

October 23rd, 2019

To: World Affairs Club Advisers

Re: 2019 Model Congress

The Central Bucks High School West World Affairs Club cordially invites you to the annual Model Congress event, which will be held on Wednesday, December 4, 2019.

Participating students are responsible for writing and presenting a credible bill that is reflective of their representative's political philosophy and the committee to which he/she belongs; additionally, the bill should address an issue of contemporary national or international importance and be appropriate for open discussion in a school setting. Bills deemed to be inappropriate in nature will be excluded from the simulation.

Participating students are also expected to dress for the occasion, wearing business attire typical of members of Congress. Female students should wear knee-length skirts or slacks, a blouse, and dress shoes, while male students should wear slacks, dress shirt, tie (jacket optional), and dress shoes. Jeans, flip flops, and other similar attire are considered unacceptable.

Please review this memorandum, the rules of order, and each committee membership document with your club members. They are to choose one representative, whose biography can be accessed at [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov). Please email me the names of all participating students and their corresponding representatives at your earliest convenience.

To cover the cost of the Aramark-provided breakfast, I ask that each participating student pay a small fee of \$9. Students may bring their own lunch or purchase a meal through the West cafeteria. Should they choose the latter option, please ensure that they have additional money ready.

Lastly, student bills are to be emailed to [waccbwest@gmail.com](mailto:waccbwest@gmail.com) by Tuesday, November 26th, 2019. If possible, please have them indicate (in the subject line or message) the committee to which the bill will be referred.

Thank you in advance for your assistance. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Jeff Layton

The tentative schedule of events is as follows:

Registration and breakfast (small end of cafeteria)—7:25-8:50

Committee meetings (library and auditorium)—8:55-11:20

Lunch (small end of cafeteria)—11:25-11:55

Full congressional session (auditorium)—12:00-2:00

Dismissal—2:00



### **Procedural Functions:**

#### **Committee Chairs and the Speaker of the House**

Chairpersons and the Speaker of the House are responsible for all proceedings during the Committee Sessions or Floor Action. They have discretionary power over the administration of their committee or the entire Congress during Floor Action. The Chairs and Speaker also serve as the substantive experts and will guide other representatives as needed.

#### **Speaking**

All representatives are encouraged to speak, regardless of prior experience. No member may address the committee or entire Congress without having previously obtained permission from the Chair or Speaker of the House. The Chair or Speaker may call a speaker to order if his/her remarks are not relevant or appropriate to the topic under discussion.

- a) **Points of Information:** at any time during a speaker's speech a member may rise to a Point of Information. A Point of Information is used to clarify a statement that the speaker has made that is factually incorrect. The speaker must yield to Points of Information.

#### **Time Limit on Speaking**

The Committee Chair or Speaker of the House, upon consultation with the committee or upon the proposal by a member of the committee, may limit the time allotted to each speaker.

#### **Yields**

Before beginning any speech during substantive debate, the speaker must inform the Committee Chair or the Speaker of the House of how he/she plans to yield any time remaining after his/her remarks. A speaker can yield time in one of three ways:

- a) **To Points of Inquiry:** The speaker will answer questions from other representatives. A speaker may not refuse to answer more than three questions.
- b) **To the Chair:** Once a speaker has concluded their remarks, they are finished and the Chair will recognize the next speaker.
- c) **To another Representative:** The speaker will yield the remainder of their time to another speaker, whom the Chair will recognize. This speaker may only yield their time to the Chair.

### **Some Points and Motions:**

*All points and motions must be directed to the Chairperson or Speaker of the House.*

#### **Point of Order**

A member may rise to a point of order if there has been a procedural error. A point of order may interrupt a speaker but may not be used to address a substantive issue.

#### **Point of Parliamentary Inquiry**

A member may rise to a point of parliamentary inquiry if he/she wishes to have the Chair explain a procedural matter. A point of parliamentary inquiry may not interrupt a speaker.

#### **Point of Information**

A member may rise to a point of information if he/she wishes to clarify a statement that the speaker has made that is factually incorrect. The speaker must yield to points of information.

#### **Point of Inquiry**

A member may rise to a point of inquiry if he or she wishes to ask the speaker a substantive question provided that the speaker elects to accept the point. The speaker reserves the right to reserve any individual questions. A brief preface may be granted to the questioning member upon request, but no follow-up questions are allowed. Only the answers to the questions will be deducted from the speaker's time.

#### **Amendments**

Amendments shall be submitted in writing to the Chair for approval. Amendments must be signed by one-fifth of the committee. Friendly amendments are those agreed to by all of the bill's sponsors, and automatically become part of the bill. Unfriendly amendments are those that lack the support of all the bill's sponsors, and must be voted on with a simple majority during formal voting procedures.

**Table of Rules:**

Rule	What to Say	Debate	Vote Required
Introduce Business	"I move to..."	One for/One against	Simple Majority
Set the speaking time	"I motion to set the speaking time at ____ minutes"	One for/One against	Simple Majority
Extend the Speaking Time	"I motion to extend the speakers time by minutes"	One for/One against	Simple majority
Caucus	"I move for a ____ minute caucus"	One for/One against	Simple Majority
Correct Speaker	"Point of information"	None	No Vote
Make Inquiry	"Point of inquiry"	None	No Vote
Clarify statement	"Point of clarification"	None	No Vote
Point of Order	"Point of order"	None	No Vote
Amendments	"I motion to amend by adding/striking..."	Full during general debate. None during voting.	Simple Majority
Close debate and vote on the question	"I move to the previous question"	Two for/Two against	2/3 Majority
Pass Bills	After debate has been closed the committee will vote on the bill.	None during voting	Simple Majority
Adjourn	"I move to Adjourn"	No debate	Simple Majority

Central Bucks School District Model Congress

116th Congress (1st Session) H.R. #\_\_\_\_

In the House of Representatives

December 4, 2019

Representative \_\_\_\_\_ introduced the following bill, which  
was referred to the \_\_\_\_\_ (name of appropriate committee).

A BILL

To \_\_\_\_\_ (provide a one-sentence description of your bill).

BE IT ENACTED by the House of Representatives of  
the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Section 1. Title and Purpose

The bill should bear a name that is appropriate for its purpose. Please include a brief description of WHY the bill is being enacted and WHAT it is intended to accomplish.

Section 2. Eligibility

WHO does this bill affect? Identify what type of individual or group will be compelled to change something as a consequence of this bill. If the bill requires citizens to prove eligibility, how will this be handled?

Section 3. Administration

Which governmental agency or agencies will be responsible for or involved in the implementation of the bill? Examples of government agencies include the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Department of Health and Human Services, etc.

Section 4. Penalties for Noncompliance

What happens to those individuals and/or groups who do not comply with the enacted bill? HOW will this bill be enforced, and what are the consequences for those who refuse to obey the law?

Section 5. Effective Date

Assuming the bill is enacted, WHEN will it become law?

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116th Congress (1st Session) H.R. #\_\_\_\_

In the House of Representatives  
December 4, 2019

Representative \_\_\_\_\_ introduced the following  
bill, which was referred to the Armed Services Committee.

A BILL

To provide for the safety of American troops by requiring that each soldier deployed to any active combat location have proper, fully inspected body armor, and all transport vehicles used in combat be thoroughly armored and inspected, as well as provide funding for the aforementioned inspections and, if necessary, the purchase of armor that meets the proper standards if existing equipment falls short, and to establish a Committee on Combat Safety to review and, if required, revise the previously determined standards for combat armor.

BE IT ENACTED by the House of Representatives of  
the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Section 1. Title and Purpose

The Protect Our Troops Act is intended to make combat safer for our troops and provide comfort to them and their families that their safety is assured. It will require that every soldier deployed to an active combat zone have proper body armor that has been completely inspected and complies fully with the standards of the United States military.

In addition, all vehicles being used in combat zones will be completely armored and inspected for compliance with standards.

Also, all standards will be reviewed at least once every five years by a committee that will be created for this purpose—the Committee on Combat Safety—and, based on the weaponry and warfare at the time of the Committee’s meeting, it will be determined whether the standards should remain the same or be revised.

Section 2. Eligibility

All soldiers deployed to active combat areas will be eligible to receive inspected,

standardized body armor. Soldiers already in combat zones whose armor is determined unfit for battle will receive new armor to comply with the standards. All vehicles already in use that are not properly armored will be put out of use immediately and replaced with inspected vehicles.

### Section 3. Administration

All armor manufactured for the armed services will be sent for inspections as soon as it has been made. Once it has been certified safe for combat it will be distributed to deploying and stationed troops as needed. The commanding officer of every deployed unit will be required to verify and approve the soundness of all equipment being distributed to his or her unit.

If they have not received proper equipment, soldiers whose equipment is not fully sound may not be made to go into battle nor punished for refusing to do so. All equipment owned by any branch of the armed services that has not been inspected in a year or more will be required to be re-inspected. Any equipment falling short of standards will be discarded and new equipment will need to be purchased immediately. A small number of inspectors will also be sent to combat zones to ensure the safety of equipment already in use.

Ten people from within the Department of Defense will be chosen to serve on the Committee on Combat Safety, which will meet for the first time in January of the year after passage and then once every five years following, or more frequently if necessary. Those chosen will be those with military expertise and/or experience so that the Committee can best determine the actions they should take.

Funding for the purchasing of new equipment and inspections of said equipment will come from Department of Defense funding.

### Section 4. Penalties for Noncompliance

If any unit is sent into combat without fully inspected armor and vehicles, the commanding officer of said unit will be subject to court-martial and potential expulsion from the armed forces.

If any inspected armor proves to be faulty, the inspector responsible will be subject to prosecution to the full extent of the law for negligent homicide.

### Section 5. Effective Date

This bill will be effective one year after passage.



Education and Labor Committee (Chaired by CB East)

Description: A standing committee of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Education and Labor Committee's purpose is to ensure that Americans' needs are addressed so that students and workers may move forward in a changing school system and a competitive global economy.

Chairman: Robert C. "Bobby" Scott (D), Virginia (EAST)

Vice Chair: Andy Levin (D), Michigan (EAST)

Ranking Member: Virginia Foxx (R), North Carolina (EAST)

*Democratic Members:*

Susan A. Davis, California (EAST)

Raul M. Grijalva, Arizona (EAST)

Joe Courtney, Connecticut (EAST)

Marcia L. Fudge, Ohio (SOUTH)

Gregorio Kilili Sablan, Northern Mariana Islands (SOUTH)

Frederica S. Wilson, Florida (SOUTH)

Suzanne Bonamici, Oregon (SOUTH)

Mark Takano, California (WEST)

Alma S. Adams, North Carolina (WEST)

Mark DeSaulnier, California (WEST)

Donald Norcross, New Jersey (WEST)

Pramila Jayapal, Washington (LENAPE)

Joseph Morelle, New York (LENAPE)

Susan Wild, Pennsylvania (UNAMI)

Josh Harder, California (UNAMI)

Lucy McBath, Georgia (TOHICKON)

Kim Schrier, Washington (TOHICKON)

Lauren Underwood, Illinois (TAMANEND)

Jahana Hayes, Connecticut (TAMANEND)

Donna E. Shalala, Florida (HOLICONG)

Ilhan Omar, Minnesota (HOLICONG)

David Trone, Maryland (WEST)

Haley Stevens, Michigan (SOUTH)

Susie Lee, Nevada (HOLICONG)

Lori Trahan, Massachusetts (HOLICONG)

Joaquin Castro, Texas (TAMANEND)

*Republican Members:*

Phil Roe, Tennessee (EAST)

Glenn Thompson, Pennsylvania (EAST)

Tim Walberg, Michigan (SOUTH)

Brett Guthrie, Kentucky (SOUTH)

Bradley Byrne, Alabama (SOUTH)

Glenn Grothman, Wisconsin (SOUTH)

Elise Stefanik, New York (WEST)

Rick Allen, Georgia (WEST)

Lloyd Smucker, Pennsylvania (WEST)

Jim Banks, Indiana (WEST)

Mark Walker, North Carolina (LENAPE)

James Comer, Kentucky (LENAPE)

Ben Cline, Virginia (UNAMI)

Russ Fulcher, Idaho (UNAMI)

Van Taylor, Texas (TOHICKON)

Steve Watkins, Kansas (TOHICKON)

Ron Wright, Texas (TAMANEND)

Dan Meuser, Pennsylvania (TAMANEND)

Dusty Johnson, South Dakota (HOLICONG)

Fred Keller, Pennsylvania (HOLICONG)

Gregory Murphy, North Carolina (WEST)

Committee on Ways and Means

(Chaired by CB South)

Description: The Committee on Ways and Means is the chief tax-writing committee of the U.S. House of Representatives. The Committee has jurisdiction over all taxation, tariffs, and other revenue-raising measures, as well as programs such as Social Security and Medicare.

Chairman: Richard Neal (D), Massachusetts (SOUTH)

Ranking Member: Kevin Brady (R), Texas (SOUTH)

*Democratic Members:*

John Lewis, Georgia (SOUTH)

Lloyd Doggett, Texas (SOUTH)

Mike Thompson, California (SOUTH)

John Larson, Connecticut (WEST)

Earl Blumenauer, Oregon (WEST)

Ron Kind, Wisconsin (WEST)

Bill Pascrell, New Jersey (WEST)

Danny Davis, Illinois (EAST)

Linda Sanchez, California (EAST)

Brian Higgins, New York (EAST)

Terri Sewell, Alabama (EAST)

Suzan DelBene, Washington (LENAPE)

Judy Chu, California (LENAPE)

Gwen Moore, Wisconsin (UNAMI)

Dan Kildee, Michigan (UNAMI)

Brendan Boyle, Pennsylvania (TOHICKON)

Don Beyer, Virginia (TOHICKON)

Dwight Evans, Pennsylvania (TOHICKON)

Brad Schneider, Illinois (TOHICKON)

Tom Suozzi, New York (TAMANEND)

Jimmy Panetta, California (TAMANEND)

Stephanie Murphy, Florida (TAMANEND)

Jimmy Gomez, California (HOLICONG)

Steven Horsford, Nevada (HOLICONG)

*Republican Members:*

Devin Nunes, California (SOUTH)

Vern Buchanan, Florida (SOUTH)

Adrian Smith, Nebraska (SOUTH)

Kenny Marchant, Texas (WEST)

Tom Reed, New York (WEST)

Mike Kelly, Pennsylvania (WEST)

George Holding, North Carolina (WEST)

Jason Smith, Missouri (EAST)

Tom Rice, South Carolina (EAST)

David Schweikert, Arizona (EAST)

Jackie Walorski, Indiana (EAST)

Darin LaHood, Illinois (EAST)

Brad Wenstrup, Ohio (LENAPE)

Jodey Arrington, Texas (LENAPE)

Drew Ferguson, Georgia (UNAMI)

Ron Estes, Kansas (UNAMI)

Armed Services Committee (Chaired by CB West)

Description: A standing committee of the U.S. House of Representatives, the House Armed Services Committee is responsible for funding and oversight of the Department of Defense (DoD) and the United States armed forces, as well as substantial portions of the Department of Energy.

Chairman: Adam Smith (D), Washington (WEST)

Ranking Member: Mac Thornberry (R), Texas (WEST)

*Democratic Members:*

James R. Langevin, Rhode Island (WEST)

Rick Larsen, Washington (WEST)

Jim Cooper, Tennessee (WEST)

John Garamendi, California (EAST)

Jackie Speier, California (EAST)

Tulsi Gabbard, Hawaii (EAST)

Ruben Gallego, Arizona (EAST)

Seth Moulton, Massachusetts (SOUTH)

Salud Carbajal, California (SOUTH)

Anthony Brown, Maryland (SOUTH)

Ro Khanna, California (SOUTH)

William Keating, Massachusetts (LENAPE)

Filemon Vela, Texas (LENAPE)

Andy Kim, New Jersey (UNAMI)

Kendra Horn, Oklahoma (UNAMI)

Gil Cisneros, California (TOHICKON)

Chrissy Houlahan, Pennsylvania (TOHICKON)

Jason Crow, Colorado (TAMANEND)

Xochitl Torres Small, New Mexico (TAMANEND)

Elissa Slotkin, Michigan (HOLICONG)

Mikie Sherrill, New Jersey (HOLICONG)

Katie Hill, California (EAST)

Veronica Escobar, Texas (SOUTH)

Deb Haaland, New Mexico (LENAPE)

Jared Golden, Maine (UNAMI)

Lori Trahan, Massachusetts (TOHICKON)

Elaine Luria, Virginia (TAMANEND)

*Republican Members:*

Joe Wilson, South Carolina (WEST)

Rob Bishop, Utah (WEST)

Michael Turner, Ohio (WEST)

Mike Rogers, Alabama (EAST)

K. Michael Conaway, Texas (EAST)

Doug Lamborn, Colorado (EAST)

Robert Wittman, Virginia (EAST)

Vicky Hartzler, Missouri (SOUTH)

Austin Scott, Georgia (SOUTH)

Mo Brooks, Alabama (SOUTH)

Paul Cook, California (SOUTH)

Sam Graves, Missouri (LENAPE)

Scott DesJarlais, Tennessee (LENAPE)

Ralph Abraham, Louisiana (UNAMI)

Trent Kelly, Mississippi (UNAMI)

Mike Gallagher, Wisconsin (TOHICKON)

Matt Gaetz, Florida (TOHICKON)

Don Bacon, Nebraska (TAMANEND)

Liz Cheney, Wyoming (TAMANEND)

Paul Mitchell, Michigan (HOLICONG)

Jack Bergman, Michigan (HOLICONG)

Michael Waltz, Florida (HOLICONG)