**Bill Topics to Choose From:**

\*The following list contains topics suitable for a Model Congress bill. These are merely suggestions, and you can certainly choose a topic not included below (after talking with your teacher). In choosing a bill topic, you should also consider your party affiliation and political ideology.

**Animal Rights/Management**

* Animal rescue/ adoption
* Animals testing/experimentation
* Endangered species
* Humane treatment of animals in agribusiness
* Invasive species
* Therapy/service animals

**Civil Liberties/ Rights**

* Abortion/reproductive rights
* Eliminate birth right citizenship (14th Amendment)
* Gender identification
* Internet gambling
* Legalize prostitution
* LGBTQ rights (marriage, adoption, employment and accommodation discrimination)
* NSA/data mining/wire tapping
* Police brutality
* Racial profiling
* Right to die/euthanasia
* Sex offender registry

**Commerce, Business, Labor, Taxes**

* Banking and finance regulation
* Consumer protection
* Corporate taxes/taxing off-shore accounts
* Ethical consumerism/fair trade
* Job creation
* Boost/compensate loss of manufacturing jobs
* Minimum wage
* National sales tax
* Elimination of the penny
* Trade barriers/ tariffs
* Unemployment
* Wall St. excesses and reform
* Worker rights/labor unions

**Criminal Law/Justice System**

* Ban mandatory sentencing laws
* Death Penalty
* DNA database
* Eliminate Stand Your Ground laws
* Identity theft
* Juvenile justice reform
* Mandatory sentencing for drug crimes
* Marijuana legalization/ decriminalization
* Police brutality/use of force
* Prescription drug use and abuse
* Prison reform
* Prisoner education and training
* Racial profiling
* Rehabilitation for drug crime offenders
* Sex offender registry
* Three Strikes Sentencing for non-violent offenders

**Education/Youth Issues**

* Adolescent anxiety and depression
* Binge drinking education
* Cyber bullying
* Education gap/ minorities
* Education reform/Common Core
* English as a second language
* Fine arts education
* Gang violence/membership
* High school dropout/graduation rates
* Home schooling
* Illiteracy
* Mandatory preschool education
* Pell grants/federal college loans
* Poverty among young people
* Rising cost of college
* School shootings
* Sexual assault on college campuses
* Standardized testing/effects on children
* Student loan debt
* Teacher training, certification, recruitment
* Technology in the classroom
* Teen pregnancy/sex education
* Textbook censorship
* Vocational education

**Environment/Energy/Agriculture**

* Agribusiness v. family farms
* Air pollution, emissions from cars, power plants,
* Alternative energy/wind, solar
* Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and drilling
* Biofuels/ethanol subsidies
* Building green buildings
* Coal
* Contaminated water supply
* Electric/hybrid cars
* Energy producer regulation
* Forest management- fires
* Fracking
* Gas price regulation
* Global warming/climate change
* Mercury contamination
* Natural gas
* Nuclear waste/ power plants
* Oil exploration/off-shore drilling/spills
* Oil pipelines/XL Pipeline
* Recycling
* Trading rights for carbon emission
* Water pollution
* Water supply/drought

**Government Reform**

* Abolish/reform Electoral College
* Affirmative action
* Bipartisan redistricting commissions
* Campaign finance reform/disclosure
* Cut/increase defense spending
* Outlaw private security companies in war
* Remove tax-exempt status for religious organizations
* Veterans Administration reform
* Voting reform/Voter ID laws

**Gun Rights/Gun Control**

* Assault weapons ban
* Background checks for gun ownership
* Gun control/gun safety
* Gun violence
* Mental health check for gun registration
* Reduce the size of magazines
* Restricting ammunition purchases
* Second Amendment rights
* Mass shootings
* Trigger locks on guns

**Health**

* Addiction/drug use
* Affordable Care Act
* Alzheimer’s disease/research
* Asthma increase in poor areas
* Communicable Disease
* FDA drug approval process
* Food safety and inspection
* Genetically altered foods
* Increase in diabetes
* Junk food tax
* Mandatory child vaccination
* Mental health care
* Needle exchange
* Obesity
* Organic foods
* Rising healthcare costs
* Single payer healthcare
* Soda Tax
* Stem cell research
* Vitamin supplements regulation

**Immigration**

* Deportation
* Dream Act
* Guest worker program
* Health insurance for immigrants
* Illegal immigrant children
* Immigrant civil rights
* Immigration reform/path to citizenship
* Immigration close borders

**Military/National Security/Foreign Policy**

* Airport security
* Ban and destroy all landmines
* Relations with Russia, Iran, China, and/or North Korea
* Drone strikes
* International trade/globalization
* Guantanamo Bay Prison future
* Military readiness
* Nuclear proliferation
* Port security
* PTSD and soldiers/veterans
* War in Afghanistan/Syria
* War on Terror/ISIS
* Veterans’ healthcare, benefits

**Social Welfare/ Social Issues**

* Domestic violence
* Equal pay for women
* Ethical Consumerism
* Homeless epidemic
* Food Stamps
* Human trafficking
* Income inequality
* Medicaid reform
* Medicare reform
* Mortgage relief
* Poverty
* Regulate pornography
* Same sex adoption
* Sex trafficking
* Social Security
* Workers compensation

**Sports**

* Compensation for college athletes
* Concussions in sports/NFL and CTE
* Mandatory drug testing of athletes
* Sports online gambling/fantasy leagues (Draft Kings)
* Random drug testing for high school student athletes
* Steroids in athletics
* Title IX and high school/college athletics

**Technology/Space**

* Cyber security
* Internet regulation
* Net neutrality
* Protecting privacy rights
* Space travel
* Next generation rockets
* Spam
* Technology research and development

**Transportation/Infrastructure**

* Bicycle friendly roads
* Deterioration of infrastructure
* High-speed rail
* Public transportation
* Transporting oil by rail
* Upgrade nation’s power grid
* Urban/suburban sprawl