



Arizona State University

## Southwest Championship 2014

### Congressional Debate Docket – Elimination Sessions

#### Semifinal Session

\_\_\_\_\_ A – A Bill to Withhold Funding for Cuban/American Relations

\_\_\_\_\_ B – A Bill to Promote the Creation of Charter Schools

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**Final Super-Session Scenario:** The hacking of Sony Pictures is very intriguing. We suspect that North Korea is behind the cyber terrorism, but was this elaborate plot only intended to stop the release of a movie? Senators, you should be prepared to discuss issues related to US/DPRK relations, US cyber security, and consider whether or not North Korea is even capable of such cyber terrorism on its own. More information and possible legislation will be provided during the tournament.

**Rules and Guidelines:** Each legislator will be allowed two speeches maximum on the legislation. Two speeches are not guaranteed if the session reaches the allotted time. The Final super-session will feature direct examination with each questioner receiving 30 seconds.

## **A - A Bill to Withhold Funding for Cuban/American Relations**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** All funding designated to build, maintain, secure, or staff a United States embassy in Cuba shall be withdrawn. All said funding shall be redirected to the Department of Defense.
- SECTION 2.** Such funds may include salary for an ambassador or embassy staff, construction materials, property purchases, or any other expenditure which would allow the United States to normalize relations with the Cuban government.
- SECTION 3.** This shall be overseen by the Department of State.
- SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect upon passage.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

## B - A Bill to Promote the Creation of Charter Schools

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

2 **SECTION 1.** One hundred billion dollars will be provided to promote the creation of charter  
3 schools independent of current public school districts.

4 **SECTION 2.** The funding shall take the form of block grants provided to individual states  
5 which have laws allowing independent charter schools.

6 A. These schools may not be affiliated with or created by current public school  
7 districts.

8 B. These schools may be run by for-profit companies, provided that the state  
9 has an oversight system.

10 **SECTION 3.** These block grants will be distributed and outcomes reviewed by the  
11 Department of Education

12 **SECTION 4.** Upon passage, this bill will take effect on July 1, 2015.

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

## C - A Bill to Regulate Broadband Internet as a Public Utility

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Broadband internet will be placed under Title II of the Telecommunications Act  
3 of 1996 and will be regulated accordingly.

4 **SECTION 2.** Broadband internet refers to any high-speed internet data delivered via coaxial  
5 cable, optical fiber, twisted pair, DSL local telephone networks or wireless  
6 network.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Communications Commission shall oversee implementation and  
8 enforcement of this law.

9 **SECTION 4.** This will go into effect on June 1, 2015.

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