



2023 Cavalier Invitational  
Congressional Debate  
Legislation Packet

# 2023 Cavalier Invitational – Congressional Debate Rules

## General Notes

This year, the Cavalier Invitational will use Tabroom.com to run the Congress division of the tournament. All competitors and judges should be linked to their Tabroom account and should be signed up for "Live Updates." Judges will utilize electronic balloting throughout the tournament.

We will release information about qualifying for elimination rounds in the days prior to the tournament.

## Legislation

Each Session (Preliminary, Semifinals and Finals) will be themed. Three pieces of legislation will be available for each session. Only the legislation for that session may be debated. The chamber may order the bills however they choose. No new legislation may be brought to the floor. No authorships exist on the legislation; instead, only sponsorships will be heard on legislation. Debate on each piece of legislation can only last 1 hour in accordance with the NSDA Pilot Rule. We will utilize the final appeal by the Sponsor the legislation.

## Procedures

Preliminary chambers will be based on the total number of entrants with an effort to keep chambers as close to 12 to 15 legislators as possible. Once registration is finalized, we will announce how many out of each preliminary chamber will clear to the Semifinal. All Prelim chambers will be evaluated by a total of 6 scorers and 1 Parliamentarian. Preliminary chambers will be released the Saturday AM of the tournament.

Once the number of preliminary chambers is set, we will announce the number of Semifinal chambers. Each chamber will be evaluated by 3 scorers.

There will be one Final chamber of 16 students. Finals will be evaluated by 5 scorers.

Every chamber must utilize direct questioning. Parliamentarians will be advised that all motions to suspend the rules will be ruled out of order by the Chair.

## Schedule

*Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023*

- 9:00AM Opening Assembly for Judges
- 9:30AM Opening Assembly for Students
- 10:00AM Preliminary Session 1
- 1:30PM Preliminary Session 2
- 5:30PM Preliminary Session 3

*Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023*

- 9:00AM Assembly for Semifinalists
- 9:30AM Semifinals Session
- 1:30PM Assembly for Finalists
- 2:00PM Finals

# 2023 Cavalier Invitational – Congressional Debate- Docket

## Preliminary Rounds

Session One – Health & Human Services

Session Two – Commerce & Treasury

Session Three – Interior, HUD, United Nations

## Semifinal Round

Semifinal Session – *Released Friday, January 6th*

## Final Round

Final Session – *Released Friday, January 6th*



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Preliminary Legislation  
Session One – Health & Human Services

## **A Resolution to Expand Rural Obstetrical Care to Prevent Maternal Mortality**

- 1   **WHEREAS,**    there is a severe lack of obstetricians in rural counties; and
- 2   **WHEREAS,**    less than half of rural women live within a 30-minute drive of the nearest  
3                    hospital offering obstetric services; and
- 4   **WHEREAS,**    a multitude of American women have died from this diminished  
5                    availability, contributing to one of the highest maternal mortality rates in  
6                    the developed world; and
- 7   **WHEREAS,**    hospitals in sparsely populated areas face staffing difficulties and  
8                    financial strain from maintaining maternity unites; now, therefore be it
- 9   **RESOLVED,**   By the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation  
10                   that the appropriate departments provide financial incentives to rural  
11                   hospitals that open and maintain maternity wards; and be it
- 12   **FURTHER RESOLVED,** that they also provide assistance for students seeking obstetrical  
13                   careers at rural hospitals, including student loan repayment and  
14                   scholarships.

## A Resolution to Combat Counterfeit Drugs

1   **WHEREAS,**   trafficking in counterfeit and falsified drugs has become one of the  
2                   world’s fastest growing criminal enterprises, eclipsing the narcotics trade  
3                   and expected to grow by 20 percent annually in coming years, and  
4   **WHEREAS,**   the WHO estimates that more than 10 percent of all medicines sold  
5                   worldwide, including the United States and Canada, are counterfeit; and  
6   **WHEREAS,**   counterfeit and falsified drugs with reduced potency have contributed to  
7                   global microbial resistance by allowing diseases to adapt, leading to drug-  
8                   resistant forms of cholera, malaria, salmonella, and tuberculosis; and  
9   **WHEREAS,**   as many as one million people die each year from the administration of  
10                  falsified or counterfeit pharmaceuticals; and  
11   **WHEREAS**   legal enforcement and penalties for trafficking in counterfeit  
12                  pharmaceuticals is exceptionally lax, with convictions often resulting  
13                  probated sentences or house arrest, while narcotics convictions result in  
14                  years of prison time; and  
15   **WHEREAS**   the majority of these counterfeit drugs are manufactured in countries  
16                  who are primary trading partners with the US; now, therefore be it  
17   **RESOLVED**   By the Congress here assembled that the United States should increase  
18                  the penalties for counterfeiting or trafficking in counterfeit or falsified  
19                  pharmaceuticals to be commensurate with those for trafficking in  
20                  narcotics; and BE IT  
21   **FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the United States should impose trade sanctions against  
22                  countries who fail to implement and enforce regulations combatting the  
23                  manufacture and trafficking of counterfeit and falsified pharmaceuticals  
24                  within the next three years.

# A Healthcare Reform Act of 2023

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall hereby reform its healthcare system in the  
3 following ways to expand healthcare access;

4 **A.** A public option healthcare system shall be established to increase  
5 healthcare coverage.

6 **B.** \$1 billion dollars shall hereby be provided to rural areas to invest in  
7 hospital and medical infrastructure.

8 **SECTION 2.** The following definitions apply:

9 **A.** "Public option" shall be defined as an insurance program run by the  
10 government that would compete against private insurers in individual  
11 market exchanges.

12 **B.** "Hospital and medical infrastructure" will be defined as any resources  
13 that is necessary to the operation of a hospital, such as medical  
14 personnel, medicines, buildings, vehicles, and any other measure that  
15 is designed to bolster healthcare accessibility.

16 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Health and Human Services shall be  
17 tasked with the enforcement of this legislation:

18 **A.** A premium of \$200 per month shall be established for the public  
19 option.

20 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect in fiscal year 2025.

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



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Preliminary Legislation  
Session Two – Commerce & Treasury



# The Anti-Monopoly Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Various policies will be enacted upon the agricultural sector to weaken  
3 monopolies and support small farming.

4 **SECTION 2. A.** Current farming subsidies and financial aid will be reallocated to  
5 prioritize commercial farms with a gross sales of less than \$100,000 per  
6 year or those in immediate financial crisis due to exigent circumstances.

7 **B.** The biotech company Monsanto will be broken up into various  
8 smaller firms and bar those firms from entering into mergers for at least  
9 3 years. The exact details of this antitrust will be determined pending a  
10 two year long investigation led by the Department of Justice.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Agriculture will implement all parts of Section 2A.  
12 The antitrust in Section 2B will be implemented by the Department of  
13 Justice and enforced by the Department of Agriculture.

14 **SECTION 4.** The bill shall take effect by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

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

# A Bill to Benefit Americans Instead of Large Organizations in Unsettling Times

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Any public traded company or privately-owned company with yearly  
3 revenues above \$250 million that requests and receives direct cash  
4 infusions, grants, and/or loan guarantees is subject the requirements  
5 outlined in Section 2.

6 **SECTION 2. A.** Funds appropriated by Congress must be used to keep current payroll  
7 and headcount levels;

8 **B.** All employees of the receiving entity will make, at minimum, \$15 per  
9 hour within one year of the appropriation date;

10 **C.** The receiving company is prohibited from buying back its own shares;

11 **D.** Executive salaries cannot exceed 100x of the median salary at the  
12 receiving entity;

13 **E.** All full-time and part-time employees must be part of an employee  
14 stock plan; and

15 **F.** Dividends cannot be paid to shareholders until the company has cash  
16 reserves equal to or greater than the amount appropriated by Congress.

17 **SECTION 3.** The Treasury Department and the Department of Labor will enforce the  
18 provisions of this legislation.

19 **A.** The Department of Labor will be primarily responsible for Sections  
20 2A, 2B, and 2D.

21 **B.** The Treasury Department will be primarily responsible for Sections  
22 2C, 2E, and 2F.

23 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect upon its passage.

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

# The Community Development Financial Institutions Reform Act of 2024

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. All Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs), including  
3 currently tax-exempt CDFIs, shall be directed to reorganize as taxable  
4 benefit corporations to facilitate the raising of equity capital.

5 B. Banks regulated by the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) shall be  
6 able to fulfill their CRA requirements through equity investments in CDFIs  
7 in addition to traditional lending.

8 C. In times of economic distress, CDFIs shall have access to a unique  
9 Federal Reserve deposit window to support short-term financing needs.

10 **SECTION 2.** “Times of economic distress” shall be invoked at the discretion of the  
11 United States Secretary of the Treasury.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Treasury and the Federal Reserve shall enact this  
13 legislation.

14 C. The Internal Revenue Service, a bureau of the Department of  
15 Treasury, shall enact Section 1A.

16 D. The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, in collaboration with  
17 the Federal Reserve, shall enact Section 1B.

18 E. When the Secretary of the Treasury proclaims a period of economic  
19 distress, the Federal Reserve shall enact Section 1C.

20 **SECTION 4.** Section 1A shall take effect by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Sections 1B and 1C shall  
21 take effect immediately.

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



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Preliminary Legislation  
Session Three – Interior, HUD, and the United Nations

# A Bill to Ban the Export of US Hazardous Waste

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All export of US hazardous wastes to other countries for disposal and/or  
3 recycling will be banned.

4 **SECTION 2.** For the purpose of this legislation, hazardous waste will be defined as

5 **A.** All materials designated as hazardous by the US Environmental  
6 Protection Agency;

7 **B.** Electronic waste (e-waste);

8 **C.** Infectious waste, municipal garbage, and incinerator ash;

9 **D.** Storage vessels, including ships and barges, contaminated with  
10 wastes.

11 **SECTION 3.** The US Tax Code will be revised to allow for tax incentives for companies  
12 developing new waste recycling technologies and/or disposal facilities.

13 **A.** Companies may receive tax incentives of up to \$1 million per year for  
14 developing or importing new recycling or disposal technologies or  
15 expanding safe disposal capabilities;

16 **B.** Incentives may be renewed for a period of up to five years

17 **SECITON 4.** The US Environmental Protection Agency will oversee the  
18 implementation and enforcement of this bill.

19 **SECTION 5.** This law shall go into effect on January 1, 2024.

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

# A Resolution to Recommend an Increase to the Permanent Members of the United Nations Security Council

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **WHEREAS,** the current permanent members of the United Nations Security Council  
3 (USNC) were designated in 1945, and the political and economic climate  
4 of the world has changed since the end of World War II; and

5 **WHEREAS,** the continents of South America, Australia/Oceania, West Asia, and  
6 powerhouse economics of the MINT countries are not represented at all  
7 consistently in the USNC; and

8 **WHEREAS,** there is an unequal power distribution by only five countries having both  
9 permanent sitting representation and say on Security Council matters, as  
10 well as the veto power; and

11 **WHEREAS,** the United States, being a permanent-five member of the USNC, has  
12 political leverage that could influence the global community to increase  
13 the number of permanent members; now, therefore, be it

14 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled recommends that the US government  
15 propose to the USNC Security Council that countries such as Brazil, South  
16 Africa, India, Nigeria, Japan, and Australia are considered for permanent  
17 seats in order to have a more equitable geopolitical representation.

# A Bill to End Single-Family Zoning

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will hereby incentivize states to adhere to ending  
3 single-family zoning.

4 **SECTION 2.** Single-family zones are defined as zoning that prevents communities  
5 from building any type of housing besides a detached single-family home  
6 in a given area.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Housing & Urban Development will be in charge of  
8 enforcing this bill.

9 **A.** States who do not comply with this bill will not receive \$1 million in  
10 Community Development Block Grants.

11 **B.** 10% of new housing units per state must be set aside for moderate-  
12 income household.

13 **C.** Anti-corruption funding will be entrusted to the African Union for use  
14 only in the countries specified by this bill. The money will be used by  
15 the Union to support their various conventions, resolutions, and  
16 other counter-corruption measures.

17 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2024 upon passage.

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



2023 Cavalier Invitational  
Semifinal & Final Legislation  
*Will be released on Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023*