

Instructions for Mock Congress

Each student will select a by the process Mr. Busby's explains in class. Each student will draft a bill to represent the interests of either that state or the nation as a whole. Your bill must contain the following:

Title: A title that describes the subject of the bill.

Example: *English as the Official Educational Language of the United States*

Section One: Define important terms.

Examples:

Official Educational Language: the language that must be used in all classrooms in federally funded public schools.

Federally funded public school: Any school that receives funding from the national government.

Section Two: Explain the bill's purpose.

Example: *The purpose of this bill is to ensure that all federally funded public schools conduct instruction in English.*

Section Three: Describe the provisions of your bill.

Example: *Schools receiving federal funding must conduct all instruction, except for the teaching of foreign language, in English.*

Section Four: Describe pork barrel spending/earmark to benefit your state.

Example: *A Center for the Study of Internet Addiction shall be established in Greenwood Village, Colorado, at an initial cost of \$1 million, and an annual budget of \$500,000.*

Section Five. This is a penalty clause, describing what will happen if the provisions of the Act are violated.

Example: *Federally-funded schools teaching classes in languages other than English, including but not limited to English language acquisition programs and dual language instruction, shall lose federal funding until such time as they comply with the law.*

Section Six: Explain how much money the bill will cost.

Example: *\$2 million shall be appropriated annually by the Department of Education to ensure compliance with this bill.*

Section Seven. Describe when the bill will take effect.

Example: *This bill will become effective two years from the date of its enactment.*

You must print two copies of this bill to bring to class...one for Mr. Busby and one for the Speaker of the House.