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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 a 30 second period. The presiding Officer will keep a separate recency chart to determine questioners.

SF1 - A Bill to Amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to Accommodate Cryptocurrencies

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Part III of Subchapter B of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is
3 amended by adding Section 139G which shall read:

4 **A.** Gross yearly income shall not include gain from the sale or exchange of
5 virtual currency for anything other than cash or cash equivalents.

6 **B.** The amount of gain excluded from income as specified in section A shall not
7 exceed \$600 per transaction.

8 **C.** For purposes of this section, all sales or exchanges which are part of the
9 same transaction shall be treated as one sale or exchange.

10 **D.** The dollar amount in section B shall increase yearly starting with taxable
11 year 2019 by an amount equal to the federal cost of living adjustment, or
12 \$50, whichever is greater.

13 **SECTION 2.** Virtual Currency, or Cryptocurrency, is defined as a digital representation of
14 value that is used as a medium of exchange but is not otherwise currency as
15 defined by the Department of the Treasury.

16 **SECTION 3.** The Department of the Treasury, with the Internal Revenue Service, shall
17 oversee this legislation, and shall make such adjustments to federal income tax
18 regulations as necessary to accommodate these requirements.

19 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on October 1, 2018.

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

SF2 - Congressional Accountability and Hush Fund Elimination Act of 2018

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

2 **SECTION 1.** No taxpayer money shall be used to fund any settlement between a member of
3 Congress accused of sexual misconduct and their accuser.

4 **A.** Any taxpayer funded settlement which was issued after the passage of the
5 Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 shall be considered invalid. All
6 monies paid from any taxpayer funded source shall be repaid to the United
7 States Treasury by the member in whose name the settlement was reached.

8 **B.** Any non-disclosure agreement which accompanied a previous settlement
9 shall be considered null and void.

10 **C.** All settlements between a member of Congress accused of sexual
11 misconduct and an accuser shall be considered public record and will be
12 listed by the appropriate Committee on Ethics on a quarterly basis.

13 **SECTION 2.** Failure to reimburse the Treasury for any previous settlements shall be referred
14 to the appropriate Committee on Ethics for further action.

15 **SECTION 3.** The House Committee on Ethics and the Senate Select Committee on Ethics
16 shall oversee enforcement of this legislation.

17 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

SF3 - A Resolution to Continue Cooperation with Israel on Space Exploration

1 **WHEREAS,** the mutual interest of both the United States and Israel in space
2 exploration affords both nations an opportunity to leverage their unique
3 abilities to advance scientific discovery; and

4 **WHEREAS,** both the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the
5 Israel Space Agency (ISA) have successfully cooperated on many space
6 programs supporting the Global Positioning System and research related
7 to the sun, earth science, and the environment; and

8 **WHEREAS,** under the previous administration, the relationship between the United
9 States and Israel chilled; and

10 **WHEREAS,** as political relationships go, so do scientific relationships; and

11 **WHEREAS,** the ISA has the potential to be an important strategic partner in the
12 global war against terror; now, therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled direct the Administrator of
14 NASA to continue to work with the ISA to identify and cooperatively
15 pursue peaceful space exploration, science initiatives, environmental
16 research, and initiatives to eliminate terror.

Final Session

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To: Members of the Select Committee on North Korean Issues

From: Daniel Coats, Director of National Intelligence

We have confirmed that North Korea and Iran have been jointly working on nuclear weapon and missile technology. The meeting last August between Kim Yong-nam, North Korea's Head of Legislature, and Iranian President Hassan Rouhani was more than a diplomatic gathering. Iranian defense officials have actively worked with North Korean military officers to develop missile technology in exchange for assistance in circumventing the Iranian Nuclear Accords.

We have information which leads us to conclude that with Iran's assistance, North Korea will be capable of a nuclear missile strike in Japan by June. They will be capable of reaching Guam in November. They will be capable of delivering a nuclear missile strike to the continental United States by next March.

Obviously, this information cannot become public, as it has the potential to create worldwide instability. However, the President has recommended that I send certain items of legislation to you which will help in our efforts to neutralize these threats. These items will appear to maintain the status quo positions of the President, while containing terms which will be helpful in our efforts to limit any damage which Iran or North Korea may cause with their nuclear ambitions.

Please debate these items within your committee. Passage of said items out of your committee and to the Committee of the Whole is very important to the President. He will be very grateful and generous during the next election cycle in recognition of your assistance.

F1 - Strengthen Sanctions on North Korea Act of 2018

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The North Korea Sanctions and Policy Enhancement Act of 2016 is amended to
3 include the following: The President shall inform Congress of any country which
4 shall provide aid and assistance to North Korea in any of the following ways:

5 **A.** Any attempt to provide food, energy, or humanitarian assistance,

6 **B.** Foreign countries whose seaports and airports fail to inspect or seize the
7 cargo of North Korean ships or aircraft as required by United Nations
8 Security Council resolutions,

9 **C.** Cooperation between North Korea and Iran on nuclear weapons,

10 **D.** Refusal to treat North Korea as a state sponsor of terrorism.

11 **SECTION 2.** Any country that is reported to fail to adhere to the above conditions shall be
12 subject to U.S property-based sanctions as determined by the President.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security shall have the ability to seize any cargo
14 believed to have been manufactured in North Korea, or using North Korean
15 forced laborers. The Department of State shall report to the President the
16 adherence to Section 1 of all foreign entities.

17 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect upon passage.

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

F2 - A Bill to Withdraw From the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall withdraw from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of
3 Action and will not engage in further negotiations with Iran until the
4 following conditions are met:.

5 **A.** Upon certification that both Iran and North Korea have each
6 terminated nuclear weapons and ballistic missile programs.

7 **B.** Upon certification that Iran has severed diplomatic ties with North
8 Korea.

9 **SECTION 2.** Any sanctions which were in place prior to the implementation of the
10 JCPOA shall be reinstated.

11 **A.** The “snap-back” provision is hereby invoked.

12 **B.** Any country which refuses to reinstate sanctions shall be subject to
13 economic action from the United States.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State shall oversee implementation of this legislation.

15 **SECTION 4.** This will take effect immediately upon passage.

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

F3 - The Preemptive Defense of the United States

Act of 2018

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** In general, the President is authorized to use the Armed Forces of the United
3 States as the President determines necessary and appropriate against any
4 opposing force which meets one or more of the following conditions:

5 **A.** Is developing nuclear technology with the express purpose of creating
6 nuclear weapons.

7 **B.** Is developing ballistic missile technology which has a theoretical range of
8 over 1000 miles.

9 **SECTION 2.** Consistent with section 8(a) (1) of the War Powers Resolution, the Congress
10 declares that this section is intended to constitute specific statutory
11 authorization within the meaning of section 5(b) of the War Powers Resolution..

12 **SECTION 3.** Upon the determination of the President that a country or opposing force meets
13 the requirements of section 1, the President may, with the appropriate
14 notification to Congress, use this authorization against such country or opposing
15 force.

16 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect upon passage.

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