The tournament will be contested by NSDA rules, except where indicated below. Please be sure that your students are familiar with NSDA policies and parliamentary procedures:

Each session will begin with the election of the presiding officer for that session. Each session will follow NSDA definitions for a change of session.

The agenda for the Preliminary sessions will be set by a caucus in chambers at the beginning of session one.

The number of preliminary chambers and the number who advance from each will be determined based on total entries at the start of the competition.

Preliminary chamber assignments will be provided at the opening assembly.

If a school has more competitors than chambers, they will be assigned so that one chamber is opened for their judges to participate.

Advancing students will be selected by judge ranks, using NSDA tiebreakers where applicable.
A - A Bill to Subject Electronic Cigarette Fluid to Excise Taxes

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Consumable fluid used in electronic cigarettes shall be subjected to an excise tax of $0.15 per fluid milliliter of fluid.

SECTION 2. The following terms shall be defined as follows:

(a) Electronic cigarette: A battery-operated device that contains a combination of nicotine, flavor, chemicals, or any combination thereof that are turned into vapor which is inhaled by the user.

(b) Consumable fluid: Any nicotine liquid solution or other material containing nicotine that is depleted as a vapor product is used.

SECTION 3. The Internal Revenue Service, under the Department of the Treasury shall oversee the collection of these taxes.

SECTION 4. This shall take effect on October 1st, 2017.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ed W. Clark High School.
BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Federal firearm regulations will be amended in the following areas:

A. The legal minimum age to purchase any firearm shall be 21 years.
B. It shall be declared illegal for any firearm to be sold publicly or privately to anyone who does not pass a background check.
C. A one week waiting period shall occur between the purchase and the possession of a firearm.
D. No convicted felon may purchase a firearm.
E. Any person on the No Fly list shall be prohibited from purchasing a firearm.

SECTION 2. A firearm shall be defined as a rifle, pistol, or other portable gun.

SECTION 3. The Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives is responsible for the enforcement of this legislation.

A. Penalty for violating Section 1 is a prison sentence not to exceed 3 years and/or a fine of up to $5,000

B. Dealers in violation of Section 1 will be fined $5,000 for their first offense, and will receive up to 5 years of prison for any further offenses.

SECTION 4. This bill shall go into effect 60 days upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cupertino High School.
C - A Bill to Mandate an Opt-Out Organ Donation System

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United Stated will replace the current opt-in organ donation system with the opt-out organ donation system.

SECTION 2. Opt-in donations are defined as meaning no one’s organs are to be used without the individual's explicit consent. Opt-out donations mean that every person is considered a donor unless they explicitly state they wish to refuse donation.

SECTION 3. The National Association of Medical Examiners will oversee the implementation of this bill. Any members who want to opt-out will fill out a form declaring such and send it to this association.

SECTION 4. This bill will be implemented one year after passage.

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

Submitted by Farmington High School
D - A Bill to Require Expeditious Processing of Rape Kits

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All states receiving federal funds for state or local law enforcement agencies must adopt policies to ensure that rape kits are submitted to an accredited public or private crime lab for testing within 10 days of being booked into evidence. These labs must process and test rape kits within 30 days of receipt.

Any rape kits sitting waiting in backlog at the time of the passage of this bill must be submitted to an accredited public or private crime lab within 10 months from the passage of this bill.

SECTION 2. Backlog is defined as any rape kit that has not been submitted to an accredited public or private crime lab within 30 days of being booked into evidence.

SECTION 3. The Department of Justice under the Attorney General shall oversee implementation of this bill. The Department of Justice will provide states with block grants totaling $100 million to test help clear the backlog.

A. Funding will be provided through a 0.1 percent tax on alcohol sales. Failure of a state to comply with this legislation will result in a loss of all federal funds for police departments in the violating state.

SECTION 4. This bill shall go into effect one year from the time of passage.

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

Submitted by Farmington High School
E - A Bill to Ban Plastic

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Beginning in 2018, businesses that distribute single-use plastic shopping bags will be charged a federal “Plastic Bag Use Fee” of $.10 per bag distributed. Beginning in 2025, businesses are entirely prohibited from using plastic “grocery bags.” The money generated by this fee would go towards renewable energy subsidies.

SECTION 2. Beginning in 2020, all disposable tableware (table cloths, plates, cups, forks, knives, and spoons) products sold in the United States are required to be at least 50% biologically sourced materials that can be composted.

SECTION 3. The Environmental Protection Agency for the implementation of this bill.

SECTION 4. This bill shall begin being implemented January 1st, 2018.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Scottsdale Preparatory Academy.*
F - A Bill to Provide Pell Grants and Job Search Assistance for Prisoners

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. $40 million shall be allocated to the Department of Education, for the purpose of creating “Second Chance Pell Grants” for state and federal inmates to pursue a two-year or four-year degree from a college or university while incarcerated.

SECTION 2. An additional $80 million shall be designated to the Department of Labor to provide grants to give training and job search assistance to convicts.

SECTION 3. The Department of Education and Department of Labor will oversee the implementation of this bill.

SECTION 4. This bill shall be implemented January 1st, 2018, and be re-evaluated for additional funding in 2025.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Scottsdale Preparatory Academy.
G - A Bill to Abolish the United States Federal Tipping Minimum Wage

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1, The United States Federal Tipping Minimum Wage will be phased out over a 6-year time period. By the end of the 6-year time period, the Federal Tipping Minimum Wage will be replaced with the then current Federal Minimum Wage.

SECTION 2, The current United States Federal Minimum wage is $7.25. The United States Federal Tipping Minimum Wage is a separate minimum wage permitted in professions where employees typically earn money through tips. The Current United States Federal Tipping Minimum Wage is $2.13 per hour. For the purpose of this legislation, “phasing out” is defined as the process of increasing the Federal Tipping Minimum wage to the then current Federal Minimum Wage.

SECTION 3, The United States Department of Labor will oversee the implementation of this bill.

A. The United States Department of Labor will also develop a schedule during the first year of this bill being enacted for phasing out the Federal Tipping Minimum Wage.

B. By the end of the first year, this bill has been enacted the process of increasing the Federal Tipping Minimum Wage will begin.

C. The Federal Tipping Minimum Wage will be implementing a minimum of an increase of $1 per year.

SECTION 4, This legislation goes into effect immediately.

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

Submitted by Advanced Technologies Academy
H - A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to End Conflict of Interest

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

ARTICLE --

SECTION 1: Any and all elected officials serving in a federal level position shall forfeit all business associations until the time in which their service has elapsed.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mountain View High School.
I - A Bill to Reform Military Discharge Protocol

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Military discharge of personnel will hereafter prompt an immediate Psychological Evaluation.

A. The results of the Psychological Evaluation shall be used to determine with what honor one will be discharged with.

SECTION 2. Psychological evaluation is defined as a way of testing people about their behavior, personality, and capabilities to draw conclusions.

SECTION 3. The United States Department of Health and Human Services in conjunction with the Department of Defense shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall be implemented upon its passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mountain View High School.
BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A trust fund for African-Americans to apply for tax-free grants for asset-building projects shall be established.

SECTION 2. “Asset-building projects” shall include, but not be limited to, home ownership and postsecondary education.

SECTION 3. This trust fund will be administered by the Department of the Treasury.

   A. The Secretary of the Treasury will set criteria for which “Asset-building projects” shall qualify for the trust fund.

   B. Funding for this shall be in the amount of $50,000,000,000, which shall be obtained through increasing the capital gains tax rate to 20%.

SECTION 4. The trust fund shall be operational no later than January 1, 2022.

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

*Introduced for Debate by El Camino Real Charter High School*
K - A Bill to Expand the Usage of Nuclear Energy

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1: The United States shall fund the construction of nuclear power plants to reduce the importation of fossil fuels.

SECTION 2: Nuclear energy is defined as, energy released by reactions within atomic nuclei, as in nuclear fission or fusion.

SECTION 3: The Department of Energy shall oversee the construction of these new nuclear power plants.

A. Each year nuclear power plants will be built across the nation to produce energy. Eight nuclear power plants will be constructed at a time, and once all eight nuclear power plants are operational the next set nuclear power plants will be constructed. This process will be repeated five times, so when all power plants are completed there will be fourth total.

B. $15 billion annually shall be allocated to the construction of these nuclear power plants.

C. $250 million shall be allocated annually for each nuclear power plant to ensure that the power plants are maintained properly. The $250 million will not go into affect until the power plant is completely operational.

D. As The United States increases its usage of nuclear energy it will decrease the importation of fossil fuels.

SECTION 4: This law will go into effect on January 1, 2018.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by El Camino Real Charter High School
L - The Corporate Fair Share Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Multinational corporations have avoided paying up to $695 billion in taxes by moving trillions of dollars of their money from the U.S. to other countries.

SECTION 2. A. In order to disincentive corporations from moving offshore, Congress shall cease to extend the “active financing exception,” which makes it easier for companies to move their earnings to other countries.

B. The U.S. shall reduce its top marginal corporate tax rate to 25%

SECTION 3. The U.S. Department of Treasury will oversee enforcement of this bill.

SECTION 4. This bill shall go into effect by the end of the fiscal year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Presentation High School
M - A Bill to Reallocate Funding for Military Operations

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall appropriate $100 billion for certain military sub-organizations, specifically cybersecurity operations.

SECTION 2. The Department of Defense shall develop and execute a plan to phase out the use of third-party defense contractors.

SECTION 3. The United States Department of Defense shall oversee the enforcement of this bill.

SECTION 4. This bill shall go into effect at the outset of the 2018 fiscal year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Presentation High School
N - TPP Ratification Act of 2016

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2. SECTION 1. The Trans Pacific Partnership between the United States, Japan, Malaysia, Vietnam, Singapore, Brunei, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Mexico, Chile and Peru shall be ratified and put into effect as negotiated.

3. SECTION 2. All stipulations discussed in negotiations shall apply. The agreement shall not be amended without consulting all nations involved.

4. SECTION 3. The Department of State shall be responsible for the implementation of the trade agreement.

5. SECTION 4. This bill shall come into effect in February of the 2017 fiscal year or, if need be, 90 days after all countries have ratified The Trans Pacific Partnership.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dougherty Valley High School, CA.
O - A Bill to Lower the Corporate Tax Rate

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2. SECTION 1. The corporate tax currently levied by the federal government shall be replaced by a single 15% tax rate.

3. SECTION 2. The 15% tax rate will be applied equally to all corporations regardless of income bracket.

4. SECTION 3. The Department of Treasury, in conjunction with the Internal Revenue Service, shall be charged with the implementation of this legislation.

5. SECTION 4. This legislation shall go into effect at the start of FY 2017.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dougherty Valley High School, CA.
P- A Resolution to Increase the Face Value of the American Penny

WHEREAS, a U.S. penny currently costs approximately 1.7 cents to produce, more than 170% its face value; and

WHEREAS, it is clear that the excess money could be dispersed in other ways to further decrease America’s debt issues; and

WHEREAS, its impact in the business of facilitating in the exchange of goods and services is essentially nonexistent; and

WHEREAS, the value of the penny will be increased to 2 cents while still using the same materials to produce them; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Student Congress here assembled recommend the complete revaluation of newly printed pennies to 2 cents, so as to prevent further debt increase and to protect the financial security of the country; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that current 1 cent pennies circulating today will not be revalued, but instead be left to the will of the merchant as to whether to accept them.

Respectfully submitted by Saratoga High School, (as presented at the Middle School National Speech and Debate Tournament Congress)
Q - A Bill to Establish Compulsory Voting in the United States

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All United States citizens shall be required to vote in federal elections.

SECTION 2. All federal election days shall be designated as federal holidays.

SECTION 3. The penalty for failure to vote in a federal election shall not exceed one week’s imprisonment and a $500 fine.

SECTION 4. This bill shall go into effect at the next federal election.

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

Respectfully submitted by Saratoga High School, (as presented at the Middle School National Speech and Debate Tournament Congress)
R - A Bill to Denounce China’s Military Actions and Strengthen our Military
in the South China Sea

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States will issue a proclamation stating that they do not support
China’s military actions in the Spratlys, the Paracels, and Scarborough Shoal, and
will station battleships at the US Naval base in the Philippines.

SECTION 2. China has laid claim to all islands in the South China Sea due to the “nine-dash
line”, taking control of Malaysia, Brunei, Vietnam, Taiwan, and the territory of
the Philippines. In addition to this they have built unwarranted, artificial islands
claiming territory that they have no right to control.

SECTION 3. The Department of Defense will oversee the publication of a proclamation
stating the United States’ disapproval of China’s military actions to prevent
China’s further aggression by placing battleships in the Philippines.

A. The proclamation will clearly state that China’s actions are erratic, and also
state the placement of the battleships.

B. The United States will send 10 battleships to the Subic Bay Naval Base in the
Philippines.

C. Any funding will come from the Department of Defense.

SECTION 4. This will be implemented before October 1, 2017.

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

Respectfully submitted by Albuquerque Academy.
S - A Resolution to Save the Economy of the United Kingdom

WHEREAS, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland has voted 52-48 to leave the European Union; and

WHEREAS, enacting Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty would mean that the United Kingdom leaves the European Union; and

WHEREAS, the pound experienced a 30 year low after the Brexit, or British exit from the European Union; and

WHEREAS, if the United Kingdom waits any longer to enact Article 50, they may face further economic repercussions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Student Congress here assembled urge the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to enact Article 50, potentially saving their economy from another massive downturn.

Respectfully submitted by Albuquerque Academy
T - A Bill to Increase Oil Imports from Central Asian Nations

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. No tariffs shall exist or be placed upon natural gas or oil from Central Asian Nations. Corporations shall receive a $20 tax deduction for each barrel of oil purchased from a Central Asian Nation. Money for this legislation shall come from a 10% tariff on Saudi Arabian oil.

SECTION 2. Central Asian nations are defined as Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, and Kyrgyzstan.

SECTION 3. The Department of Treasury shall oversee all tariffs affected by this legislation. The IRS shall oversee the tax deduction implemented by this legislation.

SECTION 4. This bill shall be implemented at the start of the 2017 fiscal year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cary Academy
BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Pay to Delay practices will be banned to introduce competition within the pharmaceutical industry and reduce the monopolization of prescription drugs.

SECTION 2. “Pay to Delay” shall be defined as “the practice of postponing the introduction of new drugs into the market by paying pharmaceutical companies to keep their drugs from competing.”

SECTION 3. A. The Food and Drug Administration will oversee the implementation of this bill.

B. All corporations in violation of this legislation shall be subject to a revocation of their medical licenses.

SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect by fiscal year 2017.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by RJ Jain, Cary Academy
Congressional Debate Docket – Semifinals and Finals

**Rules and Guidelines:** Semifinals and Finals will each last three hours. Each session will begin with the election of the presiding officer for that session. The agenda will be set by a caucus in chambers.

The Semifinals and Finals will feature direct examination (as added to the NSDA national tournament in 2017) with each questioner receiving 30 seconds.

**Semifinal Session**

_____ 1 – A Bill to Allow Automobile Sales Directly to the Consumer

_____ 2 – A Bill to Provide Funding to the TSA

_____ 3 – A Bill to Revise Veterans Choice

**Final Session**

_____ 1 – A Bill to Protect America from Dangerous Refugees

_____ 2 – A Bill to Improve American Education

_____ 3 – The Government by the People Act
SF1 - A Bill to Allow Automobile Sales
Directly to the Consumer

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. No state shall prohibit direct-to-consumer automobile sales.

SECTION 2. Direct-to-consumer auto sales permit the automobile manufacturer to sell directly to the consumer, without requiring a licensed automotive dealership to handle the final sale.

SECTION 3. The Federal Trade Commission shall oversee enforcement of this legislation. States not in compliance by January 1, 2018 shall be referred to the Department of Transportation for a forfeiture of Federal Highway Funding until they are determined to be in compliance.

SECTION 4. This shall take effect on June 1, 2017.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
SF2 - A Bill to Provide Funding to the TSA

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Transportation Security Administration will be apportioned an additional $100 million for fiscal year 2018 for hiring and retention of officers to support airport security.

SECTION 2. This additional funding is contingent on two benchmarks. If one or more of these are not met, then all additional funding shall be withheld and any funding previously disbursed shall be subtracted from the budget of the TSA in fiscal year 2019.

A. Wait times at security checkpoints shall be no more than 30 minutes at the most at the ten largest airports in the United States as determined by total passenger count.

B. Random tests by undercover inspectors will yield a failure rate of no more than 10% as determined by the ability of inspectors to successfully smuggle contraband through the screening process.

SECTION 3. The Department of Homeland Security will consult with the Transportation Security Agency to determine the greatest need for funding. Funds shall be raised through a one-dollar-per-segment increase in the current security fees attached to airline tickets.

SECTION 4. This shall take effect on October 1, 2017.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
SF3 - A Bill to Revise Veterans Choice

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The current Veterans Choice Program, passed by Congress as part of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014, as administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs and managed by TriWest Healthcare Alliance is ended. No new appointments may be scheduled, although currently scheduled veterans’ appointments will be honored.

SECTION 2. A new Choice Program shall be introduced no earlier than nine months and no later than one year after passage which will adhere to the guidelines set forth in the VACAA, with the exception of the following:

A. No veteran shall wait more than two calendar weeks for a general care appointment with a private physician.

B. No veteran shall wait more than four calendar weeks for an appointment with a specialist.

SECTION 3. The Department of Veterans Affairs shall oversee the implementation of this new Choice system. A sum of $10 billion shall be budgeted for this effort, taken from the remainder of the current Choice Program contract, and other funding coming from the general Veterans Affairs budget.

SECTION 4. This shall take effect immediately upon passage.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
F1 - A Bill to Protect America from Dangerous Refugees

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The budget for the Office of Refugee Resettlement shall be set to zero.

SECTION 2. The budget for the ORR will be restored once the Secretary of Homeland Security verifies that every refugee who may potentially enter the United States has undergone a thorough vetting process and poses no danger.

SECTION 3. The Department of Health and Human Services will work with the Department of Homeland Security to develop and implement the necessary vetting parameters and procedures. Any refugee currently resettled in the United States shall be subject to this revised process and may be removed if they do not meet the requirements of the vetting.

SECTION 4. This shall take effect on January 21, 2017.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
F2 - A Bill to Improve American Education

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Current funding for Title I programs shall be converted into fifty equal block grants to be provided to each state for the purpose of funding school choice programs in those states.

SECTION 2. School choice programs include vouchers, tuition payments, charter school funding, or other methods of providing students with educational opportunities outside of the traditional public school system.

SECTION 3. The Department of Education will oversee the conversion and distribution of these funds to the various states.

SECTION 4. This will take effect at the start of the 2018 fiscal year.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
F3 - The Government by the People Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Any taxpayer may apply to receive a voucher of no more than fifty dollars which they may present to a political campaign of a federal office of their choosing. Such voucher may be redeemed for campaign funding by that campaign. These vouchers shall be available starting no earlier than six months before a federal election.

SECTION 2. These vouchers shall replace the Presidential Election Campaign Fund as it currently exists. The amount which taxpayers may choose to have placed in the fund shall be raised from the current $3 to $5. Should enough vouchers get redeemed that the fund is emptied, the voucher system shall be suspended until more funds are available, or until the next federal election.

SECTION 3. The Federal Elections Commission shall oversee funding and disbursement of these vouchers. Funding shall be further supplemented with a .005% tariff on all federal contracts worth over $10,000,000.

SECTION 4. This shall take effect on January 1, 2017.

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