



Arizona State University

## Hugh Downs School of Human Communication Invitational 2019

### Congressional Debate Docket – Preliminary Sessions

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 sectioned in chambers so that one chamber is opened for their judges to participate. One or two scorers and a parliamentarian will be assigned to each preliminary session, depending on the availability of the judge pool. Scorers will rotate; the parliamentarian will stay the same throughout the prelims.

Advancing students will be selected by judge ranks, using NSDA tiebreakers where applicable.

# 1 - A Bill to Fund Project Orion

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Work on the project, nicknamed Project Orion which was discontinued in 1965,  
3 to build a spacecraft propelled by nuclear pulse propulsion shall be immediately  
4 resumed.

5 **SECTION 2.** Private industries shall be contracted to work, in conjunction with the Federal  
6 Government, to construct an 8-man spacecraft to be used in a 2030 manned  
7 NASA mission to Mars.

8 **SECTION 3.** The spacecraft will be propelled into orbit missiles under development by NASA.  
9 From there, the spacecraft will utilize nuclear pulse propulsion to land on the  
10 surface of Mars and return to Earth.

11 **SECTION 4.** A general fund of \$20 billion dollars shall be raised for this project, with funds  
12 from the current Orion Module Program being transferred to this new program.  
13 A special congressional Committee on the Orion Program shall be formed to  
14 oversee the implementation of these spacecraft and to allocate more funds to  
15 the project if need be. All excess funds upon the project's completion are to be  
16 transferred to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

17 **SECTION 5.** Contracts are to be sent out to private enterprises upon the passing of this bill.  
18 Preliminary schematics of the rocket are to be drafted before the beginning of  
19 Fiscal Year 2020. Construction shall begin as soon as finalized schematics are  
20 made.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Advanced Technologies Academy*

## 2 - A Resolution to Support Assyrian Independence

- 1   **WHEREAS,**     the Assyrian people are an ethno-religious group of modern day  
2                    Mesopotamians inhabiting the regions of Southern Turkey, Northern Iraq, and  
3                    Eastern Syria; and
- 4   **WHEREAS,**     the Assyrian people were among the first Christian scholars in history, with the  
5                    Assyrian church of the East safeguarding numerous historical texts and records,  
6                    as well as monasteries and cathedrals, making their survival a matter of  
7                    historical importance; and
- 8   **WHEREAS,**     the Assyrians have been persecuted throughout history, most recently by ISIS,  
9                    resulting in the deaths of thousands of Assyrians; and
- 10   **WHEREAS,**    the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria has attempted to exterminate the Assyrian  
11                    people for the Christian faith, and destroy records and buildings maintained by  
12                    them; and
- 13   **WHEREAS,**    the Iraqi Government has to protect its Assyrian Citizens, resulting in a rising  
14                    surge of Assyrian Nationalism has resulted in cries for Assyrian self-governance  
15                    in the Nineveh Governorate of Iraq; now, therefore, be it
- 16   **RESOLVED,**   By the Congress here assembled that the President of United States, in  
17                    conjunction with the Department of State, should advocate and give aid for the  
18                    establishment of an Independent Assyrian State centered around the Nineveh  
19                    Governorate and Northern Iraq, and work with the Iraqi Government to provide  
20                    greater sovereignty for Assyria.

*Introduced by Advanced Technologies Academy*

### **3 - A Resolution to Shut Down Chinese Fentanyl Labs to Combat the Opioid Crisis**

- 1 **WHEREAS,** nearly 46,000 opioid overdose deaths occur in the U.S. each year; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** the leading cause of those overdose deaths is non-methadone synthetic opioids,  
3 primarily fentanyls, that have increasingly supplanted heroin in dominating the  
4 illicit market; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** illegal factories in China are responsible for producing fentanyls that are sold to  
6 North American cartels; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** these cartels traffic fentanyl across the border for American consumers, which  
8 fuels the opioid epidemic; now, therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the recommendation to provide  
10 adequate support for the China National Narcotic Control Commission in order  
11 to shut down the illegal fentanyl laboratories.

*Introduced by Desert Vista High School*

## 4 - A Bill to Preserve Public Health

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A sales tax of \$0.10 per gram of sugar in a soda be implemented upon the  
3 purchase of sodas with a concentration of over 250 grams of sugar per  
4 gallon.

5 **SECTION 2.** Sodas are defined as drinks infused with sugar and/or artificial  
6 sweeteners.

7 **SECTION 3.** All money raised from the tax will be directed to the establishment of  
8 block grant programs for each of the fifty states in order to provide  
9 nutritious school meals.

10 **SECTION 4.** The implementation of this bill shall be overseen by the United States  
11 Department of Health and Human Services.

12 **SECTION 5.** This bill shall be implemented at the start of the 2019 fiscal year.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Desert Vista High School*

## 5 - A Bill to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will hereby be  
3 protected from having its funding cut for the next three years. The EPA  
4 will be allocated 4 billion dollars in its annual budget beginning next fiscal  
5 year. The EPA will be in charge of incorporating a cap-and-trade policy  
6 with emissions beginning at current levels in 2019, and decreased by 5%  
7 for the 4 years following.

8 **SECTION 2.** Greenhouse gases shall be defined as Nitrous Oxide, Carbon Dioxide,  
9 Methane, and Fluorinated Gases. Cap and Trade shall be defined as a  
10 government program that allocates caps to private companies and allows  
11 for the free trade, exchange, and purchase of emissions caps to other  
12 companies.

13 **SECTION 3.** The EPA shall oversee the implementation of cap-and-trade.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect immediately, with the cap-and-trade being  
15 implemented on January 1, 2020.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dougherty Valley High School*

## 6 - A Bill to Regulate Aid to Promote Haitian Independence

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All companies functioning in Haiti using United States Agency for Aid  
3 (USAID) are required to:

4 **SECTION 2. A.** Compose Haitian citizens as at least 50% of their workforce operating  
5 in the country

6 **B.** Ensure that at least 25% of the payroll is given to Haitian citizens.

7 **SECTION 3.** The compliance of this bill will be overseen by the USAID.

8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented December 31, 2019.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dougherty Valley High School*

## 7 - A Bill to Reduce Sentencing for Cocaine

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** For first-time offenders, the federal minimum mandatory sentence for  
3 having possession of 28 grams of either powder cocaine or cocaine base  
4 will be reduced to 1 year. The maximum possible sentence will be  
5 reduced to 15 years.

6 **SECTION 2.** A “Cocaine base” refers to the cocaine variation generally referred to as  
7 “crack.”

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will oversee implementation of this bill.

9 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented by January 1, 2020.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Palo Alto High School*



## 8 - A Bill to Increase the Quota of H1-B Visas

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall double the H-1B Regular Cap of 85,000 H1-B Visas  
3 per year to 170,000 H1-B Visas per year. The H-1B Master's Exemption  
4 Cap shall be raised by 5,000 visas per year until it reaches a total of  
5 50,000 visas offered.

6 **SECTION 2.** The H-1B Regular Cap shall be defined as a limit placed on the amount of  
7 foreign workers authorized to work in the United States annually under  
8 H-1B status. The H-1B Master's Exemption Cap shall be defined as the  
9 number of applicants holding master degrees who are exempt from the  
10 regular cap.

11 **SECTION 3.** The implementation of this bill shall be overseen by the U.S. Citizenship  
12 and Immigration Services (USCIS).

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect on January 1, 2020.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Palo Alto High School*

## 9 - A Bill to Stop Police Brutality in Latin America

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will end all financial and military aid to police forces in  
3 Latin America. Additionally, sanctions will be implemented upon  
4 government officials promoting violence in Latin America.

5 **SECTION 2. A.** Financial and military aid given to Latin American police forces in the  
6 form of counternarcotic programs such as the 1033 and 1004 programs  
7 shall be suspended.

8 **B.** An investigation shall be conducted to determine which Latin American  
9 government officials -if any- shall be sanctioned.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security in conjunction with the  
11 Department of Defense shall be responsible for overseeing the  
12 implementation of this legislation.

13 **A.** All funds saved by the termination of programs supporting police  
14 forces in Latin America shall be allocated to economic aid in the form  
15 of alternative crops.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect in the 2020 fiscal year.

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

# 10 - A Bill to Eliminate FEMA and Give their Duties to National Guard

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Due to lack of performance, the United States will eliminate the Federal  
3 Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). All responsibilities and  
4 programs formerly associated with FEMA will now fall under the National  
5 Guard.

6 **SECTION 2.** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is in charge of  
7 responding to national crises. National Guard is (in the US) the primary  
8 reserve military force, partly maintained by the states but also available  
9 for federal use.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense will oversee the implementation of this bill.

11 **A.** The funds for FEMA will be transferred to the National Guard to be  
12 allocated for crises situations.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect in January 1, 2020.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Phoenix Country Day School*

# 11 - A Bill to Eliminate Funding for School Choice Programs to Reform Education Spending

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States government will cease spending \$350 million for  
3 Charter School Grants and \$115 million for Magnet Schools Assistance  
4 and eliminate any budget increases proposed in the 2018 Education  
5 Budget.

6 **SECTION 2.** School choice programs are defined as any grants that offer the financial  
7 ability of students to attend charter, magnet, or private schools.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee the implementation of this  
9 legislation.

10 A. The money that is saved from the elimination of this program may be  
11 put to use in other areas of the Education Budget as seen  
12 appropriate.

13 B. The department will track the educational differences of students  
14 after the implementation of this bill in comparison to those who took  
15 part in the school choice programs of last year.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will become effective in Fiscal Year 2020.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Saint Mary's Hall H.S.*

## 12 - A Resolution to Recognize Tibet and Taiwan as Autonomous States

- 1 **WHEREAS,** the autonomous regions of Tibet and Taiwan have spent decades under Chinese  
2 rule; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** the native peoples of these regions have been subject to human rights  
4 violations by the autocratic government; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** both regions have rich and unique cultural histories that have been suppressed;  
6 and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** hundreds have died in skirmishes on the border and in self-immolation as  
8 protest; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** economic stagnation because of forced international isolation plagues the  
10 regions; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** the recognition of both regions could open up foreign investment and  
12 international human rights intervention; now, therefore, be it
- 13 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States of America extend  
14 diplomatic relations to the leaders of Tibet and Taiwan.

*Introduced by Saint Mary's Hall*

## 13 - A Bill to Increase Coal Exports to Ukraine in Order to Fund Alternative Energy Sources

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will hereby increase its coal exports to Ukraine by ten times  
3 the current amount

4 **A.** The revenue generated by coal exports under this legislation shall be used  
5 to fund alternative energy projects in the United States.

6 **SECTION 2.** Coal exports shall be defined as public sector coal sales.

7 **A.** Public sector coal sales shall be defined as coal the United States  
8 governments sells. In order to obtain the coal, the United States  
9 government will engage in an agreement with private sector coal companies  
10 to mine the coal and hand it to the public sector.

11 **B.** Alternative energy projects shall be defined as power plants designated for  
12 solar, wind, and hydroelectric power as well as fundamental research into  
13 developing new alternative energy technology.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Commerce in conjunction with the International Trade  
15 Administration shall oversee the execution of this bill.

16 **A.** Revenue generated from coal exports to Ukraine will then be given to the  
17 Office of Energy, Efficiency, and Renewable Energy of the Department of  
18 Energy to strictly build and research alternative energy projects in the  
19 United States

20 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2020.

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

## 14 - A Bill to Reform and Protect Aid to the Northern Triangle

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The US will allocate \$400 million of aid to the Northern Triangle for FY 2020. All funds  
3 (including short term humanitarian aid) will be prioritized in the following manner:

- 4 **A.** \$200 million will be allocated to micro-finance programs;  
5 **B.** \$100 million will be allocated to education;  
6 **C.** \$50 million will be allocated to community policing;  
7 **D.** \$50 million will be allocated to USAID to restructure any faults in its aid distribution  
8 mechanisms.

9 **SECTION 2.** The Northern Triangle includes the countries of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras.  
10 "FY" is defined as Fiscal Year.

11 **SECTION 3.** USAID will oversee the implementation of this bill.

- 12 **A.** Within 6 months of the implementation date, USAID will release a report detailing  
13 the specifics of funding allocation and the aforementioned programs.  
14 **B.** The president may not repeal aid to the Northern Triangle without Congress's  
15 approval by majority vote.  
16 **C.** Funds for this bill will be allocated from any leftover funds given to the Northern  
17 Triangle. Any remaining funds will be allocated from the Department of Defense's  
18 budget.  
19 **D.** Congress will open debate on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 to determine renewal for FY  
20 2021.

21 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 in accordance with FY 2020.

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

# 15 - A Bill to Invest in Fair Voting Technology to Increase Election Security

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will grant the equivalent of thirty million dollars to companies  
3 and institutions actively focusing on the research and development of electronic  
4 voting.

5 **SECTION 2.** Electronic voting includes traditional touchscreen voting machines (TVMs),  
6 remote online voting technologies, and the overall electronic transmission of  
7 ballots. Companies and institutions include for-profit and educational nonprofit  
8 entities.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Science and Technology Cooperation (STC) of the US Department of State  
10 will be responsible for overseeing the implementation of this legislation.

11 A. The STC will create a list of corporations and organizations to invest in,  
12 along with their respective intended investment amounts.

13 B. Companies may include innovative voting technology startups and  
14 corporations, such as Clear Ballot Group, Inc., Smartmatic Corp., and Voatz  
15 Inc., while institutions may include organizations such as the Democracy  
16 Earth Foundation, and the Caltech-MIT Voting Technology Project (VTP).

17 C. The STC will also confirm that investments are being used for the purposes  
18 of electronic voting research and development.

19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect at the start of FY 2020.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by The Harker School*





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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. 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.

# S1 - A Bill to Ban Single-Family Home Zoning

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Single-family home zoning shall be prohibited in any metropolitan area  
3 which receives federal housing funding.

4 **SECTION 2.** Single-family home zoning is a legal distinction which prohibits the  
5 construction of residences meant to house more than one family unit.

6 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development shall  
7 oversee implementation of this legislation. After 1 calendar year past  
8 implementation, any area which has failed to eliminate single-family  
9 home zoning shall be considered ineligible for further federal funding.

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

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

## S2 - A Bill to Stop Improper Federal Bonuses

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 45 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding the  
3 following section: The head of an agency may not award a bonus to an  
4 employee of that agency until a date that is 5 years after the end of the  
5 fiscal year during which the head of an agency makes an adverse finding  
6 relating to the employee.

7 **A.** Should any bonus have been paid out within the last ten fiscal years  
8 which would violate section 1, repayment of the bonus by the  
9 employee shall be a condition of continued or future federal  
10 employment.

11 **SECTION 2.** An adverse finding is a determination by the head of an agency that the  
12 conduct of the employee either violated a policy of the agency for which  
13 the employee may be removed or suspended for a period of 14 days or  
14 greater, or violated a law for which the employee may be imprisoned for  
15 more than one year.

16 **SECTION 3.** The head of each agency is charged with enforcement of this legislation.  
17 Violations may result in referral to the United States Inspector General  
18 for an ethics investigation.

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

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

## S3 - A Bill to Tell the Truth about Saudi Arabia

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
3 Director of National Intelligence shall submit to Congress a report on the  
4 death of Jamal Khashoggi. Such report shall include identification of those  
5 who carried out, participated in, ordered, or were otherwise complicit in  
6 or responsible for the death of Jamal Khashoggi.

7 **SECTION 2.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.



**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
**810 Vermont Ave., NW**  
**Washington, DC 20420**

**Date Letter Prepared:** 12/10/2018

To the Senators of the Committee of Veterans' Affairs,

Recent events have made it clear that there is work to be done within the Department of Veterans Affairs. Although I have not been the permanent Secretary for very long, I have made a commitment to fix numerous problems within the VA and regain the confidence of our brave men and women who have worn the uniforms of our Armed Services.

Several items have been put forth that are crucial to solving the myriad of issues within the VA. Although these were not addressed in the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress, I hope that they can be taken up by the 116<sup>th</sup> when you reconvene on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. I have heard that the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs will meet on the afternoon of January 6<sup>th</sup>. At that time, I would ask that three items in particular receive debate and discussion: The "Fix IOUs for Student Veterans Act," the "VA Website Accessibility Act," and the "Exchange Veterans' Healthcare Act."

The President and I are both in support of these issues and would like to be able to implement them as soon as possible. Your work on this legislation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Wilkie".

Robert Wilkie  
Secretary of Veterans Affairs

# F1 - Fix Immediately Outstanding Underpayments for Student Veterans Act (Fix IOUs)

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Within 60 days of the enactment of this Act, each individual who receives  
3 a monthly stipend under section 3313 of title 38, USC and who was  
4 underpaid for the period between August 1, 2018 and December 31,  
5 2018, shall immediately receive the difference between what was  
6 promised and what was actually paid.

7 **A.** Any amount provided to an individual that was greater than that  
8 promised in legislation, shall be considered a gift of public funds and  
9 must be immediately repaid with an annual interest rate of 3.2%.

10 **SECTION 2.** Within 90 days of the enactment of this act, a full audit of the payments  
11 made under section 3313 shall be provided to Congress, identifying why  
12 payment amounts were not made according to law and explaining what  
13 steps are taken to ensure this does not happen in the future.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Veterans Affairs shall oversee implementation of this  
15 legislation. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall have discretion to hire  
16 such personnel as deemed appropriate to carry out this action. All excess  
17 costs to the Department shall be taken from current appropriations.

18 **SECTION 4.** The timelines contained in this legislation shall take effect upon passage.

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

# F2 - The Department of Veterans Affairs

## Website Accessibility Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Not later than 180 days after the enactment of this act, the Secretary of  
3 Veterans Affairs shall conduct a study of all websites, attached files, web-  
4 based applications, and digitally stored files of the Department of  
5 Veterans Affairs to determine whether such items are accessible to  
6 individuals with disabilities in accordance with section 508 of the  
7 Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

8 **SECTION 2.** Within 90 days after completing the study outlined in Section 1, the  
9 Secretary shall submit to Congress a report that shall contain:

- 10 **A.** A list of each website, file, web-based application, or stored item that  
11 is not compliant with Section 508.
- 12 **B.** The plan to bring each item identified in Section 2(A) up to  
13 compliance, including expected timelines.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall oversee implementation of this  
15 act. No additional funding shall be allocated for extra staffing to ensure  
16 compliance with these requirements.

17 **SECTION 4.** The timelines shall begin immediately after passage.

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

## F3 - Exchange Veterans' Healthcare Act of 2019

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All those currently eligible for healthcare coverage through the  
3 Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) shall be provided with the ability to  
4 purchase health care on state or federally-run healthcare exchanges as  
5 provided in the Affordable Care Act, not to exceed \$250 per month per  
6 individual, through reimbursements of premiums paid.

7 **SECTION 2.** By January 1, 2023, all health services currently provided by the VA will  
8 be handled through the healthcare exchanges

9 **A.** All current medical properties owned or leased by the VA may be  
10 leased to companies who offer care through the exchanges or may be  
11 sold outright.

12 **B.** All proceeds from leases or sales as described in sub point A shall be  
13 used to offset any increased costs from the use of healthcare  
14 exchanges.

15 **SECTION 3.** The Departments of Veterans Affairs and Health and Human Services  
16 shall coordinate the process of reimbursement as outlined in Section 1.

17 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on November 1, 2020, as part of the Affordable Care  
18 Act Open Enrollment period.

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