# **Congress Topic Areas for State Tournament 2017**

All schools attending the 2017 State Tournament will submit a bill or resolution on the topic area assigned to your League (see bottom of sheet). Legislation must be typed, properly formatted and received by the online registration deadline for the State Tournament. All schools attending the State Tournament will have a chance to review the legislation submitted and vote on the bills. The legislation for the State Tournament will then be selected by the Congress Committee from the legislation receiving the most votes.

Formatting and other guidelines for submission will be posted on the CHSSA website no later than January 15, 2017.

### 1. International Issues and Foreign Policy

child labor, sex trafficking, immigration reform, border patrol, piracy, California foreign policy, trade issues, port disputes, port security, cyber-warfare, Artificial islands in the South China Sea

# 2. Education/High School Issues

Athlete drug testing, Plagiarism, Repeal right to Public Education Act, Teacher tenure, State Testing, ACT/SAT necessity, school start time, Teacher pay, Merit-based pay, technology in school, teacher rights, higher education, college preparedness, class discipline, CASSPP, academic freedom, safe zones, art and music in public education, STEM deficiencies, Dream Act, school choice, charter schools

#### 3. Energy Policy

Alternative energy subsidies, green jobs, safety from: natural disasters, terror threats, pollution, offshore drilling, carbon emissions, Arctic drilling, establish an Int'l oversight committee, public transportation, Water rights, offshore drilling, nuclear plants, climate change laws, dams, water diversion, fracking,

## 4. Individual Rights

Identity theft, Internet hacking, spamming, gun control, product safety, TSA screening, eminent domain, social networking safety/Info sharing, Facebook Live and privacy, social media privacy, social media overuse, right to protest funerals, police misconduct, infrastructure, prison overcrowding, gender expression, voting laws, child abuse, rights for disabled, religious freedom, asset forfeiture

### 5. Health and Public Safety

Zika virus, health insurance reform, earthquake safety, fire control and safety, vaccinations, antibiotic resistance, research and development of new vaccines and antibiotics, care for rare diseases, gun laws, vaping, overspecialization in medicine, flood policies, Pokemon-Go deaths,

# 6. Military and Police

Black Lives Matter, California military base closings, police misconduct, veterans, PTSD, broken windows laws, community patrols, anti-conspiracy laws, police-community relations,

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