

## Debate Preparation Assignment

*This assignment asks you to prepare for a floor debate by reviewing and reflecting on a bill that is scheduled to be debated in class. The assignment should be about 1 page (single spaced) in length.*

1) What is the bill's purpose? How does it propose to accomplish this purpose? Who is likely to benefit and who is likely to lose if it passes? How much is it likely to cost?

2) Take an initial position on the bill. Explain the reasons for your support or opposition.

3) Prepare a brief outline for a floor speech that details your position and reasons for this position. If you are able to provide evidence to support your position, it is likely to be more persuasive

4) Identify one question that you have about the bill that might be related to how it is supposed to work, who it will impact, how much it will cost, how it will be funded, or why we should believe that it will accomplish what it sets out to accomplish?

5) Do you have an idea for improving the bill? Consider submitting amendment.