funds will be disseminated through the following grant programs:
14 The Trauma Recovery Demonstration Grant Program, The Mental
15 Health Demonstration Grant Program, Project Prevent, and The
16 School Climate Transformation Grant Program.

17 **SECTION 4.** Indicate the implementation date/timeframe.

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

Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Public Welfare,

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Preliminary Rounds 302

A Bill to Restore Trust in Law Enforcement

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

2 **SECTION 1.** A. The Department of the Treasury shall levy a ten percent excise tax
3 upon all firearms, ammunition, components of firearms, and components
4 of ammunition sold within the United States or sold to United States
5 citizens. B. The Department of Justice shall establish national standards
6 for use of force that emphasize alternatives to violence, require the
7 training and periodic retraining in anti-bias, require the establishment of
8 Civilian Police Review Boards, and require the use of body-cameras.

9 **SECTION 2.** An excise tax is a tax paid when a purchase is made. Anti-bias refers to
10 opposing the unfair discrimination of people based on race, religion, etc.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of the Treasury and the Department of Justice shall
12 implement this legislation. The programs in Section 1B shall be funded by
13 the federal government. Non-compliant law enforcement agencies shall
14 forfeit 15% of their Department of Justice funding.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect one year from the date of passage.

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

Respectfully Submitted to the Committee on Public Welfare,

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Preliminary Rounds 303

A Bill to Fill the 'Missing Middle'

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All single-family home zoning laws shall be abolished to encourage the
2 building of multi-family housing.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** A single-family home is defined as a detached residential property under
4 the ownership of one individual or household. 'Missing Middle Housing'
5 refers to residential buildings between single-family homes and mid- or
6 high-rise apartment buildings (duplexes, townhomes, courtyard
7 apartments, etc.)
- 8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Housing and Urban Development will oversee the
9 implementation of this bill.
- A. Any residential lot may hold a building with up to three units.
- SECTION 4.** The bill shall be implemented immediately upon passage.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Public Welfare,

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Semifinal Round 101

A Bill to Ensure No Taxation Without Representation

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** The federal income tax will be abolished for all workers under the age of
3. eighteen and for those deprived of their voting rights.
4. **SECTION 2.** “Workers” shall be defined as American citizens who are legally
employed
5. and are currently subject to the federal income tax. “Voting rights” shall be defined as
6. the right to vote in all applicable federal elections.
7. **SECTION 3.** Enforcement of this bill shall be overseen by the Internal Revenue Service
8. **SECTION 4.** This policy will be implemented for tax year 2021.
9. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Economics,

A Resolution to Increase U.S. Trade and Counter Chinese Growth

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States needs to maintain a dominant political and economic
2 role in the global political platform and trade market; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific
4 Partnership (CPTPP) enhances trade opportunity, promotes free trade,
5 advocates for environmental protection, and promotes the elimination of
6 tariffs among member countries; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Southeast Asia represents a region with significant geopolitical tension,
8 specifically regarding Chinese influence that poses a threat to the United
9 States' economic and political dominance; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** Joining the CPTPP would allow the United States to reaffirm its trade
11 goals and check Chinese expansion; now, therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the Congress here assembled
13 requests to join the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for
14 Trans-Pacific Partnership; and, be it
- 15 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Congress hereby assembled orders that current foreign
16 aid funding to Iraq will all be redirected evenly to Vietnam, Singapore,
17 and Malaysia to support their military presence in the South China Sea.

Semifinal Round 202

A Resolution to Stop the Genocide of the Rohingya People in Myanmar

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The military of Myanmar is slaughtering the Rohingya people in the state of
2 Rakhine under the false pretenses of “terrorism;” and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** More than 24,000 Rohingya have been murdered by the military of Myanmar
4 and Buddhist officials in the state of Rakhine since August of 2017; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Rohingya women and girls are forcefully raped and killed by the Myanmar
6 Military and Burmese Military Officials and more than 250 Rohingya villages have
7 been burned to the ground by these forces; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** More than 600,000 Rohingya have fled to Bangladesh refugee camps to escape
9 the violence and destruction caused by the military; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** The government of Myanmar has repeatedly denied the genocide of the
11 Rohingya people in the state of Rakhine; now, therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** That the United States Congress here assembled make the following
13 recommendation that the UN authorizes sanctions against the nation of
14 Myanmar; and, be it
- 15 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That any company caught doing business with the military of Myanmar
16 be banned from selling their products/services in the United States.

Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Foreign Affairs

Semifinal Round 301

A Bill to Put a Tax on Vapes to Save Our Nation

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

2 **SECTION 1.** An additional 14% “sin” tax will be placed on all vaping products sold within

3 the United States. All tax money collected from the sale of vaping products will

4 go directly to help fund The American Lung Association.

5 **SECTION 2.** Vaping products shall be defined as disposable e-cigarettes, rechargeable

6 e-cigarettes, vape pens, e-liquids, e-juices, and any advanced personal

7 vaporizers that promote nicotine usage.

8 **SECTION 3.** This bill shall be enforced by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

9 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect upon passage of legislation.

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

Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Public Welfare,

The NUCLEAR Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** 1A. Nuclear energy will be completely phased out nationwide.
2 1B. The Never Underestimate Clean, Logical, Energy Alternatives
3 Replacement act (hereby known as the NUCLEAR grant) totalling 630
4 billion dollars will be established for states increasing reliance on
5 non-nuclear renewable energy.
- 6 **SECTION 2.** “Phasing out” will be defined as the secure closure of all nuclear power
7 plants by 2035. Non-nuclear renewable energy includes solar, wind, hydro,
8 and geothermal energy.
- 9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy will be tasked with overseeing the secure closure
10 of all nuclear energy plants and the disbursement of the NUCLEAR grants.
11 The DoE will be allocated \$50 million to oversee the closure of the reactors
12 and disbursement of the grants.
- 13 **SECTION 4.** This law will go into effect on October 1st, 2020
- 14 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation will be declared null and void.

Introduced to the Committee on Economics

A Resolution to Avoid Fallout with Iran

1 **WHEREAS**, Nuclear proliferation is one of the world's most imminent threats to
2 modern civilization; and

3 **WHEREAS**, The 2015 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action agreement, also known as
4 the Iran Nuclear Deal, reached between the P5+1 countries and Iran is essential to
5 the prevention of international conflict; and

6 **WHEREAS**, President Trump's withdrawal from the Iran Nuclear Deal has
7 unnecessarily escalated diplomatic tensions; and

8 **WHEREAS**, The United States has a responsibility to support its allies in efforts to
9 curtail the spread of nuclear weapons; now, therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation
11 that President Trump rejoin the Iran Nuclear Deal, which would entail enforcement of
12 all of its stipulations; and, be it

13 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, That if the President does not comply, this Congress formally
14 censures President Trump for failing to protect the national security of the United
15 States of America.

Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Foreign Affairs.

A Resolution to End the Ebola Epidemic in Africa

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The West African Ebola epidemic in 2013 killed over 11,000; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** The recent Ebola epidemic in the Democratic Republic of the Congo has
3 killed over 2,200 and threatens to spread to Rwanda, Uganda, and South
4 Sudan; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** An effective vaccine to stop Ebola has been developed; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Over 85 Western medical personnel and humanitarian workers have
7 been killed or wounded by local mobs and armed rebel groups and 42
8 health facilities have been attacked; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** The funds to fight the epidemic by the international community have
10 fallen far short of the need; now, therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled urge the United States to direct aid
12 programs to train local health workers, engage local leaders, increase
13 logistical and communication support, and increase the number of doses
14 of the Ebola vaccine; and, be it
- 15 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the United States provide an additional \$300 million in aid to
16 contain the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and
17 surrounding areas.

Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Foreign Affairs,

Final Round 301

A Bill to Abolish the Department of Education

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The U.S. Department of Education shall hereby be reduced from a cabinet-level
3 agency to become a division within the U.S. Department of Health & Human
4 Services

5 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Education shall be defined as the agency of the federal
6 government that establishes policy for, administers and coordinates most federal
7 assistance to education.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health & Human Services shall carry out the enforcement of
9 this legislation.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect in January of 2021.

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

Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Public Welfare