

NEW JERSEY DISTRICT NATIONAL SPEECH & DEBATE ASSOCIATION LEGISLATION PACKET - 2025

February 22, 2025 @ Bridgewater-Raritan HS

All legislation was submitted to a group of coaches and alumni, outside of the NJ district schools, for review and ranking. The top ranked legislation from each individual school was included in the packet, with one additional piece that earned the highest scores while preserving equal distribution among schools. The two highest ranked pieces were selected for House Finals(A&B).

The House will participate in two preliminary sessions followed by a final session. The Senate will participate in two or three sessions (pending entry #s and judge allotment).

SCHEDULE: (Tentative pending entry #s)

ROUND I: HOUSE AND SENATE	9:00AM-12:00PM
ROUND II: HOUSE AND SENATE	12:30PM-3:30PM
FINAL ROUND: HOUSE & RD III - SENATE (PENDING ENTRY #S)	4:00PM-7:00PM

Qualifier Numbers.

a. Senate - A district with six or more schools and 10 or more students represented in the **Senate will qualify two senators to the National Senate.** If fewer than six schools or 10 students are represented, no Senate may be seated; however, a district may still conduct a House with sufficient entries. There will be no final round in the Senate

b. House of Representatives - A district must have a minimum of 16 competitors to seat a House of Representatives. Refer to the chart to determine number of House chambers and advancement to the National House (note that the number of students in the far left column is based on participation—speaking or presiding at least once):

National Tournament Qualification Requirements for House

<i>Participating Students</i>	<i>Qualifiers</i>
16-29	2
30-58	4
59-87	6
88-116	7
117-145	8
146+	9

Time Allowance and Sessions.

If a district has only one chamber in a division (Senate), the scores from all rounds shall cumulatively determine placement and advancement to the National Tournament; a final round is not required. When planning the schedule, each round must include at least ten minutes per student in a chamber.

The House will have two preliminary rounds plus a final round. Rounds will be structured and scheduled for 10 minutes per participating student. For example, if 15 students are in a chamber, there will be 150 minutes (2 ½ hours of debate time).

For the House and Senate, there is no base-system. Students are expected to debate for the duration of the session to afford all students the greatest opportunity to succeed. This may mean that some students may speak more than others.

Coaches are permitted to group students for House chambers in Tabroom.com. Window will open on Wednesday, February 21st and close at 5:00PM on Friday, February 23rd.

Tabulation: Scorer and parliamentarian ranks are inputted (software automatically considers non-ranked students as ranks of 9 and uses higher parliamentarian ranks as tie-breaks only).

Each individual chamber is tabulated independent of others. Legislators with the lowest cumulative rank total advance to the next level of competition, employing the following tiebreakers:

1. Judges' preference (or students' preference for the student rank option below)
2. Reciprocal fractions
3. Adjusted cumulative rank total after dropping highest and lowest ranks
4. Reciprocals of adjusted cumulative rank total
5. Rank by the parliamentarian (ranking first to last)

Artificial Intelligence - In debate events, generative AI should not be cited as a source; while generative AI may be used to guide students to articles, ideas, and sources, the original source of any quoted or paraphrased evidence must be available if requested. (NSDA Unified Manual p. 107)

The NSDA rules for Congressional Debate follow the legislation in this packet. Please be sure to read prior to the District Congress. Participants are encouraged to review the [NSDA Unified Manual](#) for all other overarching policies and procedures (i.e., use of generative AI, honor code, etc.) prior to the District Tournament.

Harassment and Discrimination Policy: *The National Speech & Debate Association is committed to providing its participants, judges, coaches, and staff the opportunity to pursue excellence in their endeavors. This opportunity can exist only when each member of our community is assured an atmosphere of mutual respect. The NSDA prohibits all forms of harassment and discrimination. Accordingly, all forms of harassment and discrimination,*

whether written or oral, based on race, color, religion, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, marital status, citizenship, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, or any other characteristic protected by any applicable federal, state, or local law are prohibited, whether committed by participants, judges, coaches, or observers. Individuals who are found to have violated this policy will be subject to the full range of sanctions, up to and including removal from the tournament premises.

The New Jersey District is committed to equity of opportunity for its participants. [In this spirit, we have a docket discussion forum, where students in both the Senate and the House can discuss their ideas for the docket prior to the tournament.](#) No discussion of "base" or a "gentleman's agreement" is permitted. Competitors are not required to participate in the discussion. If any student is having difficulty accessing the document, or needs to alert coaches to an issue in the document, please email: millburnspeechanddebate@gmail.com

SENATE A / HOUSE FINAL - A
A Bill to Prevent Employers from Using Employees' Social Media Presence Against Them

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Employers will be prohibited from seeking employees' social
2 media accounts and using their media against them. Employees are not
3 required to give employers their personal social media to monitor their
4 accounts.

5 **SECTION 2.** Social Media will be defined as any and all publicly made
6 posts made on personal time and accounts.

7 Employees include all working and potential applicants in all
8 regions of work.

9 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Labor shall oversee the
10 enforcement and implementation of this bill.

11 A. If caught in violation of this legislation, employers will be subject to a
12 fine of \$10,000, which will double for each subsequent violation.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately after passage.
All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Shelby Manning of Hunterdon Central Regional High School.

SENATE B / HOUSE FINAL B

A Bill to Strengthen U.S. Nuclear Energy Infrastructure

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States will significantly expand its investment in
2 nuclear power infrastructure, including the development and enhancement of
3 U.S. nuclear power plants, to reduce dependency on foreign energy sources and
4 make nuclear energy more accessible and affordable.

5 **SECTION 2.** Nuclear power plants refer to nuclear reactors designed to
6 produce electricity for the national grid. "Significantly expanding investment"
7 includes funding sufficient to construct 25 additional nuclear plants over the next
8 decade, as well as covering the maintenance of current facilities. "Making nuclear
9 energy more affordable" will involve subsidizing consumer costs to remain
10 competitive with solar, wind, and other renewable energy sources.

11 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) will oversee the
12 implementation of this bill.

13 A. The DOE will submit yearly progress reports to Congress.

14 B. If challenges arise, the DOE is authorized to allocate additional funds as
15 needed to keep the project on schedule.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2026. All conflicting laws are
17 hereby repealed.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ridge High School.

A Bill to Protect Creative and Intellectual Rights Through Fair AI Usage

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The unscrupulous use of AI for monetization, impersonation, and all other
2 harmful applications shall be banned.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** A. Unscrupulous AI use shall be defined as but is not limited to artificial
4 intelligence aimed to spread misinformation, undermine human-made
5 art, or imitate such art for financial, social, or legal gains.
6 B. Harmful applications shall be defined but are not limited to artificial
7 intelligence used to devalue or hinder authentic art.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security will oversee the implementation of
9 this legislation.
10 A. Individuals who violate the terms of this legislation will be fined \$2,500
11 for their first offense and \$5,000 for any subsequent offenses.
12 B. Companies or large corporations that violate the terms of this
13 legislation will be fined \$15,000 for their first offense and \$30,000 for
14 any subsequent offenses.
15 C. All funds collected through fines will be supplied to the Department of
16 Homeland Security to further their investigations.
- 17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the start of Fiscal Year 2025. All laws in
18 conflict with this legislation are hereby considered null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Alexander DeMarco of Phillipsburg High School.

SENATE D / HOUSE PRELIM D

A Bill to Nationally Legalize Sports Betting

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **ARTICLE I** All forms of sports betting from national sportsbooks will be legal in the United
3 States and its territories.

4 **ARTICLE II** A: Sports betting includes betting on all sports from national sportsbetting
5 companies. Semi-professional sports are legal in all states.

6 B: The federal government will impose a tax on sports betting of 15% on
5 sportsbooks on top of the original state tax. Tax funding will be discretionary
6 funding for Congress to allocate.

7 **ARTICLE III** The Department of Commerce will oversee the implementation of this
8 legislation.

9 **ARTICLE IV** The implementation date of this bill will be September 1, 2024.

10 **ARTICLE V** All laws and regulations in conflict with this legislation will be hereby null and
11 void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by James Freshwater, Delbarton School

A Resolution to Reinstate Japanese Army to Defend itself Against the Republic of China

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Tensions between the Chinese Republic and Japan have risen tremendously.
- 2 **WHEREAS,** China poses a great strategic challenge to the Pacific forefront and Japan
3 outlines plans to develop a counterstrike capability funded by record defense
4 spending. Incapable since the 1947 Constitution of Article 9, Japan has been
5 unable to establish a sufficient army force that is capable of defending itself
6 in-case of regional/international warfare. Reinterpretation of this article has
7 evolved due to security challenges.
- 8 **WHEREAS,** By Chinese forces growing military presence in the East China Sea and South
9 China Sea, such as frequent incursions into Japanese territorial waters
10 around the Senkaku Islands pose significant threats to Japan's sovereignty.
11 Japanese reinstating will both provide a defensive and offensive
12 improvement of maintaining peace and stability.
- 13 **WHEREAS,** Now, by providing Japan *10 billion dollars* to reinstate its army for its
defending and offensive capabilities after proving themselves of sustaining a
fair, pacifist, and democratic society. A third of funding will go towards
military infrastructure and training personnel. 10% will go towards research
and development. Regular audits will be conducted biannually to review
expenditures and ensure compliance within the budget.

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled allow the Japanese nation to sustain an
army with defensive arms.

FURTHER RESOLVED, the USAID (*United States Agency for International Development*) will
oversee this legislation and make sure that distribution, usage, and
assistance is given to the nation of Japan. They will do so by providing
humanitarian assistance, capacity building, and conflict prevention.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Matthew Mendez from Elizabeth High School

1 **SENATE F / HOUSE PRELIM F**

2 **The Epinephrine Access and Treatment Act**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

4 **SECTION 1.** U.S. Restaurants will be required to always house two or more epinephrine injectors
5 on their restaurant premises, and employees must have epinephrine injection
6 certification

7 **SECTION 2.** Restaurants are defined as establishments in which food is prepared and sold for
8 consumption by customers.

9 Epinephrine injectors are defined as injectors that administer epinephrine into the
10 skin to treat anaphylactic shock

11 Epinephrine injection certification can be done online or in person and must be
12 updated every 3 years

13 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Health (DoH) shall reinforce this legislation and develop
14 regulations ensuring the medicine housed is not expired

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2026

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

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18 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ryan Davidson of Randolph High School*

SENATE G / HOUSE PRELIM G

A Bill to Ban Microplastics in Consumer Products to Protect Marine Life

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The use of microplastics in all consumer products shall be banned in the
3 United States.

4 **SECTION 2.** Microplastics are defined as plastic particles smaller than five millimeters
5 in size that are intentionally added to products, including, but not limited
6 to personal care items, cleaning products, cosmetics, clothing and
7 textiles, and liquids.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shall oversee the
9 enforcement of this legislation. The EPA will develop and implement
10 regulations for the detection and restriction of microplastics in consumer
11 products. Furthermore, the EPA will conduct regular inspections, impose
12 fines starting at \$10,000 per infraction, and mandate product recalls on
13 manufacturers found in violation of this ban.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with
15 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Elizabeth High School.

SENATE H / HOUSE PRELIM H

A Bill to End Medical Patents

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All medical patents are to be terminated, and the U.S.
3 Patent and Trademark Office will be prohibited from issuing future
4 medical patents.

5 **SECTION 2.** Medical patents shall be defined as a legal document
6 giving the holder the right to prevent others from making, using, selling,
7 or offering to sell a medical invention, including pharmaceutical drugs,
8 devices, and medical processes.

9 **SECTION 3.** This bill shall be implemented by the U.S. Patent and
10 Trademark Office, the Department of Commerce, and the Department of
11 Health and Human Services.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect as of December 1, 2025. All
conflicting laws are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Millburn High School.