



2021 Debate State Tournament

Congressional Debate Legislation

Preliminary Rounds 101

A Bill to Get America to Work

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Secretary of Labor will be directed to launch a pilot Federal Jobs
3 Guarantee Program. \$390 billion will be allocated annually to the
4 program.

5 **SECTION 2.** The Federal Jobs Guarantee Program:

6 **A.** Provides competitive grants to public or private entities for the
7 purpose of hiring local workers;

8 **B.** Hires workers of 18 years of age or older who pass a background
9 check;

10 **C.** Employs workers in the fields of infrastructure, education, and care;

11 **D.** Supplies paid training for potential workers;

12 **E.** May discipline or release negligent or disruptive employees;

13 **F.** Pays at the federal minimum wage;

14 **G.** Offers basic benefits like paid sick leave, paid parental leave, and
15 health insurance;

16 **H.** Recruits workers in response to emergency declarations from state or
17 federal executives.

18 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor is responsible for enforcing this bill. All funding
19 will come from the Treasury Department.

20 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect in Fiscal Year 2022 through Fiscal Year 2025.

21 **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 102

A Bill to Secure Social Security

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall:

3 A. Allocate up to 25% of our existing Social Security trust fund reserve, which is
4 currently invested in U.S. Treasury Securities, towards investment into private
5 equities.

6 B. Private sector investment options will be limited to total stock market indices
7 worldwide.

8 C. A Social Security Reserve Board will be created to oversee the investments of
9 the trust fund.

10 **SECTION 2.** A. "Social Security Fund" shall be defined as the total pool of money from which
11 the Social Security Administration draws upon for the spending of benefits and
12 other administrative activities.

13 B. "Total Stock Market Indices" shall be defined as a fund that is the
14 average of a group of stocks within a selected market. This includes, but shall not
15 be limited to: Wilshire 5000, Dow Jones Industrial Average, S&P 500, Russell
16 3000, etc.

17 C. "Social Security Reserve Board" shall be defined as an independent
18 administration with seven members appointed by the President and confirmed
19 by the Senate to serve a four year term. No member may serve more than three
20 terms.

21 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Treasury shall oversee the implementation and execution of
22 this legislation.

23 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2022.

24 **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 Regulate Cryptocurrency

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. The Cryptocurrency Regulation Commission (CRC) shall hereby be
3 created as a singular agency to regulate cryptocurrencies and all
4 cryptocurrency transactions occurring within the United States.

5 B. Cryptocurrencies shall hereby be declared a virtual currency in the
6 United States.

7 C. The CRC shall implement a 0.1% tax on all transactions of
8 cryptocurrencies.

9 **SECTION 2.** A. A cryptocurrency shall be defined as a decentralized virtual currency
10 that is secured by cryptography.

11 B. Virtual currency shall be defined as a currency that is only available in
12 electronic form.

13 **SECTION 3.** A. The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Internal Revenue
14 Service (IRS), and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC)
15 shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

16 B. Upon completion of the creation of the CRC, the CRC will operate as an
17 independent government agency under the executive branch.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be enacted on January 1st, 2022.

19 **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 201

A Bill to Administer the Distribution of Freedom

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The United States shall halt the sale and distribution of all U.S.
2. vaccines and preventative medications to foreign countries who deny its
3. inhabitants freedom of speech, freedom of religion, or freedom of the press.
4. **SECTION 2.** U.S. vaccines and preventative medications shall be defined as
any
5. and all medication and vaccines owned by US-based companies designed to
6. prevent the onset of disease.
7. **SECTION 3.** The State Department in tandem with the Center for Disease
8. Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) shall
9. be tasked with overseeing the enforcement of this bill.
10. **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on March 31, 2021
11. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
12. and void.

Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Foreign Affairs,

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Preliminary Rounds 202

A Resolution to Free Navalny

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **WHEREAS,** Russia has continuously promoted anti-democratic actions such as unfair
3 imprisonment and suppression of anti-government media; and

4 **WHEREAS,** Free speech has been continuously disrespected in Russia to such an
5 extent that Russian citizens are protesting; and

6 **WHEREAS,** The United States has failed to take direct action for any of the above
7 injunctions against human rights; and now, therefore, be it

8 **RESOLVED,** A. The United States recommends that Russia frees Alexei Navalny and
9 other prisoners that were imprisoned solely for political criticism of the
10 Russian Federation.

11 B. The United States recommends that Russia amends its constitution to
12 include search and seizure rights and a fair jury, while also informing their
13 citizens of alleged crimes they committed upon being arrested.

14 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** If Russia does not agree to the conditions stated above, then the
15 United States will recommend Ukraine join NATO under their 2013 borders.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Preliminary Rounds 203

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 by,

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Preliminary Rounds 301

A Bill to Right the Wrongs of History

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** A. The United States federal Government shall be granted the jurisdiction
2 to and will mandate requirements for a standard United States history
3 curriculum and textbook in public education systems to account for an
4 increased level of accuracy in the representation of the history of this
5 country.
6 B. Each State government will have the ability to opt in or out of this
7 standardized history curriculum.
8 C. If a State chooses to opt-out of the curriculum, its schools will lose
9 access to federal Title I funding for K-12 education.
- 10 **SECTION 2.** “Requirements for a United States history curriculum” shall be defined as a
11 list determined by the appointed board (see section 3) providing necessary
12 events, people, and movements that students must be taught while
13 learning United States history before graduating high school.
14 “Accuracy in the representation” shall be defined as the telling of history
15 with as little bias as possible as determined by the appointed board.
- 16 **SECTION 3.** A. The United States Department of Education shall be allocated 1 billion
17 dollars every year from the Department of Defense for the purpose of
18 enforcing this legislation.
19 B. The Department of Education will hold a conference of historians once
20 every three years to determine the regulations and facts in the
21 standardized textbook and curriculum.
22 C. Each state government shall appoint 2 qualified United States historians
23 to the convention every three years.
- 24 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect August 1, 2021.
- 25 **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 302

A Bill to Ban Solitary Confinement in Prison

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

SECTION 1. The use of solitary confinement for over 24 hours in United States prisons as a form of punishment shall hereby be prohibited.

SECTION 2. Solitary confinement is defined as the isolation of a prisoner in a cell as a manner of punishment.

SECTION 3. Federal Bureau of Prisons shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall go into effect on January 1st, 2022

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 303

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Make Every Vote Count

1 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article
2 is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States,
3 which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution
4 when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states
5 within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

ARTICLE --

7 **SECTION 1:** *Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution shall be amended to*
8 *read:*

9 The executive Power shall be vested in a President of the United States of
10 America. He shall hold his Office during the Term of four Years, and,
11 together with the Vice-President chosen for the same Term, be elected,
12 as follows:

13 The persons having the greatest number of votes for President and Vice
14 President shall be elected. The Congress may determine the time and
15 day for the states to certify the number of their votes, which day shall be
16 the same throughout the United States.

17 **SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
18 appropriate legislation.

Introduced to the Committee on Public welfare,

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Preliminary Rounds 304

A Bill to Save America's Youth to Reach Herd Immunity

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A 10% increase in federal funding will be provided to states that pass laws requiring that
3 all students attending public primary and secondary schools shall be vaccinated per the
4 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Vaccination Schedule by removing
5 religious, personal, and philosophical exemptions.

6 **SECTION 2.** **A.** Minors include anyone under the age of 18 years old.
7 **B.** The only exceptions allowed in said laws to receive funding increases are those who
8 are immunocompromised, have a major reaction to vaccines that negatively affect the
9 minor's health, or logistical/financial barriers.
10 **C.** The CDC schedule refers to the CDC's birth to 18 years immunization schedule.
11 **D.** The only vaccines that will not be required that are included on the CDC schedule are
12 the LAIV, IIV, HPV, and MenB vaccines.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will enforce the provisions of this law.
14 **A.** If it is determined that a school has knowingly failed to ensure all eligible students
15 are vaccinated properly in accordance with state laws, the school will lose the
16 increase in federal funding specified in Section 1.
17 **B.** The USDoEd and local school districts will work with the student's family and a
18 healthcare provider to get the necessary vaccines in an appropriate time and
19 manner, especially for those with logistical or financial issues.

20 **SECTION 4.** This law shall go into effect July 1, 2022

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

Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Public Works,

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A Bill to Save Drivers

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The employment classification of a rideshare worker as a contractor by any
2 state, locality, or other entity is prohibited. All such workers are to be
3 classified as full employees and shall be entitled to all resulting labor rights.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** “Rideshare worker” is to be defined as any transportation, couriering, or
5 delivery employee who personally supplies the primary vehicular
6 transportation. “Contractor” is to be defined as any labor designation that
7 does not include full employment benefits, or does not release the worker
8 of workplace liability.
- 9 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Labor and Department of Transportation
10 will oversee the enforcement of this legislation.
- 11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be effective on June 30th, 2021.
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- 13 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted to the Committee on Economics

Semifinal Round 102

A Bill to Short Bad Faith Investors

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** During the period of the declared National Emergency due to
2. COVID-19, The Security and Exchange Commission shall prohibit short
3. selling to promote market stability.
4. **SECTION 2.** “Short selling” is defined as when an investor borrows a stock,
5. sells the stock, and then buys the stock back to return it to the lender. All with
6. the hope of the stock falling in value.
7. **SECTION 3.** The Securities and Exchange Commission shall enforce this
8. legislation.
9. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be effective immediately.
10. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
11. and void.

Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Economics,

Semifinal Round 201

A Resolution to Rescue the Rohingya Muslims

1 **WHEREAS,** The Myanmar government has used its military to carry out genocidal mass
2 killings and rapes of the Rohingya people in the state of Rakhine but
3 denied the existence of the genocide; and

4 **WHEREAS,** The UN Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of
5 Genocide states that “Any Contracting Party may call upon the competent
6 organs of the United Nations to take such action under the Charter of the
7 United Nations as they consider appropriate for the prevention and
8 suppression of acts of genocide or any of the other acts enumerated in
9 article III;” now, therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation
11 that the UN officially recognize that a genocide is occurring in Myanmar and
12 deploy a UN Peace Keeping force in the region to stop the genocide; and,
13 be it

14 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the UN adopt a sanctions regime against Myanmar to include
15 comprehensive and economic and trade sanctions, a full arms embargo, as
16 well as travel bans and financial sanctions denying access to international
17 finance and banking systems for all members of Myanmar's government,
18 military, and all others determined to be taking an active role in the
19 genocide.

Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Foreign Affairs

Semifinal 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

The Social Security Solvency Solution

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Payroll Taxes shall not be capped at any amount.

3 **SECTION 2.** Payroll Taxes shall refer to any tax implemented by the Federal Insurance

4 Contributions Act. A cap will refer to a limit of taxable income that can be

5 levied by the Federal Government.

6 **SECTION 3.** The IRS shall oversee the Implementation of this legislation.

7 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented on the first day of the 2023 fiscal year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate

A Resolution to Disable Killer Robots

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Using autonomous weapons which use artificial intelligence poses
2 significant risk for human beings; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Whereas autonomous weaponry rapidly escalates armed conflict; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** These weapons increase the possibility for nuclear strikes; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** No accountability for civilian casualties can be assessed to these
6 weapons; therefore be it
- 7 **RESOLVED,** that the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation
8 for all countries to end development of autonomous weapons; and be it
- 9 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** the U.S. will cease arms sales to any countries who continue to
10 develop autonomous weapons which use artificial intelligence.
- 11
- 12 Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Foreign Affairs,

A Bill to Obligate Online Options

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A) All public schools in primary and secondary education will be required to offer a virtual learning option for McKinney-Vento students beginning in the 2023-2024 school year.

B) All federal fossil fuel production subsidies will be eliminated. The funds currently allocated to fossil fuel production will be redirected to funding this legislation. All revenue received as a result of the subsidy elimination will be redirected towards funding this legislation.

SECTION 2. A) McKinney-Vento students shall be defined as students fitting the definition of “homeless children and youths” under Subtitle VII-B of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

B) Fossil fuel production subsidies shall be defined as tax expenditure, regulatory, and direct spending subsidies allocated towards fossil fuel production.

SECTION 3. The Department of Education and Department of Energy shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This bill will go into effect Fiscal Year 2022

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

Respectfully submitted to the Committee of Public Welfare

A Bill to Make Voting Mandatory

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Voting in all federal elections shall now be compulsory for all American
2 citizens eligible to vote. All employers shall be required to compensate
3 workers for time spent voting. American citizens eligible to vote who do
4 not will be fined \$150 per absence from voting.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** American citizens eligible to vote shall be defined as naturalized or natural
6 born citizens 18 years or older. An absence from voting is when a citizen
7 does not appear at their designated polling site to cast a ballot.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Commission (FEC) will be responsible for the
9 implementation of this legislation.
- 10 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 1st 2022.
- 11 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate