

Congress Topic Areas and Legislation Templates for State Tournament 2025

All schools attending the 2025 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 using the CHSSA legislation templates, and received by the online registration deadline for the State Tournament in order to be considered for the 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.

Specific issues under topic areas are only suggestions and you need not be limited by those specific topics.

1. Agriculture and Food

Farming practices, subsidies, migrant farm workers, factory farms, food safety, GMOs, stewardship, labor issues, water rights and conservation, sustainable agriculture,

2. Foreign Policy

Taiwan defense, Ukraine military aid, Gaza, China trade, Latin America immigration, trade policies, sanctions, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, United Nations, International Criminal Court, Maritime/International Waters, Space and satellites militarization, World Health Organization, global food aid, global disaster relief

3. Economic Policy and Tax Reform

Tariffs, tax reform, banking regulations, balanced budget, deregulation, reform disability benefits, state and federal minimum wages, affordable housing, child tax credit, loan forgiveness, inflation policy, insurance regulations, trade policies, housing incentives,

4. Politics, Government, and Constitutional Issues

Supreme Court reform, presidential immunity, First Amendment, gun laws, term limits, ethics reform, constitutional amendments, entitlement reform, campaign finance reform, voting rights, gerrymandering, territories and statehood, election law, government transparency, classified documents, election certification, special counsels, federal judiciary reform

5. Social Issues

Drug abuse, child care, transgender rights, higher education affordability, homelessness, prescription drugs, inflation, health care affordability, climate change, illegal immigration, teacher shortage, mental health care, insurance coverage, labor unions, elder care, hate laws, book bans, crime and punishment, prison reform, felon voting rights

6. Transportation and Public Works

Highway and transportation funding, airline safety, passenger protection, motor vehicle safety, alternative energy vehicles, pedestrian safety, rail transportation, TSA reform, highway innovation/tolls, electric vehicles, charging infrastructure, water treatment infrastructure, sewage, public utilities, waste management, internet access, emergency management services, public libraries

<p>Area 1 Coast Forensic League--Areas: 1, 3, 5 Golden Gate Speech Association--Areas: 2, 4, 6</p>	<p>Area 3 Southern California Debate League--Areas: 1, 4 Tri-Valley Forensic League--Areas: 3, 6 Western Bay Forensic League--Areas: 2, 5</p>
<p>Area 2 Southern Valley League--Areas: 1, 2 Capital Valley League--Areas: 3, 4 Yosemite Forensic League--Areas: 5, 6</p>	<p>Area 4 Citrus Belt Speech Region--Areas 1, 6 Orange County Speech League--Areas: 2, 3 San Diego Imperial Valley League--Area: 4, 5</p>