

2025 IHSSA STATE STUDENT CONGRESS AGENDA

The Chair will open each session by calling for the orders for the day. A representative of the school in the house, or if no school representative is present, any member may claim authorship for the Bill/Resolution.

Only the bills/resolutions listed for a session may be used in that session. However, a member may call for a Suspension of the Rules to move a bill/resolution up the agenda. Members should note the different intent of a bill and resolution, which will affect the way they are debated.

Bills/Resolutions for session IA Friday afternoon. 1:30-4:30

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| 1. Iowa City West | A Bill to Reduce Processed Food Consumption to Combat Childhood Obesity |
| 2. Roosevelt | A Bill to Nationalize College Board |
| 3. Okoboji | A Bill to Abolish Corporal Punishment |
| 4. Grinnell | A Bill to Ensure the Right of Digital Privacy |
| 5. Ames | A Bill to Increase Funding for Military Drones |
| 6. Carroll | A Bill to Prohibit the Censorship of Books in Public Schools |
| 7. Johnston | Agriculture Subsidies Reduction Act |
| 8. Norwalk | A Bill to Require Year Round School Year in the State of Iowa |

Bills/Resolution for session IB Friday evening. 5:30-8:00

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| 1. East | A Bill to Fund School Renovations |
| 2. CAM | A Bill to Create Separate Sports Classes for Public and Private Schools |
| 3. GMG | A Bill to End Aid to Other Countries Currently Fighting in War |
| 4. Hampton-Dumont-CAL | The No Organ No Problem Act of 2025 |
| 5. North | Non-Cents Act |
| 6. Ankeny | A Bill to Ban Student Dress Code Policies |
| 7. Okoboji | A Bill to Mandate 4 Years of PE |

Bills/Resolution for session II Saturday morning 8:00-10:30

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| 1. Norwalk | A Bill to Ban Online and Mobile Sports Wagering in Iowa |
| 2. Atlantic | A Bill to Ban Legacy Admissions at Universities and Colleges |
| 3. Ankeny | A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Elect the President by Popular Vote |
| 4. Johnston | A Bill to Abolish Federal Capital Gains Taxes |
| 5. Grinnell | A Resolution to Increase Federal Investment in Nuclear Energy Expansion |
| 6. Dowling | A Bill for Polar Preservation |
| 7. Iowa City West | A Bill to Abolish the Department of Education in Favor of Federalism |

Bills/Resolution for session III Saturday afternoon 12:30-4:00

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| 1. North | A Bill to Abolish Tipped Wages |
| 2. Ames | A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Decrease Voting Age to 16 |
| 3. Dowling | Teen Driving Act |
| 4. Carroll | Better Safety Equipment for Public Schools Athletic Programs Bill |
| 5. Hampton-Dumont-CAL | A Bill for the Right to be Forgotten |
| 6. CAM | A Bill to Implement Four Day School Weeks in Iowa Schools |
| 7. Roosevelt | The Peace Act |
| 8. GMG | A Bill To Prohibit the Sale of Energy Drinks to Individuals Under 16 Years Old |

IMPORTANT: In the IHSSA State Congress Tournament, the 3-minute Authorship speech and the 1st Negative speech is followed by 2 minutes of cross-x. The c-x time may not be amended. All other speeches are 3 minutes followed by a 1-minute cross-x with the timing starting at the end of the speech.

STUDENTS ARE ASKED TO MAKE A PAPER NAME PLAQUE FOR THEIR DESK.

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A Bill to Reduce Processed Food Consumption to Combat Childhood Obesity

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. An additional federal sales tax of 5% shall be levied on all ultra-processed foods sold within the United States. The revenue generated from this tax shall be allocated to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to expand nutritional education programs and promote healthier food options in schools.

SECTION 2. For this legislation, “ultra-processed foods” shall be defined as foods that contain any of the following:

- A. More than 10% of calories from added sugars like high-fructose corn syrup;
- B. Artificial additives or preservatives not essential for safety or preservation;
- C. Ingredients that have undergone chemical modification beyond simple processing methods like freezing, fermenting, or canning.

SECTION 3. To support American farmers in transitioning toward healthier food production and to offset any economic impact, \$80 million for small subsidies to farmers will be redirected from the Department of Defense budget to the USDA budget. The USDA will determine the exact size and distribution of these subsidies based on the specific needs and costs of promoting sustainable and healthier crop options.

SECTION 4. This bill will be implemented July 1, 2025.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Iowa City West High School

A Bill To Nationalize College Board

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1 The United States Government shall nationalize the College Board.

Section 2 College Board refers to the non-profit organization that provides students with learning opportunities such as AP programs, SAT Suite, BigFuture, and more.

This piece of legislation will over rule Prohibiting Nationalization of American Companies and Investments Act of 2023

Section 3 The Department of Education shall oversee the implementation of this piece of legislation.

- a. College Board will be absorbed by the Department of Education, and the DOE will assume control from the current board of trustees.
- b. All costs of programs controlled by College Board such as AP exams or SATs will now be free to all students.
- c. The Department of Education can administer changes to accessibility, materials and course content for all College Board programs.

Section 4 This piece of legislation will be implemented on the 1st of June, 2026.

Section 5 All laws in conflict are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Theodore Roosevelt High School

A Bill to Abolish Corporal Punishment

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1:** The state shall abolish all acts of Corporal Punishment to prevent acts of
2 domestic violence.

3 A. Corporal Punishment is defined by the American Academy of Child &
4 Adolescent Psychiatry as a discipline method in which a supervising adult
5 deliberately inflicts pain upon a child in response to a child's unacceptable
6 behavior.

7 a. Corporal Punishment is actual physical contact.

8 **SECTION 2:** The United States Department of Justice will oversee implementation

9 A. A first offense qualifies as a simple misdemeanor. The offender can face up to 30
10 days in jail and a fine ranging from \$105 to \$855.

11 B. Punishments resulting in bodily injury qualify as a serious misdemeanor. Penalties
12 include one year in jail and a fine between \$430 and \$2,560.

13 C. Use of or displaying a weapon, resulting in serious injury, escalates to aggravated
14 misdemeanor. Carries up to two years in prison and fines of \$855 to \$8,540.

16 D. Repeated offenses or severe assaults are classified as a Class D felony. This
17 results in five years in prison and fines ranging from \$1,025 to \$10,245.

18 E. Extreme harm or repeated violations, raise to a Class C felony. Resulting in ten
19 years in prison and fines from \$1,370 to \$13,660.

20 **SECTION 3:** This legislation will take effect on June, 1 2025. All laws in

21 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted by Okoboji Community Schools.

A Bill to Ensure the Right of Digital Privacy

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** A person’s digital footprint of any kind is considered the private property
2 of that person. Any business will be required to have opt-in consent to
3 transfer data regarding said person to a third party.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Digital footprint can be defined as the record of data about a particular
5 person that exists as a result of online activity.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** Opt-in consent can be defined as an individual providing consent outside
7 of the Terms of Service (commonly referred to as Terms and Conditions,
8 Terms of Use, Conditions of Use, or User Agreement).
- 9 **SECTION 4.** The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) will be responsible for the
10 enforcement of this legislation.
- 11 A. Any business found in violation of Section 1 will be fined a minimum of
12 \$50,000 per violation.
- 13 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026.
- 14 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Grinnell High School.

A Bill to Increase Funding For Military Drones

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States Military will increase funding towards research, development,
2 acquisition, and training of unmanned warfare systems and countermeasures
3 against such systems. The focus of the systems will specifically be for
4 peer/near-peer conflict applications.

5 **SECTION 2.** Unmanned warfare systems are defined as any vehicle, weapon, or other device
6 that allows an operator to provide input/control the system from a distance while
7 providing feedback to the operator, such as an UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle,
8 more commonly referred to as a 'drone'). Countermeasures are defined as
9 anything used to eliminate, incapacitate, protect against, or otherwise lessen the
10 effectiveness of unmanned warfare systems, such as anti-UAV electronic warfare.
11 Peer/Near-Peer Conflict is defined as military conflict with a nation possessing
12 regular armed forces with similar capabilities to that of the U.S. or its allies.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense will be allocated \$15,000,000,000 for strengthening
14 unmanned warfare capability.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2025. All laws in conflict with this legislation
16 are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ames High School; written by Li Wang.

A Bill to Prohibit the Censorship of Books in Public Schools

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

2 **SECTION 1.** This is to eliminate the censorship of diverse literature in public school libraries

3 and classrooms and to ensure that we are promoting critical thinking, cultural awareness,

4 and academic freedom among students.

5 **SECTION 2.** Definitions

6 A. Censorship: The suppression or prohibition of books, materials, or ideas deemed

7 inappropriate or controversial.

8 B. Literature: Any written work, including novels, non-fiction, poetry, and other forms of

9 media that contribute to the educational curriculum.

10 C. Public School: Any educational institution that is funded and operated by local, state,

11 or federal government.

12 **SECTION 3:** Requirements

13 A. No public school shall ban or restrict access to books based on content, themes, or

14 authorship.

15 B. Book challenges must be handled through a transparent review process that includes

16 input from educators, parents, and students, ensuring diverse viewpoints are

17 considered.

18 **SECTION 4:** Review Process

19 A. Any challenge to a book must be submitted in writing to the school board and will be

20 reviewed by a committee comprised of: librarians, teachers, parents, student

21 representatives, and community members.

22 The committee will evaluate the book based on its educational value, literary merit, and

23 relevance to the curriculum.

24 **SECTION 6:** Schools found in violation of this act shall be required to restore access to

25 banned materials and undergo training on intellectual freedom and cultural diversity.

26 Violation reports may be submitted to the state education department for investigation.

27 **SECTION 7:** This act shall take effect on January 1st 2025.

Entered for Congressional Debate by Carroll High School

Agriculture Subsidies Reduction Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall implement a phased reduction of agriculture
2 subsidies by 10% per year, redirecting the funds to research and
3 development within the agriculture sector.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** "Agriculture subsidies" refer to government financial assistance programs
5 that support farmers and agribusinesses, including direct payments, crop
6 insurance, and price support. "Research and development" relates to
7 genetic modification and editing, and other applications aimed at
8 improving crop yields, pest resistance, and environmental sustainability.
- 9 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Agriculture shall oversee the
10 implementation and compliance of this subsidy reduction and fund
11 reallocation.
- 12 A. The USDA shall reduce agriculture subsidies by 10% annually.
- 13 B. The USDA shall assemble a task force which aims to redirect funds to a
14 wide variety of R&D projects.
- 15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect beginning in FY 2028. All laws in conflict with
16 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Johnston High School.

A BILL TO REQUIRE YEAR ROUND SCHOOL YEAR IN THE STATE OF IOWA

By Norwalk High School

BE IT ENACTED BY THE IHSSA STUDENT CONGRESS:

1 **Section 1:** All public and nonpublic school districts in the state of Iowa shall operate on a year
2 round school district calendar for kindergarten through twelfth grade.

3 **Section 2:** The school calendar shall include not less than one hundred eighty days or one
4 thousand eighty hours of instruction during the calendar year, of which not more than five days or 5 thirty hours of
instruction may be delivered primarily over the internet.

6 **Section 3:** School districts shall provide at least ten days of instruction or the hourly equivalent
7 during eleven of the twelve months of the school year. The period of time between instructional
8 days shall not exceed four weeks.

9 **Section 4:** The school year for each school district and accredited nonpublic school shall begin on 10 July 1.

11 **Section 5:** All public and nonpublic school districts shall take a mandatory two week break from 12 the first Monday
before the Iowa State Fair to the first Monday after the Iowa State Fair.

13 **Section 6:** The board of directors of a school district and the authorities in charge of an
14 accredited nonpublic schools shall determine instructional breaks for the school year and shall set 15 the number of
days or hours of required attendance for the school year as provided but the board 16 of directors of a school district
shall hold a public hearing on any proposed school calendar prior 17 to adopting the school calendar.

18 **Section 8:** This act is effective July 1, 2026.

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A Bill to Fund School Renovations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Education shall allocate \$20 billion to new grants for
2 school districts over the next 10 years. These grants shall be used for the
3 purposes of renovating school buildings to modern standards.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Renovating shall be defined as reconstruction or additions to buildings or
5 the systems of said building.
- 6 A. Systems include, but are not limited to internet, heating, cooling,
7 plumbing, and anything the Department of Education deems to be positive
8 to the quality of student education.
- 9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will be responsible for the enforcement of
10 this legislation.
- 11 A. The Department of Education has full oversight over the usage of these
12 grants by individual districts.
- 13 B. School districts should be allowed to request these grants by a process
14 decided by the Department of Education.
- 15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the start of the 2027-2028 school year. All
16 laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by East High School.

A Bill to Create Separate Sport Classes for Public and Private Schools

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Private and public schools will have separate sports classes.

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3 **SECTION 2.** Sports classes are defined by the State of Iowa and the schools BEDS (Basic
4 Educational Data Survey) numbers. Public Schools are defined by being
5 supported by government funds and have to be accredited by the state.
6 Private schools are defined as being supported by tuitions/private
7 orgaizations/donors and may be accredited by the state.

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9 **SECTION 3.** In Iowa, private and public schools currently compete in the same sports
10 classes. This bill would ensure that schools are still placed in classes by the
11 population of their school, but it would make public schools separate from
12 private schools using a similar system to the one we have in place (5A, 4A
13 3A etc.

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15 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Education, Iowa High School Athletic Association, and
16 Iowa Girls Athletic Union will oversee the implementation of this bill.

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18 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect on July 1st, 2026. All laws in conflict with this
19 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by CAM Community Schools.

A Bill to End Aid to Other Countries Currently Fighting in War:

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

1. SECTION 1. The United States shall immediately and indefinitely halt the transfer of
2. weapons, supplies, and any other forms of aid to countries such as the Ukraine, Israel,
3. and others that are involved in a war.
4. SECTION 2. This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Defense.
5. SECTION 3. This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.
6. SECTION 4. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
Submitted by GMG High School

The No Organ No Problem Act of 2025

1. Be it enacted by the IHSSA Student Congress assembled that:
2. **Section 1a:** Any persons who dies on American soil and/or territory will automatically
3. be added to the donor list with any viable organs.
4. **Section 1b:** Special Case Visas (F1, J1, and work visas) will sign a new document
5. called the O1 document to either consent or opt out of organ donation at the time of
6. filling out the paperwork for other Visas.
7. **Section 1c:** Parents can opt-out their children from organ donation until said child
8. reaches the age of 16 and must be done prior to said child's death which is defined as
9. clinical brain death and/or no pulse. Parents will be able to opt-out their children at law
10. enforcement centers, court houses and city halls.
11. **Section 2:** Any allocation of funds needed will be through the Medicare & Medicaid
12. systems.
13. **Section 3a:** If a parent opts out after declaration of death the penalty will be 75 hours of
14. community service.
15. **Section 3b:** If a hospital refuses to harvest viable organs the hospital will be
16. fined \$15,000 per organ.
17. **Section 3c:** All fine collections will go back into the system of Medicare and
18. Medicaid to help pay for organ donations.
19. **Section 4:** Any laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
20. **Section 5:** This bill will go into effect on July 1st, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted by Hampton-Dumont-CAL High School

The Non-Cents Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE IHSSA STUDENT CONGRESS THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Due to economic and environmental concerns, the United States shall stop
2 minting the penny.
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- 4 **SECTION 2.** The production of the penny shall cease on January 1st, 2028. By 2032, the
5 penny shall no longer be a legal tender of currency within the United States
6 and its territories.
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- 8 **SECTION 3.** The United States government shall offer a penny buyback beginning in
9 2030, where individuals can receive 1 nickel per 2 pennies given to the
10 Department of Treasury.
11 A. The government shall set aside 50 billion dollars every year until
12 this date to help fund the buyback.
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- 14 **SECTION 4.** Beginning on January 1st, 2028, all forms of monetary exchange shall only
15 have a price ending .X0 or .05.
16 A. "X" shall refer to any number greater than 0, less than 10
17 B. Any business, entity, or person found in violation of this shall be
18 fined 500\$ per product sold that violates this section
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- 20 **SECTION 5.** The Department of Treasury, The Department of Commerce, The United
21 States Mint, and the Federal Trade Commission shall enforce this
22 legislation.
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- 24 **SECTION 6.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2028. All laws in conflict with
25 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Des Moines North High School.

A Bill to Ban Student Dress Code Policies

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All rules, regulations, and requirements related to the appearance of
2 students in K-12 schools will be declared illegal, including school uniforms,
3 clothing bans, clothing length requirements, hairstyles, and any other
4 requirement about a student's appearance. Clothing and equipment
5 regulations intended primarily for student's physical safety in class or
6 extracurricular activities (e.g. requiring goggles in the chemistry lab or
7 helmets on the football field) will be exempt from this legislation.
- 8 **SECTION 2.** School uniforms will be defined as any outfit, piece of clothing, athletic
9 wear, or object required by the school to be worn by students attending
10 the school. It does not include optional school uniforms, athletic uniforms,
11 and school-themed clothing.
- 12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee the enforcement of this
13 legislation. Any school found in violation of this policy will be fined \$9,000
14 per violation.
- 15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on August 1st, 2025. All laws in conflict with
16 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ankeny High School.

A Bill to Mandate 4 Years of PE

1 SECTION 1 - Students are hereby required to take 4 years (8 credits of PE to meet
2 graduation requirements.

3 SECTION 2 - Physical education enhances a student's brain health and has physical
4 benefits.

5 A. Physical activity reduces stress levels, depression, and chances of getting a health condition
6 such as heart disease and diabetes.

7 B. Physical activity builds strong bones. Bones are living tissues that change due to
8 the force placed upon it, making the bone denser and stronger.

9 C. Physical activity helps muscles through constant use and increases the strength of
10 the muscles. Strengthening muscles increases oxygen and lung capacity.

11 D. Physical activity helps maintain weight by using calories in order for your body to
12 use energy

13 SECTION 3- Schools must maintain compliance with the American With Disabilities Act.

14 A. This would be serviced through integrated P.E or other measures deemed
15 acceptable through the Individuals with Disabilities Act

16 SECTION 4 - No additional funding will be needed for this bill to take effect.

17 SECTION 5 - Compliance will be overseen by the Department of Education.

18 SECTION 6 - THIS LEGISLATION WILL TAKE EFFECT AT THE BEGINNING OF
19 THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Okoboji High School

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A BILL TO BAN ONLINE AND MOBILE SPORTS WAGERING IN IOWA

By Norwalk High School

BE IT ENACTED BY THE IHSSA STUDENT CONGRESS:

1 **Section 1:** Sports wagering shall be limited to licensed casinos, racetracks or sports

2 gambling structures by the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission.

3 **Section 2:** Licensed sports wagering corporations shall not conduct sports wagering online or via

4 mobile applications with the state of Iowa.

5 **Section 3:** Sports wagering corporations in violation of sections 1 and 2 of this act shall have their

6 license to operate suspended for one year by the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission.

7 **Section 4:** As used in this act, the following definitions apply:

8 (A)“*Sports wagering*” means the acceptance of wagers on an authorized sporting event or

9 sports-related event by any system of wagering as authorized by the Iowa Racing and

10 Gaming Commission.

11 (B)“*Sports wagering online*” means a sports wagering company that transmits sports wagers and

12 sports wagering information over telecommunications lines.

13 (C)“*Sports wagering mobile application*” means a type of software program designed to run

14 sports wagering on a mobile device.

15 (D) “*Sports Wagering Corporation*” a company that accepts wagers on sporting events

16 **Section 5:** This act is effective March 1, 2025.

A Bill to Ban Legacy Admissions at Universities and Colleges

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Legacy-based admissions shall be banned at universities and colleges in all
3. states.
4. **SECTION 2.** “Legacy-based admissions” is defined as preferences given by an institution
5. or organization to certain applicants based on family relationships with alumni.
6. A. All applications must be anonymous (meaning no names attached to
7. the application) to ensure fairness.
8. B. Applicants will be given an application identification number and this number
9. will be attached to all application materials until the individual is accepted or
10. rejected to the college or university.
11. **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Education shall oversee the
12. implementation of this bill.
13. Any universities and colleges that are found to accept legacy
14. admissions will be fined \$250,000 per legacy admission.
15. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect at the beginning of the 2026-2027 academic
16. year.
17. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
18. and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Atlantic High School.

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Elect the President by Popular Vote

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

6 **ARTICLE**

7 **SECTION 1:** The President and Vice President shall be jointly elected by
8 the direct popular vote of the people of the several States
9 and the District constituting the seat of Government of the
10 United States who are over the age of 18.

11 **SECTION 2:** Congress shall determine the time, place, and manner of
12 holding the election and the manner in which the results of
13 the election shall be ascertained and declared and shall
14 establish one day throughout the United States by which
15 any period of voting shall be complete and during which any
16 eligible voter may cast a vote.

17 **SECTION 3:** Congress shall have the power to enforce this article
18 through appropriate legislation.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ankeny High School

A Bill to Abolish Federal Capital Gains Taxes

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The federal capital gains tax is hereby abolished for United States residents
2 and for corporations headquartered in the United States in order to
3 promote and stimulate economic growth.

4 **SECTION 2.** "Capital Gains Tax" refers to a tax on the profit from the sale or disposition
5 of certain types of assets, such as stocks, bonds, real estate, and other
6 investments. "United States Resident" is defined in Title 26 USC § 865(g)(1).
7 "Large Corporations" is defined under Title 26 CFR § 1.6655-4.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service shall oversee the enforcement of this bill, and
9 shall update its forms, regulations and procedures to follow through with
10 this bill's intent.

11 A. Large corporations are prohibited from converting wages into stock
12 options or equity compensation.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2027. All laws in conflict with this
14 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Johnston High School.

A Resolution to Increase Federal Investment in Nuclear Energy Expansion

- 1 **WHEREAS**, The use of fossil fuels and various non-renewable energy sources go
2 against the protection of air quality and resource management; and
3 **WHEREAS**, Energy sources requiring fossil fuels add greenhouse gasses to the
4 atmosphere; and
5 **WHEREAS**, Non-renewable energy sources use resources of which there is a finite
6 amount and cannot be replenished once depleted; and
7 **WHEREAS**, Medical laboratory scientists say burning fossil fuels can lead to respiratory
8 problems, heart disease, and premature deaths; now, therefore, be it
9 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled, we increase federal investment in nuclear
10 energy expansion; and, be it
11 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, Federal subsidies for fossil fuels should be reduced or eliminated
12 entirely.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Grinnell High School

A Bill for Polar Preservation

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Any and all forms of tourism from the United States of America to Antarctica
2 shall be prohibited.

3 **SECTION 2.** Definitions:

4 “Tourism” shall be defined as the business of attracting and providing
5 services and accommodations to those persons who are traveling for
6 recreational or cultural purposes.

7 “Tourism Companies” shall be defined as any business relating to tourism.

8 “Antarctica” shall be defined as all land south of -60 degrees latitude, as
9 determined by the Antarctic Treaty.

10 **SECTION 3.** The National Travel and Tourism Advisory Board (NTTAB) shall oversee the
11 implementation of this bill.

12 A. Any tourism company found in violation of this bill shall be punished with
13 \$500,000 per instance of facilitating tourism to Antarctica, as well as seizure of
14 any profits, ships, or equipment used or generated from tourism. The tourism
15 company’s license shall be suspended for 6 months; the company shall also
16 commit \$500,000 to fund restoration efforts of the environmental damage.

17 B. The NTTAB shall be given \$2 million for the enforcement of this bill.

18 **SECTION 4.** The legislation will take effect May 1st, 2026. All laws in conflict with this
19 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dowling Catholic High School.

A Bill to Abolish the Department of Education In Favor of Federalism

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** The Department of Education shall be dissolved, and its responsibilities, programs, and funds shall be transferred to the individual states.
- SECTION 2.** "Dissolved" refers to the complete disbandment of the Department of Education and the cessation of its federal functions. "Responsibilities, programs, and funds" include all educational programs and funding previously managed by the Department, such as federal student aid and K-12 programs.
- SECTION 3.** A Federal-State Transitional Task Force shall be created to oversee the transfer of responsibilities from the federal government to the states. This task force will ensure the uninterrupted provision of educational services during the transition and provide biannual reports to Congress. The money usually appropriated to the Department of Education will be transferred to the Task Force to ensure a smooth transition.
- SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect on July 1, 2025, with the transition process completed by July 31, 2027.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Iowa City West High School

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A Bill to Abolish Tipped Wages

BE IT ENACTED BY THE IHSSA STUDENT CONGRESS THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall remove the ability for employers to employ people
2 at a tipped wage lower than the federal minimum wage.
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- 4 **SECTION 2.** The United States Department of Labor defines tipped wages in which an
5 employee engages in an occupation where they “customarily and regularly
6 receive more than \$30 per month in tips.”
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- 8 An employer of an employee that is considered to have a tipped wage is
9 required to pay said employee a minimum of \$2.13 per hour.
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- 11 **SECTION 3.** The United State Department of Labor will oversee implementation of this
12 legislation.
- 13 A. Any employer found in violation of this legislation shall be subject to
14 current wage violation penalties.
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- 16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2026. All laws in conflict with
17 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Des Moines North High School.

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Decrease Voting Age to 16

1 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is 1

2 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which
3 shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
4 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within

5 seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

6 **ARTICLE --**

7 **SECTION 1:** The federal voting age in the United States shall be lowered
8 from 18 to 16 years of age.

9 **SECTION 2:** All U.S. citizens aged 16 and older shall be permitted to cast
10 ballots in local, state, and federal elections in which
11 positions are elected by popular vote, as well as presidential
12 elections, given they meet all other voter eligibility criteria

13 established by state and federal law. States shall be required
14 to adjust voter registration and voting eligibility criteria.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ames High School.

Teen Driving Act

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Iowa Driving License Ages will be change

Iowa License will be changed from:

Regular License age 17 to age 18

Intermediate License will be eliminated and replaced with a school permit is available at the age of 16.5

Learner's Permit will change from 14 to 16

SECTION 2.

A: "Regular License" shall be defined as a license that allows drivers to operate vehicles under 26,000 pounds, at any given time, with no supervision needed.

B: "School Permit" shall be defined as a type of license that allows you to drive only to school and back to your house on a specific route that is approved by both the school and the IOWA DOT. You may only stop at places like gas stations and any emergency needs.

C: "Learner's Permit" shall be defined as a type of permit that once achieved will allow drivers to drive only with an adult in the passengers seats.

SECTION 3. The Iowa Dot will oversee all changes made to current licenses and shall enforce this bill.

A: The new licenses will have the basic restrictions that the license is based on.

B: Driving without a license or with the wrong license shall be punished the same as the license they have replaced.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on December 1st 2026.

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

Better Safety Equipment for Public School Athletic Programs Bill

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** All 9-12 high school football players in the state of Iowa including
2 freshmen, JV and varsity, will have access to high-quality head gear and
3 safety equipment including 5-star-rated football helmets and heavy-duty
4 mouthguards.

5 **SECTION 2.** Virginia Tech's star rating system will be used for football helmets and
6 heavy-duty mouthguards should be Gel-Max and suitable for boiling for
7 custom fitting.

8 **SECTION 3.** The IHSAA (Iowa High School Athletic Association) will oversee
9 enforcement.

10 A. Referees / Game Officials will verify the quality of the equipment no
11 less than 48 hours prior to the first game of the season.

12 B. Non-compliant teams will not be able to field under-protected players.

13 C. Funding will come for an equipment tax on concessions and t-shirts.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2025. All laws in conflict with this
legislation are hereby

15 declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Carroll High School

A Bill for the Right to be Forgotten

Be it enacted by the IHSSA Congress assembled that:

1. **Section 1:** Any parents or companies that produce videos or other media
2. types that showcase children under the age of 18 must set aside 30% of
3. all profits to go into a trust for the said child(ren).
4. **Section 2:** When said child(ren) is over the age of 18, they alone will get
5. the proceeds from the trust for any use of their choice.
6. **Section 3:** When said child(ren) is over the age of 18, they can request that
7. all media that they were a part of must be removed if it resulted in some
8. form of profit. They may also request that they receive a portion of the profit
9. accrued from the point they turn 18 in the same ratio that other members of
10. the production received.
11. **Section 4:** The FCC will oversee the implementation of this bill
12. **Section 5:** Any parent or company that doesn't set aside profits or doesn't
13. remove said media when requested, will be fined \$100,000 per offense.
14. **Section 6:** All laws in conflict will become null and void
15. **Section 7:** Legislation will become law on July 1st, 2025

Respectfully submitted by Hampton-Dumont-CAL High School

A Bill to Implement Four Day School Weeks in Iowa Schools

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **Section 1.** School can only be held four days a week in the State of Iowa.
- 2 **Section 2.** The definition of a four day school week will be as follows: School will
3 be held Tuesday through Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM.
- 4 **Section 3.** School activities can still occur on Monday, but school will not be in
5 session. This does not prohibit games, practices, extracurricular activities, or any
6 other school function. The only requirement is that these events start after 12 PM
7 (noon). With the new hour changes, schools still have the flexibility to be in
8 session from August until May.
- 9 **Section 4.** If there is a snow day, late start, or another instance when school gets
10 called off, schools can hold class on Mondays until noon. This ensures that
11 school and extracurricular events don't have any scheduling conflicts. If a holiday
12 lands on a Tuesday, or different day throughout the week, the school week will
13 only be three days long.
- 14 **Section 5.** The Iowa Department of Education will oversee the implementation of
15 activity before noon on Mondays the school will be fined up to \$10,000.
- 16 **Section 6.** This bill will take effect on July 1, 2025.
- 17 **Section 7.** Schools will still be required to meet 1,080 hours each year. All laws
18 in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by CAM High School

The Peace Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **Section 1** The US government shall abolish the Department of Defense or DoD.

2 **Section 2** The Department of Homeland Security will oversee the implementation of this
3 piece of legislation.

4 a. The budget of the DoD at the time of abolition shall fund subsections b, c, d, e, f, g, h,
5 and i.

6 b. Every employee of the DoD shall receive two weeks of their salary for each full year of
7 creditable service as their severance package.

8 c. The money still owed in retirement, insurance, or leave shall be transferred to the
9 Department of Veteran Affairs along with the responsibility.

10 d. 30% of the remaining funds after subsection c shall be allocated to the Department of
11 Education.

12 e. 20% of the remaining funds after subsection c shall be allocated to the Department of
13 Agriculture

14 f. 20% of the remaining funds after subsection c shall be allocated to the Department of
15 Transportation

16 g. 20% of the remaining funds after subsection c shall be allocated to the Environmental
17 Protection Agency.

18 h. 10% of the remaining funds after subsection c shall be allocated to the Department of
19 Labor.

20 i. All of the Department of Defenses' assets will be given to the Department of
21 Homeland Security.

22 **Section 3** This piece of legislation shall be implemented on 21st September 2027.

23 **Section 4** All other laws in conflict are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Theodore Roosevelt High School

A Bill to prohibit the sale of energy drinks to individuals under 16 years old.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

1. SECTION 1. This bill would prohibit the sale of energy drinks to individuals under 16
2. years old.
3. SECTION 2. It defines terms like "dealer" and "energy drink" and establishes rules for
4. sales, prohibiting dealers from selling energy drinks to individuals under sixteen years
5. of age.
6. SECTION 3. It mandates age verification using valid identification and requires
7. dealers to display notices indicating the age restriction. Penalties for non-compliance
8. include warnings, fines up to two hundred dollars for a second offense, and fines up to
9. three hundred fifty dollars for subsequent offenses within a two-year period.
10. SECTION 4. Enforcement is overseen by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection.
11. SECTION 5. This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.
12. SECTION 6. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
13. void.

Submitted by GMG High School