

# **2018 Florida Blue Key Congressional Debate**

## **Pre-Tournament Packet**

We look forward to hosting all our competitors at the University of Florida this year. In this packet, competitors and coaches may find the guidelines

for legislation submission, more information about the Round Robin and the official NSDA bill, resolution and amendment templates.

## **Legislation Submission**

Participating schools may submit up to 2 individual pieces of legislation to [congress@fbkdebate.org](mailto:congress@fbkdebate.org) no later than Friday, October 12. The action proposed must be feasible, as if the United States Congress were debating it. Legislation must be typed, double-spaced and shall not exceed one page. Do not send it as a PDF, but as a Word Document! Do not insert line numbers! Templates for drafting legislation can be found and downloaded from the National Speech and Debate Association website and have been attached at the end of this packet. Documents following these formats are the only acceptable forms permitted by the tournament. All in-round procedures must adhere to NSDA rules.

## Round Robin Information

The Round Robin will be held on Thursday, October 25. Applications for the Round Robin can be found on our website [www.fbkdebate.org](http://www.fbkdebate.org) under the Events, Round Robin tab. The application deadline will be on September 25.

The first speech given by all competitors will be a “morning-hour” speech, followed by debating 2 pieces of legislation. The purpose of the “morning-hour” speech is for each competitor to outline or advocate for an issue they feel most passionate about. Students will be judged on the originality and creativity of their topic, as well as speech construction and argumentation. No crystallization or refutation speeches will be allowed.

The remainder of speeches will be based on staff written legislation that will be published in the Round Robin packet. This packet will be released on our website on October 17.

For questions regarding round logistics, legislation and “morning-hour” speeches, please email [congress@fbkdebate.org](mailto:congress@fbkdebate.org). All other questions with consideration to registration, format and judges, please contact [roundrobin@fbkdebate.org](mailto:roundrobin@fbkdebate.org).

## **A Bill to [Action Word] [article] [Object] to [Summarize the Solution Specifically]**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** State the new policy in a brief declarative sentence, or in as few sentences as possible.

**SECTION 2.** Define any ambiguous terms inherent in the first section.

**SECTION 3.** Name the government agency that will oversee the enforcement of the bill along with the specific enforcement mechanism.

A. Go into further details if necessary.

B. Go into further details if necessary.

**SECTION 4.** Indicate the implementation date/timeframe.

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

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## A Resolution to [...]

**WHEREAS**, \_\_\_\_\_; and

**WHEREAS**, \_\_\_\_\_; and

**WHEREAS**, \_\_\_\_\_; and

**WHEREAS**, \_\_\_\_\_; and

**WHEREAS**, \_\_\_\_\_; and

**WHEREAS**, \_\_\_\_\_; and

**WHEREAS**, \_\_\_\_\_; and

**WHEREAS**, \_\_\_\_\_; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that \_\_\_\_\_.

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## **A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to [...]**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**RESOLVED**, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

**ARTICLE --**

**SECTION 1.** State the first part.

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

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