

Item # __: A [Bill/Resolution] to *insert name here*

This legislation does three (insert however many) things:

1. Make sure to read the bill and understand it completely. Research names and organizations you are not sure of. It's just a matter of research.
2. This area should be a clear and concise list of ACTUAL things the bill does.
3. Do not put extraneous background info here, that's for below.

Define terms here. You don't need to cite dictionaries. Just explain any foreign terms here with easy and clear summaries.

Provide background information about topic area. Why is it so contentious? Any historical events or information that would be helpful? Copy and pasting paragraphs from Wikipedia is totally fine! As long as it's relevant to the legislation.

PRO Arguments (You will have three of each side to start)

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Sourcename Date ("Title of Article"; insert url here)

Evidence must be exactly cut from the source. Certain sentences and useful chunks only. DO NOT COPY INSANELY LONG paragraphs. If it's longer than 10 lines, try to look again and cut out the important parts. You must underline and bold the important information WITHIN the paragraphs.

Example below

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2. Criminalizing congressional lobbying will eliminate massive money laundering

Republic Report Organization 2012 ("ANALYSIS: When a Congressman Becomes a Lobbyist, He Gets a 1,452% Raise"; <http://www.republicreport.org/2012/make-it-rain-revolving-door/>)

Public official makes a deal to go to work for a lobbying firm or corporation after leaving office, he or she becomes loyal to the future employer. **Legislators are largely free to pass laws, special tax cuts, or earmarks that benefit their future employer with little or no accountability to the public. Politicians never have to disclose job negotiations while in office,** and never have to disclose how much they're paid after leaving office.

Republic Report's investigation found that **lawmakers increased thier salary by 1452% on average.**

EXAMPLE: **Former Congressman Billy Tauzin (R-LA) made \$19,359,927 as a lobbyist for pharmaceutical companies between 2006 and 2010, 7100% increase.**

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CON Arguments (You will have three of each side to start)

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Other requirements: the URL information is required. Unless you are saving PDF's for every single source (which is totally fine), you MUST HAVE THE URL WITHIN THE SOURCE INFORMATION as shown above. You may scrap out the instructional information in red and use this as a template for the brief.