

MIFA Debate State Finals 2022

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NOTE: Two additional pieces (#13 & #14) were added to the docket at 7:35pm on Sunday 12/4/22 after its initial publication. This correction was communicated to all participating coaches and updated on the web.

- > There will be 5 Bills/Resolutions in each Prelim Session.
- > Prelim bill order will be announced at the General Meeting.
- > Legislation being used for **Super Session** are in **BOLD**.

1. A Bill to Require Carbon Registries To Be Federally Regulated
2. A Bill to Mandate Unisex toilets for Nonbinary and Gender-nonconforming students in schools
3. **A Bill to Federally Lower the Cost of Insulin**
4. A Resolution to Red Shirt Boys in School
5. **A Bill to Raise the Federal Taxing Age**
6. A Resolution to Reform Article II of the United States Constitution to Limit the Maximum Age of a Presidential Candidate
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#1 A Bill to Require Carbon Registries To Be Federally Regulated.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. SECTION 1. All Carbon Registries will be forced to comply with a federally regulated limit on
2. the number of carbon credits a single company may utilize to offset emissions.
3. SECTION 2. The following definitions will apply:
 4. 1. A Carbon Registry will be defined as any system or organization responsible for
 5. reporting and tracking emission offset project information including credits generated,
 6. projects offered, ownership of credits, and sale of credits
 7. 2. Credits will be defined as any tradable or purchasable certificates or permits
 8. representing the right to emit a set amount of carbon dioxide or the equivalent amount
 9. of a different greenhouse gas
10. SECTION 3. The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) will decide the limit with
11. guidance from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and will oversee the
12. enforcement of this legislation.
13. SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1 st , 2024.
14. SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Walled Lake Western.

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#2 A Bill to Mandate Unisex toilets for Nonbinary and Gender-nonconforming students in schools.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. SECTION 1. All public schools have at least three single stall unisex bathrooms for Nonbinary
2. and Gender-nonconforming students.
3. SECTION 2. The following definitions will apply:
 4. 1. Non-binary will be defined as people who have transitioned into a gender outside of the
 5. traditional male or female identity.
 6. 2. Gender-nonconforming will be defined as someone who displays gender expression
 7. outside of a traditional binary sense, but may not be non-binary.
 8. 3. Unisex Bathrooms will be defined as single stall bathrooms open for anyone to use at
 9. their discretion.
 10. 4. Public Schools will be defined as any school currently receiving federal funding.
11. SECTION 3. The U.S. Department of Education will oversee the enforcement of this
12. legislation.
13. SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on August 1st, 2023.
14. SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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#3 A Bill to Federally Lower the Cost of Insulin

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. SECTION 1. The cap of costs on insulin will be federally lowered to a cost of \$10 for all
2. citizens in the United States.
3. SECTION 2. The following definitions will apply:
 4. 1. Insulin will be defined as medicinal preparation of the hormone protein insulin used to
 5. treat high blood sugar.
 6. 2. A federally lowered cap will apply to all United States citizens.
7. SECTION 3. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the enactment
8. of this legislation.
9. SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 31th, 2023.
10. SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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#4 A Resolution to Red Shirt Boys in School

1 WHEREAS Boys mature later than girls;

2 WHEREAS This lagging development persists through elementary and middle school;

3 WHEREAS This developmental delay impacts learning and classroom behavior;

4 WHEREAS Lagging performance in school impacts career success and stability; and

5 WHEREAS Delaying the entry of boys into school (“redshirting”) has been shown to improve

6 performance in school; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED That school districts should enroll boys a year later than girls.

Submitted by Miller Broughton, Grand Rapids City HS

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#5 A Bill to Raise the Federal Taxing Age

BE IT ENACTED BY CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. SECTION 1. Minors shall no longer be federally taxed on their paychecks, as the federal taxing
2. age will be raised to 18.
3. SECTION 2. A working minor shall be classified as anyone under the age of 18 who is
4. employed under any federal corporation. Federal tax is defined as money collected from each
5. legally employed individual's paycheck through federal corporations.
6. i. Currently, Federal Taxation is based off the legal age of employment (14 years old).
7. This legislation will utilize the legal voting age (18 years old) as the basis for Federal
8. Taxation.
9. SECTION 3. The IRS will oversee the enforcement of this legislation. Companies who do not
10. comply with this legislation will face the standard tax infraction punishment.
11. i. Typically, the standard tax infraction punishment is a penalty issued by the IRS, in
12. which the percentage varies.
13. SECTION 4. This legislation will go into effect on January 31 st , 2023.
14. SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted for debate by Senator Sesi of the Utica Academy for International Studies

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#6 A Resolution to Reform Article II of the United States Constitution to Limit the Maximum Age of a Presidential Candidate

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. WHEREAS, The US Constitution has minimum age requirements for Presidential
2. candidates, but no maximum age limit and
3. WHEREAS, The lack of an age limit for a Presidential Candidate increases the likelihood of
4. age-related health issue, and
5. WHEREAS, Brain function starts to decrease after a certain age, making it so decisions, such
6. as those made on a daily basis b are more difficult to be made by an older individual, often
7. without a scope of the scale of the decision; therefore be it
8. RESOLVED, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is
9. proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all
10. intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislature of three-fourths
11. of the several states within five years from the date of its submission by the Congress:
12. SECTION 1. The amended Article II, Section I of the Constitution shall now read,
13. "... neither shall any Person be eligible to that office who shall not have attained to the age of
14. thirty-five years and shall not exceed the age of sixty-five years while in office..."

Respectfully submitted by Senator McCreddie, Hubbard, and Ng of the Utica Academy for International

Studies

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#7 A Bill to Protect our Drivers

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. SECTION 1. All drivers older than 70 years of age must submit to a road
2. test every two years
3. SECTION 2. The United States Department of Transportation officials
4. will enforce
5. A. The Department of Transportation will fund the driving tests for all
6. drivers over the age of 70
7. B. A ten cent gas tax increase will be used to fund this bill
8. C. All drivers currently over the age of 70 will have two years to take
9. their first test.
10. SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2024 All laws in
11. conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Senator Al-Koorwi Holt High School.

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#8 A Bill to Close the Private Gun Sale Loophole

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. SECTION 1. All gun sales within in the United States must have a
2. completed background check for the purchaser even if a private sale
3. SECTION 2. Private sales are defined as any person who sells a gun who
4. is not licensed
5. SECTION 3. The United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and
6. Explosives will enforce
7. SECTION 4. All people caught violating this law will face up to ten years in prison and or
8. up to \$100,000 in fines.
9. SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2024 All laws in
10. conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by SenatorJeanPierre Holt High School.

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#9 A Bill to Increase AI Technology for Ocean Exploration

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. SECTION 1. The National Ocean Services of The National Oceanic and Atmospheric
2. Administration (NOAA) shall increase their usage of AI technology for
3. further research and exploration of all US waters.
4. SECTION 2. The NOAA must develop and regulate the use of AI technology to
5. increase Ocean exploration in all US waters while also preventing any
6. harm or damage that can negatively impact oceanic life in any way,
7. shape, or form.
8. SECTION 3. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shall oversee and enforce
9. this bill. The Department of Commerce will remain to fund this bill using
10. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's budget (NOAA)
11. of 6.9 billion dollars. Incompliance with this bill shall result in budget cuts
12. by 5% every fiscal year.
13. SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2023. All laws in conflict with
14. this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sunyia Jabeen and Keiry Lawandy from Adlai Stevenson
High School

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#10 A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Lower the Voting Age

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,
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:
6. ARTICLE --
7. SECTION 1: The right of citizens of the United States, who are sixteen
8. years of age or older, to vote shall not be denied by the
9. United States or by any State on account of age, though
10. this right may be extended to younger citizens by any
11. State.
12. SECTION 2: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
13. appropriate legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Grace Hemboldt and Battle Creek Central High School.

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#11 The Social Security Fairness Act of 2023

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. SECTION 1. All provisions that reduce Social Security benefits for individuals who receive
2. other benefits are hereby repealed.
3. A. The government pension offset, which in various instances reduces
4. Social Security benefits for spouses, widows, and widowers who also receive
5. government pensions of their own, are also repealed.
6. B. The windfall elimination provision, which in some instances reduces
7. Social Security benefits for individuals who also receive a pension or disability
8. benefit from an employer that did not withhold Social Security taxes, is also
9. repealed.
10. SECTION 2. Other benefits include but are not limited to: a pension from a state or local
11. government, spousal benefits for remarriage after divorce, etc.
12. C. In any instances of multiple applicable additional provisions
13. aforementioned, all said provisions are voided.
14. SECTION 3. The Social Security Administration (SSA) will oversee the implementation of
15. this legislation.
16. SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect at the start of FY 2023. All laws in conflict with
17. This legislation is hereby declared null and void.

Submitted for congressional debate by Sarah Yousif

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#12 A Bill to Moderate Video Game Currencies

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. SECTION 1. Any use of video game currency is subject to federal regulation.
2. SECTION 2. Video Game Currency refers to any virtual currency that can be converted
3. with fiat money.
4. SECTION 3. This bill shall be overseen by the Bureau of Consumer Protection, which is a subsidiary the Federal Trade Commission's
5. SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect as of January 1, 2023
6. SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Henry Lizotte

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#13 A Bill to Implement a Fee on the Storage of Personal Data by Technology Companies

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. SECTION 1. Any company that collects and stores personal data from consumers will be
3. required to ethically report the revenue garnered through their data
4. collection as well as disclose the amount of stored personal data. Based on
5. this report companies will pay a biannual fee of \$250,000 per petabyte of
6. stored data.
7. SECTION 2. "Collects," "collected," or "collection" means buying, renting, gathering,
8. obtaining, receiving, or accessing any personal information pertaining to a
9. consumer by any means. This includes receiving information from the
10. consumer, either actively or passively, or by observing the consumer's
11. behavior. Personal data will be defined as any information pertaining to an
12. individuals digital footprint.
13. SECTION 3. The Cyber Security and Infrastructure Agency will enforce and maintain
14. the ethical reporting practices. The Internal Revenue Service will enforce
15. the collection of the levied fees. Miss reporting the amount of data
16. collected and stored will be seen as tax fraud and punished as such.
17. SECTION 4. This bill goes into effect January 1, 2024.
18. SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Wayland Union High School.

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#14 A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Reinstate the Voting Rights of Felons

1. RESOLVED, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is proposed as an
2. amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as
3. part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the states within seven years
4. from the date of its submission by the Congress:
5. ARTICLE --
6. SECTION 1: The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the
7. United States or by any state on account of their status as a convicted felon. All felons that have been
8. released from prison, post sentence, will be reinstated with their full privilege as potential voters;
9. regardless of their status on parole.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Senator Carissa Yerxa of Wayland Union High School.