

# 2019 IHSFA State Debate Congressional Docket

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Italicized titles indicate legislation that has been taken from the 2018-2019 IHSFA Congressional Docket for regular season invitational tournaments.

## A BILL TO SUBSIDIZE VOTER IDENTIFICATION

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

2 **Section 1:** States with Voter ID laws shall be eligible for grants to subsidize the cost  
3 of state IDs for needy citizens.

4 **Section 2:** Needy citizens shall be defined as those earning less than 110% of the  
5 poverty level for their state of residence.

6 **Section 3:** The Department of State for each state shall specify the regulations for  
7 implementing and distributing the subsidies.

8 **Section 4:** The subsidies shall guarantee a free or significantly reduced fee for state  
9 identification that is eligible under state Voter ID laws applicable in each  
10 state.

11 **Section 5:** Funding

12 a. Funding for the subsidies will be capped at \$100 million every two  
13 years, with allowance for state matching funds.

14 b. Funds will be provided by a new federal tax on vape products equal to  
15 the current federal excise tax on cigarettes.

16 **Section 6:** The Federal Election Commission will be tasked with overseeing and  
17 implementing the subsidy.

18 **Section 7:** This legislation will go into effect on January 1, 2020.

19 **Section 8:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

## A BILL TO IMPOSE A PRICE CEILING ON HIV/AIDS AND INSULIN PHARMACEUTICALS

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **Section 1:** The profit margin of life-saving HIV/AIDS medicines and Insulin shall not  
3 exceed 50 percent above the cost of production.

4 **Section 2:** “Life-saving HIV/AIDS medicines” shall be defined as “prescription  
5 pharmaceuticals, including experimental drugs, which have the potential  
6 to extend the life of an individual diagnosed with HIV/AIDS.” “Cost of  
7 production” shall be defined as “the monetary expenses a company had  
8 to incur to create the pharmaceutical.”

9 **Section 3:** The Food and Drug Administration and Federal Trade Commission shall  
10 be responsible for enforcing this legislation.

11 **Section 4:** These changes shall be implemented on January 1, 2020.

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

## **A BILL TO REGULATE AND REGISTER CRYPTOCURRENCY**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **Section 1:** All forms of cryptocurrency and alternative digital currency available to  
3 United States citizens must be registered with the Securities and  
4 Exchange Commission.

5 **Section 2:** “Cryptocurrency” shall be defined as “digital assets that work as a  
6 medium of exchange, including but not limited to Bitcoin and Litecoin.”

7 **Section 3:** The Securities and Exchange Commission will be responsible for  
8 enforcing this legislation and regulating the currencies.

9 **Section 4:** This legislation will take effect January 1, 2020.

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

## A BILL TO REPEAL SECTION 232 OF THE TRADE EXPANSION ACT OF 1962

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **Section 1:** Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, that allows the  
3 President to increase tariffs for reasons of national security shall be  
4 repealed.

5 **Section 2:** Tariffs shall be returned to rates set by the World Trade Organization  
6 (WTO).

7 **Section 3:** Oversight and Enforcement:

8 **A.** The House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Trade shall be  
9 responsible for oversight of this legislation.

10 **B.** United States Department of Commerce and The United State's  
11 Trade Representative shall be responsible for the enforcement of  
12 this legislation.

13 **Section 4:** This bill shall go into effect at the start of the 2020 United States  
14 Fiscal Year.

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

## **A BILL TO ESTABLISH IMPROVED SCHOOL SECURITY AGAINST GUN-BASED VIOLENCE**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **Section 1:** 3 billion dollars will be dedicated to American public schools to increase  
3 or develop school security against gun-based violence, as well as to help  
4 raise awareness to potential causes. These include but are not limited to:

- 5 **A.** Mental health awareness
- 6 **B.** Deterrents against gun violence
- 7 **C.** Metal detectors
- 8 **D.** Anti-bullet window coverings

9 **Section 2:** Definitions

10 **A.** “Public School” will be defined as a K-12 school maintained at the  
11 public’s expense for the education of the children of a community  
12 or district and that constitutes a part of a system of free public  
13 education.

14 **B.** “School security against gun based violence” will be defined as  
15 reasonable measures taken to protect students from gun violence.

16 **Section 3:** The implementation of improved or developing school security systems  
17 will be allocated from the 2018-2019 Education budget of \$59.9 billion.

18 **Section 4:** This bill will be implemented during the 2019 - 2020 school year.

19 **Section 5:** All other laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be  
20 declared null and void.

## **A BILL TO COMBAT CORRUPTION IN THE NORTHERN TRIANGLE**

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

2 **Section 1:** Not later than 180 days after the enactment of this bill, the Secretary of  
3 State shall submit to the appropriate committees of the House and  
4 Senate a strategy to dismantle systemic corruption in the Northern  
5 Triangle. The strategy shall include the following elements:

6 **A.** Enhanced cooperation with local prosecutors, revenue, and customs  
7 authorities of each Northern Triangle country regarding individuals  
8 within the Northern Triangle that are known violators of the Foreign  
9 Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act, or the Global Magnitsky Human  
10 Rights Accountability Act.

11 **B.** Exchange of information relevant to senior government officials in any  
12 of the Northern Triangle countries that are known to have received  
13 campaign funds that are the proceeds of narco-trafficking or other illicit  
14 activities, or who are known to have facilitated acts of grand corruption.

15 **Section 2:** The Northern Triangle consists of the region of Central America that  
16 encompasses the countries of Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador.

17 **Section 3:** The Secretary of State shall make a report after an additional 90 days  
18 about the total amount of foreign aid provided to each country under the  
19 Central America Regional Security Initiative since fiscal year 2008.

20 **Section 4:** This law shall take effect on October 1, 2019.

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

## A BILL TO HALT ALL ARMS SALES TO SAUDI ARABIA

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **Section 1:** The Department of Defense shall immediately terminate all sales of  
3 arms to Saudi Arabia.

4 **Section 2:** Arms are defined as artillery, ammunition, tactical weaponry or  
5 specialized weaponry. Terminate is defined as the cessation of transfer of  
6 weapons and acceptance of money from the Saudi Arabian government.

7 **Section 3:** The Department of Defense shall oversee this termination of arms  
8 sales.

9 **A.** The Department of Defense shall receive a stipend of 1 billion  
10 dollars over two fiscal years to make up for the lost funds.

11 **B.** Any arms still in possession of the US Department of Defense,  
12 that were intended for Saudi Arabia, may be liquidated or resold to  
13 other nations.

14 **Section 4:** This legislation will go into effect immediately upon passage.

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



## A BILL TO REINSTATE THE INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE MANDATE

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

2 **Section 1:** Individuals are required to maintain health insurance for themselves and  
3 their dependents with no more than one two-month lapse in coverage per  
4 year.

5 **Section 2:** Section 1 may be satisfied by providing proof of insurance with a filed  
6 income tax return. Failure to satisfy Section 1 will result in a tax of 2.5% of  
7 gross income per person or \$695 per person, whichever is greater.

8 Individuals who can demonstrate that purchasing coverage would prove  
9 an unmanageable financial burden or those with sincerely held religious  
10 objections to health insurance are exempt from fines in this legislation.

11 **Section 3:** This legislation will be enforced by the Internal Revenue Service. The  
12 Department of Health and Human Services shall be responsible for  
13 defining the minimal acceptable elements of health insurance coverage  
14 that will satisfy each individual's obligation in Section 1.

15 **Section 4:** This legislation will go into effect January 1, 2020.

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

## **A RESOLUTION TO JOIN THE UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL MIGRATION AND REFUGEE COMPACT**

- 1     **WHEREAS,** many countries of the world are facing a migration and refugee crisis; and
- 2     **WHEREAS,** there needs to be a global strategy for the handling of migration and
- 3             refugees; and
- 4     **WHEREAS,** the United States has experienced its own difficulties satisfactorily
- 5             addressing the issue of migration and refugees; and
- 6     **WHEREAS,** the United States may be able to provide the leadership necessary to
- 7             design and implement a global strategy regarding migration and refugees;
- 8             now, therefore be it
- 9     **RESOLVED,** by the congress here assembled that the United States should join the
- 10            United Nations Global Migration and Refugee Compact.